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Message from the new editor. Car parts to sell. Messages from around the club. What's happening in March. Dates for your diary. Who's who.



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# About the Editor

Welcome to the new Torque magazine, I am starting right at the bottom having to learn Microsoft Publisher and other skills. I realise that Gillian and Michael will be a hard act to follow, but I'll do my best. They made it a fantastic fun to read magazine, packed with lots of interesting articles, pictures and things of interest, and very professionally put together.

I have added a for sale page where, if you have anything you think someone else might be interested in, then drop me a line and I can include it in the magazine ( please no junk ).

For this magazine to function I will need articles, pictures and anything relevant to our club and dates for the future. To help me put this all together, I need your help!! If you take any photos which you would like to add to the magazine, please forward them to me. Secondly, I am the worlds worst speler, so don't hold me responsible for spelling mistakes.

So hopefully we will all get a lot of fun and information from the NEW 2023 Torque Magazine.

I have now received the baton from Gillian and Michael, so I am eager to get started...

Please send anything you think our club members would find interesting to me,

and I will do my best to include them in the next Torque magazine.

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Previous Editor Gillian



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

Cars, spares, etc.

# FOR SALE FOR SALE

#### 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 07763084294

### I Some bedtime reading.. The A, B and C of Sports Cars

You CAN drive anywhere in the world and you'll always find somebody who has heard of the MG sports car. In America and Britain in particular, the name is synonymous with everything that spells sports car. Enthusiastic motorists have argued about the definition of a sports car since they were first introduced, but most agree that it ought to be open, possess really competitive performance, and have roadholding that enables it to be driven far faster than normal cars and in complete safety. Ideally it should be a dual-purpose machine that can be driven to work during the week and used in all manner of events at weekends. It should need a minimum of maintenance and be economic. Above all it must be symbolic of a fun-loving image that extends even to everyday driving.

From the time that Morris Garages made special-bodied Bullnoses in 1922, MGs have been sports cars, and their most popular have been the MGA and MGB. Indeed, the MGB is readily acknowledged as the most popular sports car made by any manufacturer in the world. Manufacturers, such as Ford with the Mustang and General Motors with the Chevrolet Corvette, have produced more, and their cars have a sporty image. But they haven't been sports cars in the mould made famous by MG, Triumph, Jaguar, Healey and Porsche.

The MGA of 1955 was an instant best-seller and at once became the most successful machine to have been built at Abingdon, the world's biggest sports car factory. The MGB that followed was even more successful and passed the half million mark. It was in production for so many years (since 1962, in fact) that it acquired the enviable reputation of being a ready-made antique, a status previously achieved only by the Model T Ford, the Volkswagen Beetle and all Morgans.

The MGC of 1967 was Abingdon's white elephant; its designers were forced to compromise with an unsuitable engine that was so heavy that it ruined the roadholding that had been the hallmark of every MG before it, especially the MGA and MGB. Such was the lack of demand that only 9000 were made before they ceased production in 1969. Today the MGC has become a cult car, such is its relative rarity, and because of its good qualities. If you could live with the bad qualities, the good ones, such as a high top speed and seemingly effortless cruising, were great. The other variation on the MGA, B and C theme is the MGB V8, of which even fewer were made. It was a much better car than the MGC, a road burner in the traditions of Abingdon, but it was crippled by economic recession and already the few examples made between 1973 and 1976 are be-

ing keenly sought out by enthusiastic collectors.

#### Club Events, Car meets & shows

Date	Event		Details	Cost
				Coming soon !!
	1	• THE B	ARN	1

 BREWERY BAR AND RESTAURANT • 01788833810 CLASSIC CAR MEET

 Vintage, Post Vintage, Classic car, Motorcycle & Light Commercial Meet. A general get together of like minded enthusiasts to chat, show vehicle and have Sunday lunch and enjoy this lovely venue.

. Entry is free and it's a pleasant drive from anywhere.

November 27th

• <u>2023</u> • THE BARN RESTAURANT & BAR COALPIT LANE • WILLEY RUGBY • CV23 0SL • 11.30 am

> January 15th • February 26th March 26th



Vehicle Meet

**Cars Lorries** 

Bikes Trikes ALL VEHICLES WELCOME



Deadline for next Torque is 26h March 2023 Send your articles to Graham email graham.poole@homecall.co.uk

#### great day out at Stoneleigh.

Show was better arranged this time with a nice new indoor venue for various club cars to be displayed.

This made it a lot more pleasant to walk around admiring cars and chatting to folk.

Lots of stalls to look at.

I met Alan Healey, Kath and Richard, and Peter Guisler, all members of our club.

Alan has managed to get his car on the MG Owner's club stand, well done Alan, plus he displayed our Ratae Run poster and our new club plaque.

Let's hope we will have our own club stand there next year.



Notice the new South Leicester Plaque ?

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Nice one Alan.

#### What happened in February.

#### Skittle Night

On Saturday 18th of February 2023, 21 members came together at the Greyhound Botcheston, Leicestershire to take part in our annual Skittle night.

After purchasing our drinks we made our way outside to the skittle building which was lovely and warm. We all found a table and enjoyed a choice of food including Locally made faggots & mushy peas, Chicken curry & rice & Cottage pie with chips & seasonal vegetables.



All members were teamed up into pairs mostly as couples, our bowling was up to standard 3 or 5 being scored on the fist game, as we warmed up we were scoring 9 & 14,With great bowling



by a few members bowling straight through all 9 pins, amazing.



One couple stood out from the rest of us with the winning score Shaun & Helen seen here receiving their prize and unfortunately for Bob & Marian picking up the booby prize for the lowest score.

A good venue, good food & a very good time had by all.

Derek

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...

#### 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 for entry forms.

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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

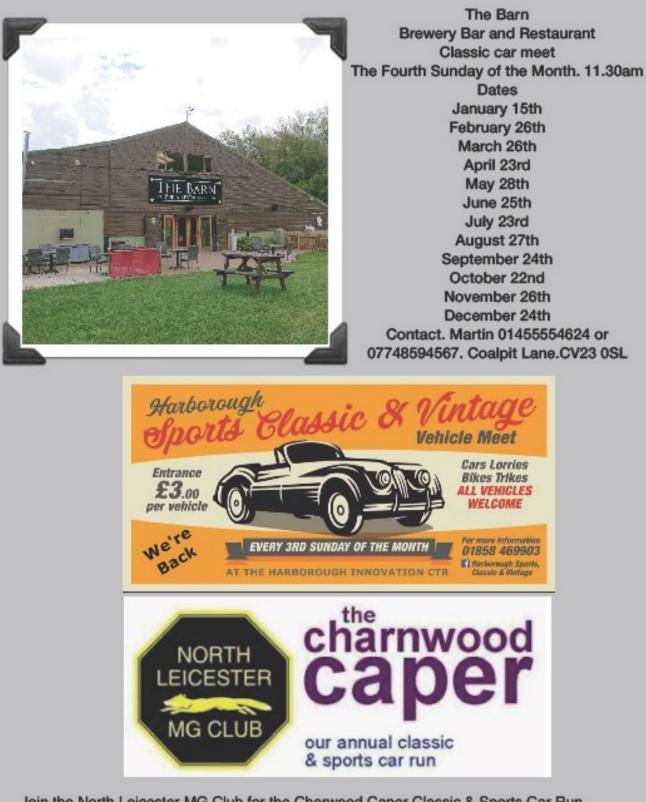
#### Club car of the month

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.

## Events & Shows



Join the North Leicester MG Club for the Charwood Caper Classic & Sports Car Run. Registration will take place at Quorn and Woodhouse GCR Station from 8am. Enjoy a run of approximately 75 miles through mainly country lanes ending at Calke Abbey, near Melbourne. £28 per car - all marques welcome. Sunday May 7th 2023.

#### Would you like to take part?

Your events team are thinking about a mid week trip to the **Black Country Living Museum** based in Dudley.

Black Country Living Museum is an award-winning open air museum that tells the story of one of the very first industrialised landscapes in Britain.

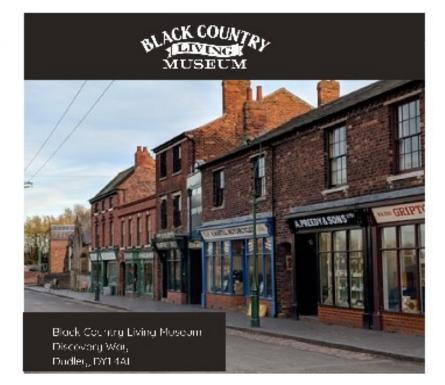
Set across 26 acres, you'll explore carefully reconstructed shops, houses and industrial areas that represent the Black Country's story. You'll learn how steam power, human ingenuity and an increasingly interconnected world transformed this region into a manufacturing powerhouse.

You'll meet our historic characters who'll tell you stories of what it was really like to live and work during this revolutionary period of history. Most importantly, you'll see history brought to life before your eyes – hear the clang of hammers, smell the smoke billowing from red brick chimneys and maybe even taste the best fish and chips in the Black Country!

On the date of your first visit to the Museum, we will automatically convert your general admission ticket(s) into an UnChained Annual Pass. The UnChained Annual Pass offers great value for money, giving you 12 months of free return visits for general admission.

Admission. Adults £22.95. Concession £20.95. Car Parking £3.50.

To bring a group of 15 or more, plus you can take advantage of our group discounts which would be Adults £17.00. Concession £15.50. And free car parking. You do lose the benefit of your annual pass. So is this something you could see yourself being interested in, It would be in the months of May,June or July. We need eight cars 2 people in each car to pass as a group, so could you let me know ASAP as we need to book well in advance, just text yes to Derek on 07831390270.



Thank you.

#### **Events Programme and Information**

Event	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 tick- ets.	Advanced £10pp. On the day £15
3	Saturday	Skittle Night at the Greyhound Inn, Main Street.	£14.50 pp
	18th	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.	
	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 & Gilli- an. A Sunday Lunch run to a nice Country Pub. More details to fol- low.	£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 in- gredients cooked by experienced chefs. We pride ourselves on ser- vice 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.	

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	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.	£28 per Car
7	Friday 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 mil- lennium and most of Britain's great car. Ambergate, Derbyshire DE56 2HE	Adult £16 Sen- ior £14
8	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 enter- tainment as well.	£5.00 per car
	Sunday 14th	Shedshed Windmill open day. 11.30am-4.30pm Restored Watermill with tea room & Blacksmith Workshop.	£3.00per car
9	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 vehi- cles were on display in 2022 alongside Autojumble stands, Food & Craft stalls, Live music.	£10 per car.
	June		
10	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 var- ied display of vehicles from concourse to 'well used'The event runs from 9:30am until 4.00pm. Spectators are free but the event is run in aid of Willen Hospice so there will be opportunities to donate to this incredibly worthy cause.	From £5.00 to £10.00 per car.
	Tuesday 6th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
11	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
12	Mon-Fri 26th-30th	Our annual Holiday to Warners Holme Lacy House, Hereford. See poster at club meeting.	From £329

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	July		
13	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.	TBC
		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.	
	Tuesday 4th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
14	Sat-Sun 8th & 9th	The Great Rempstone steam & Country Show.Each year the organ- ising committee try to bring something new or different for visitors and exhibitors to enjoy, be it Vintage fairground machines, Vintage or Classic cars, farming or agricultural machinery of yesteryear or the glorious display of Steam Engines - we endeavour to make sure there is something for all ages to enjoy	
		John & Glen Evening run	
	August		
	Tuesday 1st	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
15	Saturday 5th	Glen Parva	
16	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	Free
		Peter asks for is a donation to his charity, The air ambulance.	
	September	Club maating at the White Harre Drawghter Action Starts Original	
	Tuesday 5th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
17	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 ex- pected to show off their beautiful and carefully restored machines to a crowd of several thousand people.	
18	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 cre- ate a fantastic two-day event, celebrating classic motoring on the ground and in the air.	£5.00 Per head

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	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 7th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	

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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  $\pm 10.00$  p/a, payable in January. For further details contact the Secretary.

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