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What's 25 in 25?



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Ode to my 25-year-old MGF Car

By Terry Titheridge

The car was registered in January 2000. I bought the car in May 2017 for £600 and named her 'Pokémon' due to her registration. Upon purchase I knew she had a skipping clutch plus two dodgy repairs to the sills, to get her through the MOT.

Pokémon went straight to the garage for a new clutch. We then did the New Forest Run in June and the Doughnut Run in September.

This is when our association with Mike Stafford began, as on the way home from Basingstoke the coolant system pressurised, split the big main hose and deposited the coolant all over the road.

The first big expense was a new head gasket. Over the next few years, several trips to Littlehampton, where Mike has his garage, for regular maintenance. Upgrades from our local garage plus serval "holidays" to the paint sprayer to make Pokémon look pretty.

She has been my hobby for 8 years and I have enjoyed driving her on many runs and holidays to Tintern, Devon and Guernsey.

I estimate she has cost me £5,000 but how do you put a price on how much enjoyment and pleasure we have had.









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Editor's Notes



Hello everyone

Welcome to our May newsletter.

April was a busy month and May is looking good too. There are 9 cars going to the More to See Event in Devon.

I would like t thank Martin Chalres for updatring the Events Diary.

There is also a Quiz page, kindly sent in by Linda Taylor. Answers will be provided in the June Newsletter together with a prize for the first correct entry – email your answers to myelf.

Some of our members were asking about the Editors picture. That is ME and I was five years old. Back in the late 1950's early 1960's there was a campaign to Keep Death Off The Road. My uncle Ron was a professional photographer and his studio were asked to take part in the National campaign for the London area. With the persmission of the parents, several photos were taken of boys and girls to be put on the back of fuel tankers and lorries. There were a set of three photos taken from being upset through to full on crying. I don't know how successful this campagin was but there were a number of children whose pictures were on various tankers including mine.



I would like to bring to your attention that we are now in May and at the beginning of November 2025, Fiona will be standing down. We now have six monthls for another club member to step forward and shadow Fiona. After the club was re-sructured, and seems to be working really well, the Area Secretary duties are not quite so onerous as they were. I'm sure Fiona would run through her duties to any club member who would be interested. The Area Secretary is the Face of the Club and is an important role.

Yvonne



Secretary's Scribbles

This month 'What's 25 in 25' is Terry & Maureen Titheridges MGF – known as Pokémon. Thank you to them both for putting this article together for us all.

We certainly stepped up in April kicking the month off with a fantastic Club Drive it Day – staring at Beaulieu and finishing at The Rockingham Arms in Wellow. An interesting route with sunshine all the way. I am sure you are all with me as I say a big thank you to Eric and Niki for putting the day together for us. As Eric said on the day, it makes it even more worthwhile with a good number of members attending. I would also like to thank the 4 members from Basingstoke MGOC for joining us too.

April Mid monthly, at The Crown Stirrup, Lyndhurst was well attended by at least 30 members and certainly a venue to put back on our list for future use.

Our final outing in April was to the Heavy Horse Farm Museum at Verwood for the Winchester Cobweb Spin and National Drive it Day.

May Mid monthly on Wedneday 21st is organised by Ruth & Stephen Dennison at the

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If you would like to eat, Ruth & Stephen have booked a long table at the pub for anyone to join them at 6pm.

This month we welcome new members Ros and Neil Partridge, also members of Basingstoke MGOC however, they have over the last couple of years done a lot with our club including some European road trips and have decided to join us too. The have a 1959 red MGA although have been seen out and about in a Mini.

Membership fees of £12 per person for the year are due 1st May, please make sure you have sent your BACS to the Club and only redo a Membership Form if you have changed any of your details ie. Home address, email, phone numbers or vehicle.

And finally, my thanks to Yvonne who has Navigated Microsoft CoPilot to put together this edition of our newsletter.

Fiona

Torque with Reggie



2002 MG TF Rear anti-roll bar link replacement

By Martin Charles

At my TF 160's MoT in April 2023 the bushes in the rear link arm between the anti-roll bar and lower swinging arm were an advisory item, bushes starting to perish, but not dangerously. So, I decided before this year's MoT I would replace them, noticing that the MG Owners Club Spare had an uprated link arm using ball joints rather than bushes I ordered some.

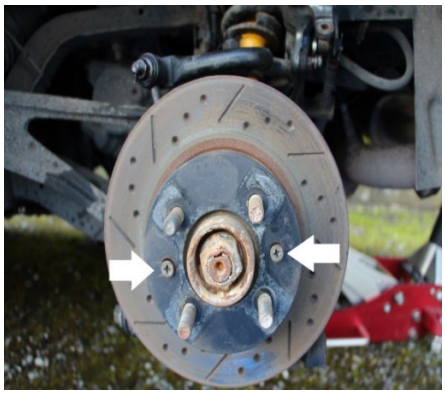
The replacement is a fairly simple job for a competent home mechanic, however please note, never ever work on car which has been jacked up on a bottle jack or hydraulic workshop jack. Always support the car on axle stands which are bearing the full weight of the car with jack released.



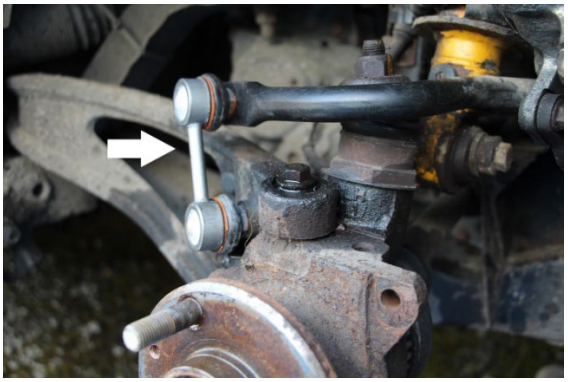


Picture on the left shows the new link against the old on the left. Picture two, first remove the road wheel, tip Arrowed is the locking wheel nut, which I always fit in alignment with the tyre valve where possible. Why, simply if I get a puncture in the pouring rain on a dark night, I'm not faffing about trying to find which one is the locking nut.





To remove the lower anti-roll bar link bolt, the brake caliper, caliper carrier and brake disc must be removed; arrows show bolts and cross headed screws holding disc on.

On the left the original link and bolts, note the state of the bushes and on the right the uprated link fitted, using copious use of Cooper Slip grease on the threads.




Once the link bar is fitted, refit the brake disc to the hub, again using Cooper slip grease on the retaining screws. I then wire brush the brake caliper carrier, apply Cooper Slip grease to the carrier bolts and threads, top arrows, and the caliper retaining bolt threads, lower arrows. Once I've put the lower caliper retaining bolt in, I then wind the caliper piston back into the caliper by a couple of turns, this is so the caliper doesn't cause the brake pads to bind on the brake disc. As the brake pads wear down, the brake piston unwinds slowly to take up the wear and keep the hand

brake tension and brake pedal firm.



I'm using a brake caliper piston, the rear caliper piston cannot be forced back by using lever a lever bar, as you can on front caliper pistons. But it can be done with a pair of long nose pliers in the piston notches and turning the piston clockwise. Finally wire brush the hub flange and apply Cooper Slip grease to flange and wheel nut studs and refit wheel, then repeat on the other side. Total time for me 3 hours to complete both sides.

Please though, if you are not confident let the garage do it for you.

Oh No - Bertie has a scratch

During Drive it Day, I drove too close to a newly cut hedge as an SUV was approaching the other direction quite fast. Really annoying but cannot bne helped. Reggie was on it and helped polish out the scratches.

First of all I cleaned and dried the car – took some before pictures of the scratches and then set to work with some scratch remover. Rub a thin layer into the scratch, rotating your cloth and adding a little pressure. Once it is dry, you can buff off with a soft micro fibre cloth. Then for a really great result, use resin polish. Most of the scratches came out apart form one that is rather deep, I will have to have another go at that one.



The mirror was badly scratched – Reggie was inspecting the damage.

Picture on the right shows the damage all cleaned out.







Polish left on to dry





2025 1009 Drive it Day - Sunday 6th April

By Martin Charles

On a glorious early spring morning 18 cars arrived at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu in time for an 11:15 start on our annual charity road run for the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs - Drive it Day, in support of the Childline charity.











Following greetings and the co-drivers briefing, including a warning of a possible late road closure, with hoods stowed on convertibles, everybody set off North towards Lyndhurst. Continuing North from Lyndhurst to Bartley, where at the X-roads we were surprised to see a convoy of MG's approaching us from the left? So, as they tried to figure out what was going on, we continued North, through Winsor, heading towards Romsey, then past Embley Park School, once home to Florence Nightingale, and onwards towards Awbridge. Where I must confess, we wrong slotted, missing the turn down Old Salisbury Road, but to be fair to co-driver Mike, he was handing me sweets from the handouts we were given at the start!

Knowing the area reasonably well, we knew how to get back on track at the next junction we came to and continued North towards Kings Sombourne then turning onto A3057. Passing through Kings Sombourne we encountered the mobile speed camera van, hopefully not providing any post run “sting in the tail” surprise for anyone? Continuing North up the Test Valley to Stockbridge then heading West on the A30, to then head for the most Northern part of the route at Nether Wallop.

The route then took us back onto the A30 where the cars could stretch their legs running to Lopcombe Corner and onwards to Porton Down before heading South/East to Firsdown and the final leg of the run. Passing through East Grimstead, West Dean, Lockerley and Dunbridge, before we then turned South through, Awbridge, Wellow, Plaitford and finally to Canada Common and our destination The Rockingham Arms after 61 miles of great roads to motor on.

Whilst enjoying our dinners with Carolyn and Chris Guest, Chris noticed the Maple leaf on the place mats. I explained we are at Canada Common, Chris asked where the names came from, is there a connection to Canada? Having researched both names, I cannot find out the origins of the naming’s, although I did find out the pub was built in 1840.










Finally, a huge thank you must go to Niki and Eric Moore for another memorable Drive it Day run, though I'm not sure they can claim the glorious weather as well!





S&NFMGOC, Runs, Shows and Events 2025

Martin Charles - Events co-Ordinator

Hi Everyone,

Well, what an excellent way we got April off to, by starting with our Drive it Day run in glorious sunshine. May it continue for upcoming events, sorry forgot this is England, so that isn't going to happen, is it?

The list of events is mushrooming now, coming up in May are:

Sunday 4th – 80th Anniversary of VE Day Picnic, Anderwood Car Park, Lyndhurst Road, Burley, BH24 4HS – Open to all club members and your family, children and Grandchildren. A day of fun in the heart of the New Forest, with games, bring your own picnic, but please note BBQ's or any form of COOKING equipment are now BANNED in the New Forest. If you are going to attend, please e-mail Yvonne Wade, wadey6523@gamil.com

Wednesday 7th - Club night at Walhampton Arms, Fiona to give update on NFR.

Sat.10th – Mon.12th – A 1009 group going to Exeter MGOC – More to See run. – Fiona Co-ordinating.

Sunday 11th – Basingstoke Festival of Transport – I'm going but haven't received any confirmation of other members going, but two did ask for booking details, let me know if you are going, please.

Sat.17th- Sun.18th – Spring Autojumble – National Motor Museum – Beaulieu

Sunday 18th – MG's in the Park – Solent MGOC – Not aware of any members attending.

Sunday 18th – Lulworth Castle, Classic Car Show – one enquiry – but not aware of any members going.

Wednesday 21st – Mid-monthly, The Carpenters Arms, Burly Road, Bransgore, BH23 8BA – Ruth and Stephen Dennison have booked the function room for us. The pub is renowned for its homemade pies, but has an extensive menu, if you fancy a meal first, serving food until 8PM, book a table online or ring 01425 672295

Fri.23rd – Mon.26th – A 1009 group gong to MG Cricket St. Thomas week-end – Belinda Neave Co-ordinating

Sunday 25th - – Pride and Joy meet at Exbury Club, Summer Lane, Exbury, SO45 1AH, DO NOT GO INTO EXBURY GARDENS, carry on past there. – Free event just turn up from 10:30 I'm Co-ordinating.

Saturday 31st – Pre New Forest Run Skittles Evening – The Huntsman, Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7RH – an evening of, well, skittles 6:45PM for the skittles to start at 7:30PM prompt, this gives us time to get names on board, drinks and bowls away on time for hopefully three rounds – extensive menu for those who want to eat as well, but please get there earlier. Fiona Co-ordinating.

Any questions about any event then please contact me at mg1009events@btintenet.com or give me a bell on home 023 8084 4699 or mobile 07304 094 867

S&NFMGOC Runs, Shows & Events for 2025

Month	Date	Event	Location	Member(s) Co ordinating
May				
	7th	Monthly meeting (Club Night)	Walhampoton Arms, Portmore	Fiona S
	10th/12th	1009 Drive to Devon to More to See Run	Cars from 1009 & Basingstoke MGOC	Fiona S
	11th	More to See Run	Exeter	Fiona S
	11th	Rose of the Shires Run	Northamptonshire	
	11th	Basingstoke Festival of Transport	Basingstoke War Memorial Park, RG21 4AG	Martin C
	12th	Cars and Coffee	Classci Collection, Pound Lane, Burley	
	17th/18th	Spring Autojumble	Beaulieu	
	18th	MG's in the Park	Stansted House	
	18th	Doset Blind Association Car Show - Lulworth	Lulworth Castle **(Entry £16.95 PP in the car)**	
	21st	Mid-monthly	Carpenters Arms, Bransgore	Ruth & Stephen D
	24th - 26th	MGOC Cricket St. Thomas	Somerset	
	25th	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet	Exbury Club, Exbury, SO45 1AH - From 10:30	Martin C
	31st	Pre NFR Skittles Evening Huntsman	Brockenhurst - 6:45PM for 7:30PM start	Fiona S
June				
	1st	New Forest Run	New Forest	Fiona S
	1st	MG's in the Park	Oxford	
	4th	Monthly meeting (Club Night)	Walhampton Arms	Fiona S
	8th	Ratae Run	Tamworth, Staffordshire	
	8th	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet - From Mid-day	Cuckoo Inn, Hampworth, SP5 2DU - From Mid-day	Martin C
	14th	Whiteparish Village Fate & Car Show	Whiteparish Village	
	18th	Mid-monthly	Southampton?	Val Laurent
	21st	Armed Forces Day and Fawley Show	Gang Warily, Newlands Rd. Blackfield SO45 1GA	
July				
	2nd	Monthly meeting (Club Night)	Walhampoton Arms, Portmore	Fiona S
	6th	Cotswold Caper	Cotswolds	
	6th	MGF 30	British Motor Museum, Gaydon, CV35 0BJ	Fiona S / Martin C
	6th	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet - From Mid-day	Cuckoo Inn, Hampworth, SP5 2DU - From Mid-day	Martin C
	10th/13th	Festival of Speed	Goodwood	
	12th	Wallop Wings and Wheels	Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop, SO20 8FB	Martin C
	13th	Bransgore Rotary New Forest Car Show	Playing Field, Burley Rd BH23 8AY	
	13th	Surrey Run	Surrey	
	16th	Mid-monthly	Rockingham Arms, West Wellow, SO51 6DE	Janet & Ivor Binns
	17th	Breakfast Run	Steffs Kitchen Beaulieu (Fairweathers)	Jane & Paul Wallaker
	20th	Classic and Supercars	Sherbourne, Dorset, DT9 5NR	
	20th	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet - From 10:30	Exbury Club, Exbury, SO45 1AH - From 10:30	Martin C
August				
	3rd	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet - From Mid-day	Cuckoo Inn, Hampworth, SP5 2DU - From Mid-day	Martin C
	6th	Monthly meeting (Club Night)	Walhampton Arms	Fiona S
	10th	Gathering & Picnic	Athelhampton House	
	10th	Pride and Joy Vehicle Meet - From 10:30	Exbury Club, Exbury, SO45 1AH - From 10:30	Martin C
	tbc	Classic & Retro Car Show	Breamore House - **Classic Motor Events** not listing this	Robin P
	20th	Mid-monthly	Christchurch?	Kim & Kevin Wassell
	22nd/24th	The Silverstone Festival (Silverstone Classic)	Silverstone, Towcester, NN12 8TN	
	26th	Gosport Vehicle Rally	Gosport	
	30th	DMGRS Summer Show - All MG models welcome	Gang Warily, Newlands Rd. Blackfield SO45 1GA	Martin C

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Sunday 6th July 2025
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More details coming soon

Fawley Show on Saturday 21st June 2025

More details to follow from Malc Rumsey

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New Forest Run - Autojumble

It has been suggested that we have a stand selling our unwanted car related items at the Exbury Club at the finish of the New Forest Run to make some additional money for our charities.

If you have any bits and pieces that you no longer require and can donate to this cause please let us know as soon as possible.



We will also need the use of a table to display the items so if you can help with that, it would be great.

Contact myself or Fiona and we will organise collection with you.

If we can obtain enough old rubbish from your Garages, we can hopefully get this money making venture up and running for this year's New Forest Run.

We will, if we collect sufficient jumble require a couple of volunteers to deal with the punter's.

Any Del-Boys amongst you lot?!

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

The deadline for booking into this year's dinner dance has been extended for a short time, so if you have not yet booked, please get in touch with us to secure your place. We are still waiting for final confirmation of prices and menus in the Spring, but we are taking expressions of interest now.



The format will be like last year with an afternoon meet up in our Christmas jumpers and a sit-down meal in the evening followed by a disco until midnight. This is an opportunity to dress in your best and get into the festive mood!







Please email jane_holdaway@hotmail.com with the names of those attending and whether you intend to book a double, twin or single room at the hotel on the night of the event.



We look forward to hearing from you very soon!

Drive it Day/Cobweb Spin

By Pauline Holt

Eight cars from MGOC 1009 gathered at Copythorne for Drive it Day combined with the Cobweb spin. As promised the weather was wonderful as we set off across the forest via Newbridge and Fordingbridge to our destination at the Dorset Heavy Horse centre at Verwood where we met up with a few more members from our club.







This centre is home to over 20 heavy horses including the rare Shire, Suffolk Punch, Clydesdale, Percheron and Ardenes. There was a programme of events starting with a tour of the courtyard stables where an informative horseman spoke about the horses and demonstrated how to harness a heavy horse. Afterwards there was the opportunity for a carriage ride. In the afternoon the horseman gave a Romany talk where we gathered round the beautifully painted Gypsy wagons to learn about their horses, culture and way of life. The farm also provides sanctuary to many other farmyard animals including alpacas, donkeys, turkeys, goats, rabbits and guinea pigs. Unfortunately, no-one from our club won a raffle prize but we all very much enjoyed our visit.













Linda's Quiz - Good Luck everyone!

	Question	No of letters
1	Drinking ale in front of posh hotel	7
2	Wise bedfellow	9
3	Milk containers	5
4	French dance where you replace one of the indefinite articles	6
5	Long leases sorted to make an heavenly community	3,7
6	Wander eternally	4
7	2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64	6
8	The males of the species in front of the whale	7
9	You will need this when you change the locks	7
10	A Royal fruit but not a plum	4,5
11	No! She did it of her own accord	7
12	Mother's entrance	7
13	Zealot ran confused to this island	9
14	Bring hot mixture to this resort	8
15	Painted by Andy Warhol	6
16	Type of salad vegetable?	3
17	I came across a bigamist on the way here	2,4
18	A handsome bloom	7
19	The baths are filthy again!	9
20	Where the sun goes now on a fantastic horse	6,5,4
21	My sister's daughter is not nasty	4
22	BBBBBBBBBB	5
23	M1 A1 M4	6
24	A Cornish lavatory?	5
25	Where Mr. Hill slept?	8

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