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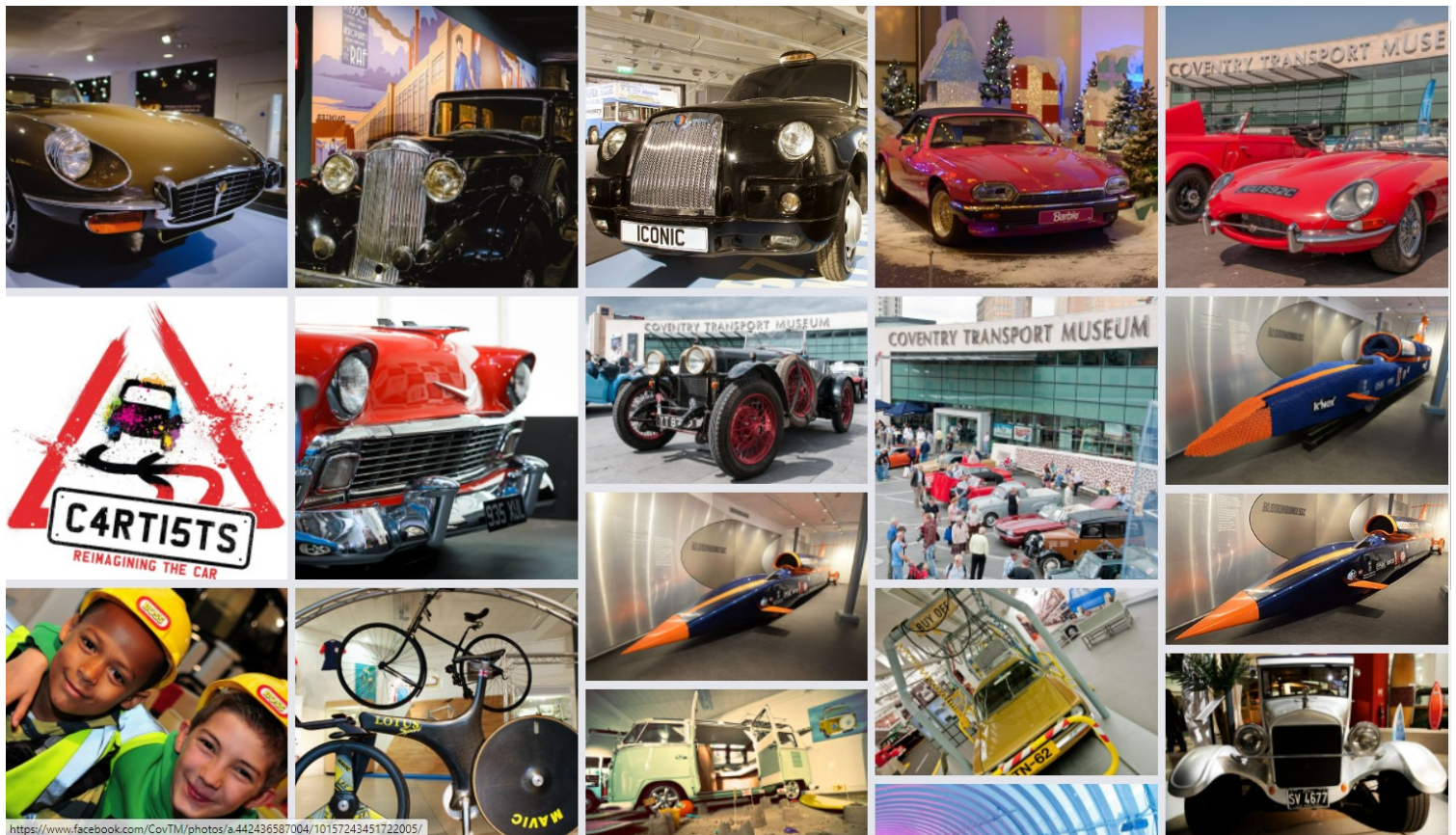
# Torque







## A World-Class Collection | A World-Class Experience



Coventry Transport Museum houses the largest publicly owned collection of British vehicles on the planet and tells the story of a city which changed the world through transport. Visitors can expect captivating displays, interactive galleries, and highly immersive exhibitions - a day to remember.

14 fully accessible galleries are home to the fastest vehicle in the world, pioneering bicycles, transport champions and many of the most innovative, memorable and luxurious vehicles of the last 200 years.

Aside from the collection itself, the programme includes exhibitions, hands on family activities and a wide range of events from Breakfast Clubs to fusion festivals.





## Ratae 2022 Raffle

Have you had any unwanted Christmas presents!! Too many chocolates, wines or biscuits! Then we need your help, we are collecting raffle prizes and your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please check that perishable items have a sell by date after August. Jean has kindly agreed to collect at the monthly meetings.

## MG magazine write up in the April edition:

At last we have passed the spring solstice and the lighter nights have arrived. That can only mean one thing - more MG runs on the horizon. We had our first run of the year - The March Hare run on 20th of March, with fantastic weather, ending with a lovely lunch at The Queens Head in Saddington. Earlier in the month we had a very successful afternoon event with Crazy Golf at the Putt Club in Leicester which was attended by 18 members and was really good fun.

April holds even more events with Daffodil Sunday, Drive It Day and the Bluebell Run, all of which are heavily subscribed at the moment.

There are still a few places left for this year's annual RATAE run which starts in Broughton Astley and finishes at Arbury Hall, Warwickshire. If anyone is interested in this event please complete the registration form on the South Leicester Website [www.mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org) or email [mgricketts@btinternet.com](mailto:mgricketts@btinternet.com).

Best regards Jean



# DAFFODIL SUNDAY

It had been three years since we planned the run as the 2019 Daffodil Sunday was cancelled due to heavy rain and water logged grounds.

We were hoping for better weather and it was dry and sunny but the wind was cold. We started from Broughton Astley and waved off eleven cars. Iris was back too and we went to Malt Kiln Farm Shop for a coffee before heading to Newnham Paddox and the home of The Earl and Countess of Denbigh who open up their grounds for the Friends of the Revel Churches in aid of the upkeep of six churches, Willey, Brinklow, Pailton, Monks Kirby, Harborough Magna and Churchover. The lakes and landscape park were designed by Capability Brown.

There was not as many classic cars as previous years but the old tractors were there and The Midland Vehicle Preservation Society had a display of varied vehicles. There was however a mass turnout of visitors with queues at the entrance. A visit to the The Revel Churches tea tent for the customary cup of tea (in a cup and saucer) and a slice of cake while sitting listening to the Ocho Rios Steel Band followed by the Brinklow Community Choir. There were many stalls from Gin to Jams, Fudge to Stained Glass, Jewellery to Quilts. With the Coombe Abbey Wood turners and not forgetting the friendly Alpacas .

The hardy MG'ers had a picnic and were just finishing their lunches when we returned from our walk in the grounds.

Was it a Daffodil Sunday? It was, they were out in full bloom with their heads nodding in the wind. A perfect Sunday Run.

Gillian



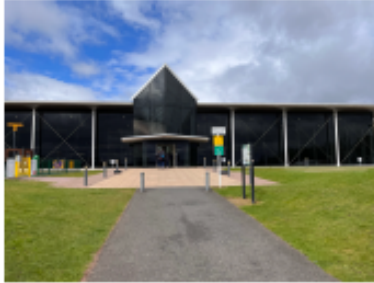






## RAF Cosford

Six cars set off to spend the day at Royal Air Force museum Cosford. We arrived at about 11.30am after about one and a half hour drive.



1st stop car park ticket machine, at £5 per day which included your admission into the Museum, that's what i call a bargain.

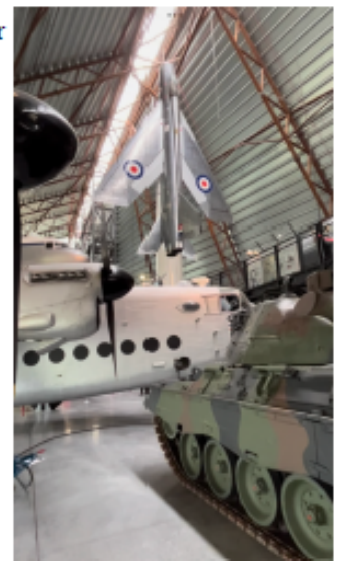


After tea, coffee or hot chocolate the choice was yours we all ventured out the building and were met by a standing display featuring Hawker Siddeley



Dominic T Mk1, Lockheed SP-2H Neptune & the Hawker Siddeley Nimrod R Mk1. We then ran for cover when it decided the heavens would open with a gale force wind into Hanger 4 'Cold War'

The relationship between the western Allies and the Soviet Bloc was often very tense with a constant threat of nuclear war ( a bit like now), so hanger 4 was full with anti-aircraft missiles, Surface-to-air missiles, Bombers including the Vulcan, Victor and the Valiant. The Valiant was the fist aircraft to join the V-Force in 1955 when its role was switched from high-altitude strikes to low-altitude strikes. There were all kinds of tanks on display including the Alvin FV101 Scorpion which was a light tank in service with the RAF



Regiment, who used it to protect airfields and other military installations. The silver looking aircraft in the picture to the right was the Lightning which was the first RAF fighter capable of flying at twice the speed of sound, allowing it to intercept Soviet Bombers.

The Western societies had access to a wide variety of consumer good, while the Soviet Bloc tried to present itself as a land of plenty, the products available to consumers were often of very poor quality. The Trabant earned the nickname of 'cardboard racer' reflecting the large proportion of powdered resin and cotton in its manufacture.

Hanger 3 featured 'War in the Air' telling the story of the development of aircrafts in the First World War. Aircrafts were mainly used for observation of the enemy positions and were un-armed, but this soon changed as aircrew began to carry personal weapons such as pistols. The Second World War sure faster and more capable monoplanes. During the Battle of Britain in 1940, RAF Hurricanes and Spitfires were one of Britain's key lines of defence.



Trabant



Hanger 2 'Test Flight' Innovation has always been important to the RAF, Keeping cutting-edge technology. Key to this innovation is research and development. Prototype aircraft and built to test new designs and features. Some prototypes enter full production. Others are cancelled, but not before valuable lessons are learned from extensive testing. Vectored thrust was a much more successful attempt to allow fixed-wing aircraft to not only fly more slowly, but also to facilitate full vertical take-off and landing. For example, the Hawker Siddeley Kestrel could direct thrust rearward and



downwards through rotating exhaust nozzles, enabling it to take off straight upwards like a helicopter. The Kestrel was developed into the Harrier, a very successful aircraft type that has seen service for 50 years in the air forces of



several nations.

**Hanger 1 'Transport and training'** all air forces rely on transport for moving troops and equipment. There is also a major requirement to retain a fleet of training aircraft to teach aircrews the wide variety of skills they must master before they can become operational. Most pilots in the Second World War received their initial training in the Tiger Moths, then the de Havilland Chipmunk succeeded the Tiger Moth as the RAF's elementary training aircraft, serving from the 1950s until 1990s.

There was lots more to see & do like the story of the RAF Cosford in Hanger 2 how its been evolving since it opened 1938 delivering operations of training to generations of technicians and ground trade recruits. Home of the RAF's only official airshow, RAF Cosford's educational ethos and community-mindedness makes it an essential element of the RAF's presence in the Midlands.

On the outskirts of the museum the Lockheed Hercules C Mk 3P the Victor VC 10 C1K and the Bristol Britannia 312 were displayed. As you can see how little Colin looks under the Hercules.

It was an enjoyable visit to RAF Cosford you certainly needed a rest on the way round and I think we were all very tired when we got back home.

Derek.





# AN EASTER TRIP IN IRIS

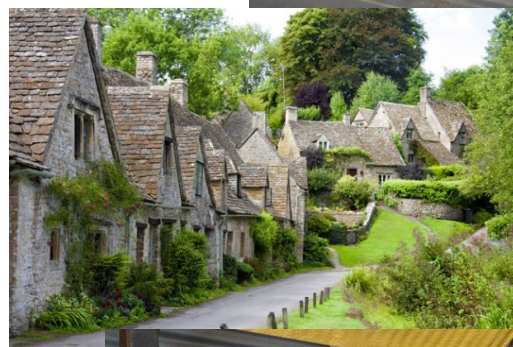


We all have our favourite roads, maybe our comfort zones and one of ours has always been the Fosse and a trip down to the Cotswolds. Well Easter did not disappoint did it, glorious wall to wall sunshine, maybe a slight chill in the air first thing, Iris back on the road following some harrowing winter-works, we packed a few things, hood down and an early start on Easter Saturday.

We join the Fosse just outside of Lutterworth, then its simply one road all the way with the customary breakfast stop in Morton in Marsh. Usually Martha's on the square, pot of tea and toast, although its Easter, so toasted Hot Cross buns. Always amuses me how well food and beverages fits into the life of MG'ers! We know all the good coffee stops, and the navigators know all the best toilet stops!! With ratings too.



A short comfort break, a wonder around and we continue to head south, we are heading to Bibury, a beautiful Cotswold village, on the banks of the River Colne, is rich in both history and nature. However its not the village this time it was the Classic Motor Hub o the outskirts of Bibury. Nested in an old WW2 air field, it's more than just a Classic showroom. It operates on a five-acre site in Gloucestershire dedicated to classic car and motorbike sales, events for motoring and memorabilia.



We have been here several times with the club, you see new gems and meet lots of people every time, always guaranteed a good day out.

Today was a customer event for Lancaster Insurance, so free bacon roll and coffee. In fact according to the catering expert herself, the best bacon roll she has ever had, on a Brioche Bun. So after breakfast number 3!! We head back towards home taking in Bourton –on- the-Water, heaving with families on the green, and queues of traffic, so that was a drive through!

With the weather, the drive and the amazing Rapeseed fields, all in all a great day out in our good old friend Iris.



Michael



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 October 2nd  
 November 6th

All dates are weather permitting

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Upcoming Breakfast Meet Dates

Saturday 23rd July 2022  
 Saturday 22nd October 2022

Info; [www.coventrymotofest.com](http://www.coventrymotofest.com)

**Club MotoFest BreakFest Meets**



**RATAE 2022**

**ARBURY HALL  
 WARWICKSHIRE**

12th JUNE 2022 Full details at [www.mglickester.org](http://www.mglickester.org)




Bank holiday Monday 2nd May  
 Late bank holiday Fri 3rd-Sat 4th June  
 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** 19th May  
 16th June  
 21st July  
 18th August

**Hinckley BID's Classic Vehicle Meet**





Sunday 8th May 2022



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## MGs IN THE PARK 2022

**19TH JUNE** at the **Cotswold Wildlife Park OX18 4JP**

**FREE** entry to the Wildlife Park for MG & driver  
 MG passengers will benefit from a **DISCOUNTED** entry fee  
**FREE** entry to the MG event once in the park...



**Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens**  
[www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk) for full details



## CAR CLUB NIGHT

Monday evenings from 5pm

25th April	25th July
30th May	29th August
27th June	

Entry by donation to Rainbows charity  
 Bar and Hog Roast  
 Call Steve on 07860 728548 to book your car in!

Club Event

£5 per Car



Misterton Hall. Plant, Craft & Food Fair. Sunday 15th May 2022

## Moira Furnace Museum & Country Park

Dates are Tues April 12th. May 10th. June 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.





# ARBURY HALL

Warwickshire



# RATAE 2022

Arbury Hall, originally built on the ruins of a 12th century Augustinian Priory, now stands in the midst of beautiful 18th century landscaped gardens and surrounded by over 100 acres of lakes and parkland, and has been the home of the Newdegate family for over 400 years.

This beautiful Elizabethan mansion house was transformed into the Gothic style by Sir Roger Newdigate during the second half of the 18th century. The exterior is entirely encased with stone and each aspect of the building presents a separate design of stunning architecture.

The elegant interior rooms feature spectacular displays of soaring fan vaulted ceilings with plunging pendants and filigree tracery, a breath-taking and complete example of early Gothic Revival architecture.



**12th June 2022**

£28 per car includes:

- Rally Plaque and Tulip guide starting at White Horse Pub Broughton Astley
- Tea/Coffee and breakfast bap at start
- Halfway Coffee stop
- Exclusive access to Arbury Hall estate and Gardens, Warwickshire.

Entry form available from South Leicester MG Club:

website— [www.mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org)



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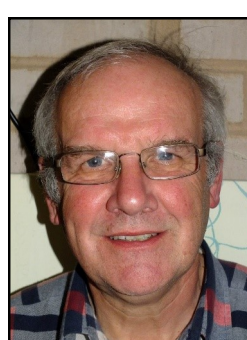
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## **South Leicester Monthly Meetings**

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
May			
Sunday 1st	Donington Historic Festival	Booking Closed	
Tuesday 3rd	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Thursday 5th	George & Glenise Fish & Chips evening	See notice board for details or Facebook	
Thursday 12th	Derek & Val Straw & Flowerpot run, Brunches & Lunches, Teas & Coffees & homemade cakes.	See notice board or Facebook	
Wednesday 11th	Meeting for all members going on the Clubs Holiday in Wales. 7pm White Horse Broughton Astley.		
Sunday 15th	Misterton Hall. Plant Craft & Food fair.	See notice board or Facebook	£5 car
23rd-27th	Club Holiday to Gwesty Tynymonel Hotel Wales.	Booking now closed	
June			
Sunday 5th	Pageant of Motoring at Royal Parkland at Sandringham, Norfolk.	See notice board or Event team.	
Tuesday 7th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Sunday 12th	South Leicester MG Club Ratae Charity Road Run	Visit clubs web site.	
Sun 19th	Ashby Magna Vintage Rally. Holt lane. Ashby Magna. Leicestershire.	See Notice board	
Tuesday 22nd	Raising money for Rainbow's. Longest day evening run.	Please see details in Torque Newsletter.	
Sat 25th	Broughton Astley Carnival. Thomas Estley Grounds. please give us your support & show your MG.	See Notice board	
Sunday 26th	Cars in Strawberry Park. Statfold. Ashby Road. Tamworth.	See Notice board	
July			
Sat 2nd-Sun 3rd	Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse show. Northamptonshire	See notice board	
Tuesday 5th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
	John & Glen Evening Run	TBC	
Sunday 17th	Visit to the Great British Car Journey at Ambergate, Derbyshire.	see notice board or contact event team.	
Sunday 31st	Derek & Val 'The Real March Hare Sunday Lunch Run' Broughton Hackett. Worcester.	Details coming soon	
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.	Details coming soon	
Sun 7th	Trains-Boat-Picnic Peter Stevenson House Pilton.	Details coming soon	
Sun 14th	Colin & Carols Sunday Lunch Run	Details coming soon	

**Deadline for next Torque is 27th May 2022**

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