



March 2026

Torque

South Leicester MG Club

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Inside this months edition,

Next cub meeting April 7th

Car parts to sell or wanted.

Messages from around the club.

What went on in March 2026

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HAPPY



Easter



*To all the members of
The South Leicester MG Club*

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
MGF	5 Alloy wheels for MGF	?	kevinbarry23@yahoo.co.uk
1972 MGB Roadster	Immaculate condition. Colour Red / Maroon with wire wheels. (no reasonable offer refused)	£13,000 ono	George 07792118396
MGTF	Extremely well looked after 2003	?	Melvyn.
MGB	Radiator shroud (Centre fill)	£25	Andrew Munro 07703274865
MGB Roadster.	Old English White, red interior,chrome front bumper.	Make me an offer	Paul Brookes 07802696675
Meccano	Large selection of Meccano bits including an electric motor,2 windup motors and a selection of gear-ing, 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	Negotia-ble	Graham 07763084294

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

South Leicester MG Club Holiday 2026



The Balmoral Hotel Torquay has among the most distinctive and unique locations of the numerous hotels and bed and breakfast establishments located in the Torbay area. Positioned in the spectacular and most picturesque conservation area of Meadfoot, you can take in the glorious views of the sea from our extensive sun trapped landscaped gardens or stroll down to relax on the quiet blue flag beach just minutes' walk away. Benefit from the peacefulness and tranquillity of Torquay's very best kept secret yet stroll into the town harbour in ten minutes.

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Premium super king/twin with garden (and part sea view +£20 per night.

Premium super king/twin with garden (Bay window) and part sea view +£25 per night

5 course Dining, Bed & breakfast.

£100 per room deposit, Balance payable at the Hotel. A great time we have on our club Holiday with a couple of organised road trips if you wish to take part or just do as you wish.

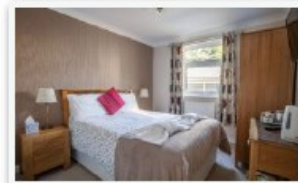
Some of the upgrades have already been taken so do not hesitate if you wish to join us.

Please let Derek know ASAP and he will send you all the booking details. derek details are: phone or Text 07831390270 or e-mail derek.everitt@me.com.

More information on the web site.

Regards

Derek





Event page Derek

April

Tuesday 7th	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse. Broughton Astley
Thursday 9th	Coffee Lunch Run
Sunday 18th	Pride of Longbridge
Sunday 26th	Drive-it-Day

May

Sunday 3rd	Donington Historic Festival
Tuesday 5th	Club's AGM starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse Broughton Astley.
Thursday 7th	Coffee Lunch Run
Sunday 10th	Misterton Hall. Plant-Craft & Food fair
Sunday 17th	Classic Wheels
Sunday 24th	Pageant of Motoring (cancelled)

June

Tuesday 2nd	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse. Broughton Astley
Sunday 7th	MG's in the park
Sunday 14th	Ratae Road Run
Sunday 21st	Ashby Magna Vintage Rally

Event end dates

Number Interested



Pride of Longbridge

Please let Stephen Wright know ASAP



Donington Historic

Please let Derek know ASAP



Daffodil Sunday

Closing date 12th April 2026



Classic Wheels

Closing date 17th April 2026



MG's in the park

Pay at venue





Event No 6 Club Skittles Night at The Heathcote Arms – Croft

Indoor Skittles is one of those wonderfully old-world pub games that has survived because it's simple, social, and surprisingly skill based. Well, I am not sure I can agree with that, apart from the social element. We had a great evening, excellent food with a choice of Faggots, Peas and Chips, traditional Curry or Cottage Pie and greens, all home-made and plentiful.

If it's a simple game, well that doesn't say much for the SLMGC! And as for skill based, well no comment. We had everything from American Super Bowl style throwing, an assault style throwing slaloming through the chair legs and the cool, calm and measured throwers, satisfied if they even managed to hit the wooden pins. As for the wooden balls, well we did lose a little one! Much to the amusement of the ladies. The evening ended with tradition prize giving for the highest scoring couple- Ann and Graham, well done, and the lowest scoring couple- Chris and Linda. Thank you to Derek and Val for organising yet another very successful club social event.

Gillian and Michael Ricketts



Its here somewhere



Catch !!



I do like a good natter



Gee up neddy



Watch out !!



Oooh Cheeky!

Event 08

March Hare Run



What a great turn out. 10 plus cars and 37 people all going on the hunt to find the March Hares



A huge thanks to Shirley for presenting everyone with a little knitted chicken with a chocolate egg inside to eat on the way for those who get hungry..



This years winner was Keith on the tie breaker question.
Thanks to Derek for organising a wonderful run.





Benefits of being a member of The South Leicester MG Club.

Did you know that if you take out insurance with Classic Line insurance and mention you are a member of The South Leicester MG Club, you get a club discount, and the insurance includes break down cover

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Also The White Horse Pub will give you 20% off your food on club nights

First job for 2026

New Year Preparations?

A few days ago, I braved the cold and visited the 'C' in the garage. She had stood all winter in the dark waiting for me to give her some attention and a good clean ready for the summer outings. Well... you know how it goes, too cold, holidays, Christmas!

I had promised to service and improve the brake system, reroute the petrol supply to the carburetors to a cooler position and get the spoked wheels off so Helen can clean them. I had promised the club that I would keep this MG cleaner than the previous one, so I have purchased Helen some new cleaning clothes and gloves to protect her nails (such a caring husband).

I had already procured a couple of gallons of oil and a filter for an oil change, so as a little treat, I changed the oil before waking her after a long sleep. I managed to drain the old and change the filter without any trouble. (apart from having a tin full to the brim with 12 pints of dirty oil to decant back into containers for disposal). So, on a sunny morning I jumped in and turned the key. The batteries had held charge and after a long grind she reluctantly started on 'two and a half' cylinders. The choke is only connected to two of the three carburetors. After a few minutes the rest of the engine woke up and we were off for the first run this year. After a couple of miles to get warm, she drank in the cold air and thrashed around the local lanes.....enthusiasm revived!

She is now with a nice gentleman who had promised to give her a little TLC and repair her roof lining that had embarrassingly unpeeled itself from the roof while displaying next to her sister C's last year. When she returns all smartened up inside, I will give Helen a hand to give her a wash and brush-up.

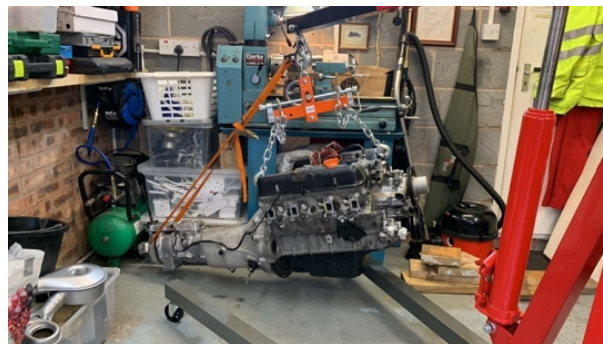
Peter

Maurice's Story Part 7

The Final Chapter

With the engine now complete and the gearbox back from Heathrow Transmissions preparation was made to re-install the unit.

The New clutch was fitted and lined up so the gearbox could be bolted to the engine.

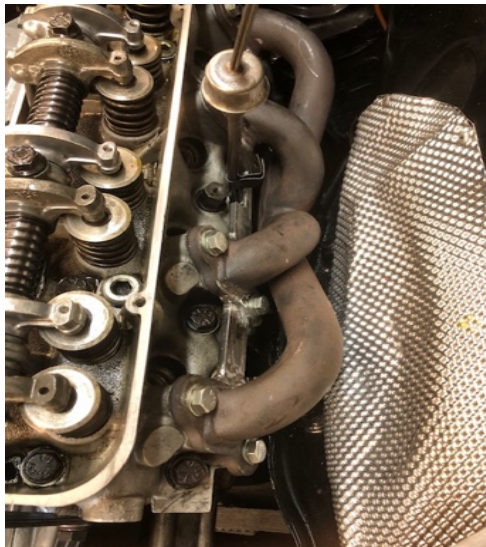


The car was raised at both ends to enable the unit to be slotted in (wishful thinking there!).



Due to the issues previously mentioned regarding incorrect fitting of various items such as gearbox crossmember/mounting rubbers etc. the install was a little painful.

One of the biggest issues was aligning the engine and gearbox crossmember bolts. There is not a lot of room. After struggling for a few hours, the engine and gearbox was finally in place, so all the ancillaries could now start to be fitted.



In the immortal words of Mr. Haynes – reassembly is a reversal of removal!



Pre-lubing of the engine was carried out using the priming tool I had made, and a battery drill. Oil pressure was steady at around 40psi, so all seemed OK.

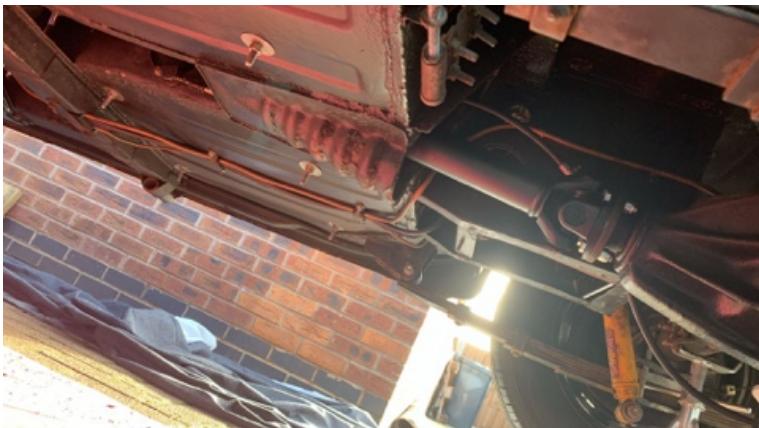


The distributor was fitted and statically timed at 6° BTDC.

Installation of the various parts to complete the rebuild took place and the unit was filled with coolant. After a heart stopping moment with a torrent of coolant running down the back of the engine traced to me forgetting to fit a gasket in the thermostat housing ☺ all was well.



Just the prop shaft, exhaust and battery and we should be ready to get a tune out of him (all being well!).



Problems with the new contact breaker points shorting out on the distributor body proved a little taxing to trace, but once the originals were refitted, Maurice fired up a treat. It was somewhat rattly as the oil filled the hydraulic tappets, but soon things quietened down and I was able to time him up properly and set the carburettors. He was soon sounding much better.



All in all, it's been around 120 hours of work, a few grazed knuckles, and some choice words here and there, but I think it's been worth it in the end. Proof of the pudding will be when we go for our first run!

I must thank some people who have helped with this endeavour, good friends Mark & Andy. Daughter Kimberley and her husband Mark, but mostly Sue who has helped and supported more than I deserve.

I do hope you've enjoyed reading about the latest saga with Maurice, hoping I haven't bored you too much and here's to some nice, sunny weather and enjoyable runs out.



Meet 2nd Sunday of each month Genno`s Coffee House Carlton Park Narborough. Leicester LE19 0AL Any type of car from any era is welcome

8th March Meet



Left home at 9am in MG Magnette ,loaded with club flags and Ratae board etc. not forgetting Abby in the back seat.

We met Alan, Melvyn, Phil + his two little dogs and Keith at Simply Bathrooms as previously arranged so as to arrive in convoy. Unfortunately Steve and Bev drove past but found us later.

Luckily we were able to park together creating a good display of our club.

Flags and information board were erected and leaflets handed out with many folk talking interest. Fingers crossed we will get more entrants for the Ratae.

The event had an excellent turn out of Super and Classic cars.

Luckily the weather kept dry although overcast.

Alan Heeley's grandsons arrived in there Austin 7 special and were surprised to be given a coloured art work of the vehicle painted in situ on the day. It was amazing .

Nicky and Abby enjoyed exploring the footpaths around the park as usual so a good few hours were had by all.

Thank you to all the club members who attended.

Onwards and upwards to the next show at Triumph, Hinckley. Sunday 29th March.

Article sent in by Graham (Chairman)

How to send pictures and write-ups for the Torque Magazine

Using your phone.

Take picture with your phone camera

On your phone go to Photos

Select the photo you want to send

Bottom left hand corner you will see a share icon

Press it and then select Gmail.

A new window will open and (To) will be flashing

At that point type graham.poole@homecall.co.uk

Subject now flashing. Type in description of photo.

Top right of screen press arrow button (send)..

That's all there is to it.

For the write-up

Open up Gmail

Press compose

In the To Box type graham.poole@homecall.co.uk.

Click on Subject, then type what's it all about.

Compose box, start your message.

Then press send.

If you want to use WhatsApp

Select Graham Poole

Take photos and add caption then send

Write-up do the same, (don't attach the write-up to the photos.)

I do have a Gmail account ,but having problems getting attachments etc into Publisher at the moment, and photos from your phone are better quality.

Thanks for your help.

Graham

DO YOU KNOW?

You never know when you might need this.
Keep a copy in your phone or glove box.

CPR: Step by Step Guide



1 Call 999 or ask someone else to



2 Lay the person on their back and open their airways



3 If they are not breathing, start CPR



4 30 chest compressions



5 Two rescue breaths



6 Repeat until an ambulance or AED arrives

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Web Site
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All the information you need.
Events, Torque Newsletter, Photos &
Contact details. Times & meeting place.

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

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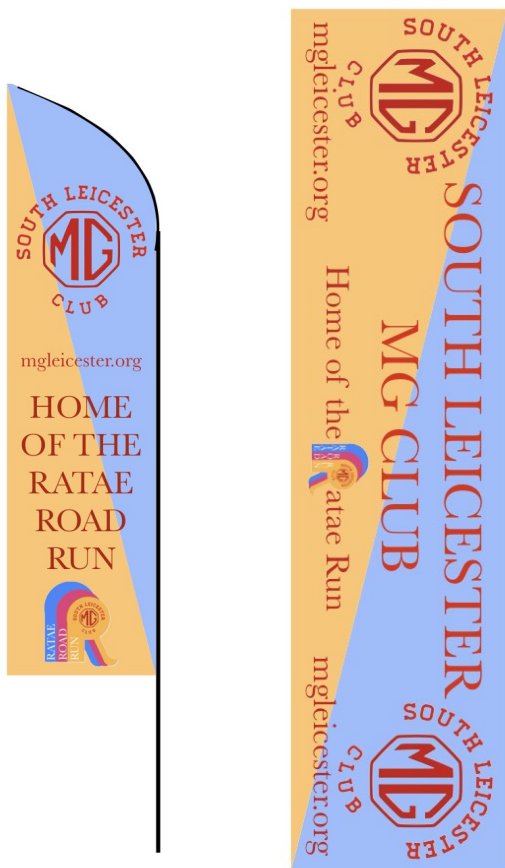
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South Leicester MG Club monthly meetings.

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.

20% off food orders on club nights.