

Southampton & New Forest MGOC
July 2026 Newsletter

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SOUTHAMPTON & NEW FOREST
MG OWNERS CLUB
AREA 1009

Elsie's Rose
SUPPORTING BEREAVED PARENTS

Edition No. 350

Editors Notes:

Hello and welcome to the July Newsletter.

The evening of Saturday 6th June saw the 1009 Club host and welcome many visitors who attended our Skittles evening at the Huntsman in Brockenhurst. This is always a well-attended evening and gives us a chance to catch up with friends from other clubs. We had three rounds of skittles with Robin Plumley as Scoreboard Master and Karen, Adam and John replacing the skittles. We had teams from East Surrey, West Sussex and, a little later a team from Essex.

The winners were:

Team Winners	S&NF MGOC	77 points	
Male Winner	Adam (1009)	20 points	
Female Winner	Linda (1009)	20 points	
Male Loser	John (1009)	5 points	Wooden Spoon
Female Loser	Caroline, East Surrey	4 points	Wooden Spoon

Sunday 7th June was an early start for many Club members to help set up for the 26th New Forest Run which started at Exbury Club. The day started cloudy and with a breeze across the arena. The Marshalls, sporting new matching yellow bibs, positioned themselves at the entrance to Exbury Club and spread across the arena to marshal the cars into place. The Meet and Greet ladies, and Registration Team, looking very smart in their new blue bibs, readied themselves to receive our visiting guests into the club house. The raffle table was set up with many gifts donated from club members. 127 cars entered the arena from 8.30 a.m. onwards.

Myself, and our Area Secretary, Fiona, were at the start of the run to take photos as the cars were leaving. Fiona also had the help of Jacob and Rosie the children of Annie and Ben from our chosen charity, to wave our guests off.

Once the cars started arriving back, Eric, Fiona and Max (from Discount MG Rover Spares) went around the arena choosing winning cars in certain categories. Again, Jacob and his friends Ronnie and Charlie were asked to help choose a winning car. We would at this moment like to apologise to our guests for any sticky fingerprints' left on any cars. The winning cars chosen, Fiona then took to the microphone to announce the winners, who came forward to receive their trophies. Photographs were taken with Jacob and Ronnis shaking hands with the winners.

Raffle prizes were collected as was the New Forest Run Hamper; Cars then started to depart to start their journeys home.

Annie, Ben and Lauren from Elsie's Rose have given us their permission use the photos of their children. The Club would like to thank them all for taking the time attending the Run.

Secretary's Scribbles:

June seems to have flown by — and what a busy and successful month it has been! Our 26th New Forest Run was a great success, and I would like to offer my sincere thanks once again to everyone involved, both in the planning stages and those who volunteered on the day. The Skittles Match was also a great evening, providing a wonderful opportunity to catch up and meet some of the Run entrants.

We also had a number of members travel to Yorkshire for the Dales Trail Run in June. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but by all accounts, it was an enjoyable weekend in a stunning part of the country — perfect for driving the MGs, and of course, our fabulous Mini.

Looking ahead to this month, we have several events planned, and I'm really looking forward to getting back out in the car again. As always, we would welcome write-ups for the Newsletter from the Milestones visit and Ivor and Janet's breakfast run. I also understand that some members will be heading off to the Epsom MGOC Surrey Run later in the month.

Apologies for the reduced number of emails and updates on the website over the past few weeks — I have been busy putting together routes for our main road run in September to the South of France. I will also be sharing details very soon regarding our charity cheque presentation, including the date and venue.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members this month, Mark and Alison Staveley. We look forward to meeting them, hopefully at our next Club Night.

Fiona

Southampton & New Forest MGOC
New Forest Run
Sunday 7th June 2026

From Anne-Marie and Jeff

Another year and another fantastic New Forest Run as vehicles of all types from pre-WW2 to Y-Types, A, B, C, F/TF to the latest all-electric MG4 gathered at Exbury. Some devotees travelling from places as far flung as Normandy and Wales!

As we eagerly tucked into coffee and sausage baps, we did what MG Lovers, love to do –we socialised!

And that's what it's all about, like-minded people of all ages, coming together to celebrate everything MG, in a beautiful and breath-taking setting. A wonderful chance to catch up with friends from other clubs, united in the same interests.

So, after a good old natter, a tasty bap and a majestic wave to the paparazzi, we set off!

And what a route! 80 miles of glorious countryside with wildlife that David Attenborough would have been thrilled to encounter. Foals feeding from their mothers, pigs lazily sleeping, cows chewing the cud, all free to roam, all having the right of way.

And it didn't stop there. We were taken on a route through villages that even those who had lived in the New Forest for some time, hadn't encountered. Places like Lockerley and East and West Tytherley, West Grimstead and Alderbury to name but a few. The combination was inspired!

And wasn't it lovely to see people smile and wave as MG after MG flashed past them.

Not that we were in a hurry. There were plenty of coffee places to encounter and leisurely picnics to enjoy.

Then back to the Exbury Club for yet more tea and cakes and to find out who the lucky winners were.

More chat, more laughter, more fun... and most of all more opportunities to get to know each other better.

But all this doesn't happen by magic.

It takes a lot of dedication and hard work.

So let's give a 'shout out' to the team of people who put all the effort in.

From the planners to the grafters. From the bright yellow jacketed marshals to the bright blue Meeters and Greeters (who mentioned Smurfs?) we couldn't have been more cosseted and cared for. And if that wasn't enough, we were happily seduced by glittering awards, raffle prizes, and a magnificent Hampshire Hamper.

HATS OF TO THE TEAM

And even with hard work and dedication, none of this would be possible without the generosity and support of businesses such as Acorn Industrial Services Ltd (Solent), Discount MG Rover Spares and TyreMarx.

THANK YOU!

Being part of this event is special, because when people and services give their support, it gives us the chance to pass that support onto others

I'm sure you'll agree that the charity chosen deserves it. A charity founded by parents who went through the kind of suffering we can only imagine and who turned that experience into something positive and good. We are proud to help people like Annie and Ben Gould and wish them well.

https://elsiesrose.com/our-story

So, here's to our shared interests, to friendship and fun, to love and laughter, to dedication, hard work and everything MG. See you next year!



Rosie and Jacob in their 'Elsie' shirts

(by kind permission of Annie and Ben)

A SELECTION OF NEW FOREST RUN PHOTOS









Annie, Ben, Jacob & Rosie from Elsie's Rose


















Sunday June 7th 2026
NEW FOREST RUN

June Mid-monthly

From Ruth and Stephen



There's always a slight nervousness when you agree to find a location for the mid-monthly. Ruth and I pondered where to go. Our village has 3 wonderful inns but it's not exactly central for club members. On our way back from London one evening we thought, let's pop into the Empress of Blandings, it's on the way home and we haven't been there for ages.

The pub, it turns out, is under new ownership. The website says "Stuart & Team; his family are passionate in all they do and always try and go that wee extra mile to make everyone welcome "and it has to be said, that's exactly what we felt when greeted by Joe that evening. The venue solved and a couple of phone calls later everything was arranged. We'd have our 'usual' space for the evening, which was bright, cosy and spacious.

It was only later we discovered that the pub was awarded the brewery's "Pub of the Year" two years in a row and now 'Food Pub of the Year." We decided to book a table on the 17th to test out the awards and had a very good meal. We waited not knowing who was going to turn up, after all, England was playing their first match. We didn't need to worry as over 25 members arrived with many saying it was good to be back. Our chattering and laughter fill the air, and it was great to see so many happy faces at what feels like our 'home' venue. Vicky, front of house, at The Empress was very helpful and said she hopes to see us again.

‘Transmission’ at the National Motor Museum

By Chris and Keith

On Thursday 11th June in the afternoon Keith and I attended the preview of an art exhibition in Beaulieu at the National Motor Museum. The exhibition was entitled ‘Transmission’ and showcased paintings by Alan Reullier. Whilst we were waiting to go in, we met Linda, also in the queue. We were welcomed by someone from the museum (sorry, can’t remember his name!) and Lord Beaulieu was present too. Alan Reullier gave a short speech thanking the motor museum for the opportunity to showcase his art.

Alan Reullier, originally from France, is a multi-media artist working across painting, sculpture and large-scale installations. He transforms recycled industrial materials into works that give waste a second life – as objects of memory, innovation and reinvention. Hence the title of the exhibition being ‘Transmission’. He began as a back-street graffiti artist in the north of Paris. Later, as a chief mechanic in the French Navy, he worked with complex systems aboard aircraft carriers, where precision, maintenance and logistics were essential disciplines. He continued with his art within ships and military bases, places where art is least expected.

Alan obtained some original blueprints of classic cars from the 30’s to the 70’s from Coventry. These heritage blueprints became the foundation of each of his works of art. Each picture has an individual theme and to create these themes Alan studied British culture. The pictures contain portraits of celebrities from music, cinema, and politics. The cars included Triumph classics and Minis, amongst others. The attention to detail in his pictures is exceptional. The whole exhibition reflects the history of the British motor industry of the Midlands.

In addition to his paintings, he has reimagined a classic MGB Roadster as a stunning sculptural art piece – ‘Gertrude 1’.

The preview event ended in the café with complimentary tea and sandwiches and cakes and chance to talk with Alan Reullier. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit, finding the exhibition interesting and unusual combining art and science.

The exhibition runs until 7th February 2027. All paintings can be purchased – the originals range from about £4-£7K. There are prints of other works of Alan which cost around £200-£300.


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July Mid-Monthly

Arranged by the Awesome Foursome



We have arranged for the Mid-monthly to be held at the Sir John Barleycorn Cadnam, SO40 2NP on Wednesday 15 July at 7.00pm onwards. Members can book a table online or call the pub if they want to eat. The pub has an Indian menu and traditional pub food too. Please see their website for menus.

www.sirjohnbarleycorn.com
02382517004

Best wishes
Linda, Nick, Lorraine and Ray

Dales Trail

Yorkshire Dales Classic Car Club and MG Owners Club

By Robin

We were invited to stand in for Karen and Adam Brown in attending the above run on Sunday 14th June, the week after the New Forest Run. Also attending would be Eric and Niki (MG TF), Fiona and Yvonne (MG TF) with Ros and Neil (Mini Cooper Works) and Ian and Julie (MGC Roadster) from Basingstoke. Dudley and Jenny also joined us although sadly, Fiona and Yvonne were unable to join us due to an adverse reaction by Yvonne to an injection.

In the MG TF160 we split the journey as did Dudley and Jenny in their MG3. We stayed at a Greene King hotel at Markfield near junction 22 of the M1 just north of Leicester while Dudley and Jenny stayed in Palterton off junction 29 of the M1 south of Bolsover.

Our route then continued north via M1, M18, A1(M) and A684 into the Dales via a stop in Leyburn and towards the Wheatsheaf Inn at Carperby. I think Dudley and Jenny came the same route via some sightseeing at Harwick Hall.

The remaining three cars set off early meeting up at Tot Hill services, then taking the M6 route north and to the pub just off the A684. Didn't take long to get settled in the bar for a couple of drinks before dinner at our reserved table.







The Wheatsheaf Inn at Carperby on Sunday morning

Having enjoyed a Yorkshire breakfast, we headed four miles along the road to the start at Castle Bolton where we were greeted by Mike Cowan and his team and joined the sixty odd other cars on the lawn behind the castle with a super backdrop across Coverdale to Great Haw and Whernside.





The route was about 90 miles showing off the stunning scenery of the Yorkshire Dales, taking in routes either side of the B6160, through Coverdale down to Kettlewell, and a stop further south in Grassington for a superb Apple Crumble and Custard ice cream!!! Then onward via the B6265 and across to Malham, Stainforth and via Halton Gill before picking up the B6160 again near Kilnsey, allowing for a comfort stop in Kettlewell. North again to Buckden and northwest across Langstrothdale Chase to Hawes then east along the Wensledale road back to Castle Bolton.



Grassington for ice-cream





Afternoon tea in Kettewell

We arrived back at the start about one hour late and missed the prize-giving etc. We were pipped at the post for furthest travelled by a lone traveller from Exeter!! Having handed our raffle tickets in we were contacted at the pub to say we had all won prizes, including a spade!! Unfortunately, our group were unable to meet up the following morning to collect the prizes, and we offered them to be used again at some stage.

On the Monday, Ian and Julie set off for their trip back. The remainder stopped at Aysgarth Falls for a while.





Upper and middle falls at Aysgarth

Eric and Neil set off east to join the A1(M) at Leeming Bar and south via the M18, M1 etc. Dudley and Jenny went back a similar way and stopped off in Banbury finding the Fine Lady on the white horse but NOT very white horse. Oh, and the Hotel chocolate next door is closed.

We set off down the B6160, stopping at Bolton Abbey then on to Denshaw near Oldham via Keighley, Haworth, Hebden Bridge and Ripponden to stay with a friend for a couple of nights.

Wednesday, we drove down to Kensworth near Dunstable to stay with Karen's brother via Stalybridge, Glossop and through the Peak District via Buxton, Burton-on-Trent and Lichfield.

On Friday we arrived home having driven via Berkhampstead, Chesham, Amersham, Slough, M4 to Reading and down the A33 to Basingstoke to pick up the M3 and home. An overall mileage of 890 miles for us.

Would we do it again? Definitely.

Wednesday 22nd July – Autobarn Breakfast

Dear All,

Please find attached the Breakfast Menu from the Autobarn. Could you kindly let us have your food choices and any allergies or intolerances by Monday 6th July.

We will be meeting at the Empress of Blandings, Copythorne at 8:30am, ready for a prompt departure at 8:45am.

We look forward to seeing you then!
Janet and Ivor

Please click here for the menu - 

Filling Station menu.pdf

NZ Memories

From Eric Moore

Whilst rummaging through the loft looking for something completely different, I came across a box full of photo albums. Inside was a scrap book of photos from a holiday I made personally in 1991 to New Zealand to visit my sister.



Inside were these three photographs.

This MG TC Midget was stored in a garage in Auckland. I came across this whilst wandering around Parnell village.

I was waiting for an interconnecting flight down to Invercargill and had around eight hours to kill if I remember correctly. So rather than sitting around Auckland airport I took the shuttle bus in the town centre to do some sightseeing.

This TC is showing signs of age but attracted my attention even at the time I had little or no interest for classic cars. It has hopefully been restored and is now lovingly cared for by its present owner.

It was certainly worth attention. These cars were produced from 1945–1950 at Abingdon and still have a firm following today.

Secondly, whilst in Otago, I believe around the Lake Wanaka area, I stumbled across this sorry and neglected vehicle. At the time I thought it looked like a Holden or Austin to me or possibly a Ford from the 1950's.



To this day, I hadn't a clue what this car was. As a result of compiling this article for the Newsletter I realised that further investigation was necessary.

To this end, I contacted the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand who came back to me in a matter of a couple of days.

I won't disclose the details until the next page, but I will give you the opportunity to hazard a guess.

Many thanks go to Linda Duffell and Don Muller of the VCC of NZ.

Finally, the photograph below was taken at the National Museum in Auckland on my return journey from the South Island back to the UK.

Although the vehicle was unremarkable, a Morris 1300, its number plate caught my eye, (notice the replacement drivers' door). The reason for this is that I had a young lady in my office whose name was Fiona, who had a similar orange Ford Fiesta. I wonder what photographs we all have stored away in our lofts from years gone by, either from our travels around the globe or even closer to home.

You might well have pictures of your first car which you have kept for sentimental reasons or your parents' cars that were the daily run around. Photos of family holidays and picnics might well be loitering in a suitcase or box in the attic. Find a few minutes to have as search and see what you can come up with and the memories, they hold for you and send these in to the editor for inclusion in the Newsletter.

The mystery car in photograph 2 is a;

The car is a Standard Vanguard which were made in England by the Standard Motor company, Coventry and assembled in various other countries from 1947 to 1963. Producing Phase 1, phase 2, phase3 versions. 174,000 were made.

The one in the photo is a Phase 2, produced from 1953-1956. They had a 2088 cc 4-cylinder motor.

Here is a good website. ***Standard Vanguard - Wikipedia***



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