

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

Newsletter



March 2015



An early MG Midget spotted in a garden centre at Kings Worthy!

Branch 1009

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Events Calendar 2015

Month	Date(s)	Event	1009
March	1 st	MG & Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh	
	1 st	Winchester MGOC – Cobweb Spin, Hillier's Gardens	
	4 th	Club Night – Empress of Blandings	√
	18 th	Mid Monthly – The Swan Inn, Lyndhurst	√
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 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	

The calendar on our website is being populated fast and I recommend you check there for all events. Note: it is best to use either Google Chrome or Firefox to get the calendar events to open fully.

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

Greetings all members. We saw a good turnout of members at the February meeting and welcomed new members in Adrian and Rita Mullins. We know Adrian and Rita from their work with Gloucestershire MGOC and the Cotswold Caper with which they remain involved. They have moved down into Hampshire and we are pleased they have joined us at Southampton & New Forest and we look forward to joining with them in our various activities.

There was no mid-monthly but a New Forest Run update meeting was held on Wednesday 18th. Unfortunately Karen and I were 'in the air' flying back from South Africa and I at the time of writing this I have not received some update minutes from the meeting. My thanks to Malcolm for looking after this and I am sure the majority of the requirements are in place or nearly so.

March brings MG's alive with the annual Cobweb Spin at Hillier's organised by Winchester MGOC as well as the annual MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh

Park both on 1st March. Our March meeting is on 4th March with a mid-monthly at The Swan just west of Lyndhurst on 18th March.

Whilst in South Africa we found Sedgefield Classic Cars which among a large number of classic US and UK cars included two TR7's, a LHD MGB Roadster in Inca yellow, an MGF and an MG TF160. There was also an annual classic car day in George on 14th February for which we saw plenty of MG's of various types making their way from the coastal routes as well as the Karoo area. Unfortunately we were heading for Cape Town that day and it had decided to rain heavily so we stayed dry for the 450Km drive! I have provided some images from MG's spotted overseas. We did see an MG TF LE on the outskirts of Cape Town as well as a bronze MG6 which appeared on a number of occasions around the area of Constantia.

Let us hope March keeps reasonably dry and allows our cars to ease from hibernation and on the road.

Safe driving.

Robin



Editor's Notes



Fiona Sommerville

Thank you Robin for doing a great job as Interim Editor since July 2014. Here's hoping that my term as Interim Editor does not stretch that long!

I remember my first Club Night in May 2010, I was delighted to take home a copy of the 1009 Newsletter Issue No. 146 with John Anderson & Jane Kettle as then joint Editors. It gave me something to read during that week as I waited delivery of my TF – that was a long week by the way! More importantly it did give me some valuable information, details of key people within the Club and a calendar of events to look forward to. I feel, as I am sure others do, that it is important to keep the 1009 Newsletter in production.

Now at March 2015 with Issue No. 204 and although a little sparse, I hope that you enjoy reading this one. Perhaps it may encourage you to write an article for April.

Fiona

Web & Updates:

- The password protection has now been taken off the [Members Cars](#) link in the [Photo Gallery](#) as agreed with Members at the AGM on 21st January last. If you no longer wish to have your car on the page please let me know and I will remove it – alternatively, if you would like a photo of your car (or updated photo) in the gallery please email it to the Webmaster in jpeg format with your full name.

Thank you to Doug Bowden and John & Linda Anderson for their car photos.

- The [Members Area](#) is still password protected and you can get the password from the Webmaster. This area has the notes from the AGM, the 2015 New Forest Run and other Club specific documents which were, we felt not to be made available to non-club members.
- The [Recommendations](#) page is now underway – this can be accessed under [Links](#). If you have used a supplier that you feel you would like to recommend to the other members, please let the Webmaster know and a link can be set up in the recommendations page. Always useful when looking for help with a particular service.
- [Calendar](#): Events for 2015 have been added however if you know of anything that is not in the calendar which would be a great event for 1009 members to attend, let us know. I have also upgraded the Catalogue to include an 'Info' type in a pinkish colour block – this is mainly to show Bank Holidays. If you are like me you are always thinking 'is that Easter or not?' 'When is May Bank Holiday?' – Hopefully this will help.



Mid Monthly Wednesday 18th March

The Swan Inn

Swan Green, Emery Down, Lyndhurst, SO43 7DT



A traditional country family run pub and restaurant set in the beautiful village of Lyndhurst in the heart of the New Forest, Hampshire. This Inn dates back hundreds of years and is the perfect setting for a family get together or a chilled drink after a stroll in the Forest. The Swan Inn has the wonderful ambience of a truly old world English pub, come and relax and savour the atmosphere in front of our roaring log fires.

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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.

NFR Charity ~ visit to March Club Night

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

Also at Club Night:



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

New Forest Run Updates:

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on the 18th February – it certainly looks as though we are in good shape. Now that Robin & Karen have returned from their travels, we will shortly have the updated minutes issued and a copy will be available on the 1009 Website in the Members Area. A date for the next New Forest Run Meeting will be confirmed shortly. If in the meantime, you have an update on a task you were doing for the run, please let Robin know. Email secretary@1009mg.org.uk

And Finally

Thanks to Clive Oliver for the cover photo this month – as he said ‘you can no longer do it’ in this Midget!

Write ups and photos please for the Cobweb Spin and The MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh for April issue.

April issue will be reminding us that our membership subscriptions are due in May

Some Club events have been organised over the last couple of weeks, if you have shown interest in going on the Purbeck Run and Swanage Train inc lunch on May 3rd please contact Brian Lanning – or if you showed interest in the Poole Bay Boat Trip with a fish supper, on July 30th please contact Colin Bendall.

Caption Competition:



Please email the Editor with your caption editor@1009mg.org.uk

Latest News



February 17 2015: One of the UK's most historically significant sites for motoring, aviation and engineering is to undergo a significant redevelopment to bring to life more of its remarkable history, thanks to being awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant towards the project.

This project will transform the Museum's Grade II listed Second World War Wellington Hangar into 'The Brooklands Aircraft Factory'; build a new annexe (the 'Flight Shed') to house more of the Museum's outstanding collection of historic aircraft; and restore the Finishing Straight of the Brooklands Race Track, the world's first purpose-built motor-racing circuit.

For Sale or Wanted

[WANTED: MGB Roadster.](#)

I am a member of Solent MGOC and I'm looking for a 1971, 72 or 73 MGB Roadster. If you hear of any of your members wishing to sell before the end of March it would be much appreciated if you could pass on my contact details. Many Thanks,
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