

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

Newsletter



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Cobweb Spin

Branch 1009

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Events Calendar 2015

Month	Date(s)	Event	1009
April	1 st	Club Night – Empress of Blandings	√
	3 rd – 6 th	Easter Week-end	
	9 th – 12 th	MGOC Travel Club – York 2015	
	12 th	MGCC MGB Register – Spring Run	
	12 th	Chesterfield Mg 20 th Shakedown Run	
	12 th	MG ERA Brooklands	
	15 th	Mid Monthly – The New Queen, Avon, Christchurch	√
	19 th	Chichester MGOC – Arundel gathering & picnic	
	23 rd – 26 th	MGOC Travel Club – Ireland 2015	
	26 th	FBHVC – Drive it Day (Colin & Jennie Bendall)	√
May	3 rd	Goodwood Breakfast Club – Supercar Sunday	
	3 rd	Brian Lanning's Purbeck / Swanage Run Inc. Lunch	√
	4 th	Broadland MGOC – 26 th Heritage Run	
	6 th	Club Night – Empress of Blandings	√
	10 th	MGOC/MGCC Regency Run	
	13 th	NFR Route Book Collation – TBC	√
	16 th – 17 th	Beaulieu Auto Jumble	
	20 th	Mid Monthly – Cowherds, Southampton	√
	24 th	Exeter MGOC – Moor 2 Sea Run	
	29 th – 31 st	Bournemouth Wheels Festival	
	31 st	Solent MGOC – MGs in the Park	
June	6 th	<i>Pre NFR Skittles Match - Bold Forester, Marchwood</i>	√
	7 th	<i>New Forest Run</i>	√
	7 th	Wessex Car Show –Breamer House	
	7 th	SHVPS Annual Classic Vehicle Show and Auto jumble	
	14 th	Cwm to Coast Run	
	17 th	Mid Monthly – White Rabbit Lyndhurst	√
	20 th -21 st	MG Live - Silverstone	
	24 th -28 th	Goodwood Festival of Speed	

The calendar on our website is being populated fast and I recommend you check there for all events. Also the Latest News page does have some links to Entry Forms for up and coming events.

Secretary's Notes

Greetings to all members. Our monthly meeting for March was extremely well attended with five new members joining us. We welcome Neil Callaway, Barry and Theresa Morris as well as Michael and Cathy Drummond. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events through the year.

Jane Burton from **Simon Says**, one of the charities for the New Forest Run joined us and gave an overview of the work the charity does. At the next monthly meeting on 1st April we welcome Andrew Lane from **Honeypot**.

The month started with the Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin and the MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh both being attended by various members, but not at the same time!!

The mid-monthly at The Swan at Lyndhurst was attend by 39 members who nearly filled the pub for a pleasant evening.

For April our primary interclub event we will be joining Chichester MGOC for their annual Picnic and Gathering at Arundel Castle on 19 April. I have asked for reserved parking along the hedge as in previous years!! The following week will be our homage to the annual FBHVC Drive it Day which Colin and Jennie have been arranging. Further information is in the newsletter below.

The mid-monthly details are included below but I have spoken with the manager at The New Queen to forewarn on numbers but will try and give him a better idea a week or so before. There will be a quiz night on from 8pm which is usually well attended. If we have a significant number they will move quiz teams around to allow us a greater area together otherwise we may be spilt up.

As the weather improves I am sure more MG's will appear on our roads so don't forget to wave!!

Robin

Editor's Notes



I have had some great contributions for this issue. Thank you to all including Jane Kettle for the mid monthly venue information, Colin & Jennie Bendall for the update on our Drive it Day later in April, Clive Oliver for the information regarding our membership renewals and Adrian Mullins for information on future events.

If an Editor is allowed an 'Editorial Blunder' (nothing as close to phone hacking I might add!) mine has to be putting a photo of Pauline & Jon Holt's beloved 'Minty' in the caption competition last month when clearly the car had experienced some technical issues - it has to be

said that we were all extremely sorry that this should have happened when both Jon and Malcolm were doing such sterling work towards the completion of the route for the New Forest Run 2015. Some of the captions received are published later in the Newsletter – apologies to Minty.

Hope you enjoy reading this one.

Fiona



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There are not many updates this month:

- o **Membership** – I have now completed the Membership page details and have added a link to the membership form for download. It could not be easier to join the Southampton and New Forest MGOC!
- o **Calendar** is still being populated all the time. For the best results I would suggest that you use either Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser.

Internet Explorer is not good at opening event links in any application; infact I think that it does not open them at all. If you require some help on setting this up, just give me a call I would be happy to assist.



The external Photo Gallery which will be used mainly for the New Forest Run photos is undergoing some final testing. Once this is complete I will offer the logon details out to some of our avid photographers to trial putting pictures onto the site. Finally I will then email out the link to a few members to test that access it set up correctly. Once complete, our aim is to email out a link to all NFR entrants after the Run so that they will be able to view all the pictures quicker than last year. I will keep you updated with progress.

Finally on photography: I am proposing to put a new banner photo on the 1009 Website this year. With many events looming including our flagship event, the New Forest Run I am looking for members to submit their picture. The pictures will be made available for all members to view and pick their favourite.

Fiona

New Forest Run 2015 ~ updates

New Forest Run Raffle - Julie, Pauline & Joy are co-ordinating the Raffle again this year and would be grateful to receive donations as soon as possible. Please bring along your donations to any of our meetings

The Hampshire Hamper - This year Betty will again be collating the Hamper. Remember all items should be sourced in Hampshire ~ jams, pickles, honey etc. all welcome. Please bring your donations for the hamper to a Club Night or Mid Monthly meet.

Wanted at start for caterers: Hot Trays – electric hot trays to help the caterers with the bacon buttie preparation. If you have one (in working order) please contact Belinda as soon as possible on 07980 698319.

NFR Charity ~ visit to April Club Night

One of our nominated New Forest Run Charities will be visiting us at the April Club Night ~ **the 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.

Ice Cream Van + Cake Stall: The good news is that we now have been able to book an Ice Cream van for the finish venue. The vendor will also be able to provide soft drinks for sale. Volunteers are required to run the cake stall at the finish of the run. It was agreed amongst members that we would offer cakes for a donation – if you are willing to assist with this please let Robin know. We also require bakers!

Post Run Meal - consensus seems to agree with The Fisherman's Haunt at Winkton. It is not too far from Somerley and is well placed for those from Southampton end and Bournemouth end. Adrian Mullins, he of Cotswold Caper fame, has agreed to co-ordinate this. The Fisherman's Haunt can accommodate up to 100 people so should not be an issue for numbers provided we give good notice. I would suggest we should be able to confirm numbers no less than two weeks prior to 7th June but will confirm with Melissa. I will also confirm which of the roasts will be available for that day. Once you have considered can you please direct your intention to attend to Adrian at adrian_mullins@yahoo.com

Cobweb Spin – Sunday 1st March 2015

Three 1009 cars attended the annual Cobweb Spin event, run by the Winchester MGOC, at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. The song lyrics well-known from Jimmy Cliff & Johnny Nash '*it's gonna be a bright (bright) bright (bright) sunshiny day*' could not have been more fitting, it was a beautiful morning and certainly a bright start to the season.

With over 100 cars there, mostly MGs, it was a busy morning and generated a lot of interest from visitors both by car and on foot. The Winchester team had organised some fun activities such as; hit the MG Midget (rather like a coconut shy) not using a real car thank goodness, quizzes on different car parts and plants and also a remote control car for you to navigate round a short course. Tulip route optional!

Walking through the gardens did make you think that Spring was well on its way with plenty of snowdrops and other plants coming into life. Hopefully a sign that this year is going to be a good one for MGing. Thank you Winchester MGOC, another well organised event. Pictures on the 2015 Gallery of the 1009 Website.

Arundel Castle Gathering & Picnic -19th April 2015



Photo by Lucie Cooper

The annual gathering and picnic - Chichester MGOC day at Arundel Castle. Located in the medieval town of Arundel, West Sussex. Entry £7 per person. No need to book, just turn up. Contact No. 01243 544077

As usual we will meet at Rownhams services (East bound) to drive down together. Please let Robin know if you are coming along and he will advise the departure time for that Sunday.

1009 Drive it Day – Sunday 26th April 2015

DRIVE IT DAY, is an event enjoyed by many motoring clubs and steam traction clubs across the country. In previous years Colin and Jennie have organised a route around the roads of west Hampshire and Dorset with a mid-way stop for coffee and a lunch at the end. There is a serious purpose behind Drive It Day. The Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs (FBHVC) which devised and promotes the event exists to protect the rights of historic vehicle owners to use the public highway. Drive It Day is a tangible demonstration of enthusiasts exercising that right. For your information the intended route this year runs through Cerne Abbas, Winterbourne Abbas and Portland and will roughly take 2.5 hours without any stops. Our first stop will be Cerne Abbas for coffee, 2nd at Portland. The run will start at 10am from Kingston Lacey car park. It would be helpful for us to know how many people want lunch for pub booking.

Can you please notify your interest and intentions to join the run, or lunch or both with replies to Colin at the soonest opportunity to colin_bendall@yahoo.co.uk. Details on possible deposit payment for lunch and possibly food selection will be passed to all those interested as soon as Colin has determined any requirements.

1009 Membership Renewal for 2015 -2016

Following the introduction of Annual Membership fees in 2013, membership renewal is required from May 1st 2015. **Fee payment is requested to be completed by May 31st 2015.** Failure to renew within 3 months will lead to membership suspension.

Existing members can renew by preferably paying by cheque or else cash at a club night or by sending a cheque to the membership secretary before the end of May 2015. This year's fee is **£12 per member**. Cheques should be made payable to Southampton & New Forest MGOC. Please put member name and address on back of the cheque. If more than one member is covered by a single cheque then please put all names on the back of the cheque. If existing members have changed address, phone number, car or email address in the last year, can you please inform me of the change so I can update our records.

New members are welcome but will need to complete a membership form & if joining after May 31st then the fee is pro rata based on £1 per month after up to three meet the club.

2015-16 membership cards will be issued at a club night or event after payment is received. Should you require yours to be mailed to you then a SAE will be required.

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Clive

Two proposed 1009 Events for 2015 (from Adrian Mullins)

Teddybears Picnic: The concept is that there is a short run (about 30 miles) on a Sunday morning ending in a picnic area. This is open to all members and family with or without MGs. The only condition is that each car must have a Teddy Bear to attend. It is aimed at encouraging all friends to attend and have a relaxed social outing where all generations can attend and see the camaraderie of the club. You can see the latest write up for the picnic at the Glos club to give an idea about it <http://www.glosmgoc.co.uk/2014jul20.htm>

Abbey Cwm Hir: There is a house in Wales with about 50 rooms where they decorate each room at Christmas in different styles. It is an eclectic collection of memorabilia. The house is like a stately home but with a difference in that you can sit in the chairs and see and go anywhere in the house. In the past we have stayed in a country pub nearby which is very clean (the last twice we went) but is a country pub. In the past we have negotiated a B&B rate of £50 per room per night which is a big discount. The rate would depend on how many attend. With the Glos club we took the pub over and took every room. It is in Llandrindod Wells. If we went it would be start to mid November. I would suggest we go for two nights being a Friday and Saturday night. On the Saturday I could do a run and on the Sunday go to the house and wind our weary way home. You can see about the house at <http://www.abbeycwmhir.com/>

Please pass on your interest to either Adrian or Robin for the above two proposed events.

MGF20: August 2015

As Robin indicated at the last meeting, 2015 is the twentieth anniversary of the MGF, incorporating the MG TF as well. A national event is planned for 1st-2nd August at the Gaydon Heritage Motor Centre in Warwickshire. Would someone be willing to co-ordinate any interest in attending this please? There may be some interest in attending both days together or singularly. Details are available at <http://www.mgf20.info/> with advance tickets available.

Saturday is a gathering and on Sunday there will be a run. Please email if you are interested in going along with other Members to either secretary@1009mg.org.uk or editor@1009mg.org.uk

Mid Monthly Wednesday 15th April

The New Queen

Avon, Nr Christchurch, Dorset BH23 7BG



A beautiful, rural, riverside pub-restaurant on the edge of the spectacular New Forest National Park.

The New Queen is convenient for Bournemouth, Christchurch and the A31. With a large riverside garden and children's play area the New Queen provides the perfect backdrop for any day.



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Mid monthly meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month and are held at a different pub within the Southampton & New Forest Area. There is no format, just an evening to catch up with other members, perhaps enjoy a meal together and chat.

Details of the different venues can be found on the 1009 Web Site Calendar.

And Finally

Cover photo this month – Mike Short's TA at the Cobweb Spin

Write ups and photos please for the gathering & picnic at Arundel also FBHVC Drive it Day for May issue.

At April Club Night the final weigh in will take place – all proceeds of the 1009 Slim Challenge will go to charity.

Last month's Caption Competition:



- Of course we can both drink at lunch time; I know another way to get home.
- So, at 75 miles into the route NFR entrants will get a lift to Somerley.
- Malcolm thinks 'Jon should have bought an MGB'
- MG or Polo? Polo a Minty with a hole! (*Sorry Jon*).
- The salesman said that fuel is optional on this model.

No Caption Competition this month –



Wanted: Hot Trays – electric hot trays to help the caterers with the bacon buttie preparation for the start of the NFR. If you have one (in working order) please contact Belinda as soon as possible on 07980 698319.

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