

December 2022

# Torque



*Merry Christmas*

Kath & Richard Hall  
Members since 2014



MGA 59



At this time of celebrating Christmas it is perhaps time to reflect on the sad loss of four club members. Jim, Maureen, John and Kevan who will be greatly missed and our thoughts go out to all their families and friends.

Thanks to all who have worked hard throughout this year to keep the club going with the many enjoyable activities.

Let's all push the boat out again for next year's 25th Anniversary of our famous Ratae Run.

Nicky and myself wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to many MG events in 2023.

Graham and Nicky



Wishing all our friends in the South Leicester MG Club

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes  
Gillian and Michael xxx



Not an MG in sight! Just a party on a glass-bottom boat in Guadeloupe.

Glen, John, Bob & Marian.



## MG magazine write up in the November edition:

This month we have been shocked and saddened to learn of the death of club member Kevan Varley who passed away early in October. Kevan and his wife Angela have been members of the club for many years and also served on the committee. They organised many past events including Drive It Day and club holidays to France and the New Forest.

Several club cars attended the Atherstone Motor Show at the beginning of October. At our monthly club meeting we were delighted to hand over a cheque for £1200 to this years chosen local charity for 2022 - REMAP - who make devices for people with disabilities to help them lead more independent lives.

We had our last car event of the year on the Sunday that British Summertime ended. Club members met for breakfast at Quorn and Woodhouse Station followed by a trip on a steam train on the Great Central Railway which runs between Loughborough and Leicester North. Club events will continue throughout the winter months but these will be indoor events, starting with indoor golf in early November.

Best Regards Jean



# SLMGC Breakfast Run



You know Summer is at an end and Autumn on it's way when we have the Breakfast Run. Always the last Sunday in October and hosted by Glenise and George. This year held at the Great Central Railway, Quorn and Woodhouse and the Butler Henderson Café. We filled the café and breakfasts were ordered with pots of tea and mugs of coffee. The full English did not disappoint served efficiently and piping hot. As always the atmosphere was lively with conversations of all sorts, especially who was having a Sunday Roast!!

A walk around the station along with a visit to the ladies waiting room. There is an array of memorabilia of times gone by and is credit to the volunteers who preserve and work to keep the stations and rolling stock at it's best for us to experience.

Thank you to Glenise and George for arranging and everyone enjoyed a lovely morning together.



Gillian



## Ratae 2022 Charity Donation to Remap

At Octobers club meeting we presented this years Ratae Charity Road Run donation of £1,200.00 to Martin Grant from the Leicester Branch of REMAP. Martin gave a very interesting overview and presentation of the amazing work they do for disabled people of all ages. Bob, who introduced the club to this charity, is also a volunteer with REMAP. Bronwen McKenzie from TMS, are our main sponsors, joined us on the evening to present the cheque to Martin.



### Who are we

Remap is a charity that helps disabled people of all ages to live more independent lives. Our network of skilled volunteers design and custom-make equipment free of charge.

We help to improve quality of life and increase independence for disabled people of all ages, providing solutions to everyday problems when there is nothing commercially available.

We design and custom-make equipment for each individual because everyone's needs are different.

Our network of skilled volunteers respond to thousands of requests for our help every year and we provide our service free of charge.



Gillian



# The UK's Largest Indoor Autojumble returns to Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth CV8 2LG on 9th October 2022

Our annual “Men Only” day out to Stoneleigh Classic Restoration and Spares Market has become a bit of a tradition in recent years, albeit with a couple of years cancellations due to the pandemic, we thought this year might just be very popular.

I think to advertise as the “UK’s Largest Indoor Auto- jumble” is possibly a bit modest, nevertheless it’s a laugh and a good day out sorting through someone else’s rust and rubbish, and you can always find a bargain, if not simply a tube of super-glue or some dusters!! Well we did! It’s tradition I pick John up (the brother in law!) and we head off nice and early, you know, a good parking spot ! And then the breakfast bap and mug of tea before the doors open.

There is a good selection of Auto-Jumble on the market place at the front of the building, grommets, rusty old tools, lamps, branded mugs some brick and brack, you name it, they have it and I am always dumfounded how these market traders can survive on this!

Sadly it was only two smallish halls this year, picked a few bits up and then “John” decided he needed a project, something to do-up. Well there was no shortage for that here! After a few rounds of the halls, some bartering on price, the old nugget “ we will think about it”! We ended up with a massive classic bench vice and a very heavy Pillar drill.

Long storey short, the other part of the tradition is back to Lutterworth where our good ladies are waiting with a Sunday Roast, question is how do we smuggle in two rather large rusty relics into the house? Well we came clean and explained our new business venture, the rusty relics were not the problem, it was the fact we put them on the dining room table caused a bit of a huff !!! So one bench vice refurbished and sold and one pillar drill for sale if anyone is interested?

Next show is the MG & Triumph spares day in February, hope to see your there and maybe a few more minor restoration pieces to be bought!





Michael

## Part 2 - South Georgia



After a few days on the Antarctic Peninsular the MS Fram set sail for the 3 day voyage to South Georgia passing the South Shetland Islands on the way.

South Georgia was quite different to Antarctica but the scenery is just as stunning. The island has been inhabited in the past because whaling stations were in operation between 1904 and 1965. During this time nearly 200,000 whales were slaughtered on the island and this almost wiped out these beautiful creatures from the South Atlantic seas. As the whale population declined attention turned to seal hunting. It only stopped in 1965 because there were too few whales and seals left to make the industry profitable. We saw some of the other whaling station remains from the ship and they really are ugly structures on the shores of a beautiful island.

During the whaling era, ships landed on South Georgia from various parts of the world bringing rats with them. They successfully bred and until recently there were large colonies throughout the island. The rats preyed on two ground nesting birds that are only found on South Georgia – the South Georgia Pipit and the South Georgia Pintail Duck and they were in great danger of becoming extinct. Populations of other birds were also threatened by the rats. Over the past few years a huge program to eradicate these rodents has taken place. This was done in stages and once the rats were removed from one area, then that area would remain rat free as others were unable to cross the glaciers that criss cross the island. Eventually the whole of South Georgia was declared rat free in 2018 and since then the population of native birds has flourished. While walking on the island we came across some reindeer antlers and were told that the Norwegians introduced them early in the 20th century thinking that they would be quite at home in the sub Antarctic climate and would provide fresh meat for the whalers. However the animals rapidly reproduced and caused a lot of environmental damage and were eventually culled.



The most notable thing we saw upon reaching the island was how green it was compared to Antarctica. Quite a few plants and flowers grow there including Tussock Grass. It is a government requirement that all visitors outer clothing and boots are thoroughly cleansed before landing on the island. We were given giant paperclips to remove any stones or debris from our boots that we had picked up in Antarctica. Our bags and clothes were also vacuumed and everything was checked by a South Georgian government official before we were allowed into the zodiac boats for the landings. This was the case at all landings so that we didn't transfer any seeds between different parts of the island.

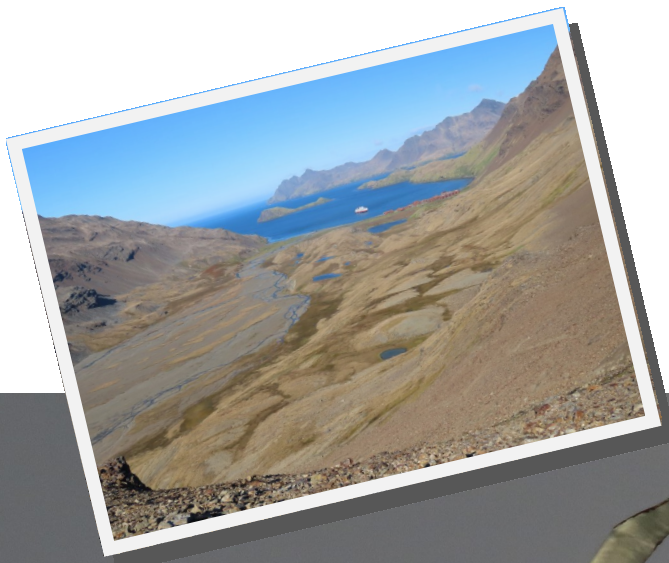
The most dominant creature on South Georgia is the King Penguin. They are quite human like in their behaviour and very curious and funny birds. On each landing there was a party of them waiting to welcome the zodiac boats ashore. On a few occasions the penguins were in the sea blocking our route to the beach and preventing the zodiacs from landing. Various methods were used by the expedition team to try and move them out of the way – one of these was wading waist deep into the water to shoo them off. The King Penguin colonies were huge, up to quarter of a million in one place. They followed us around and could often be seen curiously inspecting the cones and flags erected by the expedition team. We also saw fur seals and their pups and male elephant seals which were gigantic. The fur seal pups were very friendly and had adorable faces but we had to keep them at bay, by pointing the end of our walking poles at them, to avoid confrontation with the mothers who were naturally very protective of their offspring. We also kept a great distance from the Elephant Seals who, despite their size, were capable of moving quite quickly.



We visited the small inhabited village of Grytviken and paid our respects at the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton<sup>10</sup> who is buried in the whalers cemetery. All the buildings and production areas of the former whaling station are still there and are now form part of the museum. The indoor museum has lots of information about the lives of the whalers who lived and worked here. We also walked up to Grytviken church which is very well maintained inside and out. There is a permanent population made up of 3 government officials, maintenance workers, scientists and seasonal staff running the Post Office and Museum. We visited the Post Office where we bought 2 postcards and South Georgia postage stamps to send to ourselves and my grandson. They arrived months later but about 3 weeks apart.



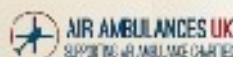
On the 3rd day we did an interesting hike across the mountains between two valleys. This was the last part of the route taken by Sir Ernest Shackleton and some of his men as he crossed the island to get help for themselves and the rest of his party who were left behind on Elephant Island. It was quite a hard climb to the summit and an even harder climb down over the slate like landscape.



After 4 full days on South Georgia we started the 2 day crossing to Port Stanley in East Falkland and were very lucky to see the worlds greatest seabird, the Wandering Albatross which has an average wing span of over 3 metres.



**1923 2023  
CENTENARY**



In support of Air Ambulance UK,  
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**BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM**

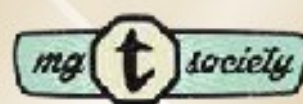
# An event celebrating 100 years of MG

**British Motor  
Museum**  
Saturday 27th May 2023



- Timeline of 100 MGs
- Old number One
- Works cars display
- MGs of special interest
- Sporting Bears dream rides
- Multi start point scenic runs converging on Gaydon
- Centenary dinner with guest speaker
- Club marquees
- MG specialist traders
- MG Motor UK
- Pride of ownership competition
- Private MG sales
- Car boot sale
- MG archive films in the film theatre
- Children's entertainment
- Souvenir merchandise
- The Barn-ettes – girl singing group

Tickets on sale from British Motor Museum website from ??  
Full details from our website: [www.mgcentenary.co.uk](http://www.mgcentenary.co.uk)



Jointly organised by The MG Octagon Car Club, The MG Car Club, The Early MG Society, The MG Owners' Club and The MG T Society

# Ratae Recruiting

If you are interested in supporting your club and a pair of helping hands for the Ratae feel free to come along to the Ratae planning meetings. Ratae meetings to be held at The White Horse, Boughton Astley at 7.30pm start.

Food available to order so come early if you wish.

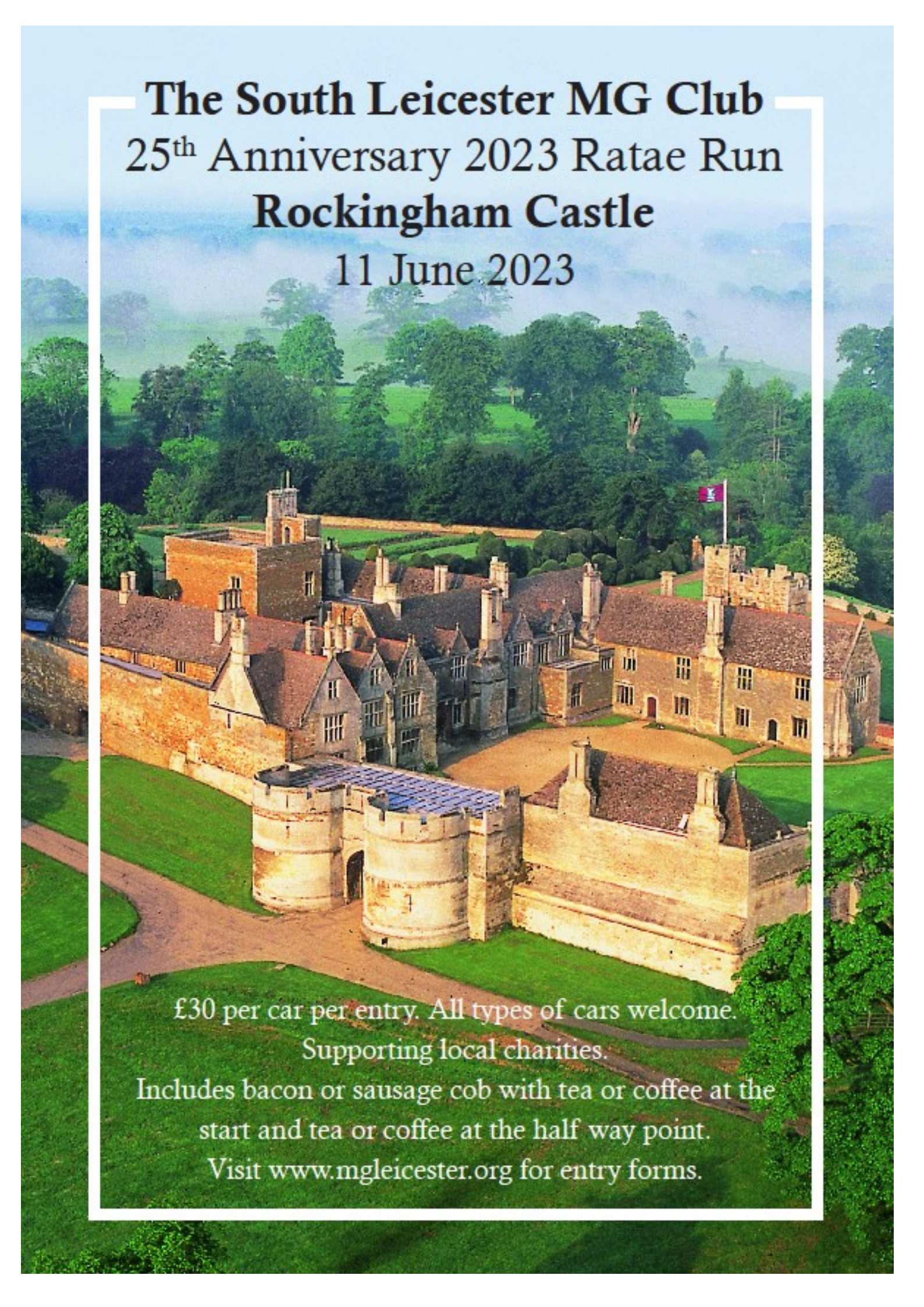
All welcome.

- Monday 12th December
- Monday 9th January 2023
- Monday 13th February
- Monday 13th March
- Monday 10th April
- Monday 8th May
- Monday 5th June

Also is there anyone with First Aid training who would be available on the Ratae day, 11th June.

Graham  
Chairman



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 in the background. A flag is visible on a tall pole to the right of the main building. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# 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.

Last Sunday 20th November I had a nice run in the Magnett to Market Harborough's meeting held at The Harborough Innovation Centre.

The weather was sunny but a bit chilly so after advertising and handing out the first batch of entry forms for next year's Ratae Run I soon warmed up with an obligatory sausage and bacon bap.

Also Anthony was there in his MGF and managed to park next to me.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 18th December, 9am to 2pm.

Why not give it a try.

Graham



Graham



*Harborough Sports Classic & Vintage Vehicle Meet*

Entrance **£3.00** per vehicle

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 18th Feb 23

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 PER HEAD

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Locally made Faggots & Mushy peas  
 Chicken Curry & Rice

Cottage pie, Chips & Seasonal Vegetables

Starts at 7pm. This is a very Popular event not to be missed so don't wait before you add your name, You can leave it in the comment section of Facebook or contact the events team. Closing soon...



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## 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.





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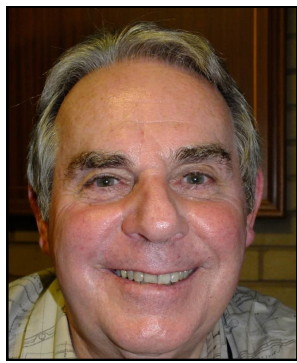
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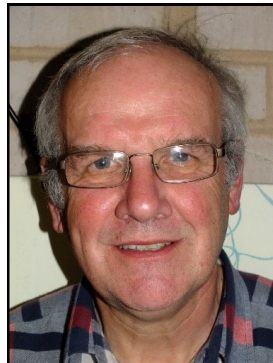
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## South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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.

# Club Events, Car meets & shows

Date	Event	Details	Cost
<b>December</b>			
Tuesday 6th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Saturday 17th	Christmas Dinner dance, Ullesthorpe Court Hotel.	See Stuart or Graham Poole	£38.95 pp

## The Barn

Brewery Bar & Restaurant

01788833810

Classic Car meet



2023  
**JAN 15TH**  
**FEB 26TH**  
**MAR 26TH**

Fourth Sunday of the month except December.  
 Coal pit Lane. Willey. Rugby. CV23 0SL. STARTS 11.30AM

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“Merry  
 Christmas “

**Deadline for next Torque is 27h December 2022**

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