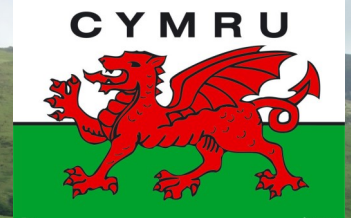


July 2022

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Ty'n y Cornel hotel, Tywyn.Wales.



SLMGC ANNUAL HOLIDAY

South Leicester MG Club Holiday 2022

On Monday 23rd May 2022 at 8.30am 5 cars set off from Miller and Carter on the A5 in Burbage, These cars were the so called slower cars within the club. Another 8 cars set off from the Halford car park in Hinckley at 9.30am, Whether these were faster cars or members that just don't like getting up early, We will never know.

Unfortunately we lost Roger and Sharon through Covid a couple of days before we were due to go.

We made our way down the A5 with a coffee stop & petrol refill stop, A Lunch time stop was arranged for a meeting point but the slower cars missed it as all we wanted to do was to arrive at our destination the Ty'n y Cornel hotel, Tywyn.Wales.



After a fabulous 3 course dinner and a good nights sleep, We had decided that Tuesday would be a free day to do as you pleased. Here are some of the members memories for Tuesday 24th May.

Free day for Paul and Jean.

We started off by visiting the Dolgoch Waterfalls and then visited Castell y Bere, a 12th century castle ruin built by the Welsh Prince Llywelyn the Great.

From the castle, we took a short walk to St Michaels Church at Llanfihangel y Pennant to see the Mary Jones exhibition, a local girl who lived nearby in the 18th century.

In 1800 at the age of 15, Mary Jones walked 26 miles, barefoot, from her home to Bala to buy a Welsh language version of the Bible and her story gave rise to the Bible Society that still exists today.



We then visited Tywyn and Aberdyfi before returning to the hotel.

Free day for Colin & Carol

On the Tuesday Jim, Mel, Derek, Val, Carol and I decided to visit more locally, leaving others to go further afield. Our three cars started firstly to Tywyn, where the sea front beckoned and we found ourselves looking over a beautiful long sandy beach. After a quick look around we decided to follow the coast to Fairbourne .

The light Railway was a lovely surprise and a godsend for getting us to the far away 'point' across the estuary from Barmouth.

Unknown to us ,there was a ferry service on a small boat over to Barmouth, so it was decided to transverse the difficult pebble beach and board the ferry by a very dodgy gang plank .It was a bit of an assault course, even for the energetic amongst us but getting Jim over the beach, into the boat and up the steep harbour steps in Barmouth after a not too settled sea swell, was nothing more than a Miracle!!..but Jim, in old Forces style, took it in his stride and loved every minute of it .

After a look around the town and a visit to the 'Lobster Pot ' for a crab stack salad and bevies, we made our way back over the assault course without any problems.

Jim was blooming marvellous. (well he is only 90 !)Time came to get into the cars and make our way back to the Hotel for a cuppa ,

That lovely day will be in our thoughts for a very long time.



Free day for Julie & Paul

After a pleasant drive down to the Hotel at Lake Tal-y-llyn on Monday we decided on Tuesday we needed to stretch our legs and get some exercise.

After a good and hearty breakfast we set off in the mgb for a short drive to The Dolgoch Falls. Walking boots on we marched off under the railway viaduct. It was an easy walk along side the river to the lower Falls.

We stuck on the path close to the river, then up a set of stone steps to the Middle Falls. Next a steep path to the Upper Falls. We descended through the very ancient wooded area listening to the varied bird songs on the way down.

Altogether a pleasant morning walk with a good cup of coffee at the cafe before setting off to drive into Tywyn.



On Wednesday 25th we had planned a trip on the Talyllyn Train here a report from Glen and John.

TAKING THE TALYLLYN TRAIN

It was drizzly when, travelling in convoy, we sped off to Tywyn to catch the train to Talyllyn, which was actually only a couple of miles or so from the hotel. Was John the only bewildered driver as we flew past the Talyllyn station and kept going?



Eventually the plan became clear and having also confused the folk of Tywyn when the convoy drove into a car park, altered its collective mind, U-turned and drove out again looking for the station car park.



By now the drizzle had ceased and we caught the train, on which seats had been reserved, and set off back up the mountain.

The ride took an hour and at the other end we picked up a couple of waifs and strays for the last - short - leg of the journey.

We were accompanied on the train by one of the railway volunteers. Francisco, from Barcelona - a friend of Alan's - told us he loved these little steam trains but there are none in Spain, so he comes to Wales every year to play with ours.



We had 30 minutes for coffee and cake at the Abergynolwyn station. Penny and John left us at some point and we travelled back to Tywyn. The trip, even though it was downhill all the way, took longer. At one point the train had to creep along, whistle frantically hooting, at a ewe and her twin lambs ambling along, seeming unable, or merely unwilling, to get off the track.

We were also accompanied by several planes flying the Mach Loop. [The Mach Loop is a series of valleys in west-central Wales, notable for their use as low-level training areas for fast jet aircraft and propeller-driven aircraft.]

Back at the station, we all went our separate ways, having had a pleasant trip on the restored 19th century railway, built to carry slate from the quarry of Bryneglwys.

All but invisible from the main valley road and from the present-day terminus of the Talyllyn Railway at Nant Gwernol, the quarry once employed 300 men and in its time produced 300,000 tons of slate and slabs.



There is a small but very interesting museum at the Tywyn terminus, which is where we discovered the 'Awdry Connection.' The Rev. Wilbert Awdry, (the Thomas the Tank Engine Man), was a keen railway modeller.

His first book in *The Railway Series* was published in 1945, and by 1951 he had written four more. In February that year someone, knowing his interest in small trains, sent him an article which had appeared in the *Birmingham Mail*, entitled: "EIGHT MILES OF RAILWAY TO PLAY WITH – AND REAL TRAINS - FOR £1 A YEAR".

That railway was the Talylyn Railway, and Wilbert's interest was aroused sufficiently to apply for membership of the newly formed Preservation Society.



Wilbert had a distant cousin Frank who lived in Tywyn. They had never met, but Wilbert and George had visited Frank's sisters in Somerset and had heard stories about the 'somewhat wayward little railway' in Tywyn. In August 1952 Wilbert, with his wife Margaret, son Christopher and daughters, Veronica and Hilary, visited the Talylyn Railway. On arrival, Wilbert and Christopher went straight to Wharf Station to introduce themselves to the General Manager. Wilbert volunteered to do duty as a guard during the second week of his holiday. The most memorable incident of the week was when he left the Refreshment Lady behind in the booking office at Abergynolwyn – the first of many events that Wilbert was to recount in future books.

Glen and John.

Tuesday after dinner we had a surprise from Glen and John that they were going to run a line dancing session outside in the tent covered area. I think it took a minute or two for it to sink in, But before long the dance floor was packed. I was one of the onlookers amazed how members picked up the moves so quickly.

On the finale dance it all came together and everyone had a real good time so it was repeated on Wednesday night where we had a couple of holiday makers join in with the dancing group.



Thursday 26th May planned trip to Portmeirion

Thursday 26th May was our trip to Portmeirion 12 cars set off from the Hotel and followed a different tulip route guide made up with destination signs along the way, To be truthful it was almost a straight run there.

We arrived at 11.40am just right for our arrival time slot between 11.30-2pm you could stay as long as you wished after that.

We all got checked in and started on our journey, Words like wow, amazing stunning were heard. Portmeirion was built by Welsh architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis (1883-1978) to show how a beautiful site could be developed without spoiling it.

Portmeirion was used in the 1960's TV series The Prisoner starring Patrick McGovern.

With the cameras clicking away we all made are way around ending up with scone and jam with a pot of tea. It was time to leave this beautiful place and headed for Harlic then on to Barmouth, Driving along some outstanding coastline.

We stopped in Barmouth because we didn't realise how big it was after our visit on Tuesday with Colin and Carol, Jim and Melvyn just around the harbour. We headed up towards Dolgangan taking a right turn over the wooden toll bridge.

It sounded like every wooden board was loose as you drove across it, At the other end you were met by a man with a metal pole fitted with a metal cup at the other end to collect your 80p. Foot down back to the Hotel for a drink and talk about a lovely day out.



Each night there was always something to do to keep your brain active, Like Wordsearch and Crossword puzzle and then on Thursday night Bob run a quiz with faces from the past, And the winner is: Carol Kingsbeer here receiving her prize.



Friday arrived and time for our last breakfast at the Hotel, Colin asked all members to appreciate the hard work and dedication that the staff had shown during our stay.

The Chairman Mr Graham Dorman presented Derek with a Thank you card and donation from all members for his hard work organising the holiday, Which was most appreciated and unexpected.

Thank you to all of you.



It was time to head home but one last thing to do before we took to our cars, A group photo, said the Chairman. Don't bother about the cars because we haven't got room for all of them. So after waiting at the front of the hotel for all the members to gather, They all decided to park there cars up at the front car park, Some messages just don't get through.

This was a very enjoyable holiday and I am so glad everyone was so please with the hotel and fantastic food.



MG magazine write up in the July edition:



The South Leicester Club started the month of May with a trip to the Donington Historic Festival where we had several cars on display. The following week we had a very popular early evening run followed by a visit to a Fish and Chip restaurant in Rothley. The weather was perfect for this event but was not so kind for our annual visit to nearby Misterton Hall, Lutterworth but everyone enjoyed it all the same.

Towards the end of May 13 cars attended the annual Club Holiday, this year to Tal y Llyn in Mid Wales. The setting was perfect with a hotel overlooking the beautiful Tal y Llyn lake. Organised events were a trip on the nearby Tal y Llyn steam railway and a visit to Portmeirion, an Italian style village in North Wales which was the location for the 60's TV series, "The Prisoner". For those of us old enough to remember, it brought back some lovely memories. We also had a free day where members chose to visit local sites including waterfalls and castle ruins or drove to nearby coastal towns including Tywyn and Barmouth. We are hoping for some more settled weather in June as we prepare for our trip to the Sandringham Pageant of Motoring over the Jubilee weekend followed by our own RATAE charity run event on 12th June.

Best regards Jean



In the mountains of Snowdonia, at the very southern end of The Snowdonia National Park, is a most beautiful lake - Tal-y-Llyn, at the foot of Cader Idris, the second highest mountain in Wales.

Located on the banks of this stunning water is a popular Snowdonia Waterside Hotel and Restaurant, The Tyn-y-Cornel, deep in the fold of dramatic, steep-sided mountains.

The 222 acre lake is owned by the hotel, and is noted for its superb wild brown trout fishing.

MGs in the Park 2022



The Oxfordshire Owners Club's annual event at the Cotswold Wildlife Park is something we like to do most years. The park is very much actively involved in conservation to protect endangered species as well as funding projects around the world including the support of several reserves in Madagascar.

The park also has some beautiful gardens. The planting is delightful and also has a fabulous display of cacti and succulent plants.

On to the cars... we decided to take Oscar the MGF this time. Roof down as the trip was nice and sunny, but then the clouds gathered as we approached the park. Looking a bit dodgy by then, we thought it best to put the roof up whilst walking around the animals and gardens!

A good turn out as always with a variety of MGs old and new. There is a road run you can do, a raffle, a Pride of Ownership competition and Car of the Show, plus trade stalls.

Bev





Donington Historic Festival

On Sunday 1st of May, 5 members of the club journeyed to Donington Park for the 11th Donington Historic Festival. This was an event that should have been on for the last two years but unfortunately Covid19 got in the way, so the tickets were carried over to this meeting.

We were booked in then followed the route underneath the track and round to the start area where we had space to erect the club gazebo.

The racing on Sunday covered everything from pre-war sport cars through Tony Dron for 70s and 80s touring cars, Group C1 cars and RAC Pallmall Cup to pre 66 CT and touring cars, pre63 GT and pre 60 sport cars.



I would have liked to have seen the racing on the Saturday, this included the Jaguar Classic Challenge for pre66 Jaguar cars and the RAC Woodcote Trophy and Stirling Moss Trophy for 56 and pre61 sports cars but never mind we were there for the Sunday only.

On our arrival we were watching the qualifying for cars for the above classes. Anyone who knows Donington knows that the spectator has a poor view unless he is in the grandstand. The problem is the chicken wire, saying that the races were still impressive from our view inside the circuit.

My favourite was the trio of Nissan Skylines, not much raced in the UK. They were revvy and very fast, these cars were rare and only sold in Japan and brought over to the UK later. There was only 3 races after the lunch break, the 70s and 80s touring cars. The C1 cars which included Jaguar XJR 8, 9 & 12 (7.4 L version!!!). The last race was a 3 hour race for pre66 GT and Touring Cars and needless to say we didn't stay until the end of this one Colin would have needed his Horlicks.

There were some famous people racing Daren Turner (C1 Jaguar), Rob Huff (ex- touring car), Jon an Jason Minshaw (Demon Tweaks owners), Alex Brundell, Steve Soper (ex-touring car) and many more.





Bob Driver

CAR MEETS & SHOWS

Upcoming Breakfast Meet Dates

Saturday 23rd July 2022

Saturday 22nd October 2022

Info; www.coventrymotofest.com

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Hinckley Town Centre

Dates **21st July**
 18th August

Hinckley BID's Classic Vehicle Meet



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Monday evenings from 5pm

25th July
29th August

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2022 Dates



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July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th

All dates are weather permitting

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Trade stalls, Craft stalls, Vintage, Steam Punk, Music, Dancing, Classic Cars, Jeeps and Bikes
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10am-4pm




Classic Car Show

Late bank holiday
Bank holiday Monday
29th August



Dates are: 14th. July 12th. 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.

Spotted at the Lakeland Motor Museum in Ulverston
MGA built to police specification. Fitted with twin cam engine,
claimed 118 MPH.....I think the size of the siren on the front
would slow it down a bit. Peter



Six miles from Market Harborough, Sibbertoft Manor offers a Home from Home for residents. Enjoying peace of mind, home cooking and the very best care in an idyllic village location.

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Sunday 24th July 2022 2pm-4.30pm

Garden fête for the residence with Brass band & Classic Cars.
Help us to create a special time for the residents by showing
them some real classic cars. Free tea and cake for everyone
taking part.

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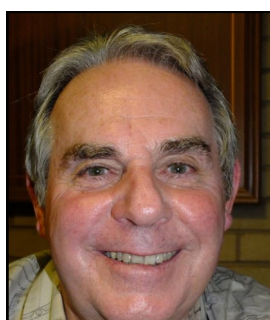
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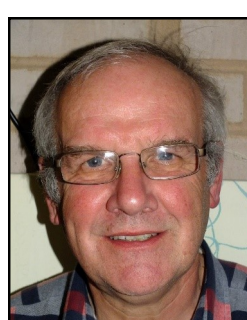
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South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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.

Date	Event	Details	Cost
July			
Sat 2nd-Sun 3rd	Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse show. Northamptonshire	Closed	PL
Tuesday 5th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Thursday 28th	John & Glen Evening Run	See notice board	
Sunday 17th	Visit to the Great British Car Journey at Ambergate. Derbyshire.	see notice board or contact event team.	
Sunday 24th	Sibbertoft Manor Garden Fate. 2pm-4.30pm come and join us we need some classic cars for the residence	See notice board please help us put on a show.	
Sunday 31st	Derek & Val "The Real March Hare Sunday Lunch Run" Broughton Hackett. Worcester.	See notice board	
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	