

November 2024

South Leicester MG Club

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South Leicester MG Club

Moving Forward in the 21st Century

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Club Logo



Flags and Banners

Ratae Logo



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

Cars, spares, etc.

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Rules.

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

When sold please tell me.

Item	Description	Cost	Contact
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WANTED	Set of HT Leads for MGTF	Negotiable	Graham 07763084294
Pleas	e feel free to bring any	small n	arts or
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DIts f	or sale along to the me	etings.	



We need your help to find a Local Charity for the 2025 Ratae run.

These are the ones from last year that we didn't use, but can be put forward for this year..

Gems.

Leicester Musical Memory Box

Broughton Astley Volunteer Group

Leicester Myeloma Patient Support (LMPS)

Blood Bikes

We need some more nominations , so please ask around , or do you know of any local charity that needs our help ? if so please contact any member of the club with any details you may have and we will do the rest.

Somebody out there needs our help

In October we took a few days on a short break. During that time we visiting the Haynes Motor Museum in Somerset. We have been a couple of times before but it is always worth visiting. John Haynes of course we all know from the many car manuals we have probably bought to tinker on our cars.

The collection of cars in the museum were bought by Mr Haynes over the years. Among the fab array of cars, there is a room called the Red Room and as the name suggests it is filled with many red sports cars, including some of our favourite MGs.

There is also an American section, a British section full of cars we all recognise and a Morris Garages display. William Morris being one of Mr Haynes idols.

If you watch YouTube, you may have come across Drivetribe which is the creation of the Top Gear/Grand Tour chaps. Latterly though it is now Richard Hammond that has taken it over, with a team of people including his daughter Izzy who is also a petrol head. There was a display of cars that were used in the Top Gear specials and the Grand Tour including Richard's Open Kadett 'Oliver' from the Top Grear Botswana special.















Message from the Editor

What an exciting year 2024 has been for the South Leicester MG Club. The first event kicked off with a Skittles night in February, a great night out with Roger winning best of the best.

Then into March with the Annual March Hare run, ending up with a superb Sunday lunch at The Pig in Muck pub.

April was the Drive-it Day to the Nottingham Transport museum.

May. Back to the 50s with a special visit to the 50s American Dinner in Swadlincote for a 50s style meal.

June. Now the big one!! 2024 Ratae Run, great turn out of 112 cars heading to the end venue at Statfold Park. This year we raised £2,100.00 for our chosen charity Joe Humphries Memorial Trust.

Also in June we attended the Ashby Magna Steam Vintage Rally and Sibbertoft Manor garden fate.

July. South Leicester MG annual club holiday to North Yorkshire where they met "Dave" then onto Whitby to see the replica of the Endeavour, captain Cooks boat.

July. Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show with a great turnout for our club.

August was a very busy month with Boats & Trains event, Stuart & Linda's mystery run, and the Marston Trussell Steam Fair where we had 11 cars on parade. Graham our chairman demonstrated his Master Chef skills with a fry up.

September. Another action packed event month with Atherstone motor show, Hinckley motor show and the Kettering

Vintage Rally and Steam fair.

October saw 3 club events, Chairman's anniversary run, fish and chip run to the Urban Chef and George & Glenise's end of Summer Breakfast run.

December I think is like fattening up the Turkey with Christmas lunch at head office and Party night at Ullesthorpe Court Golf club for more food and a knees up!!

As you can see its been a full packed 2024, with such a great thriving club, great friendly members, and what we can achieve with your help, 2025 can only get better.

Thanks for all your input, write-ups and photos . Without your continued support we wouldn't have a Torque Magazine, so thanks once again everyone.

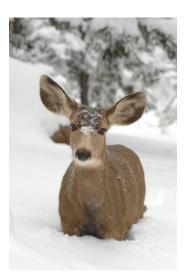
Merry Christmas

Graham.

Torque editor for the South Leicester MG Club.







Christmas messages from around the club

Merry Christmas

Happy MG`ing

and a

in the New Year.

Stuart and Linda.

Graham, Nicky and Abby would like to say a big thank you to all members for an excellent 2024 with many varied events bringing us all together throughout the year.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year continuing with some

great events in 2025.

Happy MG'ing to you all.!!

Wishing all our S.L.MG Club Friends and Members a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. ♣ ☜ ⊉ ♥ ♪ 20022052 Colin and Carol.

> Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to one and all From Sue and Alan



And Happy New year from Derek & Va

Merry MG Christmas to all members friends and family. Graham and Ann

Kieron and Emily would like to wish you all

A Merry Christmas

And all the best for 2025.

If you want a Christmas message from yourselves to our members then send it in on an email to torque.slmgc@gmail.com for the December addition.

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EDITORIAL

Hi folks! This is your second chance to enjoy OVERDRIVE. It doesn't seem two months since I prepared the last issue. All right, it isn't two months (more like two weeks actually!). If you thought the last issue was thrown together at the last minute, then this issue proves that you ain't seen nothing yet.

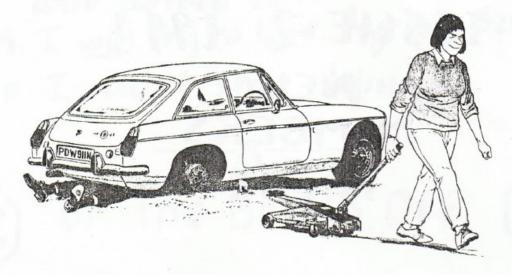
This copy is prepared to be given out at our new members night. We have grander days in the year than this, but this is the most important. I welcome all new and prospective members and hope that you will still be reading this in March 1992. We are a happy club, but we do rely on our established 'hard core' of regulars a little too much. New blood is valuable and brings new ideas and new enthusiasms. Stick with us and give us a hand.

We've had two great evenings recently, which I'll mention briefly. The pasta night and the medieval banquet/grand slam celebration. What I really need is people who've been on trips to do a write up. Please give me a hand on this if I ask you nicely!

The pasta night at Joe Rigatoni's in Leciester was well organised by John and Di and gave us a great time. I don't know who that noisy young girl in the pink cap was, but she looked like a potential member of the Spitfire Owners Club. John and Penny drew the short straw and due to late arrival were abandoned by the rest of us, surrounded by hordes of shrieking hoorays (led by the mouth in the pink cap).

The medieval banquet at Coombe Abbey seemed to me to be a great success, from my hazy recollections. Having been to Twickenham to watch Carlings heroes defeat the cheating French, it was a suitable celebration (what do I mean 'cheating French'? - running the ball from behind your own posts instead of a nice sensible, gentlemanly drop out has got to be cheating hasn't it?). Despite the presence of eighteen horrible Brooke House students, everyone had a whale of a time.

Finally, I would like to pass on all our best wishes to John, our Social Secretary (or half of it). He is now recovering from fairly serious leg injuries from a bad smash. I suppose it might have been worse, driving head first into a bus is not a good habit. All the best John, we hope you're soon fully fit and back to work.



CALENDAR

(or What the Fox going on?)

THURSDAY 21st MARCH: NEW MEMBERS NIGHT. 8.15p.m. Horse and Trumpet, Bull Head St., Wigston Magna, On the A50 opposite the Police Station. This is an important event and we need as many established members there as possible (+ cars)

FRIDAY 3rd MAY - 6th MAY: JERSEY TRIP. See elsewhere for details or contact Ken.

SUNDAY 12th MAY: STANFORD HALL. More later. This event will be compulsory!

SUNDAY 19th MAY: ABBEY PARK. this is preceded by a parade through Leicester. Volunteers are always needed for this event.

MONDAY 27th MAY: NORWICH UNION CLASSIC CAR RALLY. Secret 'Arry'Ken hopes to be taking his T.F. on a joyride!

SUNDAY 7th JULY: HOLLOWELL STEAM AND HEAVY HORSE SHOW. We should be taking a group to this excellent show.

SUNDAY 14th JULY: CLUB PICNIC, COTSWOLDS (SOMEWHERE) This should be a good run out to a good venue (when we find one). We shall be meeting up with the Bournemouth & Poole area club with fun and games etc.

Other events planned for this summer are a Barbecue, -?' Go-Karting, Skittles, Stage Coach Trip, 10 pin Bowling, Club Picnic etc. Please complete the pull-out in the centre of the Mag.

GOODS FOR SALE

CLUB T SHIRTS! Be seen in the latest 1991 fashion traze! These elegant items are only £5 each and are available from John & Dianne!

KEYRINGS & BADGES Get these vital pieces of Club Regalia from Bob or Mary.(Well from Mary then 'cos Bob will only ask her to do the work if you ask him!)

Area Meetings: At the THREE HORSESHOES, KIBWORTH, every 2nd & last Tuesday monthly .



SECRETARY REPORT

We should all be aware by now that our New Members Night is being held at the Horse & Trumpet, Wigston on Thursday 21st March at 8-30 pm.

The following notes are directed mainly at prospective new members and concern the founding of our Club. The South Leicestersh M.G.O.C. was formed in the autumn of 1979 and the first meeting took place at Wistow Park.

The founders of the Club are Dick Gardner (the East Midlands Area Secretary M.G.O.C.) Malcolm Badger and Mick Goddard. The first members were Phil Lord and Graham Weston, Phil served as Chairman for many years and Graham has been, and still is, our Treasurer.

Being a Club of MG enthusiasts, all of us have rebuilt or part renovated our M.G's. Our club activites include Rally Runs to other centres, M.G. Regency Run Battersea to Brighton and many others, not forgetting the Steam Rallies in the County.

It is ten years this October 1991 since Michael Edwards, hatchet man of British Leyland decided to close the M.G. Car Co. Abingdon. There Are, however, as many MG enthusiasts now as then. Possibly more, as there are many younger people (He's & She's) driving M.G. Sports Cars today.

Our Club meets 2nd and last Tuesday of the month at the Three Horse Shoes, Kibworth from 9-00 pm onwards.

You don't have to own an MG. to become a member but no doubt , once you become a member, you will want to become an owner.

We all look forward to open air motoring this summer

Ken ...

Secretary.

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STONELEIGH 1990

Some twenty units of caravans and tents assembled on the camping ground at this years Stoneleigh. Generators were set up, 240v strip lighting was suspended on supports and a bar (of course) was assembled with 18 gallons of beer, I think we meant business! Each night after the show some twenty barbecues came out, you could'nt see what we were cooking but it sure tasted good! With the glorious weather everyone certainly had a good time AND YES the beer did run out. Oh well here's to next year and serves you right if you had abad head, CHEERS BOB!

TOWN & COUNTRY MOTORING FESTIVAL

The Town & Country Motoring Festival at the Royal Showground at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, must be one of the country's best all round shows, with something to interest everyone.

Held on August bank holiday, the MG marque was well represented on the MG Owners' Club stand, run by our South Leicestershire members.

The theme for the show this year, was 'Living in America'. As we came 19th last year, we decided to make a real go of it. Everyone really put in a lot of effort, assembling and painting backdrops, procuring anything American and making or hiring costumes to enter into the spirit of things. Even the cars had American number plates. We really enjoyed ourselves and came 9th overall, not quite making it into the prize money (6th place) but we will try harder next year.

The cars on the stand fared much better, with eight out of the fourteen displayed, winning trophies. Our best year. The winners were as follows:

Dave Stowe with his red TD, his family put on an excellent show with their costumes, which really complimented the car. Chris Wallis with his red TC. Ken Humber and his red MGA. Ann Singleton brought two cars, her chrome bumpered BGT and her blue MGC and won with them both.

Owners' Club stand, run by our South Leicestershire members. The theme for the show this year, was 'Living in America'. As we came 19th last year, we decided to make a real go of it. Everyone really put in a lot of effort,

> Well done to you all and come on all you South Leicestershire members with your restorations, 1991 is your turn.



Dave Slowe in appropriate dress.

STONELWIGH 1991

This year marks a new era in the event, in as much that the committee of the Show are paying us to put on our Stand. The sum of £200 has been allocated to each car club who have participated in the last few years. Stands will be vetted each year, to see that they have have attained the set standards.

Last year a tremendous amount of effort was put in by all of you and we achieved great results, by coming 9th out of 42 represented car clubs. Very good and a pat on the back for everyone concerned. Thanks.

This year we can improve our marks and climb further up the ladder. The theme is going to be 'Nostalga', So get your thinking caps on . I would like to see as many South Leics. MC Owners Club members cars on show as possible, they don't have to be in Concours condition, just nicely turned out. So come on get thinking,get cleaning and let's go for it.

Anyone who would like to know more about the show, or has any ideas, please come and talk to me.

There will be the normal camping facilities, from the Friday through to the Tuesday. Fees for the weekend will be around about £14.50 (To be advised at a later date). There may also be an entance fee of approx. £8 to cover the whole weekend, this will be per person. Anyone interested in camping please let me know, as numbers will be required by the end of June.

Bob Quick Market Harborough (0858) 463528



LEICESTER MERCURY HISTORIC TRANSPORT PAGEANT.

SUNDAY MAY 19th 1991

The first Pageant took place on 21st May 1989 in the Albey Park Leicester.

Last year there were over 1300 vehicles taking part in the parade through the City and almogst 2000 vehicles were on show at the Akkey Park.

Clubs are being invited this year to take a stand and display their members cars. South Leic. M.G.O.C. intend to put on a good showw in our home town.

Hopefully, local people will remember South Leics. M.G. O.C. in the future.

This is the tenth anniversary of the closing down of the MG Car Co. in Alingdon, when a large procession of enthusiasts paraded to the offices of British Leyland in London to hand in a protest to Michael Edwards.

Ten MG. sports cans led the procession but all to no avail. We therefore, need all local M.G. enthusiasts to join South Leics. M.G.O.C. to help us keep the name of M.G (Monnis Ganages) in the forefront of Classic Cans.

BOB'S BGT (SEE OVERLEAF)





THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF RSN 303H 1981-1991

The coming of RSN 303H was more by accident, than by choice, Literally. I was called out of a party at I2.30 one night, by Leicestershire Constabulary, to gaze upon my beautiful newly resprayed Humber Sceptre, with a Police vehicle firmly embedded in her rear end. Of course, it was a write-off.

Newly redundant meant that funds were very limited and having just been released from my previous Marriage Contract, gave me the opportunity to boost my 'young free and single' image, and buy a Sports Car/

After scanning the local papers, and looking at too may wrecks and overpriced MG's, I finally spotted a possibility. Here comes the usual story. On a dark cold wet night in early March, armed with a torch, I trundled over to Leicester to look at her. There she stood, gleaming in the street lights. It was love at first sight.

The body and paintwork seemed pretty good. A look under the bonnet revealed a leaking oil cooler, but I had already made up my mind. A quick spin round the block, with that 'sound' humming in my ears, made me realise I had fallen in love. After a bit of haggling RSN 303H, in her Harvest Gold livery, became mine, for the princely sum of £695.

The oil cooler was duly replaced, together with a rear spring. This is the life, sunroof wide open, windows down and stereo blasting out. What a beautiful sound that exhaust makes and oh what a poser.

Now comes the sting in the tail, after a few thousand miles, including a trip to Cornwall and the Lakes, I found I was putting in nearly as much oil as I did petrol. So a complete engine refurbishment had to be undertaken post haste. I won't 'bore' you with the details.

Ten years ago, MG rally's were just beginning to take off, so it was all very new and exciting. After attending some of these early rallys, I realised how sad my car was beginning to look, paint had started to peel revealing several resprays, the chrome was pitted and the carpets shabby. What a wreck, fancy buying that heap?

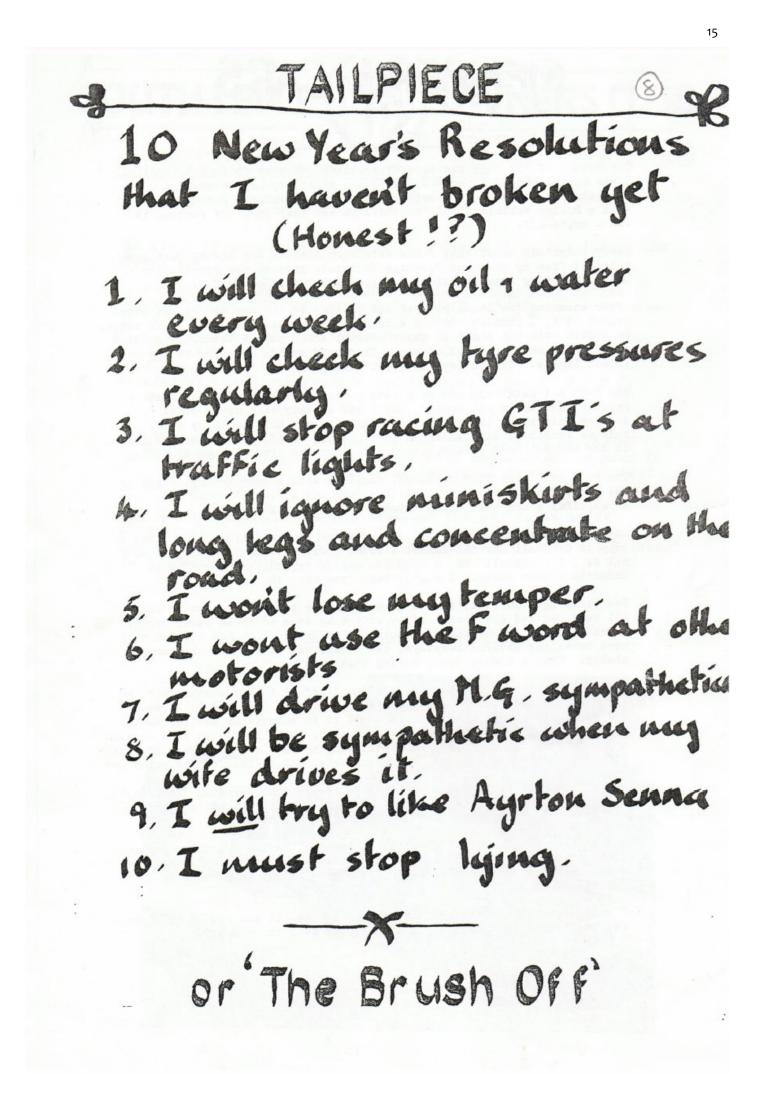
Well funds still being short, I could not afford to buy another car, so I set out to see what I could do myself. It went from bad to worze. All the usual panels needed replacing. It is surprising how far Social Security money goes, but I did loose weight. (Mike Bull must have it easy) After fitting all the panels and strippingthe rest of the layers of paint off, I took the car to early MG enthusiasts, Rod & Kim, for the paint job

A week later she was transformed into a resplendant gleaming black beauty, and I fell in love all over again. I took the car home and started to refit the old trim, funds had now reached rock bottom.

And so ten years later, I am still retrimming, having gradually replaced items as and when I could afford it. Finally I am just replacing the seats in black connelly leather. There must be something else to be replaced next year?

I must admit though, it has been a good decade, it has opened up a whole new world of friends and acquaintances all over the country.

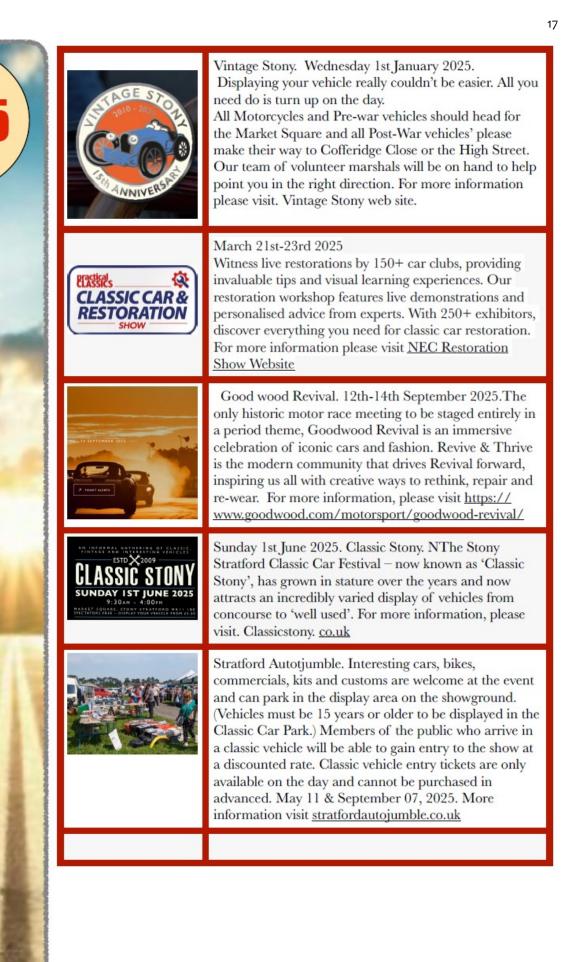
Bob Quick





2025 Events Calendar

	Tuesday 7th January 2025 Monthly meeting 8pm start. Come early and enjoy a meal & a chat. 32, Station Road, Broughton Astley. LE9 6PT Tel: 01455 282283	U	h
Winter Social Event	Thursday 16th January 2025. Come and lose yourself in forgotten myths, crumbling ruins and cryptic carvings in the Ancient Explorer 18 hole mini Golf trail. At <u>Treetops</u> <u>Adventure Golf</u> Highcross. Shires Lane. Leicester. Starts at 2pm	Seasone d Trekkers £9.50 Pay on the day	Event No 1
Bowling	Saturday 25th January 2025. Winter Social event. Come and enjoy the joy's of Indoor Bowling at the <u>Barwell Bowling</u> Club for a 2 hour session under the guidance of a few friendly volunteers from the bowling club to show you how it's done. Closing date 3rd December 2024 .	Full Payment required £15pp	Event No 2
Winter Social event O Alley 6 Sk ti s	This year we return to the Heathcote Arms in Croft for a night of <u>Long Alley Skittles</u> . Saturday 1st February 2025 meet at 6.45pm and Supper serviced at 7pm. Closing date 7th January 2025. Don't leave it to late.	Skittles & Food £10.00p p full payment required	Event No 3
	Tuesday 4th February 2025 Monthly meeting 8pm start. Come early and enjoy a meal & a chat. 32, Station Road, Broughton Astley. LE9 6PT Tel: 01455 282283		h
THE INTERNATIONAL MCELITRIUM PHI SPARIS DAY	MG & Triumph Spare Day. Sunday 9th February 2025 at Stoneleigh Park. Warwickshire. Classic car enthusiasts can explore a wealth of traders and service providers showcasing their wares. Also some of the UK's largest MG & Triumph Webs expliciting the number machiness We will g	par	^{Event} No 4 t
16th FEBRUARY 2025	Sunday 16th February 2025. <u>Valentine Sunday Lunch</u> Run.Winter social event. A Satnav road run to our end venue where you can enjoy Sunday Lunch. Drive any car you like depending on our weather. Drive any way your Satnav takes You to our end venue. Sunday Lunch from £15.00. Closing date 7th January 2025.		Event No 5
	Tuesday 4th March 2025 Monthly meeting 8pm start. Come early and enjoy a meal & a chat. 32, Station Road, Broughton Astley. LE9 6PT Tel: 01455 282283		h





Events 2024

	Nov 5 TUE	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.
Dec 7 SAT		South Leicester MG Club Christmas Lunch at the White Horse Pub, Broughton Astley. Lunch serve at 1.30pm
	Dec 14 SAT	South Leicester MG Club Christmas Party Night at Ullesthorpe Court Golf Club, Ullesthorpe. Enjoy a 4 course dinner & dancing the night away until 12am. £42pp Stop the night with breakfast for a reduce price of £95 per room.

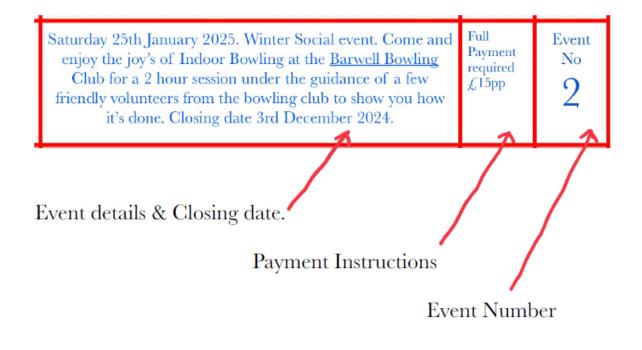
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Important Notice about events in 2025, Starting in January all events will be numbered, If you would like to attend an event then add your name to the list under the poster for that event as normal.

Please look out for the instructions on the event page regarding payment, If the payment instructions say pay in full or deposit required please pay the Treasurer (Stuart) on the same day or by bank transfer to:

Bank Account Name.	South Leicester MG Club		
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Reference.	Please add your Name, and very		
importantly the event number. Example. Derek & Val 2			

Bank transfer preferred on all events





Entry includes free admission to the gardens Early bird Hall entry £10pp. On the day £12pp.

Free breakfast roll (bacon or sausage), tea/coffee on arrival Also Tulip Route guide & Rally Plaque.

@£10

Supporting local charities

Including half way coffee stop



An established and well-organised run See web site for full details. <u>www.slmg.club</u> Organised by the South Leicester, MG Club.

South Leicester MG Club logo

Your MG Logo can be added to any items of clothing that takes your fancy

Just call in, Shop and ask for the clubs logo to be added. Examples below.





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Printer Prime Ladies T-Shirt 180g

Ladies Classic Polo Shirt 220g



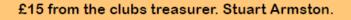
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Everyday Heavy Cotton T-Shirt 180g



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Members only Your photos of events, Times & meeting place for all Events



Web Site www. <u>mgleicester.org</u> All the information you need. Events,Torque Newsletter, Photos & ontact details. Times & meeting place.

Remember

All South Leicester MG members get 20% off food orders on club nights.

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South Leicester MG Club 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.