

Southampton & New Forest MGOC November 2026 Newsletter

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Editors Notes:



Hello Everyone

October arrived with sunshine followed by gale force winds and rain, more sunshine and ended with mist. It certainly now feels very autumnal and November has arrived.

Driving through the New Forest at this time of year is a delight with all the trees changing colour.

I would like to thank Julie and Malc for their write up on the October mid monthly. My thanks also go to the France 26 team for their Mountains and Memories article.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and remember to make a note in your 2027 diaries of the events listed below.

Yvonne

Club Regalia



Secretary's Scribbles:

🍂 Welcome to November

November brings a noticeable change in the seasons. With the clocks now having gone back, the days feel shorter and darkness arrives much earlier. Cooler mornings and vibrant autumn colours are a gentle reminder that winter is just around the corner.

🗓️ November Mid-Month Event

Please note that our November mid-month event has been moved to lunchtime.

If you enjoy our evening gatherings, don't worry, as our December event will continue to take place in the evening. Further details will be announced shortly.

🎄 Christmas Party & Prize Giving

Thank you to Jane and Paul, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to get our Christmas Party and Prize Giving event organised.

I'm delighted to report that attendance numbers are up this year, which is fantastic news for the club. It promises to be a great occasion, and I know I am certainly looking forward to celebrating with everyone.

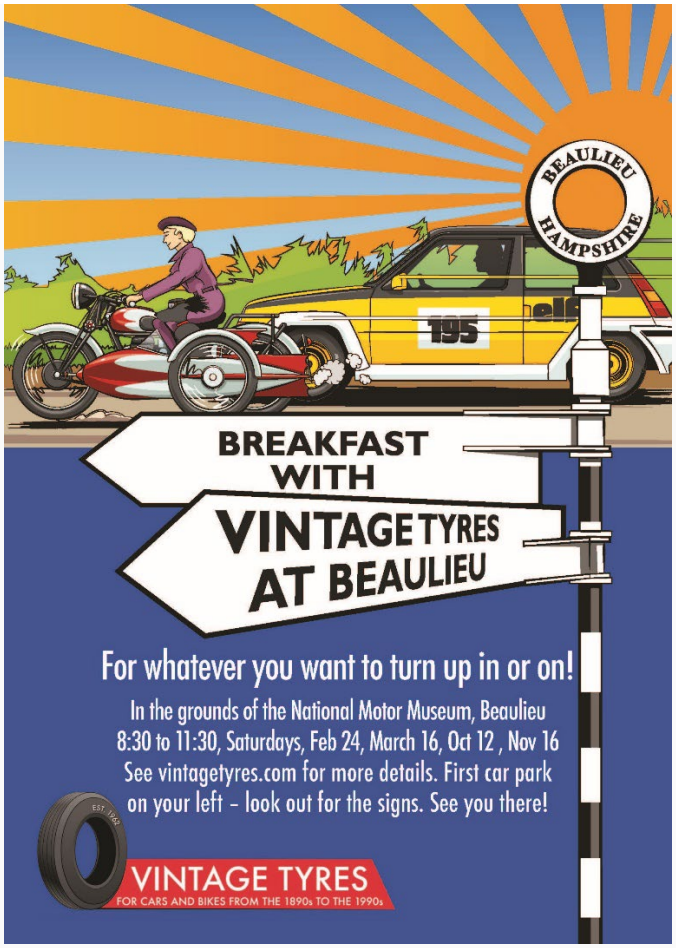
📢 Looking Ahead

Before we get to the festive celebrations, we still have a couple of exciting events taking place during November.

Please take a moment to read through the details included in this newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Fiona

Join Vintage Tyres at Beaulieu for breakfast on Saturday, November 16



Join us for breakfast at Vintage Tyres' Beaulieu base in your car, bike, camper, truck, tank or traction engine. Any vehicle of any age is welcome – if you love it bring it.

The format is really simple. We take over the first car park on the left as you enter the grounds of the National Motor Museum - just look out for the signs.

Park up, chat to like-minded enthusiasts, leave when you like.

After several members went to the Heli and Horsepower event at Stoneham, Jay has now sent this invitation to our club

Next summer we are bringing The Sandown Motor Show to Sandown Park Racecourse in Esher on Saturday 19 June 2027, the day before Father's Day, featuring an indoor hall, a feature lawn, a live arena, a main stage and a VIP terrace. We are expecting thousands of visitors throughout the day:

https://www.dailydrivenevents.com/the-sandown-motor-show

I know Esher is a longer run for you than the airbase, so it may suit a club day out.

The crowd will be the right one: the petrolheads and those who follow Daily Driven from show to show, collectors and owners from one of the wealthiest parts of the country, and families making a day of it. It is a good day to find new members as well as to show the cars.

We would love Southampton & New Forest MG Owners Club to be part of it, and there are a few ways that could work:

A club display. Space for members' cars, kept together, at no cost to the club or its members.

Lunch and the awards. Every display owner is invited to lunch on the day, and there are show awards judged across the classes, including one voted for by our VIP guests.

And if a full club display is more than you can commit to, even a handful of members' cars would be very welcome.

A quick reminder of what we do, in case it is useful to pass on. Daily Driven is part of Lahat Creative, our marketing, PR and events agency:

Best wishes,

Jay

Lancaster Insurance - UK's biggest indoor car show!

Birmingham's NEC, 13-15 November 2026

Over 3,000 classics, 320 clubs, live stages, the UK's biggest indoor autojumble and 500 cars going under the hammer. November can't come soon enough.

Use our club code **CCMGCARN6** at checkout to unlock the club exclusive £4 off adult tickets or £2 off family, child & multi-day tickets. www.necclassicmotorshow.com

We hope to see you there!!

Find Us on Stand **5-762**

2026 Opening Times

Friday 13 November: 10am – 6.00pm, Saturday 14 November: 9am – 6.00pm
Sunday 15 November: 9am – 5.00pm

https://www.necclassicmotorshow.com/ticket-information



A few events for 2027 – please see their Club websites for further information

Charnwood Caper – The North Leicester MG Club

2 May 2027

A fantastic day out. Starting at the Great Central Railway, Enjoy a Museum visit or canal boat experience, Raffle with prizes to be won. Limited to 70 cars.

Rose of the Shires – Northants MGOC

9 May 2027

Classic car charity run, Supporting Our Local Air Ambulance. Start from Wellingborough Rugby Club. Finish Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens

Ratae Run – South Leicestershire MGOC

13 June 2027



Annual run organised by the South Leicestershire MG Club of approximately 80mmiles round beautiful country side open to any classic car.

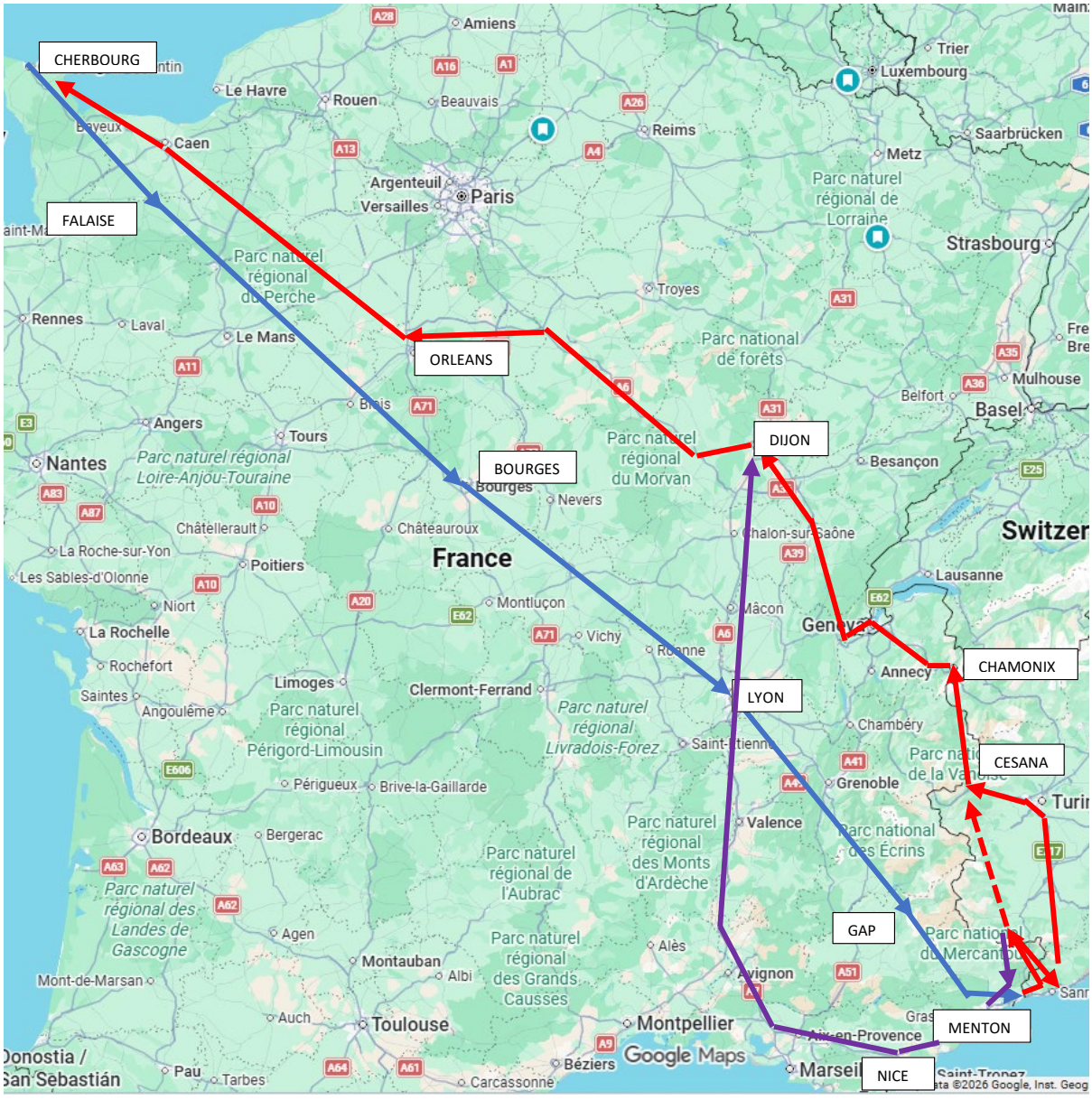






Mountains and Memories.

Club members trip to the South of France. Two years in the planning but no planning could have prepared us for events that we encountered on our trip to Menton in September.



LEGEND

- Outbound Route.
- Homeward Route.
- Adam and Karens Revised Route.
- Planned Route (Up to road closure then back down to coast).

When undertaking a trip such as this you make preparation to ensure that your vehicle is in aa a good condition as possible by servicing and by any necessary remedial works prior to departure. You can only control the controllables, unfortunately sometimes the un-controllables happen!

Setting off on Friday 4th September from Poole on the legendary ferry Barfleur we arrived in Cherbourg around 2pm. With around 100 miles to our first overnight stop in **Falaise** necessitated us to endure the French motorway system. We arrived in good spirit and time at Hotel Les Promentariès and enjoyed a lovely meal in the town. The next morning, we awoke to brilliant sunshine and had a superb breakfast on the terrace of the hotel before setting of to **Bourges** for our next stop.

On-route we enjoyed fresh baguettes filled with ham and or cheese (or both) courtesy of Hotel Les Promentariès. A lunchtime drink-stop at Vendome and on our way again towards Hotel Le Noir Lac in Bourges.



Drink stop in Vendome.

The countryside in northern France can be uninspiring but the chosen "D" roads allowed us to make excellent progress and we arrived at the hotel late afternoon and in plenty of time to enjoy a drink outside by the pool before sitting down for our evening meal.

The hotel Le Noir Lac exceeded my expectations as choice was limited In the **Bourges** region the service there was probably one of the best on Our trip. Our next stop was Lyon. The weather continued to be hot and by the time we arrived in Billy for our lunch stop the temperatures were in the mid 30's C. Billy, is a delightful medieval town with a castle and on the day, we arrived a busy Brocantè (street market). Our next hotel was once a convent and provided excellent accommodation. We had two nights here and a free day to explore **Lyon** city centre.



Girls night out


Enjoying the sights of Lyon.


Dining at Les Fourviere hotel

After leaving **Lyon** we were now heading for **Gap**, the weather continued to be extremely kind to us as we headed further south towards the French Alps. We arrived in **Gap**, again during the rush hour which caused problems for the lead car (Nugget) but we managed to get to the eventually for our overnight stop.

The next morning the rain arrived briefly and also some cases of overnight sickness. Karen and Fiona spent the previous evening on the bathroom floor and surfaced after missing breakfast for our last outbound leg towards **Menton**. The route south of Barcelonnette became demanding to say the least. A single track road which crossed over the mountains, strewn with small rocks, angry motorcyclists and very narrow bridges.

We continued to climb, negotiating a course with sheer drops on either side, oncoming flocks of bikers and no time to enjoy the view as you had to keep your wits about you at all times. On reaching the summit we stopped to allow a natural comfort breaks courtesy of the local flora and to give Fiona and Karen time to recuperate. At this stop I felt absolutely fine and began the descent down the mountain. At a comfort stop in the valley below I had never felt so ill. My condition had seriously deteriorated in about 30 minutes. On reaching the hotel I didn't have the strength to carry luggage up the stairs to reception. Thank you, Adam!



The D902 south of Barcelonnette. A single track road over the mountains.

By this time, I was in no state to drive and handed this role over to Niki. She then had to negotiate the city of Nice, the outskirts of Monaco and **Menton** with absolutely no assistance from me. Adam and Karen took the lead and guided us to our hotel in **Menton**. On arrival I only had the strength to have a shower and get into bed, the time 6pm. The next morning and feeling a lot better and we all explored the delights of **Menton**.

Having four days with no driving and cars safely deposited in the hotels car park we took trips to Nice and







Monte Carlo using the train service and a bus trip to St Agnes hilltop village. We all had lots of free time to just do as we wished, meeting up in the evenings to eat.

The day we left **Menton**, little did we realise the events that were to unfold. Again, the weather continued to be hot and sunny as we crossed the French/Italian border and entering Ventimiglia before heading north towards **Cesana Torinese** on the SS20.

After around 40 miles or so, a call was made by Karen that they were encountering problems with their car. We pulled off the road and tried to ascertain what the issue was. A few hours were spent investigating, Neil was beginning to feel ill and needed to be heading to our next stop. It was decided that Fiona, Yvonne, Neil and Ros in their two cars would leave us and Niki and myself were to stay with Karen and Adam.

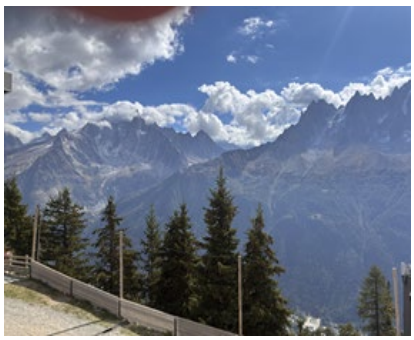
Assistance had been called and we were waiting for their arrival. After two hours or so, it was obvious that it was pointless Niki and I remaining with them so we left to join the others. Turning Nugget around and waving goodbye to the stranded couple was extremely difficult. Due to a road closure on our intended route we had to turn back towards Ventimiglia and follow the road along the coast to Imperia then turning north towards Ceva and Turin. More by luck than design we managed to meet up with the other two cars at a service station on the A55 near Piscina. By this time, it was getting dark.

We arrived at our hotel in **Cesana Torinese** at 10.30. There were no staff on duty and we had to negotiate the ramp from the car park to the hotel in total darkness carrying luggage, fortunately, before leaving Menton I acquired a 1 litre bottle of Jim Beam which was promptly handed about before bedtime.

The situation with Karen and Adam was we found out the next day was that they were collected some 4 hours after we had left them on the roadside, only to be taken back to Menton whilst their car was transported on to the garage in Nice.

The next morning after breakfast we loaded up the cars and left Cesana heading towards Chamonix. We received a message from Karen that their petrol pump had failed and that they were to remain in Menton awaiting the pump. We arrived in Chamonix and enjoyed the town and wonderful mountain scenery but there was a despondency surrounding the depleted group as a result of the previous days issues.





Views of Chamonix

On the morning of our departure from **Chamonix**, at breakfast, Yvonne collapsed and the emergency services were called to deal with her and then took her along with Fiona to the hospital in Passy, some 25 miles away. After an hour or so she was released and Neil and I went to collect them both. Thankfully, Yvonne although still groggy was allowed to continue.

At breakfast we had received a message from Karen to say that their car had been repaired and they were leaving to meet us at the next stop in **Dijon**. This lifted our spirits no end as we set off. On the way to **Dijon** we stopped for lunch in a delightful village of Vèzelay. The weather continued to be kind to us as it had all week and after parking in the hotel car park and carrying cases to reception Adam and Karen arrived as on queue after driving non-stop for over 10 hours to catch us up.

We were overjoyed to be re-united again and the disappointment that we all had endured that day on the side of the road were put to one side. One sad aside was that Karen had chosen the hotels in both **Cesana Torinese** and C**hamonix** they never got to see. The hotel Heliopic in **Chamonix** was possibly the best hotel of our holiday. Thank you for choosing this one Karen – so sorry that you both never got to enjoy it.



Relaxing by the River Loire



Orleans Cathedral



Joan of Arc Statue

After leaving **Dijon** we set off for our last stop, **Orleans**. On our free day after breakfast we took a stroll along the river Loire before we took the train into the city centre and enjoyed a wonderful day wandering around and visiting the cathedral and shops and enjoying the un-ending sunshine.

The last day in **Orleans** presented a long drive back to **Cherbourg** and the ferry home. We had been away for 17 days, covering over 2000 miles we had had such a wonderful time. Of course, there were issues, we had illness and a breakdown, a few cock-ups with routes and mis-directions. Having completed this, our third European road trip it was inevitable that things were going to happen, you cannot plan for everything.

However, what we did plan was a tremendous success. Everyone had a super time, (not sure Karen and Adam would agree, certainly after waiting for the pick-up truck for 7½ hours and then being taken back to **Menton**!)



Thank you all for making such a memorable trip possible, for all you hard work and the laughs that we all had throughout our journey to and from the glorious South of France. Eventful and Unforgettable!

October Mid-Month meeting at the New Forest, Ashurst
Julie and Malc

Malc and I had volunteered to arrange the October mid-month meeting and decided that we would use the New Forest in Ashurst which had worked well the previous year – plenty of parking and space in the pub, and food served too.

It was a damp evening but nothing out of the ordinary, so we were surprised – and a bit disappointed - that only 13 people were there, including us! Seven members had let us in advance know that they wouldn't be able to come along.

The waitress looked after us very well and if you look on their website there are two photos of us all. It was a shame there were so few there, but at least we could get to talk to everyone easily!



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