



December 2024

Torque

South Leicester MG Club

Founded 1990



Next cub meeting 7th January

Next Ratae meeting 13th January.

Next SLMGCLUB Quarterly meeting 20 January 2025

Car parts to sell or wanted.

Messages from around the club.

What went on in December

2025 Dates for your diary.

Who's who.

South Leicester MG Club

Moving Forward in the 21st Century

Club emails.

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Club Logo



Flags and Banners

Ratae Logo

Awaiting conformation



Any parts or bits you might have lying around and would like to sell.

Cars, spares, etc.



Rules.

Its between the seller and buyer only. The club holds no responsibility for anything sold through the Torque magazine.

When sold please tell me.

Item	Description	Cost	Contact
MGB	12 Volt Battery Box. As new	£25	Andrew Munro 07703274865
Rear lights	MGTF rear lights, left and right complete.	£10	Graham Poole. 07763084294
1972 MGB Roadster	Immaculate condition. Colour Red / Maroon with wire wheels.	316500 ono	George 07792118396
MGB	Radiator shroud (Centre fill)	£25	Andrew Munro 07703274865
Meccano	Large selection of Meccano bits including an electric motor, 2 windup motors and a selection of gearing, cogs and wheels.	Make me an offer.	Graham. (Chairman)
MGB	New: Pair of stainless Threshold plates GT Roadster	£15 Pair	Graham. (Chairman)
MGB	Starter motor (very little used)	£25	Andrew Munro 07703274865
MGB SU	Fuel pump (very little used)	£25	Andrew Munro 07703274865
Wanted MGF	Hydro gas n/s unit for 1999 MGF. paulrfhoward@hotmail.com	Wanted.	Paul Howard 07745369256
WANTED	Set of HT Leads for MGTF	Negotiable	Graham 07763084294

Please feel free to bring any small parts or bits for sale along to the meetings.

Article sent in by Peter Geisler

A day out in the 'C'

I have not been able to enjoy driving the 'C' very often this year due to harsh weather, holidays etc. so it has taken over a year to put 1,000 miles on the clock to get the engine run-in after the rebuild. I have ambled around being gentle to the old lady, not being tempted to keep up with Graham and his Magnette.

Tinkering with the carbs and timing has turned her into a sweet running GT, but is she running at her best? I want to sustain modern motorway speeds without repeating the damage to the pistons I found before the rebuild, fuel mixture settings of the three carburetors and the timing needed to be measured and adjusted at the higher engine speeds.

I turned to Peter Burgess in Alfreton, a long time MGB engine builder and tuning specialist, a man who dreams about SU carburetors. I booked a session on his rolling road.

I decided to purchase a '123' Electronic distributor and new ignition coil for Peter to fit on the day. The rev counter was dispatched for modification to accept the new '123' system, it arrived back a week before the appointment. Unfortunately, it had been drop kicked by one of the carriers, damaged, and had to be returned for repair. It arrived back on the Friday to be refitted with various wiring modifications to the wiring harness.

Having to book two months ahead I spent the weekend preparing the car for the 9am appointment on the following Tuesday. On Saturday I took the old lady for a drive after fitting the new ignition coil, the engine developed a misfire, when I opened the bonnet, to my horror, there was a drop of water sat on top of one of the cylinder head bolts! A leaking head gasket? I got the torque wrench out, pulled head bolts down. Problem solved! Apparently a not uncommon fault on MGB's. The water jacket on one side of the engine is very close to the stud positions, quite often there is a leak without affecting the cylinder head seal.

On Monday still bothered by an ignition light that would not quite go out, I wriggled the terminals on the back of the alternator, unfortunately I managed to short out one of the live contacts to ground, a big flash.....no alternator! That evening, I temporarily repaired an almost burnt out connection with a melted insulation boot, still no battery charging.

Dave Taylor and I set out early the next morning with trepidation and drove up the motorway with a spare battery and jump leads, arriving at Alfreton in good time. Within the hour she was strapped down and touching 120 MPH on the rolling road. Until then I had not revved the engine above 3,500 RPM, she hit over 5,500 many times during the test runs. My heart was in my throat! The '123' was programmed via a laptop computer, the carbs were balanced, and various needle profiles were fitted and tested until maximum power output was achieved.

After recharging the battery, she cruised home effortlessly at 70 MPH without missing a beat, probably glad to be away from Peter Burgess's house of torture. On test she topped 160 BHP, ultimately not important, but the tuning and mods completed during the rebuild helped improve the smooth but lazy six pot engine into something a little livelier, enhancing the GT experience the 'C' should have been given when originally launched by BL.

Maybe power steering and a little more assistance with the brake pedal will complete the transformation. It was a very interesting day, but watching your handiwork being pushed to within an inch of its life.....?

Peter

The 'C' winter service update

It has been a few weeks since the old lady 'C' had her day on the rolling road. She now drives with a spring in her step, but I now turn my attention to the cacophony of noise coming from underneath her. Squeaky springs, rattling brake pads, other creeks and groans and a leaking gearbox. There was a time when I decided I did not want to go underneath cars anymore, I have now reached the point where I cannot.

I booked the old lady into the MGOC workshop for a session on a ramp to service the gearbox and grease/repair any other problems they found. It is a good 60-mile sprint to the MGOC via the A14. It gave me a chance to give her a run against modern traffic at speed. She cruised happily at 70 but did falter a little now and again as if there was intermittent fuel starvation. Checking the fuel filter on arrival it was half full of air, so I asked MGOC to investigate.

The gearbox/overdrive was serviced and gaskets replaced, the front brake pads were fitted with anti-rattle shims and the rear springs dismantled and greased. A new higher capacity fuel pump was fitted with a better fuel filter that included an inbuilt pressure regulator that helps keep the carbs happy with a regular supply of fuel. They completed a general inspection of the rest of the car and found the plug leads were passed their best and the brake servo was from an MGB, hence the lack of breaking assistance. The leads were replaced, and I am now looking for a MGC servo. They have endless experience with MG's and are pleased to offer advice.

I enjoyed the sprint home and now look forward to being out and about with the club in the New Year. I promise to get Helen to wash her more often, so she looks her best when lined up with your cherished vehicles.

Peter

Ready for 2025



Christmas greeting from SLMG Club members.



Christmas Lunch

The annual Christmas Lunch this year was held at the White Horse, Broughton Astley on Saturday 7th December at

1.30pm. 16 members were present on another wet day, The table

arrangement looked very Christmassy done by the White Horse.

Each member had a little present on the table which was a nice surprise, also a Christmas cracker for each of us the pull, only the men were brave enough wear the hats.

Everyone had a good time and we left the White Horse approximately 5pm.

Derek



South Leicester MG Club Christmas Party.

Ullesthorpe Court.



What a great party night, extremely well organised including the personal place names and menu choices. (as at our age, most of us had forgotten what they had ordered ha ha).

After tea/coffee and mince pies were served, it was time to hit the dance floor and burn off those calories !.



After a good nights sleep we all met up for full traditional English breakfast. A great end to a wonderful weekend.

All our thanks go to Derek and Val for organising another great event. You were both missed and hope you have a speedy recovery.

Graham.



Happy New Year
to all our Members.





2025 Events Calendar

	<p>Tuesday 7th January 2025 Monthly meeting 8pm start. Come early and enjoy a meal & a chat. 32, Station Road, Broughton Asley. LE9 6PT Tel: 01455 232283</p>		
	<p>Thursday 16th January 2025. Come and lose yourself in forgotten myths, crumbling ruins and cryptic carvings in the Ancient Explorer 18 hole mini Golf trail. At <u>Treetops Adventure Golf</u> Highcross. Shires Lane, Leicester. Starts at 2pm</p>	<p>Seasoned Trekkers £9.50 Pay on the day</p>	<p>Event No 1</p>
	<p>Saturday 25th January 2025. Winter Social event. Come and enjoy the joy's of Indoor Bowling at the <u>Barwell Bowling Club</u> for a 2 hour session under the guidance of a few friendly volunteers from the bowling club to show you how it's done. Closing date 3rd December 2024</p>	<p>Full Payment required £15pp</p>	<p>Event No 2</p>
	<p>This year we return to the Heathcote Arms in Croft for a night of <u>Long Alley Skittles</u>. Saturday 1st February 2025 meet at 6.45pm and Supper served at 7pm. Closing date 7th January 2025.</p>	<p>Skittles & Food £10.00pp full payment required</p>	<p>Event No 3</p>
	<p>Tuesday 4th February 2025. This will be our AGM night. Monthly meeting 8pm start. Come early and enjoy a meal & a chat. 32, Station Road, Broughton Asley. LE9 6PT Tel: 01455 232283</p>		
	<p>MG & Triumph Spares Day. Sunday 9th February 2025 at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. Classic car enthusiasts can explore a wealth of traders and service providers showcasing their wares. 2.00pp on the day. UK & Overseas. The MG & Triumph car clubs exhibiting their members machines. We will endeavour to take part this year. TBC</p>		<p>Event No 4</p>
	<p>Sunday 16th February 2025 <u>Valentine Sunday Lunch</u>. Winter social event. A Satnav road run to our end venue where you can enjoy Sunday Lunch. Drive any car you like depending on our weather. Drive any way your Satnav takes You to our end venue. Sunday Lunch from £15.00. Closing date 7th January 2025.</p>	<p>£5pp deposit payable to the club</p>	<p>Event No 5</p>
	<p>Thursday 27th February 2025. Our 1st regular <u>Collier</u> morning run for you to get out and about and have a chat with friends over collier, Tea or brunch. Drive any car you have, no need to bring the MG. Starting at White Horse, Broughton Asley 10.30am</p>	<p>No payment needed</p>	<p>Event No 6</p>

We are NOT taking part

2025

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Vintage Stony. Wednesday 1st January 2025.

Displaying your vehicle really couldn't be easier. All you need do is turn up on the day.

All Motorcycles and Pre-war vehicles should head for the Market Square and all Post-War vehicles' please make their way to Coffridge Close or the High Street. Our team of volunteer marshals will be on hand to help point you in the right direction. For more information please visit. Vintage Stony web site.



March 21st-23rd 2025

Witness live restorations by 150+ car clubs, providing invaluable tips and visual learning experiences. Our restoration workshop features live demonstrations and personalised advice from experts. With 250+ exhibitors, discover everything you need for classic car restoration. For more information please visit [NEC Restoration Show Website](#)



Good wood Revival. 12th-14th September 2025. The only historic motor race meeting to be staged entirely in a period theme, Goodwood Revival is an immersive celebration of iconic cars and fashion. Revive & Thrive is the modern community that drives Revival forward, inspiring us all with creative ways to rethink, repair and re-wear. For more information, please visit <https://www.goodwood.com/motorsport/goodwood-revival/>



Sunday 1st June 2025. Classic Stony. NThe Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival – now known as 'Classic Stony', has grown in stature over the years and now attracts an incredibly varied display of vehicles from concourse to 'well used'. For more information, please visit. Classicstony.co.uk



Stratford Autojumble. Interesting cars, bikes, commercials, kits and customs are welcome at the event and can park in the display area on the showground. (Vehicles must be 15 years or older to be displayed in the Classic Car Park.) Members of the public who arrive in a classic vehicle will be able to gain entry to the show at a discounted rate. Classic vehicle entry tickets are only available on the day and cannot be purchased in advanced. May 11 & September 07, 2025. More information visit stratfordautojumble.co.uk



Events 2024

Nov

5
TUE

Club meeting at the White Horse, Broughton Astley. Starts 8pm or come early for a chat and food.

Dec

7
SAT

South Leicester MG Club Christmas Lunch at the White Horse Pub, Broughton Astley. Lunch serve at 1.30pm

Dec

14
SAT

South Leicester MG Club Christmas Party Night at Ullesthorpe Court Golf Club, Ullesthorpe. Enjoy a 4 course dinner & dancing the night away until 12am. £42pp Stop the night with breakfast for a reduce price of £95 per room.



Closing date for events below is 7th January 2025.

Book your place by paying by Bank Transfer to.

Name: South Leicester MG Club

Sort: 30-98-97. Account: 87393860

Ref: use name & event number please.

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Important Notice about events in 2025, Starting in January all events will be numbered, If you would like to attend an event then add your name to the list under the poster for that event as normal.

Please look out for the instructions on the event page regarding payment, If the payment instructions say pay in full or deposit required please pay the Treasurer (Stuart) on the same day or by bank transfer to:

Bank Account Name. South Leicester MG Club
 Sort-Code. 30-98-97
 Account Number. 87393860
 Reference. Please add your Name, and very importantly the event number. Example. Derek & Val 2

Bank transfer preferred on all events

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Event details & Closing date.

Payment Instructions

Event Number

**Sunday
8th June**

RATAE ROAD RUN

**Open to all Classic Cars
And modern Classics**

2025



End venue Lamport Hall & Gardens

**Only
£35 per car
includes
passenger. extra
passenger
chargeable
@£10**

**Start White Horse Pub,
Broughton Astley.
Leicestershire LE9 6PT**

Entry includes free admission to the gardens

Early bird Hall entry £10pp. On the day £12pp.

**Free breakfast roll
(bacon or sausage),
tea/coffee on arrival
Also
Tulip Route guide &
Rally Plaque.**

**Supporting local
charities**

**Including
half way
coffee stop**



**An established and well-organised run
See web site for full details. www.slmg.club
Organised by the South Leicester, MG Club.**

South Leicester MG Club logo

Your MG Logo can be added to any items of clothing that takes your fancy

Just call in, Shop and ask for the clubs logo to be added. Examples below.



Printer Prime Ladies Softshell



Printer Prime Ladies T-Shirt 180g



Ladies Classic Polo Shirt 220g



141 Kustom Kit Mens S/S Poplin Shirt



Everyday Heavy Cotton T-Shirt 180g



B218 Polycotton Two Tone Polo Shirt

£15 from the clubs treasurer. Stuart Armston.




All available and many more top quality hard waring clothing. Available from.
Enterprise Workwear Ltd
Units 1, 2 & 3 Teal Business Centre,
Dodwells Road,
Hinckley, LE10 3BZ

MG: SOUTH LEICESTER MG CLUB.

How to get in touch.




WhatsApp Group

WhatsApp chat room for members only.
Apply to Derek & Colin to join.



mg:southleics.mg club

Members only
Your photos of events,
Times & meeting place for all Events



Web Site
[www. mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org)
All the information you need.
Events, Torque Newsletter, Photos &
Contact details. Times & meeting place.

Remember

**All South Leicester MG members get
20% off food orders on club nights.**

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South Leicester MG Club 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.