

October 2022

# Torque



# JOHN & GLEN'S EVENING RUN THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2022

What a great summer we have had in 2022 and the evening of Thursday, 28 July was no exception. Eight cars joined us on the run which was fairly simple but John and I were delighted that we found some delightful country lanes that none of us had travelled before. We finished at a pub, of course, and were pleased that Glenise and George were able to dine with us. We finished at The Wentworth Arms in Elmesthorpe. Despite a management foul-up, 15 MGers were able to sit together to finish a good evening with reasonably priced, tasty pub grub. Photos:

Photos: Right: Ready for the off  
Bottom: Not so ready for the off;  
too busy chatting!



Glen Lee



## MG magazine write up in the October edition:

The club were involved in several very well attended events during August and all enjoyed very good weather. The first of these was our annual visit to Pailton for the Trains, Boats and Teas afternoon. This is organised to raise money for the Air Ambulance. We also had a day out to Rutland Water, which is becoming an annual event with a game of French Cricket after our picnic lunch. Other events were a Sunday Lunch run to the beautiful Blue Lias pub near Southam. As this was close to the peak of fuel prices and during a spell of very hot weather, the planned run was cancelled and replaced by a straight run via the quickest route.

Best regards Jean



Welcome to  
BUTLER-HENDERSON  
Café Bistro  
Open Daily

Come and join us on George and Glenis Breakfast run. Breakfast will be at Butler Henderson Café, Great Central Station, Woodhouse Road, Quorn. Pre booking only via the Events team. Sunday 30th October.

# Rainbow Hospice Run

On Sunday the 4th September we left home about 8:30am headed for Stonehurst Farm in Mountsorrel - the start of the Rainbow Hospice Run, organised by the North Leicester MG Club. When we got there we met David and Chris Pay, the only other SLMGC entrants. It is a classic car run so there were quite a number of non MGs, including a Morgan, Triumphs and, most interesting for me, a 1951 Lanchester with a pre selector gearbox. The weather was overcast with some black clouds around but, nevertheless, the hood came down. It started to rain after a few miles but fortunately cleared up within two or three minutes (so I wasn't in too much trouble) and the weather gradually brightened after that.

The coffee stop was at Wymondham Windmill, a very interesting place with a small cafe. At one point on the way there we were convinced we had gone wrong and pulled over to put the postcode in the satnav. About 30 seconds later several MGs came past us so we abandoned the satnav and followed the crowd. We eventually arrived and sat with David and Chris in the cafe. Linda and I both had a Latte and a very nice piece of Victoria sponge.

The final destination was the Nottingham Heritage Transport Museum, just south of Nottingham. By now the weather was sunny and pleasant and we sat at a picnic table to eat our Morrisons cream tea platter for two (12.99). It was very nice and I think we shall get one again, although given how hot the TF boot gets we had to put it in a cool bag with several "ice bricks" around it.

On the other hand, next time, we could get a couple of potatoes, wrap them in tin foil, put them in the boot, and when we get to our destination we should have two perfect jacket potatoes ready to eat.

We had a very pleasant run home with the hood down all the way. A nice day out.



Stuart

Hi, do you recognise this?  
Was with work in Dallas  
Regards, Kieron



# Derbyshire Dales Trail



We left home just after 9:00am on Saturday morning on our journey north to Darlington, arriving just after 2:00pm.

We stayed overnight at the Hall Garth Hotel (not recommended) just north of Darlington.

Next morning we took an early breakfast and set out for Romanby Golf Club, Northallerton, where the run started.

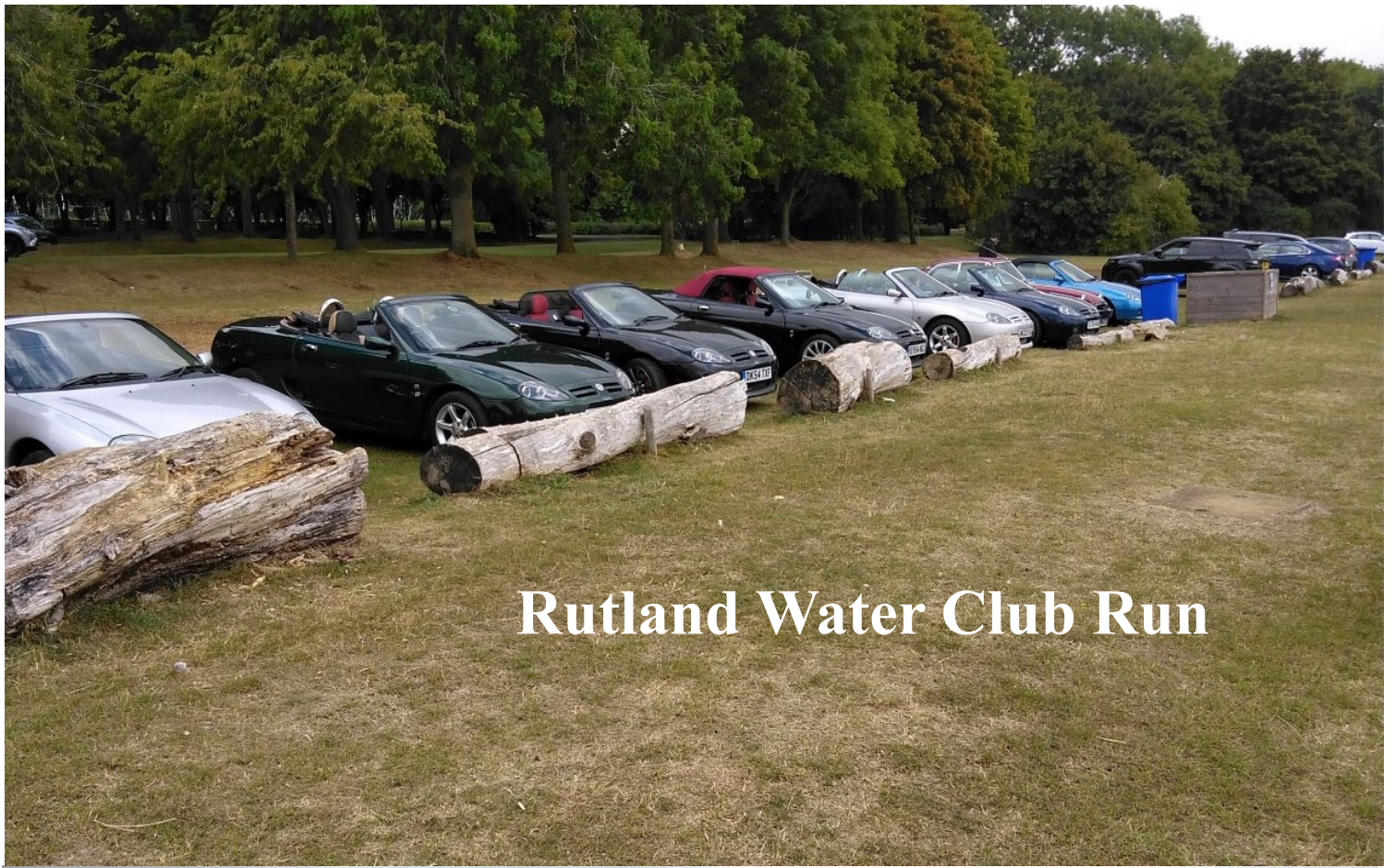
There were 45 cars on the run, mainly, but not exclusively MGs. We registered and had our complimentary coffee and biscuit before starting our 86 mile run around North Yorkshire. The first few miles to Leyburn were along normal roads but from then on the scenery on the moors and dales was spectacular. Many of the roads were single track and at one point we met a coach coming the other way. I had to reverse about 100 yards to a passing point and then we were on our way again. We passed through Middleham, the childhood home of Richard III, Appletreewick, famous for the national ferret racing championships and Pateley Bridge, among others, before returning to the starting point. Cyclists were a particular problem because it is difficult to overtake them on single track roads and most of them didn't seem to care whether or not they blocked the traffic.

Back at the golf club we again had complementary tea and biscuits in the club house (food was available) but nobody put their chairs out and had a picnic, so we took ours for nothing! We then went outside for the presentations. A cheque for £1,500 (the money raised by the run) was made to Breast Cancer Now, the designated charity, and a separate cheque for £1,050 was presented, the proceeds from a garden party held by one of the members. There were also presentations for the furthest travelled (Hazlemere in Surrey) and to the owner of the car which the Breast Cancer Now representative would most like to take home, an MG PB.

And then we all went home, but not before I had told a few people about the Ratae and encouraged them to join us in 2023 and, of course, they promised they would!



Stuart



# Rutland Water Club Run







We woke up to a miserable, overcast, drizzly day and we bemoaned our luck after all the good weather we have had recently.

Eight cars met at the White Horse ready to leave at 10:30am, by which time the weather was looking a bit better and the hoods went down. The first part of the journey went well but then we came to a “road closed” sign. Fortunately I got directions as to how to get round it and we were back on track again only to meet our second “road closed”. We followed the diversion and eventually got back on track again and then had an uneventful run with the sun breaking through.

We arrived at Rutland Water at about mid-day. The weather was better now and we had a nice sunny (but not too hot) afternoon.

After eating our picnics we played French Cricket and Pip was the star of the match - the best batsman, the best catcher, and the fastest runner. I later found out that at one time he used to be a PE teacher so it is perhaps not surprising.

During the tea interval (although we never did start again) we all enjoyed a piece of Mrs Dawson’s delicious lemon drizzle cake.

# Jaguar Breakfast Meet - September 2022

Jaguar owners are invited to meet at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast. This particular meet was a special one as it is 100 years since the start of the Swallow Side Car Company which later became Jaguar.

Friends Dave and Rosemary own a 2000 Jaguar S type, so calling on them and leaving our MG at their house we headed along to the museum. The weather was perfect for the many Jags and Daimlers who turned up and for the classic and vintage cars which were brought out of the museum especially.

Not having a Jag, we haven't gone to a lot of these breakfast meets however at one meet, we bumped into old friends from our Start Trek fan days Ann and Alan. Seeing Alan from a long way off it was the long hair and beard that made me wonder if it was him, albeit a lot greyer these days. What confirmed it was his Klingon t-shirt!

We met up with them again with Rose and Dave and after the breakfast meet the six of us went for a late lunch at a pub not far away from the museum. A few other Jag owners had the same idea, judging by the cars in the car park!

A lovely day was had by all.

MG(not Jag)Bev



# For sale at this years Goodwood Revival, (expected £70-£90,000)

## An MG, prototype No. EX234, built in 1965 as a possible replacement for the MGB.

This car is another one of the fascinating 'might have beens' in the history of MG. Its planning began in 1964 when engineering brains at Abingdon's turned to a 'next generation' MGB that would have a better chassis. The new car incorporated the independent rear suspension that was intended for the original 'B' but abandoned as it was too expensive. The BMC parts bin was raided for the 1,275cc A-Series 'cooper' engine and gearbox. The suspension is upper and lower wishbones all round and fitted with Hydrolastic suspension units. The steering is rack and pinion, and there are disc brakes on all four wheels.

Once completed, the rolling chassis was despatched to Pininfarina in Italy for body styling. The result of the master coachbuilder's input was it contains hints of the FIAT 124 Sport Spider and Alfa Romeo Duetto, while at the same time incorporating the sawn-off 'Kamm' tail that would later appear on the Alfa Romeo 1750. The EX234 was intended to replace both the Midget and the MGB, and despite being more compact, it offered a more generously sized interior. The prototype has a removable roof section to demonstrate a GT/roadster versions, leather seats and a more up market dashboard. It has a very familiar look but overall, it isn't a bad looking car.

Although well received by some experts including John Surtees, this design did not progress any further. At the time of its inception both the Midget and the MGB were still selling well, as far as producing a new sports car were concerned it was felt by senior management that there was no need for a replacement. The project was shelved following BMC's merger with Leyland to form British-Leyland, the balance of power shifted in favour of Triumph. When the time came it was the Triumph TR7 that was chosen, despite the MG marque's greater popularity in the USA that was B-L's most important export market.

Peter



Photo courtesy Bonhams Auctions.

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**MG : SOUTH LEICS. MG CLUB**

## 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.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION, PHOTOS AND COPIES OF THE TORQUE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEB SITE. [WWW.MGLEICESTER.ORG](http://WWW.MGLEICESTER.ORG)

# SOUTH LEICESTER MG CLUB

## Christmas Party Nights

Bar opens from 7pm, dinner served from 7.30pm, dancing until 12.30am

### menu

**COUNTRY VEGETABLE SOUP** V VE CAN BE GF  
crusty bread roll and butter

**DUCK LIVER & APRICOT PÂTÉ** CAN BE GF  
crisp ciabatta, apple and ale chutney

**KING PRAWN COCKTAIL** GF  
crisp gem lettuce, Marie Rose sauce, lemon

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**TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY** CAN BE GF  
sage, onion and cranberry stuffing, pigs in blankets

**GRILLED FILLET OF HADDOCK** GF  
herb crushed new potatoes, white wine and caper cream sauce

**SPINACH & RICOTTA CHEESE CANNELLONI** V  
new potatoes, seasonal vegetables

All served with roast potatoes and roasted root vegetables

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**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING** CAN BE GF  
brandy sauce

**SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE** GF/V  
dark chocolate soil, milk chocolate paint

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**COFFEE & MINCE PIES**

**£38.95 PER PERSON**

**HELD AT  
ULLESTHORPE  
COURT HOTEL**

**SATURDAY 17TH**

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- 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.
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  - The Fourth Sunday Of The Month Except December

- 2023
- THE BARN RESTAURANT & BAR
- COALPIT LANE
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October 23rd  
November 27th

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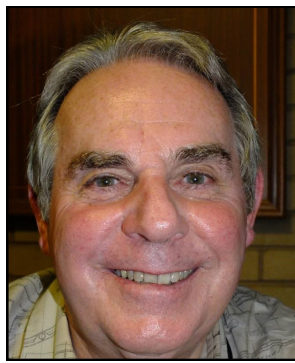
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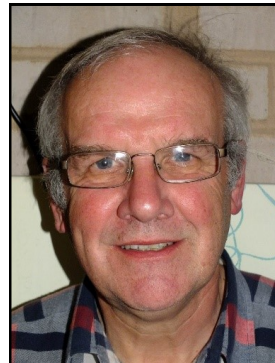
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## South Leicester Monthly Meetings

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
October			
Tuesday 4th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
	43rd Anniversary Sunday Lunch run	TBC	
Sunday 30th	George & Glenise Breakfast Run	see notice board & clubs facebook page	£8.90
November			
Tuesday 1st	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Thursday 24th	Social afternoon Event. Crazy Golf at Leicester High Cross centre.	See Notice Board	£8.25pp(60+)
December			
Tuesday 6th	Club meeting 8pm or come early to have food and a natter	White Horse, Broughton Astley.	
Saturday 17th	Christmas Dinner dance, Ullesthorpe Court Hotel.	See Stuart or Graham Poole	£38.95 PP

## Ratae Charity Donation Presentation 2022

The Club will be making a donation to “Remap” on Tuesday  
4th October 2022

We look forward to seeing you all in support of the club

Deadline for next Torque is 26h October 2022

Send your articles to Gillian - [mgricketts@btinternet.com](mailto:mgricketts@btinternet.com)