



# May 2023 Edition



Next meeting May 2nd.

Can you spot the Treasurer !! (hiding on front page)

Car parts to sell.

Messages from around the club.

What went on in April

2023 Dates for your diary.

Who's who.



# What happened in April

Pork pie Run April 2nd



Starting at White Horse for 09.30, we had all the cars at the starting point but unfortunately roofs were up! It was a cold, cloudy day but promising to get better as the day went on. Tulip guide at the ready, off we go, lovely drive through the countryside towards Melton Mowbray town centre. Cars all neatly parked, time to hit the shops and sample the pork pies. Our chairman was sadly missed due to illness.



Come on lads get a shift on, its only a little hill. Puddle on the left Stan, don't want to get my feet wet!!



Any further ideas you might have or you would like to achieve during 2023, let the events team know and I am sure they will point you in the right direction...

# What happened in April.

## MG visit to Taylors Bell foundry April 6th

Do you know when the first bells appeared? We were surprised to discover that the earliest type of bells were ceramic bells in the year 3,000 BC and usually made on site. The pottery bells later developed into metal bells. Itinerants and monks rang bells to notify people of happenings and as warnings. Bell metal consists of 72% copper and 28% tin. Metal was saved up and used in the location, hence the names of 'Bell Lane' etc appeared in towns and villages. The desire from Churches for bigger bells, and the improvement in transport and railways enabled this to happen. Churches wanted bells to be cast in the Parish. This led to Robert Taylor starting Taylor's bellfoundry in the 1780's. With his two sons William and John, the bellfoundry was brought to Loughborough in 1839 to cast and rehang the bells of All Saint's Church. There was a demand for more bells and bigger bells. In 1881, the bell for St Paul's Cathedral in London, Great Paul was made in Loughborough, weighing 17 tons. Nowadays much smaller bells are cast.



We started the tour in the Casting hall where the inner and outer moulds are made using a mixture made from clay, sand and horse manure called loam. The outer mould case is turned on its side for decoration and features the maker's mark, date and other wording chosen by the customer. Now 1-to-2-ton bells are popular. Damaged bells can also be broken up, remade with mould to make a copy of the original bell. Both moulds are dried in an oven before being assembled on the baseplate. Our guide Tony Croft stressed the importance of the drying process as moisture is dangerous and can cause the bells to explode. The two moulds are bolted together and buried in the sandpit before casting as this allows the cast metal to cool more slowly than it would above ground. The alloy of tin and copper is melted in an oil fire furnace at a temperature of 1200 degrees C. It is stirred up with a willow pole, the cyclic acid of the Salix works well with the metal and gives an even mixture. The metal is poured into a large ladle then run quickly into the mould so that the metal does not cool. The bell is allowed to cool for a week, taken out of the pit and mounted on a girder. The outer mould casing is lifted off to reveal the bell before the inner mould is broken out using a crowbar. The bell is taken across to the works, to be tuned, fettled and assembled.

Our group then moved from the viewing tower to the Works. Here we were able to see The Covered Yard where a variety of bells were awaiting different processes. Restoring and conserving old bells forms an important part of the business, and with generations of experience Taylor's can claim to be experts in this field.

The Work's floor, made of oak is a kinder material as bells can easily be damaged. We were able to see a model of a bell set up within a frame with the wheel, the headstock, the housing and the clapper. Taylor's make a unique shaped bell which produces a good sound compared to their competitors. In the Woodwork shop we were able to see how the individual wheels were made using steamed sapele for the outer rim and ash for the spokes. Gantries within the Works, and small rail tracks enable the bells to be moved from one area to another. In the Tuning shop we were able to see multiple drawers containing different tuning forks. Taylors cast thick and then take metal out. Machinery is available to remove metal from the bell to make the sound accurate. Individual bells have to sound right with other bells. Taylor's perfected their five tone principle of bell tuning in 1896, producing purity and sweetness of tone and allowing bells to sound with full and rich mel-



lowness. Taylor's offer different apprenticeships, learning the crafts needed in all their workshops. It was a very interesting tour and our guide Tony, himself a bell captain in a local village was an expert on bells and a font of knowledge, answering many questions.

Bob and Marrion.



# What happened in April.

## Urban Chef run April 12th



Cars all aligned at Morrison's carpark, very windy and wet so those of us who ventured out in our MG's decided to keep the roofs up. Shirley very kindly handed out little knitted chicks of all different colours and inside a Cadburys cream egg! mmm. Kept us going until we arrived at our end venue. Thanks Shirley.



Tulip guide handed out and we all set off.

A lovely drive through some beautiful countryside and the weather got better the further we went.



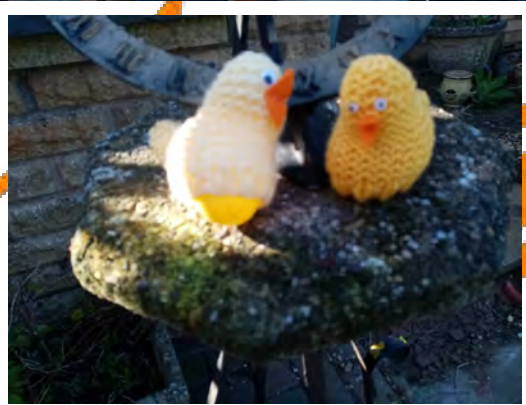
The venue was a very nice Fish and Chip restaurant on the edge of Burton on Trent.

All seated and menus handed out, drinks orders taken which included a choice of wine (red or white)!

Most of us opted for the fish and chips, with either gravy, mushy peas or curry sauce. Delicious.

A couple of members amazingly also found room for a pudding!

Great evening out thanks to Derek and Val.



# What happened in April.

**Kimber Run - 16 April 2023**

Leading up to the run we had been watching the daily weather forecasts, hoping and praying that we would have a dry, sunny day. As the days went by the forecast deteriorated and the day itself turned out to be overcast, dull, but fortunately dry (mostly).

We left home for Moira Furnace (where the run started and finished) about 8:45 am and arrived about 9:30 am. Having parked and checked in we then queued for about 20 minutes to get our coffee and breakfast cob.

We then bumped into Pete and Su Martin and Alan Heeley and his son and stood talking to them for a while before leaving for the run with the hood still up.

There was no flagging off, people just got in their cars and left whenever they wanted to (this seems to be becoming the norm these days).

The route was 73 miles long with no coffee stop. We managed 34 miles before we went wrong and missed a turning. As we went down the road several MGs passed us coming the other way so we were pleased that we weren't the only ones. We never did pick up the route again, we stopped at a pub to use the toilet (Note for Colin and Stan: it's open again so no more free paintings) and then used the Satnav to get back to Moira Furnace.

Moira Furnace is ok but there really isn't much there: a small museum, a cafe, and a shop. It is at the side of the canal so you can have a boat ride. We had taken a picnic and after eating it we wandered around, looking at cars and the museum, before leaving for home about 3:00 pm.

Overall a disappointing day but I can't help thinking that had the sun come out and the hood gone down we would have looked at it differently.

Stuart and Linda.



# Picture Gallery



some famous  
and some not  
so famous



Just because he is on Baker street ...he  
thinks he is Sherlock Homes.

If you have any photos you would like to see and share ,please send them in to me.

Thanks to Steve for sending these in.

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An aerial photograph of Rockingham Castle, a large stone building complex with multiple towers and a central courtyard. The castle is surrounded by lush green trees and rolling hills. A flag is visible on a tall pole to the right of the main building. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**The South Leicester MG Club**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2023 Ratae Run**  
**Rockingham Castle**  
**11 June 2023**

£30 per car per entry. All types of cars welcome.

Supporting local charities.

Includes bacon or sausage cob with tea or coffee at the start and tea or coffee at the half way point.

Visit [www.mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org) for entry forms.

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**MG : SOUTH LEICS. MG CLUB**

## Event Information Page

Meeting place ~ departure times

## Member event programme

All you need to know about up & coming events.  
Booking available in the comment section

## Club car of the month

A look at members & their cars within the club

## Your photos

Been taking photos of events & shows you have attended, Then send them into the clubs facebook page and we will show the best.

# Events Programme & Information

Event No	Date	Information	Cost
	May		
	Tuesday 2nd	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
	Sunday 7th	North Leicester MG Club, Charnwood Caper Classic & Sports Car Run. <b>Self entry</b>	£28 per Car
8	Thursday 11th	The Great British Car Journey. You are going on a journey which starts in the early 1920s, when the working family could only dream of owning a car. The journey ends as we venture into the new millennium and most of Britain's great car. Ambergate, Derbyshire DE56 2HE	Adult £16 Senior £14
9	Sunday 14th	Shedshed Windmill open day. 11.30am-4.30pm Restored Watermill with tea room & Blacksmith Workshop.	£3.00per car
10	Sunday 21st	Lutterworth Rotary Club is now gearing up to stage its annual Plant, Craft and Food Fair at Misterton Hall on Sunday 21st May. As well as our Plant, Craft and Food stalls we will have musical entertainment as well.	£5.00 per car
11	Sunday 21st	Rutland Showground will host its third Classic Wheels' event on Sunday 21st May 2023. If, like us, you can't wait to get out and about in your pride and joy – take a ride out to Rutland this spring for an unforgettable day of motoring. More than 1000 classic vehicles were on display in 2022 alongside Autojumble stands, Food & Craft stalls, Live music. <b>Self Entry</b>	£10 per car.
12	Saturday 27th	100 years of MG Motoring, this promises to be a very special day! at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon on 27th May. Vehicle Exhibitor. Display your MG vehicle at this event. Includes Museum entry for the driver on the day. £10.00. Additional passenger (Adult) if you're bringing any passengers in your vehicle. Museum entry for one day. £10.00. <b>Self Entry</b>	£10-£20 per car.
	June		

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13	Sunday 4th	Stony Stratford Classic Car & Festival. The Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival – now known as ‘Classic Stony’, has grown in stature over the years and now attracts an incredibly varied display of vehicles from concourse to ‘well used’The event runs from 9:30am until 4.00pm. Spectators are free, All cars taking part must be 25years or earlier.	From £5.00 to £10.00 per car.
	Sunday 4th	Back by popular demand, "Cars in Strawberry Park" returns for another triumphant year! Come along and take a stroll through Strawberry Park to enjoy a wide variety of interesting vehicles of all ages on display, from classic cars over 50 years old to brand new super cars. Vehicles display plus 2 occupants. £5	£5.00 per car
	Tuesday 6th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
14	Sunday 11th	25th Anniversary 2023 Rate Run Rockingham Castle, This is the clubs main fund raising event, Local charity also befit.	£30.00 per car
15	Sunday 18th	Ashby Magna Vinage Rally. The weekend has all manner of attractions, The weekend has all manner of attractions, from tractor displays, vintage & classic cars, lorries, full scale & miniature steam engines, fly fishing, working dogs, re-enactments,There's plenty to see and do for all ages, including a small fair, trade stalls and our craft tent.We will be having a display of our cars, so come along for a fabulous day.	
16	Mon-Fri 26th-30th	Our annual Holiday to Warners Holme Lacy House, Hereford. See poster at club meeting.	Full
	Sunday 25th	Sibbertoft Manor Nursing Home Fate. Market Harborough. Leicestershire.We were delighted to attend last year's garden fete where we had tea, coffee and cake. Please help us to help there event. 2pm-4.00pm	
	July		
17	Sat-Sun 1st-2nd	Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show. HSHHS was started in 1986 by Allen Eaton in response to a request for a donation from the Warden of Hollowell Chuch for repairs to the roof. Over the years it grew from the first rally which had 233 exhibits (and raised £8090) and was on an 11 acre site including car park to almost 100 acres of family entertainment.Very popular event within the club, We usually go on Sunday.	TBC

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	Tuesday 4th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
18	Thursday 6th	Bob & Marian Afternoon tea run. See notice board for more details.	TBA
	Sunday 16th	Cotswold, gathering. Classic motor show and fate. A ride to Shipton Oliffe sports field in the Cotswolds, its a bit like Misterton Garden, Craft & Food fair.	£3
19	Thursday 20th	John & Glen Evening run. Details to follow.	
	<b>August</b>		
	Tuesday 1st	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
	Wed 2nd	Derek & val Cotswold coffee & cake run. A run down to the beautiful Cotswolds, sit and look at the beautiful landscape having a cup of tea or coffee and a lovely piece of cake. Maybe other MG's to look at as well.	
20	Saturday 5th	Glen Parva	
21	Sunday 6th	A trip to Peter Stevenson home in Pailton, Rugby. Where you will be able to have a picnic and rides on mini trains with a track covering 1 mile long and has its on station. Also in the lake have a ride on his steam boat, Ice cream available. All Peter asks for is a donation to his charity, The air ambulance.	Free
22	Thursday 10th	Stuart & Linda Rutland Water Run. Very popular event in the club, with a short run to our end venue where we all enjoy our picnic. Then continuing the French theme we have pétanque and Boules so wear your berry and a string of onions round your neck.	Car park charge
	Sunday 13th	The Leicestershire Motor Pageant will be held on the 12th & 13th August 2023 at the Leicestershire Showground, Market Harborough, LE16 7WB.	£10
23	Sunday 20th	Marston Steam & Vintage show. Marston Trussell, Market Harborough, LE16 9TU. New event for the club its a 2 day event but we will be going on Sunday.	Free
	<b>September</b>		
	Tuesday 5th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	

Event No	Date	Information	Cost
24	Sunday 10th	South Leicester MG Club anniversary run. More details coming soon.	
25	Sunday 17th	The Hinckley BID's hugely popular Motorshow returns for its 12th year! Hundreds of vehicle owners from all over the Midlands and beyond filled Hinckley town centre and Argents Mead are expected to show off their beautiful and carefully restored machines to a crowd of several thousand people.	
26	Sat-Sun 23rd-24th	Sywell Classics, Piston & Props, Sywell Aerodrome. Very popular event within the club. Combining historic racers, hot rods and motorbikes with classic planes and vintage music to create a fantastic two-day event, celebrating classic motoring on the ground and in the air.	£5.00 per day
	October		
	Tuesday 3rd	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
	November		
	Tuesday 7th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
	December		
	Tuesday 5th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	

# Events & Shows



The Barn  
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Classic car meet  
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11.30am

Dates

May 28th

June 25th

July 23rd

August 27th

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

December 24th

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April 29th  
May 7th (Coronation Weekend)  
June 4th  
July 2nd  
August 19th  
September 3rd  
October 1st  
November 5th

All dates are weather permitting

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# Needed Urgently

We urgently need prizes for the 2023 Ratae raffle. This can be anything from bottles, toiletries, confectionary or any unwanted gifts.

We can also accept gifts in the form of a pledge for services etc. (meal out, free MOT, vouchers etc.)

All donations will be gratefully accepted to help us raise money for this years chosen charity, which is the Sue Young cancer support in Leicester.

If you could bring your items to any of our meetings, that would be most appreciated. Many Thanks.



**prizes!**

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## South Leicester Monthly Meetings

Membership open to all, so why not come along and meet like-minded people and enjoy the magic of the marque.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the White Horse Inn, Station Road, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire. Family membership is £10.00 p/a, payable in January. For further details contact the Secretary.

Meetings are held from 7.30pm with members forum 8pm.