



October 2023 Edition



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19th & 20th August 2023
Marston Trussell, Market Harborough, LE16 9TU

Marston Steam & Vintage Show
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Marston Trussell
Market Harborough
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LE16 9TU
Email: show@marstonsteam.co.uk
24th August 2023

Dear Exhibitor,

We want to thank you for coming to the first Marston Steam & Vintage Show, without people like you it is unlikely we could put on the event. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and hope you would want to do it again!

We had lots of a great feedback and people are pushing already to come back next year! For 2024, Now much of the infrastructure is in place, we can invest more resources into advertising & signage including new additions to the show.

If you are keen to join us again on 17th & 18th August 2024, applications will open up in January 2024. By then we should have a new website up and running www.marstonsteamshow.co.uk where entry forms can be downloaded from. In the meantime, further updates can be found via our Facebook page.

Will be in contact soon,

Karl Titchener, Jack Brown, Tom, Steve & Helen Wing



A very disappointed turn out to this years Atherstone motor show, with only 4 cars setting off from the Miller & Carter pub in Burbage, It was an early start, away by 8.15am with Derek taking the lead followed by Melvyn, Keith & Colin.

Arriving at Atherstone, we were directed by Marshalls where to park. The town square was full by this time, (what time did they arrive)? Car hoods went up as it began to spit with rain, then a quick march round to the cafe for breakfast & Coffee.



It was very humid with the rain not making its mind up what to do, The square was filling up fast with the general public, so we had a



quick look around at all of the amazing cars, One of which was a fairly new car, Colin being Colin commented how dirty the bonnet was inside, so the owner gave him some cleaning fluid and a cloth and made him clean it off. It was time to move on to the next car park passing something resembling Colin, still trying to teach Derek how to play the guitar.

In the car park, we found the ideal seat for a raining day, it folds away and you can carry it on your back, (brilliant).



Another attraction was a custom built full size chassis of a Hurricane, with a Rolls Royce Merlin Variation (Meteor V12 27liter 750 hp attachment. Back up to the town square we headed down the Main Street, passing a Porsche, a Ferrari and best of all a lovely MG TC.

The time had come to hear the prize giving & the raffle, we never win anything at these shows, but hay-hoe Colin came up trumps, winning a prize, a vintage mini.



It had been a long day, but worth every minute of it. Time to make our way back home.



Spotted on Kieron's trip to Whitby..

It's a fun full day out with vintage Cars, Bikes and all sorts of attractions.

<https://www.scarboroughfaircollection.com/>



MY LIFE IN MGB's by Michael Tomkinson

I have spent the best part of my spare time during the last 50 odd years rescuing some 8 MGBs from an early demise, purely as a hobby. I have kept a record of all my cars over the years, thanks to a friend who I placed my insurance with, and presented me with a copy of my account, dating back to 1965 when I bought my first sports car , a 1953 Austin Healey BN1 convertible on my 22nd birthday. All my other cars a described in my PistonHeads blog, which can be found using the following link:

<https://www.pistonheads.com/gassing/topic.asp?h=0&t=1857523&mid=0>

No 1

1966 MGB roadster GNW 847D



A 1966 MGB Roadster, reg . GNW 847D, bought as an abandoned project from a workmate, to my home in Enfield, North London, my wife driving the towing vehicle, a ford cortina mk1 GT, across London on a saturday afternoon.. nightmare experience ! (for her). The first year was spent getting the car roadworthy , with lots of welding and 2 new front wings. A night school course in Welding at Southgate Tech provided the necessary welding skills. My wife Patricia then claimed the car as her own, and commuted daily to her job in central london. Thankfully the car never let her down! In 1979. a job came up in Bahrain with me on loan to Cable and Wireless from British Telecom, the mg was put up on blocks in my garage for 4 years, with regular attention from a neighbour and friend to keep her healthy. Returning to the UK in 1984, the car was pressed into service again for Pat, as she had a job with a building firm (and family friend) looking after various building conversion jobs around North London. My elderly parents were now in different hospitals in Central London, and I was called in by the hospital to say goodbye to my dad, who was dying from cancer.

Pat came down to pick me up from the Post Office. Tower, and drove us to the nearby Middlesex Hospital. We parked outside on a meter, but on returning to the car an hour later, there was no clutch operation! The AA was called and took us home. This was Christmas eve, 1986. I decided then that the car must go, so a new clutch was fitted, and the car sold to a neighbour who drove it to his uncle in Naples, who fully restored it, and added it to his collection of classic cars. I still have the ignition key.. maybe one day I will visit Naples.....

No 2

1966 MGB/GT JDF 878D, 1983 to 1986



This car was a basket case when bought for £130 in 1983. Pat saw an AD in LOOT, and I virtually bought the car over the phone, restored the engine, and welded in complete cill assemblies both sides. A tricky task with an arc welder, as I couldn't afford a mig welder! The car was resprayed in Black cellulose, and trimmed out with off-cuts from our new smokey pink lounge carpet. After 3 years the car was sold to an engineering student who commuted daily to his college in Hatfield. Rough idlying was resolved by his tutor advising him to recondition the distributor.

The car was sold to him for £1400, after a 3 year restoration. Good money for 1986!

"Milly" 1994 to 1997



I rescued Molly from a rather sad end, slowly rusting away in the front garden of a the daughter of a neighbour. She failed the last MOT 2 years previously, daughter could not afford the repair costs, so the car was literally left to rot for 2 years, until her dad car dealer dad took charge, tried to get me to pay a premium price for this "worthwhile" project. Common sense prevailed after I pointed out the leaky hood had allowed rain ingress to collect and destroy the drivers side floor pan! The price was reduced by half, and the fragile car was carefully trailered home. Work started by removing buckets of rust and perforated lower front wing sections. A new drivers footwell was welded in, and cills on both sides replaced, as well as the lower half of the front wings. The chassis rails were ok, having been wax-oiled and under-sealed in previous years. Also those heavyweight bumpers were surprisingly sound, due to the thickness of the steel armatures (workshop manual description) inside. Cosmetically, a full retrim including beige leather seat covers and a burr walnut dashboard veneer was complemented by three coats of British Racing Green cellulose, and a new hood. The Rostyle wheels were silver and black hand painted in Hammerite, and a well earned Enfield Council MOT certificate obtained. Advertised In Classic Cars magazine, she sold well to TV production manager, who promised some TV exposure .

No 4
1967 MGBGT
VYY 176E
Complete restoration between
1991 -1996



Another "LOOT" purchase found by my wife. A father and son abandoned project. The son was going to university, so dad sold her to me, complete with wire wheels, sunroof, and nasty DIY plywood dash . She was trailered home to Enfield, and started by ripping out the dash and fitting a new wiring loom and secondhand steel dash. Originally white, the car was rubbed down and resprayed in bermuda blue, using the new 2 pack paint technology, protected by a laquer topcoat. The rusty wire wheels were stripped and the spokes re-finished with Smoothrite silver. Whilst installing the new loom, I discovered a dynamo, rather than the expected alternator. Also , the door glasses were kite marked for 1967, so the cars registration , TNM554K, was not correct for a 1967 vehicle. On request, the DVLA issued an aged related registration, VYY 176E. I was so pleased with the blue paint job that I fitted ahome veneered burr walnut dashboard. I advertised the car in Classic Car magazine. A gentleman from Holland came over with his video camera, inspected the car, and said he would be in contact. A few days later he agreed the sale price, and I drove the car to Harwich for shipment to Holland. I left the paperwork and keys with the shipping agents, and caught the train home. A satisfying end to a 3 year restoration.

This sadly neglected MGB/GT reposed in the front garden of a neighbour, just opposite us, where we had a holiday chalet on the coast near Clacton. The owner lived in Spain, but spent a few weeks in the summer at his chalet, but the car spent the winters under a tarpaulin in his front garden, so he had lost interest in the car, as he had bought a new Datsun Sports Coupe. I made tentative enquiries, invited to "have a good look underneath", I was pleasantly surprised by the sound underseal, with only surface rust on the exposed suspension. She started up ok, but the manifold joint to downpipe was blowing, an easy fix...hopefully ! Anyway, the engine its self run ok, very quiet in fact...the 35k miles on the odometer seemed to reflect the cars seasonal use, but the only obvious rust was the door bottoms. Even the boot, surprisingly, was solid. £300changed hands, and the car transported home to Enfield. A light restoration was started, which required new door bottoms to be welded in, and the leading edge of the bonnet cut out and replaced , This required some delicate welding work with my trusty MIG welder. The car was then refinished in Old English White cellulose, new carpets fitted,nice stereo/cd player, and a trouble free MOT obtained. The car was advertised on the internet, and sold to an Irish Tarmac contractor, as an anniversary a present for his wife. The car was collected on one of his lorries, and shipped to Antim in Eireland, where it is still in daily use.

No 6: 1967 MGBGT LHJ
980E : 1996 to 1998



Bought from a friend of my daughter, who was a self employed mechanic, working from home ie front garden or in the road .He had taken a mgb rolling bodyshell in part payment of an outstanding bill on an another motor, and needed to pass it on...to me. No room in the front garden!the shell was trailered home, with all loose panels etc , included. For I think £200.most welding repairs had already been completed, so a respray and retrim was all that was required to finish the restoration. The original teal blue paintwork was over-coated, new grey velour carpeting installed,thank s to end of roll bargain from a local carpet shop.The sunroof covering was replaced, a massive learning experience! The wire wheels spokes were give a fresh coat of silver smoothrite enamel, anda full service before a council MOT was obtained, and the car sold on locally, for £2600, giving a small profit, labour hours given for free! But another MGB back on the road!

No 7: 1972 MGBGT FPG 822J
Restored 1988 to 1991



This car was bought from the owner of a stables in Cuffley, Hertfordshire. He did not have the enthusiasm to do do the welding work necessary to pass an MOT. The car was full of rust in the usual places, ie cills and floor, and was burning oil. But she had a good interior, and a Webasco sunroof. The engine had a Weber twin choke carb fitted, rather than the usual twin Sus. The engine was reconditioned with new rings and bearings, and the newly repaired bodywork was resprayed in British Racing Green cellulose.A new MOT was obtained, and the car sold to a fellow manager in British Telecom, who omitted to tell his wife of the purchase! He ran it for a year, then citing the Weber twin choke DCOE carb's petrol consumption, as a reason to sell, and traded it in for a Fiat Tipo, in order to appease his wife!

No 8 1976 MGB GT VOV 228S



Having moved up to Burbage from London, I spent a year refurbishing our bungalow, sold off all my workshop and settled down to a country life, until Codvid struck and took my wife of 55 years. Pats doctor in London phoned me to check on my health, and asked me what I was doing in my spare time., and suggested that I change my focus on life, and return to my old hobby, restoring MGBs,

Brilliant article, well done Michael.

Any questions feel free to contact

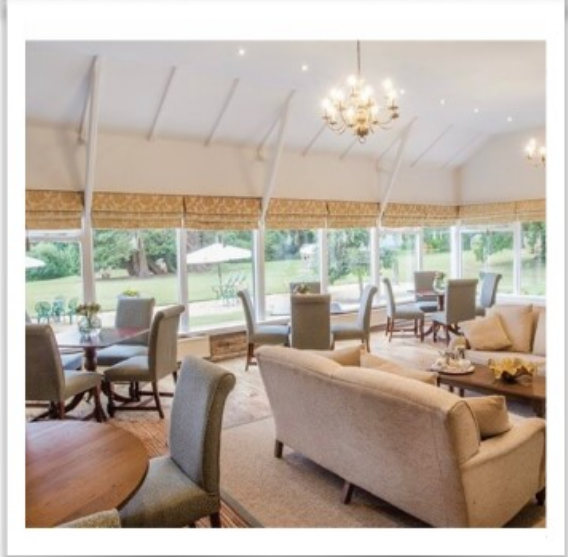
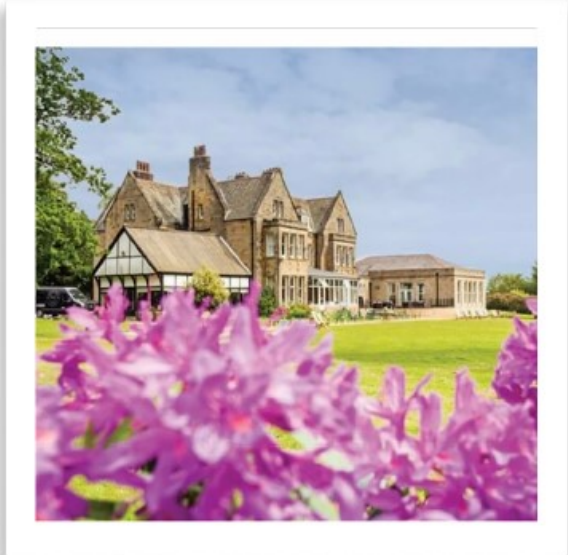
Mike on 07802449822.

Dear SLMGC Member

We have been working hard to find next year annual holiday venue before they all get fully booked and we miss out yet again. The hotel is called Grinkle Park Hotel, and is situated 20 minutes from Whitby, North Yorkshire. Please find PDF of a few of the photos of the hotel, there are a lot more on their website if you would like to have a look. The hotel is about 30 minutes from Mathewsons classic auction house, which is on TV, and 35 minutes to Scarborough and many more attractions in Yorkshire.

The holiday is planned to take place on 24th June 2024 for 7 nights. The cost is £189.00 per room per night based on 2 sharing a double room. And £129.00 single occupancy per night. All prices are for Bed, Breakfast & evening meal.

Can you please have a think about if you would like to join us on our annual holiday taking into consideration prices above, please can you let us know by the next club meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2023. Spaces are limited and we have six cars already confirmed, so please do not wait. We need to know ASAP, contact Derek on 07831390270 or e-mail derek.everitt@me.com for any additional enquiries.



South Leicester MG Club visit to Sywell Sat 23th September 2023.



Some pictures from Saturday's visit to Sywell.

The Erection !!



Mr Piggy`s
Menu.
Sausage.
Bacon &
Mushrooms



Our MG stand.



Lunch time..



Spotted at Foxton Locks..

Spotted at Foxton :oaks a couple of weeks ago. The owner is believed to be Peter (?) of Pailton,

Ref: Google

The **Stanley Motor Carriage Company** was an American manufacturer of steam cars that operated from 1902 to 1924, going defunct after it failed to adapt to competition from rapidly improving Internal combustion engine vehicles. The cars made by the company were colloquially called Stanley Steamers, although several different models were produced.

Glen.



Local Classic Car Shows & Events



MGOC 50th EVENT

To celebrate fifty years of the MG Owners Club we will be offering a road run and throwing open the doors of Octagon House, Swavesey on Saturday 14th October 2023.

The celebration road run will start locally to MGOC HQ at 10am and will take entrants on a scenic tour of the local area, returning to Octagon House in time for an open house visit. There will be an open house celebration, everyone is welcome, with light refreshments, live music, tours of the building and opportunities to talk to staff from all of the departments including the main Club, Spares Department and Workshop from 12noon until 4pm.

Everyone is invited whether you are taking part on the road run or just wish to drop in. This will be a free of charge event, but we would be grateful if you would register your interest in attending Octagon House at:

www.mgownersclub.co.uk/mgoc-50th-openhouse

Entries for the road run will be limited to 100 cars on a first come basis. To register to take part on the road run please go to:

www.mgownersclub.co.uk/mgoc-50th-roadrun

Self entry



11.30am

Dates

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

December 24th

Contact. Martin 01455554624 or
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*Melton Mowbray
Craft Vintage Artisan Market*

DATES
 April 2nd
 May 7th (Coronation Weekend)
 June 4th
 July 2nd
 August 9th
 September 3rd
 October 1st
 November 5th
 All dates are weather permitting

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EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

For more information
01858 469903
 Harborough Sports,
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Event Details

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Unmissable features like Silverstone Auctions, Meet the Experts Theatre, Pride of Ownership, Sporting Bears Dream Rides, HERO ERA Arrive & Drive, and a sensational classic bike showcase, all in the palm of your hands! Be part of the incredible community at our show as like-minded individuals come together to celebrate their love for all things classic!

You can save £2 on your ticket by signing up for Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show [newsletters](#)

Make sure you keep up-to-date with all show announcements, club news, and more exciting surprises!



What's Happening in the next 3 months.

Events Programme & Information

Event No	Date	Information	Cost
	October		
	Tuesday 3rd	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
32	Thursday 12th	A trip to Armstrong's Mill. Shedshed. Take any car you have its not a MG only run. Men & Ladies cloths, antiques, cafeteria,	Free
33	Sunday 29th	Glenise & George, End of Summertime Breakfast Run. More details later.	
	November		
	Tuesday 7th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
34	Sunday 12th	South Leicester MG Club anniversary run. Now moved from October to this new date. Please see notice board for more details. Limited Spaces.	
	December		
	Tuesday 5th	Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.	
36	Saturday 16th	Christmas Party Night at Ullesthorpe Court & Golf Club 4 course dinner starts at 7.30pm Dancing till 12.30am	Full

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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.

Ratae Charity Run 2024

Please could you all put your heads together and think of a local charity that would benefit from our next years 2024 Ratae Run.

It could be a charity close to your heart, or a charity you think needs our help.

Any ideas you may have, please pass onto any committee member so that we can discuss it at our next meeting.

Regards.

Graham D.

Chairman of the South Leicester MG Club.

Lost.

At the last meeting Mike left his new MG hat behind, he went back to the White Horse and asked if anyone had handed it. The answer was no. So does anyone know where Mikes hat might be. ? If found please give to Mike Tomkinson or any committee member .

Thanks.

Regards Graham P .

Editor for South Leicester MG Club.

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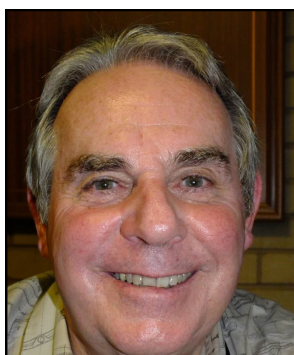
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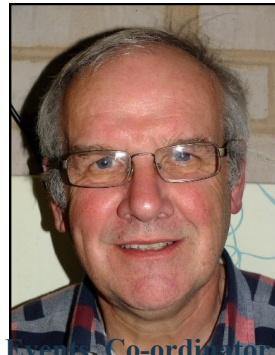


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South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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.