



Torque News Special Edition

Breaking News—Gilliano's final edition of the Torque

After 11 years as Clubs Editor for the Torque Gillian is handing over the baton to Graham Poole. That’s 113 publications never missing a single month and even kept this vibrant club News Letter alive throughout two half years of the pandemic. Gillian says” *I have enjoyed every minute of it, meeting so many new friends and sharing some great stories and adventures, it is the club members who have helped keep it alive, I simply just put it all together, I wish Graham all the very best, its time for a fresh start.*” Gillian is not leaving the club and plans to remain an active member, together with Michael will be partaking in many more club adventures. More on this inside....

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Gillian hands over the baton after 11 Years as Torque Editor

Have you been following Jean Dalby's “Our Antarctic Adventures ? “

See inside the third and final article of their tour—West Falkland and a few of Puenta Arenus in southern Chile .



Derek and Val hit the Headlines with Car of

Derek and Val have been active club members since 2015. Derek has been instrumental in organising many club events and holidays. Pictured here at the start of a club run leaving Lutterworth Town Hall in their lovely Orange Midget 1500 from 1987.



IMPORTANT –AGM- CLUB NOTICE

Remember it’s the clubs Annual General Meeting on 7th February. Meet at the White Horse Pub for 7.30pm.



THE AGM

South Leicester MG Club
AGM



Tuesday 7th February 2023 20:00
 White Horse, Broughton Astley

AGENDA

1. Reports

Chairman	– Graham Dorman
Treasurer	– Stuart Armston
Secretary	– Jean Dalby
Ratae	– Michael Ricketts
Monthly Raffle	– Glenise Bowyer

2. Election of Committee & Nominations

Chairman	- Graham Dorman
Treasurer	- Stuart Armston
Secretary	- Jean Dalby
Membership Secretary	- Colin Kingsbeer
Events Co-Ordinator 1	- Derek Everitt
Events Co-Ordinator 2	- Bob Driver
Social Media	- Peter Norman
Torque Editor	- Graham Poole
Committee Member	- Kieron Hall (Ratae)
Committee Member	- Vacant

3. Monthly Raffle Charity Selection

4. Ratae Raffle Charity Selection

5. AOB

MG magazine write up in the November edition:



The highlight of December was our annual Christmas dinner dance held at Ullesthorpe Court Hotel.

Despite the intense cold it was a great event and enjoyed by all. Unfortunately some members were struck down by a virus that was doing the rounds before Christmas and were unable to attend. We have a few events in the calendar for the coming winter months including a skittles evening in February. Plans for our 2023 RATAE Run are in progress and this year the run will end at Rockingham Castle. This will be our 25th anniversary of this event and will be held on Sunday 11th June 2023.

Please see our website (www.mgleicester.org) for more details and a registration form.

Best Regards Jean



Mr Derek & Valerie Everitt
Member since 2015



Car of the Month

MG Midget 1500. 1987

Our Antarctic Adventure

Part 3 – The Falkland Islands

We sailed into Port Stanley on a beautiful sunny day with great views of the hills around the town. It was nice to get on shore in our own shoes rather than the boots that the ship supplied. It was really interesting to see this colourful little town and talk to the locals, all who have connections back in the UK. We were given a guided tour on which we saw some of the highlights of the outskirts of the town including memorials to Margaret Thatcher, who is much loved here, the Governors House and some of the shipwrecks that will never be cleared away as there are no means to recycle or dispose of the materials.

We then had the afternoon free to look around by ourselves. We were slightly disappointed to find only a handful of shops and pubs were open. Pre covid, they were used to having 5000 visitors a day when the big cruise ships were allowed to dock but on this particular day only the Fram visited with around 100 people. We visited the cathedral, the museum and a gin distillery where they make 2 varieties of gin. One is based on berries from plants native to the islands and the other is seaweed based. Paul bought a small bottle of the berry variety.

We saw a lot of the native wildlife in the town including Steamer Ducks, Kelp Geese, Magellanic and Blackish Oystercatchers and the Falklands Sparrow, similar to our own house sparrow but which has evolved different characteristics while adapting to the environment of the Falkland Islands.

We walked back to the ship and it set sail for the West Falkland Islands where we arrived the following morning.



Hills around Stanley



Houses of Stanley



Governors House



Margaret Thatcher's Drive and Statue



Cathedral



Sea front at Stanley



Memorial to Falklands War



The Post Office



“After 3 weeks a Pub at last” !

Over the next 2 days we made visits to 4 separate islands in the West Falklands where we went on some quite long hikes. The first of these was to Carcass Island (which deserves a better name) where we were met by Turkey Vultures and Striated Caracara birds. We had a 9 km hike across the island to a Magellanic penguin colony on a beautiful sandy beach that could easily rival those in the Caribbean. In the afternoon we visited nearby Saunders Island where the island owner met us from the zodiacs, was very friendly and helped us find the elusive Rockhopper penguins who were not where the ornithologist thought they would be. We first had a long uphill walk to the Black Browed Albatross colony high in the cliffs and also saw sheep and Gentoo penguins in the same field. On the way down we were directed along another beautiful sandy beach to the Rockhoppers. Which we found up on the cliffs looking down at us. We watched them, in amazement, hopping up and down the cliffs as they made their way to and from the sea.

Carcass Island Striated Caracara



Carcass Island



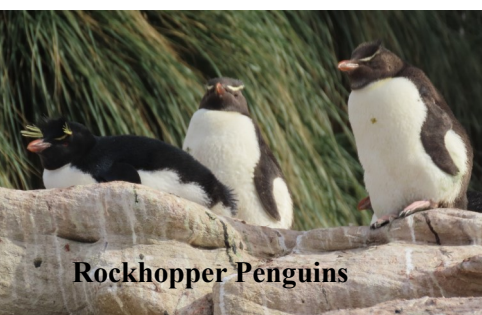
Carcass Beach



Magellanic penguin family



Saunders Island penguins and sheep in the same field



Rockhopper Penguins

On our final day we first visited Westpoint Island where we hiked to an Albatross nesting colony and got very close to them as they weren't in the slightest bit afraid of us. On the way back we were invited to tour the owners grounds where they have a large vegetable garden and are a major supplier to all the Falkland islands and passing cruise ships. As we were leaving we saw the Fram's chef buying from them and taking his purchases back to the zodiac in a wheelbarrow. Our last visit was to New Island, the most westerly island in the archipelago where we hiked across the island and relaxed on the cliff edge watching albatross and rockhopper penguin colonies. On our return to the Fram we set sail for the 2 day trip towards South America and the Magellan strait en route to Puente Arenas.

After disembarking the Fram, we were taken on a surprise tour of Puente Arenas, one of the windiest cities in the world and where they have barriers all over the town for citizens to hold on to while trying to move about in the strongest winds. It was a very pleasant city with many historical buildings. We then flew back to Santiago for a 1 night stay before flying back home.



Westpoint Island



Westpoint Island Albatross



Puenta Arenus railings for standing up-right in strong winds



Westpoint Island Farmhouse



Puenta Arenus main square



New Island Albatross Chick

Purenta Arenus view point



New Island



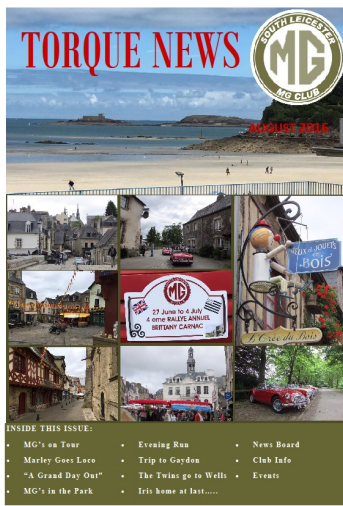
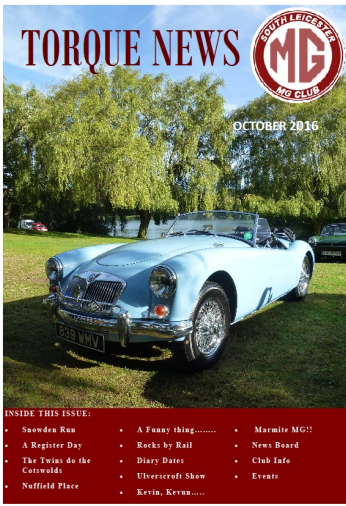
Jean Dalby

This is how it all began. We were helping Graham with a Treasure Hunt Run and we were waiting for the cars to arrive at the Holly Bush and Graham said Glen Lee wanted to retire as Editor. I must have had a moment of madness as I said I will do it!! 113 publications later, here I am with my last edition.

December 2012 the very first edition. Front page news, Nicky went through a red light as she was following Graham home from Beaumanor in the Midget. £90 fine and a Driving Awareness Course. Did Graham ever pay for half of the fine!! Page 3 Pin up was Graham's MGA. Kevan wrote "2012 a year Noah would have been proud of" and Headlights on Glen and John Lee where Michael and I visited them at home with six questions about themselves and their the cars and motorbikes they has owned. The front pages are some of my favourites, too many to show all. And these tell the stories in them.

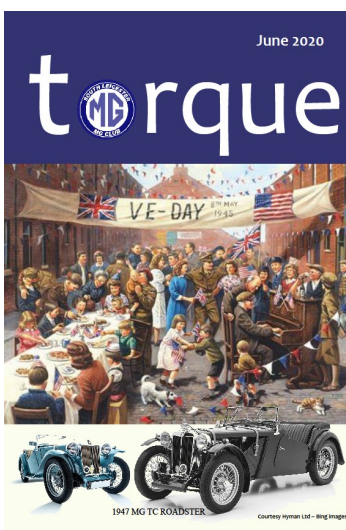
Behind the scenes is Reporter Michael or Deputy Editor but denies he has the role as there is no payment! He has backed filled with an article or too when I have been short especially in Covid times. Never missed an edition even when Graham said why not skip a month if you don't have anything to print.

Have I enjoyed it? Immensely, it is satisfying to see the finished article in print. I have met so many members who have made Michael and I welcome in their homes for "Head Lights On" The Torque was even a runner up in Enjoying MG magazine of the year, now that is accreditation.

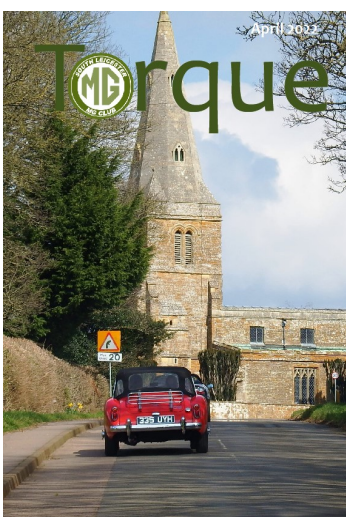


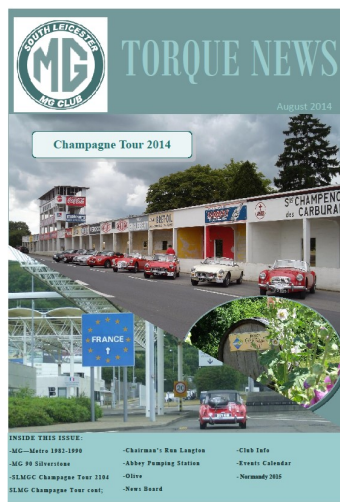
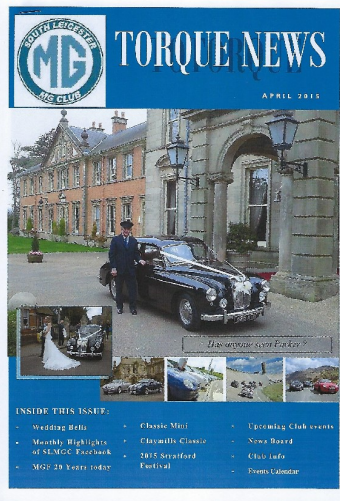
So now is time to say thank you to all who took the time to write an article. There have been so many. Maria Beck and her stories of "Denis". Kevan Varley and his many car renovations. Dave Husbands and Bev and Steve trying to sneak in their Rovers stories. Jean and her amazing holidays. Stuart and Linda, Derek and Val and Colin and Carol with their club runs and holiday adventures. Graham and Nicky with "A good time had by all" and these are just a few. It is the club members who have helped to keep it alive, I have simply put it together. The adventures we have had that have all been put to life in print.

The next chapter of the Torque. I wish Graham all the very best, it is time for a fresh start. Keep those articles coming in, Graham needs your support and I certainly will be.



Just to say thank you all
Cheers to the Torque
Gillian

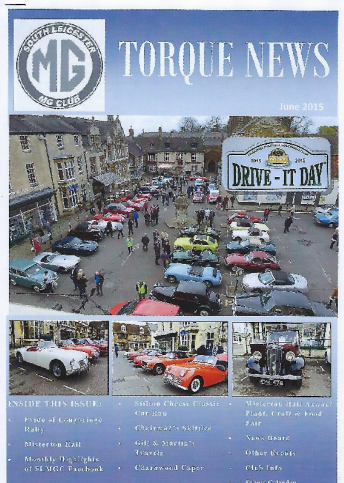
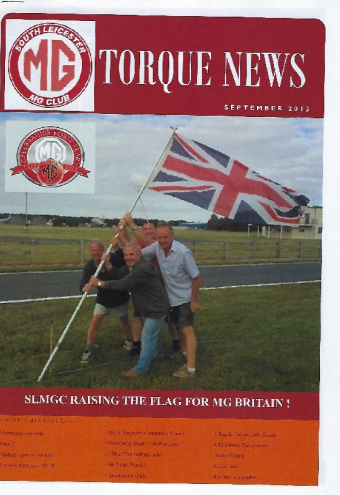


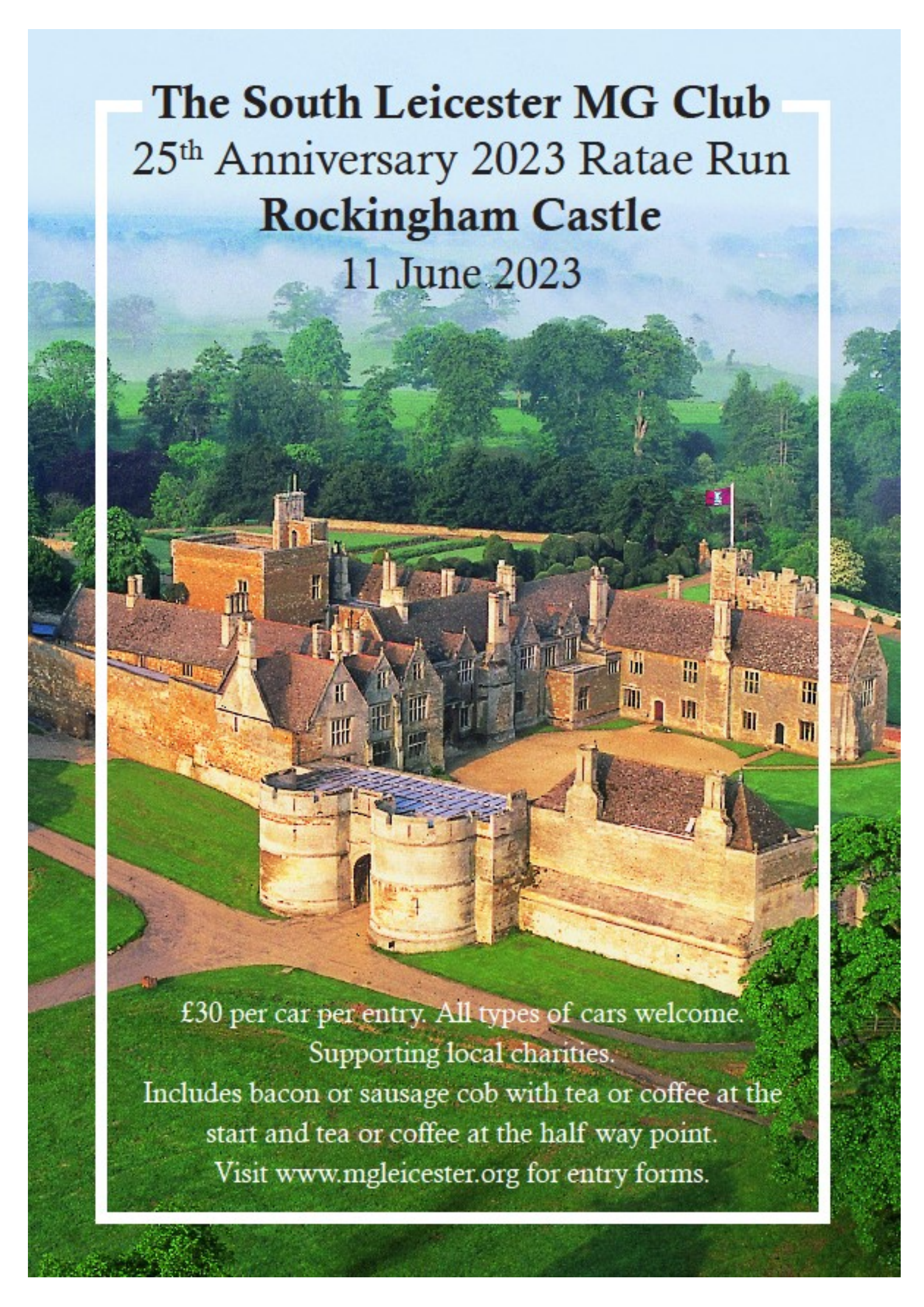


Firstly I want to thank Graham Poole for volunteering to take on the role of Torque Editor, this is by no means a small task, I for one should know and I want to thank Graham for giving Gillian back to me!

For the last 11 years "Gilliano" (that's the Italian version!) has spent hours on weekends and evenings assuring the Torque News goes out on time. I also want to congratulate Gillian on her tenacity and determination, getting stories and submissions can sometimes be like pulling teeth! Which is when I am usually summoned to the study to make up some stories or "gap fillers" as we have named them!! We have, and do, appreciate everyone who over the years has supported the Torque News with their stories and adventures. It would be a great loss for the club not to have a Newsletter, I appreciate times move on and we have Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Tiktok and God only knows what else, but these are real time communications, tomorrow they are gone and often forgotten. The Torque is a great point of reference and you are able to go back years to see what activity, what club runs and club holidays we have enjoyed, I have kept every copy since December 2012 when Gilliano first took over from Glen. (At a price happy to hand these over !!). I for one will assure to be sending small write ups and a couple of photos to Graham to keep it going, please do join me and support Torque, as they say use it or lose it!

Thank you all.
Michael



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 white text box is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the event details.

The South Leicester MG Club 25th 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 for entry forms.

Events & Shows



The Barn
Brewery Bar and Restaurant
Classic car meet
The Fourth Sunday of the Month. 11.30am
Dates

January 15th

February 26th

March 26th

April 23rd

May 28th

June 25th

July 23rd

August 27th

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

December 24th

Contact. Martin 01455554624 or
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Entrance
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per vehicle



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AT THE HARBOROUGH INNOVATION CTR

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Classic Cars at The Carpenters | February Meet

Sun, 12 Feb 2023, from 10:00

The Carpenters Arms, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey,
Ilkeston, UK

THE INTERNATIONAL MG & TRIUMPH SPARES DAY

**SUNDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY 2023**

**STONELEIGH PARK,
WARWICKSHIRE,
CV8 2LG**



THE
GREYHOUND

MAIN STREET BOTCHESTON LE9 9FF



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WHY NOT ENJOY A FUN NIGHT
OUT WITH A GAME OF

Saturday
18th Feb 23

Skittles

£14.50
PER HEAD

& a home-cooked supper

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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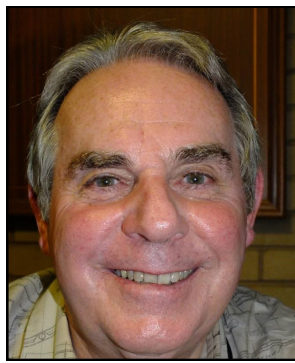
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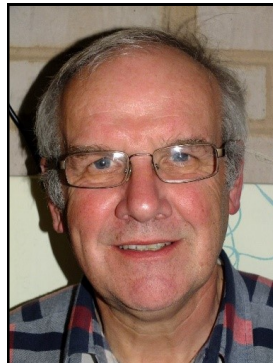
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South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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

Event No	Date	Information	Cost
	February		
	Tuesday 7th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
2	Sunday 12th	MG & Triumph Spare day. Held at Stoneleigh Park. Warwickshire. CV8 2LG. Great day out to buy your spare parts, Make your own way there please. 10-4pm. Let me know if you need advanced tickets.	Advanced £10pp. On the day £15
3	Saturday 18th	Skittle Night at the Greyhound Inn, Main Street. Botcheston. LE9 9FF. A great social night out including home cooked supper of Locally made Faggots & Mushy peas. Chicken Curry & Rice. Cottage pie, Chips & Seasonal Vegetable. Starts 7pm. Closed.	£14.50 pp
	MARCH		
	Tuesday 7th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
4	Sunday 26th	March Hare Run a very popular event organised by Michael & Gillian. A Sunday Lunch run to a nice Country Pub. More details to follow.	£5 deposit
	April		
	Tuesday 4th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
5	Wed 12th	Urban Chef run. Starting at the Morrisons car park Hinckley at 4.45pm. Drive through some lovey countryside to our end venue. Urban Chef has built a reputation for quality food. We have a full and varied menu with something to suit the whole family. We go the extra mile to deliver consistent quality food using the best ingredients cooked by experienced chefs. We pride ourselves on service with a smile, we aim to make every Urban Chef experience a good one.	
6	Sunday 23rd	Drive It Day is an historic day in the classic car calendar. Organised each year, by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC), Drive It Day sees clubs and individual enthusiasts alike take to the road to show off the UK's rich transport heritage.	
	May		

Deadline for next Torque is 21st February 2023

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