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Any parts or bits you might have lying around and would like to sell.

Cars, spares, etc.



#### Rules.

Its between the seller and buyer only. The club holds no responsibility for anything sold through the Torque magazine.

Item	Description	Cost	Contact
Discs	MGTF rear discs set. Still boxed	£20	Graham Poole 07763084294
Rear lights	MGTF rear lights, left and right complete.	£10	Graham Poole. 07763084294

1996 MGF FOR SALE, 85667 miles, new mot, fully roadworthy.

I am offering for sale my 1996 flame red MGF, which has been virtually rebuilt mechnically, but needs to go to a new lucky owner, to make room for my MGTF project.

I bought it as a restoration project, now completed, having had all the difficult bits done, mainly by a local professional mechanic.

The engine had to be replaced due to a blown head gasket and bore scoring, and a replacement engine and gearbox were found with only 48k miles. So the necessary renovation and replacement work was carried out as listed below:

New 3 layer head gasket, cam belt, new alternator and water pump, drive belt.

Engine sub-frame found to be sound, so cleaned and hammerite coating applied.

All cooling hoses replaced, including the two stainless steel underbody pipes, and a new radiator fitted. New oil, petrol, air filters.

The braking system was overhauled, new pipes fitted where required, brake calipers serviced, new pads fitted.
Suspension refilled and re-pressured. Clutch and gearbox found to be sound.

All together, everything has been checked, and replaced as required. The bodywork retains its gloss finish in original blaze red, with a small smattering of small chips, due to age. No major rust repairs were required. The engine is very quiet, maintains temperature, and really flies!

Some cosmetic work has been done, i.e hood renovation, new carpets, modern radio. FSH and lorge bill file available.

The asking price is £3,250 ono . Contact me on 07802 449822, or m.tomkinson989@btinternet.com





## Marshals at the overflow carpark. (John and Glenis)

What a lovely, warm summer day for hanging around on a street corner. John and I were collecting MGs coming from the east to the start at the White Horse.

They came at us from the sun, so one or two slipped past us, but we managed to corral enough in our car park to ease pressure on the pub car park.



The speed humps are a bit vicious but only one car almost came to grief when he took this first hump at take off speed. The landing was audible but no damage done.

John and Glenis.

## Nice message received ...

We drove the Ratae Run today for the first time and would like to thank, and congratulate you and your team on an excellent and enjoyable day.

The start point was perfect apart from our spirited drive, for us, from the Rockingham Forest Hotel, just round the corner from the finishing point.

The route was outstanding and we thoroughly enjoyed your almost traffic free country roads in your area. Nothing like we are used to in Berkshire.

The garden centre was amazing where we broke for lunch, and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Rockingham Castle.

Well done everyone and we may well be back next year.

Regards

Ian and Sue Deverall.









### Our Visit to the Car Museum May 11th 2023.

GREAT BRITISH CAR JOURNEY MUSEUM: VISIT on MAY 11TH 2023 LOCATION; unit 4, Derwent Works, Ambergate, Derbyshire, DE56 2HE.

Four of us met up at my place, on a drizzly morning, with Mel and Dave in Mels MGB, and myself (Mike) with Keith in his MGTF. Our SatNavs were primed, and off we went to hopefully, sunny Derbyshire. We were going well, until we approached the outskirts of Derby, when Aunty SatNav got us a bit confused and directed us off the main route, causing us the double back on ourselves!but we followed the road signs away from dusty Derby, and the scenery soon became much more rural, as we headed down into the lovely Amber Valley, where the museum was located, just off the A6 at Ambergate. The museum looked like a large aircraft hanger, its previous use being a wire mill repair facility. The giant overhead gantry cranes were still there! There was plenty of space in the large car park, so we parked up and trooped in to Reception. We were greeted by a charming lady, who relieved us of £15 each, in exchange for access to the exhibits, some 130 vehicles providing an insight into Britains motoring past. A guided tour was available in the shape of an inter- active tablet and headphones that gave the background and history of each vehicle on display. A sample of production cars from the last 50 years, were laid out according to make, and all four of us had fond memories of driving their family saloon to the seaside in years gone by. A couple of hours were spent walking around, chatting to each other and telling war stories as we came upon an example of a model we had once owned.

The tour ended with a visit to "The Filling Station" for a Burger and Chips, etc. A display of items for sale included a selection mugs depicting many of the cars on display, so I chose an Austin Healey 100, my first sports car I bought for pennies in 1965. I wish I still had it!

So, lots more photos to add to my collection of old classics, my favourite, of course, being my first 1966 mgb roadster.....so, another trip down Memory Lane.

#### MIKE TOMKINSON



# OCTAGON

27th May 2023





I am pleased to welcome MG Owners from all the MG Clubs who have jointly arranged a celebratory day of events for everyone.

For those participants who are supporting the four scenic road runs starting from Abingdon, Longbridge, Swindon and Broughton Astley, I trust you will thoroughly enjoy driving your MG on these amazing routes, which is what owning these special cars is all about. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have spent many hours of their time to put these runs together and marshal the start points and I look forward to seeing you all at Gaydon for what promises to be a fantastic day out in the company of like minded enthusiasts.

#### Richard Monk

General Manager



I hape you have fun driving on the road runs and I look forward to the chance to meet as many of you as possible at Gaydon. Cecil

Kimber would I am sure be proud to see so many examples of the brand he started being enjoyed one hundred years later. For those of you starting your run today in Abingdon you are only a short distance from the site of the famous factory that produced MGs for fifty years from 1929. If you are driving a car from this period it is interesting to note that it would have been driven over some of the roads you will be using at the start of the run because MG road tested every car before it was delivered to the dealership.

John Day President



100 years of MG, what a milestonel Today we shall all

be part of an incredible day celebrating Cecil Kimber's efforts with the MG Car Company, all those years ago. You are participating in one of the four road runs to Gaydon, starting from the home of the South Leicestershire MG Owners Club, the White Horse Inn. the traditional start point for their hugely successful 'Ratae Run'. You will have a leisurely drive to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon along some lovely lanes, enjoy the last few miles as you traverse Burton

Dassett Country Park with its splendid views across Warwickshire. When you get to the museum, make the most of the show and displays, and have a really good look around the museum and collection centre. there are 29 various MG cars on display, from Old Number 1, to the record breaking cars, right up to a MG Metro 6R4 rally car, From the five MG clubs organising todays event have a great day out and travel 'Safety Fast'.

Brian Rainbow Chairman



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celebrating Cecil Kimber's efforts with the MG Car Company Ltd, all those years ago. Whether you are participating in one of the road runs to Gaydon, or joining the Timeline of 100 examples of what MG produced over the years from the earliest Bullnose cars to the latest offerings, you are sure to have a fabulous day out enjoying your own special MG. The Early MG Society would like to welcome you, together with all the other participating MG Clubs, to a day of celebration. a one-off opportunity to see examples of virtually every MG produced, in one place, at the same time! Don't forget to visit The MG record breakers on display too. We wish you a 'Safety Fast' journey to Gaydon!

Geoff Radford Chairman



Welcome to the MG Centenary Road runs. It is indeed fitting that the Arkell's Run should start from

the Brewery as John Oliver Arkell, to whom Cecil Kimber sold the yellow and black Raworth-bodied Super Sports for £300, was a Director of Arkell's which became a Private Limited Company in 1927. All the more so, for the Run takes in Highworth where the carwas delivered to the family home at Redlands Court in August 1923. We have devised a wonderful route through the glorious Cotswolds for you. Enjoy the Run and we'll see you at Gaydon!

John James The MG 'T' Society

## A message from Bronwen.

Hi

Hope you are all well.

Just wanted to share with you the video of Alex on the beach at Cromer. Alex was able to do this on his own for the first time now he has his superb wide sand wheels.

The wheels were engineered to fit on to his walking frame and are interchangeable with his normal wheels (his normal wheels cannot be used on the beach because they are to thin and the sand and salt jam the ball bearing race that is in them)

The new extra wide sand wheels are resistant to the sea and sand. To able bodied people going on the beach is normal to a disabled person it is almost impossible without help or special equipment.

The sand wheels where due to the great work done by one of the REMAP engineers, whom I met when we did the cheque handover to their charity.

Through the Ratae and Remap a young man is now feeling far more included and able to enjoy what most people take for granted.

Bronwen.

Well, what a great message from Bronwen! It's nice to know that all the hard work and organisation that goes into the annual Ratae event can help change lives.

You will be able to see the video Bronwen sent at the next MG meeting in July.

Regards,

Graham.

Torque editor.

## MG Centenary 1923 to 2023 OCTAGON Road Run

27th May 2023.

Thanks to marshals and ladies who helped at the start, The White Horse at Broughton Astley.

The MG car owners who participated came from far and wide. The furthest travelled entrant came from Germany, Mr Christopher Kolb, winning a prize at the end venue, British Motor Museum, Gaydon.

Also we had people from Wales, Yorkshire, Nottingham, Rugby to name a few.

Approximately 2,000 cars attended the event on a glorious sunny day.

It was great to see the new MG Cyberster on show in the museum.

Also we were honored to watch the Spitfire fly over many times.

The sixties girl singers gave us an enjoyable show.

One gentlemen, came to us at Gaydon to say what a warm welcome our club, South Leicester MG Club, gave them at the start.

A thank you was very much appreciated.

Also on the front cover of the tulip guide was a paragraph by Brian Rainbow, Chairman of the MG Octagon Club, which also gave our club a great mention regarding our yearly Ratae Run. This year will be our 25th Run.







### Steve and Bev's trip to Ulster Transport Museum.

#### **Ulster Transport Museum**

This year we decided to take a trip across the water to Northern Ireland, staying in Bangor in the beautiful area of County Down.

Whilst there we visitis sometimes the ven-Years'.

We were in Northern the Classic Rover Club for the visit to the mu-

The museum is quite tractors to locos. The being the heaviest of We 'cabbed' one or standing on the footthe Titanic being close cial vehicles, including



ing the Ulster Transport Museum which ue of the TV programme 'The Car

Ireland a few years ago meeting up with NI and we met up with three of them seum.

big with every mode of transport from main building is a multilevel, the bottom the transport – the railway locomotives. two! ('Cabbed'- trainspotting term for plate). One level was a display about to Belfast. Another level was commervans and emergency service vehicles.

A short walk away was another building which housed horse drawn carriages, bikes; motor and pedal. Seeing as Ireland is battered by the sea and sometimes big waves occur – it is a very popular place for surfing. So another mode of transport of sorts was mentioned in this display. Also of course the jet-ski (see photo!)



#### The Strawberry Park event at Statfold Barn

Five cars left Elmesthorpe Village Hall car park at 9:00 am following a route that I had prepared from route planning software. All went well until we got to Austrey where it went awry. We went through the village twice (it is a very nice village), but with the help of Tomtom we got back on track and reached Statfold at 9:45 am (the last time for entry).

The weather was excellent and we all set up our chairs and tables and then wandered around. Surprisingly the cafe was closed - why would you organise a classic car event and not open the cafe?

The narrow gauge museum was open and is well worth a visit, with some very impressive engines and carriages on display. We also had a ride on the narrow gauge railway that runs around the grounds, and the mini railway which is on the opposite side of the estate. We bought a Morrison's cream tea and took a plastic three tier cake stand we got from Amazon. The cream tea was nice, but the cake stand looked as though it was about to collapse – a bit of a disaster.

However, the highlight of the day was again Mrs Dawson's lemon cake. It was a new recipe. I didn't think she could improve on the old one, but she has. It was delicious.

We left about 5:00 pm after a very nice day.

Statfold is the end venue for the 2024 Ratae Run and well worth a visit.

#### Stuart & Linda





#### **Ashby Magna**

We met at the White Horse at 8:45 am for the short journey to Ashby Magna. On arrival the cars were lined up in our display area and we put up the event shelter. We hadn't been to Ashby Magna before and it is a bit like a smaller version of Hollowell which we have been to a couple of times and enjoyed.

There are quite a number of stalls selling all sorts of things from clothes to tools – my favourite was the one that sold ice cream.

The weather was again kind to us and we spent the day wandering around looking at the different stalls, or just sitting and chatting. Derek and Val looked very smart in their new club clothing (we have a stock of caps available for purchase).

Mrs Dawson again excelled – this time with Nutty Topped Banana Bread and delicious biscuits. The only problem is we eat far to much. All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

I would encourage anyone who hasn't been to one of these events with us to your name down – I'm sure you will enjoy it.



#### Will it or won't it.

7 cars lined up at the White Horse car park to spend the day at this



years Ashby Magna
Vintage Rally.
Arriving at the
grounds around
9.15am we all parked
up, out came the tent
& poles onto the
grass, (anybody know
what to do with it we
all asked). Colin came
up trumps so we all
followed instructions.
Looking around there
was a big arena,
Where you could



watch Gun dog display, Lutterworth town band, Tractor display,

Motorcycle display, & much more. There were lots of Stalls from the Army, Steam traction engines,



Miniature steam engine rides, Land Rover. Tractors, Craft Market, Market Stalls. Fun Fair, Vintage & Classic cars. Shirley treated us with some lovely cakes, Graham & Ann sliced up Colin, a chocolate caterpillar cake, somehow enough for everyone.

Each car had a number to display so the public could vote

for their
favourite, the
winner
receiving a
trophy at the
end of each
day.
The time
came to
make a
decision, will
it or won't it
rain, the
clouds were



gathering so the decision was made, The tent came

down and then packed away in the cars. Sitting there in a round circle afterwards solving all the world problems. With a few spots of rain it was time to pack up and head for home. A really enjoyable day.

They will print the club Logo on anything we purchase at a cost of £5.00.





## facebook

## 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	
	June		
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 25 years or earlier.	Closed
	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	Closed
	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 Vintage 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.	Closed
16	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	Free
17	Mon-Fri 26th-30th	Our annual Holiday to Warners Holme Lacy House, Hereford. See poster at club meeting.	
	July		

Event No	Date	Information	Cost
	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.	
	August		
	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
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
	September		
*	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



Dates
May 28th
June 25th
July 23rd
August 27th
September 24th
October 22nd
November 26th
December 24th
Contact. Martin 01455554624 or
07748594567. Coalpit Lane.CV23









#### CAR CLUB NIGHTS

last Monday of the month from 5pm 29th May, 26th June, 31st July, 28th Aug Call Steve on 07860728945 to pre-book a display place for your classic car.

Hog Roast & Bar

Museum Open

Entry by donation to
Rainbows Hospice

Open to all



## Update on Events



First Size Steam | Vinish in Steam | Vinisge Tractics | Vinisge Displays | Classic Cars - Trade & Charly Stats | Craft - Beer Tert - Food | Arena Displays | Children's Firstsia & Stransinment - Live Music and much more!

#### Dear Member

I am bringing the Marston steam and vintage show taking place on Sunday, the 20th of August 2023 to your attention, we have to send the application forms back before the 2nd of June.

Can I ask you to email me at derek.everitt@me.com or text me on (07831) 390270, or give me a call if you would like to take part in this event.

Please do not leave it until the next club meeting as it will be to late.

Kind Regards

Derek



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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.