

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

Newsletter



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A nice early MGB spotted in Franschhoek, South Africa

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Events Calendar 2014-2015

Jan 2015

1st New Year's Day Walk Hengistbury Head
7th Club Night at Empress of Blandings 8pm
21st **Annual General Meeting at Empress of Blandings 8 pm**

Feb

4th Club Night at Empress of Blandings
18th New Forest Run meeting at Empress of Blandings 8pm

Mar

1st MG & Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh
1st Cobweb Spin - Winchester MGOC
4th Club Night Empress of Blandings 8pm

The calendar on our website is being populated fast and I recommend you check there for all events..

Meetings and events may be added throughout the year and some venue options may be subject to change. All members are welcome to add events to the list at monthly meetings or drop the Secretary an email.

Secretary's Notes

The year opened with an excellent turnout of members, and we welcome new member David Weller. Ten members stepped forward for the two month sponsored slim with £50 being raised for charity.

Our AGM on 21st January was well attended by 41 members with a full agenda and minutes kindly taken by Pauline Holt. A schedule of events was discussed and highlighted with various members looking to join favourites close to home and further afield. A number of members have suggested and agreed to organise a number of events and well done to them. Please support these 'home grown' events if you can. A copy of the minutes has been circulated by email to all members.

Thank you and well done to Jane Kettle for collating and listing all the mid-monthly pub venues discussed, debated and selected at the AGM. I have been made aware that The New Queen at Avon is resuming a quiz night on Wednesday's so we could go and join them for that in April.

Robin

Editor's Notes

Greetings to all. Fiona has agreed to take on the temporary role of the newsletter from the March issue for three months. Our cover this month has an image of an early MGB spotted in Franschoek, South Africa by our members John and Sarah Lamb. May I suggest other members send in pictures of MG's during their overseas travels this year.

Apologies for the limited content in this newsletter but thanks to Pauline and Fiona for the report of the New Year's Day walk.

Robin Plumley

1009 Christmas Dinner for 2015

Yes I know, we have only just put the decorations away and we are looking at Christmas already. Well, with good reason. The Bartley Lodge Hotel is already booked up for a wedding on the similar Saturday this year and is unavailable. I have been offered another hotel on the 12th December by the New Forest Hotel chain and have approached another hotel as well.

Following a visit by Karen and myself I issued a comparison between the two venues. I have had twenty responses so far but would ask all those interested in attending the annual Christmas Dinner to indicate your preference and hopefully your desire to attend. I will need to make a provisional booking by the end of next week with the favoured hotel. Allowing for late interest last year I have given an indicative number of 60 attendees.

Robin

2015 New Forest Run

Charity Nominations

Simon Says Bereavement Support in Hampshire

Janet Burton from Simon Says has responded to our offer of support and will join us at our monthly meeting in early March to meet us and explain about the charity.

Honeypot Children's Charity

Andrew Lane from Honeypot has been in touch and will join us at our monthly meeting in early April to meet us and explain about the charity.

Progress update

I have issued a consolidated update of actions etc for the run to all members. Unfortunately I am unable to make the NFR meeting planned for 18 February but Malcolm has kindly agreed to lead this concentrating on the outstanding issues as we did run through the list at the AGM. Please see update for the New Forest Run in the notes as we have received confirmation and approval from New Forest District Council for our event.

The room upstairs is booked for that evening.

New Year's Day Walk at Hengistbury Head

A group of 14 walkers and Sadie set out from the Hiker café at Hengistbury for the annual MG New Year's Day walk. Belinda decided to safeguard some seats in the café for our return.



The weather was grey and threatening rain but this did not deter the group who felt the need for some exercise after the long Christmas break. As usual there were plenty of other walkers and dogs to negotiate and we were soon separated into our little groups depending on how much chat and how quickly you wanted to get back! Brian opted for a short cut through to the lily pond but the rest decided to carry on to the beach huts along the spit and then up the steps to the top. The views from the head were spectacular as always even through the drizzle.

Back at the Hiker café we all had a coffee before leaving for our lunch venue at the Cliffhanger café/restaurant at Highcliffe where Malc, Julie and Joy joined us. We all enjoyed the lunch and agreed well worth revisiting.



With thanks to Pauline Holt for the write-up and Fiona for the pictures.

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Please remember we volunteer to fill these posts, so if you wish to speak to one of us, PLEASE ring before 9pm or at weekends, thank you.

Late News!!!

Wanted

<p><i>Wanted - hard top for MGF, any colour, condition (scratches etc) not a problem as long as watertight.</i></p> <p><i>Please contact David & Belinda Neave Tel: 07980 698319 or email neave.bournemouth@live.co.uk</i></p>
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