

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

Newsletter



June 2015



Southampton & New Forest MGOC Branch 1009

New Forest Run 2015

A Day's Freedom in the New Forest
Sunday June 7th

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Ready for our flagship event

Branch 1009

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Events Calendar 2015

Month	Date(s)	Event	1009
June	6 th	Pre NFR Skittles Match - Bold Forester, Marchwood	✓
	7 th	New Forest Run	✓
	7 th	Wessex Car Show –Bremer House. DAMASC & JAG Owners	
	7 th	SHVPS Annual Classic Vehicle Show and Auto jumble	
	7 th	Heritage Run- Arden MG Club	
	13 th & 14 th	Bristol Classic Car Show	
	14 th	Cwm to Coast Run	
	17 th	Mid Monthly – White Rabbit Lyndhurst	✓
	19 th – 22 nd	The 6 th Shires Tour- Free wheelers Club	
	20 th -21 st	MG Live - Silverstone	
	21 st	Cobblestones Run- North Manchester MGOC	
	24 th -28 th	Goodwood Festival of Speed	
	July	1 st	Club Night – Empress of Blandings
5 th		Gloucestershire MGOC – Cotswold Caper	
5 th		Classics in Corbridge – Corbridge Car Show	
15 th		Mid Monthly - The Mayflower, Lyminster	✓
19 th		Epsom Area MGOC – Surrey Run	
19 th		Classics at the Castle – Sherborne Castle	
19 th		Proposed date for NFR re-run for helpers (TBC)	✓
19 th		Black Pudding Run – MGOC & MGCC	
24 th – 26 th		Silverstone Classic	
24 th – 26 th		MGs and all that Jazz – West Midlands MGOC	
26 th		DAMASC – Classics in the Park. Upton Country Park	
30 th		Poole Bay boat trip & Fish Supper	✓
August		1 st -2 nd	MGF20th Anniversary Weekend & run – Gaydon/Longbridge
	2 nd	Invicta Run – Ashford & Faversham MGOC	
	5 th	Club Night – Empress of Blandings	✓
	8 th	Theatre trip to Mayflower S'ton & dinner	✓
	9 th	Bournemouth & Pool MGOC Athelhampton House picnic	
	TBC	Piddle Puddle Tour	✓
	19 th	Mid Monthly meet – The Forest Inn Ashurst	✓
	22 nd	Simply classics and Sports Cars at Beaulieu	
	23 rd	Teddy Bears Picnic – Run & BBQ at Wilverley Enclosure	✓

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 and road runs.

Secretary's Notes

The month of May allowed some reasonable days out starting with the Swanage Railway Dining trip. Well done Brian and Pat with assistance from Jon and Pauline. Opportunity was taken to check out the new marquee and fittings. All seems well for it to be erected at Somerley House for our run. A number of members attended the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble and came away with some goodies, sorry, vital spares and parts for their cars.

It was saddening to learn of the difficulties experienced by Exeter MGOC for their run weekend when the main pub/hotel venue for the start closed down with little notice. We hope they managed to resolve the situation but I understand a number of our members decided not to attend eventually.

The last weekend of May sees members attending MG's in the Park with Solent MGOC and one car going up to join the Rose of the Shires run with Northampton MGOC. June brings us to our flagship event, the New Forest Run. At the last count I was advised we had 167 entries and I understand there are still more to come. I think our own members are well represented and those that have chosen to do the run itself will enjoy their day. It is pleasing to hear the numbers who have offered to assist with various tasks at the start and end of the run before and after their run as well as those members who are taking an active role throughout the day. I understand we will have about 35 members for the post run meal at the Fisherman's Wharf at Winkton. There are some members running down to Wales for the Cwm to Coast on 14 June and likely to Silverstone for MG Live! on the 20-21st. If you are attending can you

please provide an article for our newsletter? They always make interesting reading and means we do not need to employ our alternative reporter, Phil Space! At our last well attended monthly meeting we welcomed another new member, Ivor Binns. Our mid-monthly at The Cowherds was well attended too despite parking being an issue, partly due to other events being on in the vicinity.

As mentioned I now hold virtually all the items of equipment for the club, so if you are attending an event where the flags or a shelter will be usefully utilised, please let me know so you can collect from me. Looking ahead to September!!! I believe a number of cars have sent entries to Basingstoke MGOC for their Doughnut Run in September. As last year we will devise a scenic route for us to get to Worting Park House for the start, rather than the M3.

Enjoy June.

Robin

Editor's Notes



As I write this edition I am thinking of how quickly the time has gone from initial design to now; only days away from the New Forest Run. Incredible!

As well as the General Election Battle Buses, 1009 MGOC members have also been on the road during May and my thanks to all those for have contributed including Robin for the Purbeck Run report, Anthony & Penny Reading for the excellent account of their run to Scotland which reminded me so much of my holiday to the Isle of Skye in June 2012 with my TF 'Bertie', Jane Kettle for the mid monthly venue information - and photos from various members. It certainly makes my job as Editor easier when material comes in from Members throughout the month.

With various commitments and of course being the 1009 Web Master too, I will have to start hunting out an assistant Editor, no interview required plus a promise of early promotion to Editor! You have to agree, it is an exciting and rewarding job role within the Club. Drop me an email if you are interested.

Please don't forget to let me have your articles and photos for the July issue (Solent MGs in the Park, Rose of the Shires Run & the New Forest Run!) – Email: editor@1009mg.org.uk also any photos, especially of the New Forest Run will be welcome for both the Newsletter and the Website.

I hope you enjoy reading this one

Fiona



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No Web updates this month however;



The external Photo Gallery which will be used mainly for the New Forest Run photos is up and running. A big thank you to all those members that assisted with the development and testing. An opportunity now for all Members to upload photos after this and other events.

If you wish to receive the link to view the photos on this shared site please email: webmaster@1009mg.org.uk requesting the link to view and I will send this across to you after the New Forest Run.

If you wish to upload photos to the site; again just email: webmaster@1009mg.org.uk stating that you have photos to upload and I will send you the appropriate permissions and instructions to do this. It is not difficult and certainly great to see your photos amongst the others!



I am still keen to update the banner photo on the 1009 Website very shortly. The new photo could also be used to head up the Newsletter too. With many events looming including 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 final donations to Club Night on 3rd June.

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 final donations for the hamper to a Club Night on 3rd June.

The Cake stall – Karen Plumley is coordinating this. If you are bringing along a cake make sure that you have your name is on your cake box or tin so that this can be returned to you at the end of the day. Karen has also sourced bags to serve the cake in.

Entrants: As at 24th May we have 167 entrants, of which 68% are previous entrants.

Post Run Meal – Please contact Adrian if you have not already done so.

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

The Dorsetman(Swanage Railway)Sunday 3rd May 2015

Eight cars met at The Furlong car park, Ringwood on a rainy Sunday for a short drive through Dorset and the Purbeck Hills to Swanage.



The Furlong, Ringwood

The route and arrangements for lunch on The Dorsetman, a steam pulled set of restaurant cars was organised by Brian and Pat Lanning with assistance from Jon and Pauline Holt. The route took us down the A31 to Worlds End pub where we turned left towards Wareham and Morden. We passed through Wareham town centre and turned left after Stoborough onto a small road, with passing places, driving through the heathland areas before rejoining the road to Corfe castle. Spotting a horde of Vikings at the castle we continued through and took the road over the hills through Kingston and Langton Matravers. Unfortunately the low cloud persisted and we did not enjoy the usual fantastic views of the Purbeck Hills. This road took us down to the outskirts of Swanage and onto the Victoria Avenue car park where we met up with two other members.



The engine re-positions to the front of our carriages



The First Class Restaurant Car

After being shown to our carriage and seats by the friendly staff we settled down to a smooth departure on time for the journey along the Swanage Railway to Norden and back to Swanage, twice!! During this time we enjoyed a three course meal, a variety of drinks and good company whilst enjoying the scenery and sights along the way.

Well done to Brian and Pat, with assistance from Jon and Pauline with the route for a well planned day and to all those members who came along.



Robin

A 2002 MG TF VVC in the land of midges and tartan in April

Polbain, Altandhu, Rhicarn, Stoer, Scourie – exotic ingredients for an oriental dish or a collection of rare diseases? No, they are the names of small villages in the northwest highlands of Scotland through which Penny and I travelled in our 2002 Trophy Blue MG TF BX02 ORP at the end of April 2015.

I call them villages, but really they are the centre points of settlements of a few scattered houses and a lot of sheep. We saw few other vehicles at this time of year and I don't think we saw any MGs. We had to pull in and let an outing of MX5s go past, a couple having their roofs down which was very brave/stupid bearing in mind the weather changed every few minutes from dry and sunny to showers, rain, sleet, snow and anything else.

At Easter I returned to my seasonal job of being Captain of a 54 passenger cruise ship working from Inverness through the Great Glen and through the Inner Hebrides to Kyle of Lochalsh. This year, due to a bank collapse on the Caledonian Canal the ship, "Lord of the Glens", had to go from Inverness to west Scotland via the Pentland Firth and the date of my re-join changed as often as the weather. I decided to drive up on the Easter weekend using BX02. Not a bad run although boring, arriving in Inverness after 9 hours and 500 miles.

Penny flew up to Inverness on Wednesday 22nd and then after a 2 hour bus journey through the Great Glen to Fort William joined me on the Ship. On the Friday, after handing over to Bob, the other captain, we drove his car to Inverness and picked up BX02. Inverness was chaos regards traffic but we managed to drive to Laggan Locks (where we gave Bob the keys of his car) and then headed along the A87 to Kyle of Lochalsh. As we had left later than planned we abandoned the planned loop through Gairloch and drove straight to Ullapool. I say straight but anyone who looks at the roads will see that it involved heading back across the country before being able to head northwest to Ullapool.

We had booked a night in the Riverside Guest House which was very comfortable. The landlord recommended The Arch Inn for a meal but warned that they stopped serving at 9 pm; we got there at 8:45! We also recommend it; the locally caught fish and chips were great.

On the Saturday we headed north from Ullapool after visiting the grave of a very distant cousin of Penny's. How do you bury someone on a 45 degree slope? The A835 quickly narrows north of Ullapool although it is still 2 lanes. About 8 miles out of Ullapool we turned left onto a B road

which heads to Polbain from where one can view the Summer Isles. The road then follows the coast to Lochinver. Just before Lochinver is a bookshop selling teas and cakes, which were overpriced probably to compensate for the lack of book sales. This road was a single track with passing places every 100 metres or so. Great fun to drive but the surface probably means I'm going to have to tighten up every nut on the car. By following the B roads we saw much of the coast and enjoyed the twists and turns as well as the blind summits. At least twice I had to come to a halt as I couldn't see where the road went after the summit! It was a little nerve wracking at times as the car squirmed under heavy braking with a steep drop only feet away.

After what seemed to be hours we reached Durness which is as close to Cape Wrath as one can go with a vehicle. What surprised us was the A838 changing without warning from 2 lanes to single lane with passing places; it must be chaotic in the summer especially with coaches travelling these roads. Distances must be measured as a straight line to the place named as after driving for half an hour at 60 mph the distance had reduced by 5 miles! The worst indicated distance change was the junction of the B869 & A894 where Durness was said to be 32 miles and immediately after turning left the distance indicated was 33 miles!

After Durness we headed south on the A836 down the centre of Scotland towards Muir of Ord where we stayed the night at a friend's. Sunday brought a drive to Newcastle via Balmoral and Monday a drive home via dinner in Sheffield with the youngest son who is a student there.

The scenery was spectacular, the roads fun to drive especially as the tourist season hasn't start properly yet. Being fairly cold the midges weren't a problem. The weather was very variable although the worst snow was in the Cairngorms and even then it didn't cause any problems.

From my leaving home Easter Weekend to getting back midnight Monday 27th BX02 covered 1700 miles, used half a litre of oil and unknown amount of petrol. A warning to anyone driving in North Scotland – the petrol stations are miles apart and expensive. The only petrol available in Ullapool was £1.27 a litre and it was the only garage for 30 miles; they also close early.

At the end of the week we headed south to Southampton and the New Forest where we joined in with the MG run around the Purbecks in Dorset and lunch on the Swanage Steam Train. This means BX02 has gone from the far north to the south of Britain in a week.



Anthony & Penny Reading

Mid Monthly Wednesday 17th June

The White Rabbit

Romsey Road, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO43 7AR



Set in the quintessentially English village of Lyndhurst in Hampshire, The White Rabbit is set just off the tree-lined A337 from Cadnam. Surrounded by quaint cottages with a small green opposite, this traditional pub is in a conservation area within the New Forest National Park.

We pride ourselves on classic pub food cooked with care. Whether it's hand-battered cod & chips, the gourmet burger, or the ever-popular 'Brewer's Chicken', now is the time to rediscover your old favourites. Make sure you try our traditional Sunday roasts with a huge a Yorkshire pudding and unlimited gravy. The team at the White Rabbit are passionate about our food menu, so you can relax and enjoy our quality dishes and great service at this fantastic venue.



Contact details:

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Web Site:

<http://www.chefandbrewer.com/pub/white-rabbit-lyndhurst/>

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.

MGF20: August 2015 - this should be a great weekend

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. Details are available at <http://www.mgf20.info/> with advance tickets available. **NOTE: 3 x 1009 cars have already booked for this event – why not join them?**

And Finally

Caption Competition last month!

LINDA:	NICK:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Omg how embarrassing.2. Did you park here for the view?3. Can you get closer?4. What about the 1009 team photo5. So, I'm a bit lost with the route	<p>I thought she was short sighted No – it was free Can you not see from here dear? Yeah, I guess he is gonna be in the way Big clue!!!</p>

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Photo: Robin Plumley



Wanted:

Soft top for 1997 MGF – Phone Steve Knox 01202 479398 (evenings) or 07866949144
Email: fafner@tesco.net

For Sale:

- (1) Silver MGF 1st registration 3/3/2000 | MoT expired | Approx. 95,000 miles | 4 new tyres
- (2) Pink MGF 1st registration 16/10/1996 | MoT to end July 2015 | 2 new tyres | Work indicated as done:-Speedo cable replaced: Cat converter rear exhaust box: Front lower shock absorber bushes: Suspension T-bar bushes.

Both Cars have recently been run up – Contact Juliet Cox – Tel: 02380 843137 or 07976 707177 or Email: Juliet.cox@rocketmail.com

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