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Torque



2022 Ratae
Special Edition



South Leicester MG Club 24th Annual Charity Ratae Road Run²

The Club was formed more than 40 years ago by a group of MG enthusiasts, and now has more than 50 members who meet regularly to enjoy their MG's. The club are more widely known through the Annual Ratae Road Run which started back in 1995, we have only ever missed 3 Ratae events with the latter two due to Covid so this year, our 24th Ratae Run was very special for us, and it did not disappoint.

With over 150 cars pre-entered, another picturesque route taking you through Leicestershire villages and Countryside arriving at the spectacular Arbury Hall, blessed with wall-to-wall blue sky, the atmosphere was filled with excitement, and following the 2 years of restricted car activities there was a real buzz in the air.

So what is the Ratae Road Run?

Leicester – Ratae Corieltavorum – has, for many years been known as a major Roman town, comprising the most important community in the East Midlands with both trading and commercial links.

Although little remains of the original town of 100 acres, it is probable that in the early years following the Roman Conquest in AD 43, a fort was established (Ratae roughly translated means FORTRESS or DEFENSIVE SITE) though no trace of this has been found.

Everyone is aware of the fine roads of Roman Britain, which are still very much in existence. Until the motorways, these were indeed the basis of our modern system. Everywhere there are many minor roads and lanes; while wide marked roads stride across the landscape. The main routes were centred on London, radiating outwards to Lincoln, Chester, Gloucester, Exeter and Dover while the FOSSE WAY was a relic of a 1st century frontier.

Leicester (Ratae) is bounded by two Roman roads, crossed by two minor and one other Roman route. They are the A5 (Watling Street), the A1 Great North Road (Ermine Street) and Salt Way now mainly Band C roads and the A46 (Fosse Way).

The Ratae Road Run traces some of the Roman roads that surround the beautiful county of Leicestershire.

THE RATAE ROAD RUN
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SUNDAY 12TH JUNE
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And so, the Ratae Charity Road run was born, rarely venturing outside of Leicestershire exploring Roman inspired roads through chocolate-box villages, rolling hills and winding picturesque countryside, believe me each year becomes more challenging finding new routes and spectacular end venues, it has become a trademark of the Club assuring the Ratae always showcases just some of the inspiring treasures Leicester and Royal Rutland has to offer.

It is no wonder our event is becoming more and more popular attracting MG enthusiasts from far and wide including North Yorkshire, Surrey, Northumberland, Wales, Sussex and even Holland, with a spectacular line-up ranging from the early 1930's to modern day cars. We do welcome all marques of cars, not just MG's and presents us with a display of British heritage when it comes to classic cars.

It is a team effort for the entire club and having just concluded this years Ratae we are already meeting to start planning for next years event. A small committee is set up and we start to carve up the main areas to be organised, end venue is often one of the greatest challenges. We have set the bar high and visited some spectacular venues such as:

- Rockingham Castle
- Kelmarsh Hall
- Burghley House
- Beaver Castle
- Dean Park



House and Gardens are always well appreciated, spend a couple of hours in an MG and we all know how well we appreciate good facilities!

Next up comes the route, usually split 1st and 2nd Half, once we have the end venue, decided on a half way stop, then we can start to explore the route, one thing we do have in Leicestershire is plenty of single track and gated roads and fords, we do like to squeeze in the odd challenge or surprise.

Registration kicks off around Christmas time, sponsors, raffle prizes, signage and printing and of course Marshalls at all venues. It is a real team effort.

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2022 Ratae Road Run to Arbury Hall

The Arbury Estate has been the property of the Newdegate (later also Newdigate) family since 1586. Having passed through several branches of the family to Sir Roger Newdigate who inherited the Estate in 1734 at the age of 14 and who was to reign at Arbury for 72 years and was responsible for the house receiving its present character and appearance.

Sir Roger Newdigate is perhaps best remembered principally as the founder of the Verse prize at Oxford that bears his name.

In 1742 he returned from his Grand Tour, where he had made drawings of famous buildings and also collected sculptures. Six years later he began making preparations to rebuild Arbury. It remains a mystery why he chose the Gothick rather than the Classical style, but it must be remembered that the 1740s witnessed a reaction against the strict classicism that had dominated English architecture. Sir Roger's alterations to Arbury seem to have been completed by about 1805, and the house has remained almost exactly as he left it until the present day.

The Estate was eventually inherited by Sir Francis Newdigate Newdegate who was succeeded by his elder daughter who in 1950 passed it over to her son Humphrey FitzRoy Newdegate. He became the 3rd Viscount Daventry in 1986, inheriting the title from an uncle.

On the death of Humphrey FitzRoy Newdegate in 2000, his son, James FitzRoy Newdegate became the 4th Viscount Daventry and now lives at Arbury with his wife and three children.



On the day of the event almost half of club members are recruited to support making this event special. We arrive at The White Horse Pub, Broughton Astley at 7am to start setting up. Two members ran the route on the Saturday afternoon to assure no road closures or other interruptions, Marshalls for parking at the start venue, our “Land Girls” setting up the Raffle table, breakfast baps and beverages are being prepared in the kitchen for in excess of 300 guests and Registration is being set up .

We send Marshalls to both the half way stop and end venue making preparations, it’s like a small military tactical manoeuvre executed with meticulous planning. Well once again the planning all paid off and we enjoyed another hugely successful Ratae Road Run. The weather was perfect and for the route we received plenty of positive feedback, some of which I have shared with you across the page.

This years route was 86.7 miles in total taking in one of the most important Roman Roads, Watling Street and High Cross, passing Bourton Hall, Leamington Hastings, Welton, Whilton and Little Bington arriving at Whilton Locks Garden Village for a well earned comfort break. The second half of the route was heading west across the County passing through Guilsborough, Yelvetoft, Bulkington and Barnacle eventually arriving at our final destination heading down a spectacular 2 mile private drive to Arbury Hall.



Flagging off our cars at the start

Our “MG Land- Girls” in action



Speedy Registration at the ready

Ratae Feedback

"A quick note to thank you for a most enjoyable day yesterday. Very good organisation and thanks also to all the helpers."

"A quick thank you for organising such a super run yesterday! It was our first Ratae Run but won't be our last! Even more fun to drive though our village of Willoughby on way to Whilton Garden Centre..home turf!!"

"Thank you once again for a well organised event. Ken provided his usual expertise in navigation and were lost on numerous occasions"

"The weather was kind to us and really enjoyed the very picturesque villages we went through (sometimes twice 😊)"

"Just wanted to thank you for a wonderful day on Sunday. My son Jacob and I, and our navigators had a great day in our Austin Healey's. Hope we get to do it all again next year. Many thanks for a great event".



None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm and support of our club members, and certainly not without the generous support of our sponsors who we are greatly appreciative.

£1,200 charity donation raised for "Remap", and 135 cars turning up at the end venue, not a bad day all in all.

Well we have already started on next year's event and started to visit potential new end venues, Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Ratae Road Run, Club Members, Marshalls and Committee members, participating entrants and sponsors alike.

We hope to see you all again next year.

Michael Ricketts

MG magazine write up in the August edition:

Sadly, since last months update, Maureen Bindley and Jim Bennett, 2 of our long standing club members, have passed away. Maureen had been one of the original members along with husband Mick. Jim celebrated his 90th birthday at the end of last year and had recently returned from our annual club holiday to Wales. Our thoughts have been with the families of Maureen and Jim and they will both be greatly missed.

Undoubtedly the highlight of June was our annual RATAE run where participants in over 150 cars drove over 80 miles around the quiet roads of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire ending up at Arbury Hall, near Nuneaton. Being the first RATAE run for 3 years due to Covid, we were delighted to have a beautiful sunny day for the event and it was possibly the most successful yet. Arbury Hall was a delightful venue and we all enjoyed walks around the grounds. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the local charity REMAP who custom make equipment for disabled people enabling them to lead more independent lives. Thanks to everyone who took part. Jean

Chairman's Message:

With great sadness and a shock to his family and friends. John Orton, a long-time active member of the club passed away on the 18th July after a short illness. Our thoughts are with Johns Family members.

Best regards Jean

Points makes Prizes.
Well done John



CAPTION COMPETITION



The image of a 'ripe for restoration' 1921 Citroën B2 tourer – supposedly the only known example with a body by coachbuilder Manessius – prompted a good variety of captions. Our winner this month is Nigel Knight with "John was delighted that no longer needing an MoT was saving him a fortune in maintenance costs". Runners-up are John Cotterell's "Not only did I get two parking tickets, but someone also stole my wheels" and Mark Strickland's "With any restoration, it's always wise to check the wheelarches". Offered at auction in 2019, the Citroën didn't sell, by the way...

This month's picture shows a dapper gentleman whom you'll surely recognise as William Morris himself. Left-field thinking-caps on, and send your best caption (not a selection) to the MGOC HQ or email enjoyingmg@mgownersclub.co.uk to reach us by 10 August 2022. The winner will receive a £20 MGOC gift voucher, by e-mail, and the runners-up will each receive an *Enjoying MG* magazine binder. All competition entries must be accompanied by an MGOC membership number.

Cars in Strawberry Park, June 2022

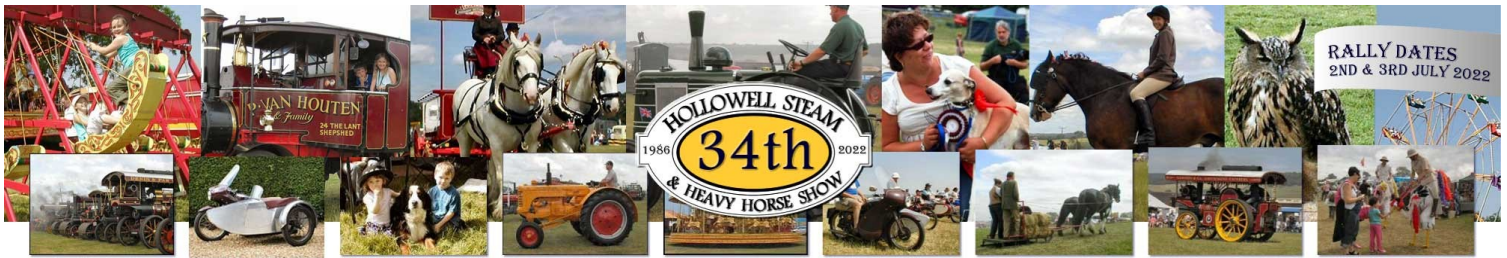
Statfold Barn Railway, near Tamworth was the host of the car show Cars in Strawberry Park. Meeting at the Miller and Carter restaurant on the A5, previously called the Three Pots pub, five cars followed Mr Chairman and Nicky in their MG Midget.

The day promised to be dry however a bit of a breeze was blowing and some dark clouds loomed – but luckily the day remained dry. There were a good variety of cars there, including a tiny Austin 7, a very cool McLaren and an Escort which once belonged to Dame Vera Lynn which she bought new.



The museum at Statfold is home to a collection of narrow gauge locomotives from Britain and overseas. It is well worth a visit if you are an enthusiast of railways and locos. From time to time visiting narrow gauge locos from around the country can be seen, so there is plenty to see and even a chance to ride on the narrow gauge track, around the site. There is also a cafe and a small gift shop.





We left Lutterworth about 8:15am and got to Hollowell just before 9.00am. An uneventful run except that I turned into the wrong gate when we got there, followed by three other cars. We all had to reverse out while the traffic was held up and drive another 100 yards down the road to the correct gate.

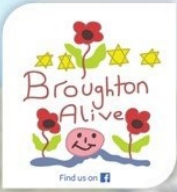
We eventually found our spot and put up the banner, bunting and event shelter. All went well until the shelter was almost up and we couldn't find the feet. They were eventually found and the job was completed. (We were quite close to where the steam engines were based and I finished the day with ash on the car). We then settled for a coffee and a sit down before looking around. There were lots of stalls around the arena (including Dorman's Amusements). Lunch was rounded off with a slice of Mrs Dawson's lemon drizzle cake (much nicer than Mr Kipling's apple pie).

I bought a hat and Linda bought some towels. For much of the day the weather was fine although we did have about an hour when it rained and was very cold. The shelter didn't leak and the weather turned nice again afterwards. Everything was packed away just after 4:00pm and most people left then. But the sun was out again and Stan, Shirley, Linda and myself decided to sit around and enjoy the rest of the day. We left about an hour later and got stuck behind one of the steam engines for several miles on the way home.



Broughton Astley Carnival 2022

Broughton on Wheels



Decorated Bike or Scooter Competition

Vehicle Cavalcade through the Village
Fun fair | BBQ & Beer Tent & Gin Bar
Craft and Local Home Business stalls.

Mini Fire Engine Rides

Live music from Bohemian

And much, much more.....

Saturday June 25th Noon-5pm

Thomas Estley School Field, Station Road, LE9 6PT

This year, as a club, we were invited to take part in the annual Broughton Astley Carnival and support our local community.

Unfortunately due to the dreaded Covid only 3 cars were able to participate.

We thoroughly enjoyed driving the streets of the village with other vehicles in the parade ending at the Thomas Estley school playing fields.

There was a very good selection of stalls and activities for the children plus a live teenage band/group providing great music.

The weather was very good although a tad windy.

Hopefully more of us can take part next year and support our meeting venue village again.



Nicky



Mid-Summer Picnic



The weather was just perfect in June and with the longest day approaching we decided it was time for an evening picnic. With Iris packed and raring to go we headed for our favourite spot on the Gated Road at Gumley. The views are just spectacular and the quiet is soothing after a busy day. Very few cars passed us, with a few cyclists and a couple of runners, we were on our own with sheep in the distance. Our picnic laid out, we enjoyed the alfresco dining and the murmuring of the sheep. We didn't notice the sheep moving in behind us until we were onto our strawberries and cream and the bleating seemed little nearer, there they were moving in inquisitive munching at the grass. We sat with coffee and sheep around us not bothering and neither did we. The evening chill in the air made us pack up and head home. A perfect end to the day.

Gillian



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Moira Furnace Museum & Country Park

Dates are Tues August 9th & September 13th. 6:00 PM 9:00 PM

The Furnace Motor Club returns, once more, for a full season of events.

These massively popular events welcome anyone with a classic or modern car to come and show it off. Polish those rims, fluff up those dice, and come on down. We love seeing all those amazing motors, big or small.

On the night, people wishing to show their cars will be by donation at the gate. There is separate parking for those just wanting to look around. The very popular burger van will be returning and we will be selling hot, cold, and alcoholic drinks from our refreshment stall.

Vintage & Craft Fair Melton Mowbray

2022 Dates

April 3rd
May 1st
June 5th (Jubilee celebration market)
July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th

All dates are weather permitting

Market Place
Melton Mowbray
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10am-4pm

MELTON MOWBRAY TOWN EST 1847




Classic Car Show

Bank holiday Monday 29th August

The first Hinckley BID Classic Vehicle Meet of 2022, returning this year by popular demand. Anyone with a classic vehicle of any kind who would like to pop along would be most welcome. Entrance will be from Station Road. Free to enter and visit.

Hinckley Town Centre

Dates
16th June
21st July
18th August



Hinckley BID's Classic Vehicle Meet



8th Annual Classic Car run for Rainbow's Hospice for Children and Young People

Sunday 4th September 2022

Start at Stonehurst Family Farm and Motor Museum, Mountsorrel LE12 7AA
finish at Nottingham Heritage Transport Museum, Ruddington NG15 7SF
Comfort stop at Wymondham Windmill LE14 2BU
Route approx 70 miles

Cost £20 a car. Check in from 8.30am to 9.30am

First car away after 9.30am

More information ring Terry 079704229456

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Classic Car Run



8th Annual Rainbow's Run

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By completing this form you are consenting to the organisers of "The Classic Car Run" saving and using your data for the purpose of communicating details of the Rainbow's Children's Hospice event AND informing you of the 2022 event. We shall NOT pass on your details to any other organisation. If you do not attend this year's event we will not contact you nor retain your details post 2022 unless you specifically grant us permission.



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For further details please contact Graham 07763 084294

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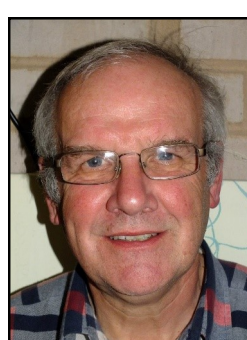
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South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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.

Date	Event	Details	Cost
August			
Tuesday 2nd	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Sat 6th	Glen Parva. Annual Summer Gala.	See Notice Board	
Sun 7th	Trains-Boat-Picnic Peter Stevenson House. Pailton.	See Notice Board	
Sun 14th	Colin & Carols Sunday Lunch Run	See Notice Board	
Thursday 18th	Stuart & Linda (Rutland Water and Picnic run) return match of french cricket	See Notice Board	
September			
Sunday 4th	Raising money for Rainbow's. 8th Annual Rainbow's Run.	Please see details in Torque Newsletter	
Tuesday 6th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Sunday 18th	Hinckley Motor Show. Hinckley Town Centre	Closed	PL
Sat 24th Sun 25th	Sywell Classic's Piston & Props		PL
October			
Tuesday 4th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
	43rd Anniversary Sunday Lunch run		
Sunday 30th	George & Glenise Breakfast Run		
November			
Tuesday 1st	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
December			
Tuesday 6th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Saturday 17th	Christmas Dinner dance	TBC	

Deadline for next Torque is 25th August 2022

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