

May 2026



Best car on show
2026

Torque



South Leicester MG Club

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Pride of Longbridge 2026



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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
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. paulrhoward@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.

EVENTS 2026

Event page Derek

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. Closed
Thursday 25th	Coffee Lunch Run

July

Saturday 4th	Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show. Closed
Tuesday 7th	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse. Broughton Astley
Sunday 12th	Annual Club Holiday Torquay
Thursday 23rd	Members John & Glenise Evening run

August

Tuesday 4th	Club's AGM starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse Broughton Astley.
Friday 7th	Members Stuart & Linda Derby picnic trip
Sunday 16th	Ibstock Country Show. Or Boat-Train-Picnic
Thursday 20th	Coffee Lunch Run
Sunday 30th	Belvoir Castle Steam & Country Show. Closed.

September

Tuesday 1st	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse. Broughton Astley
Thursday	Special Lunch Run
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th	Sywell Piston & Props

Can anyone help ? This message came up on our website.

Hi

This is a long shot message!

Looking idly through a family photo album the other day I came across photos of what was to be my mother's last car, an MG Midget.

It was 1970 (I was 10yrs old). I put the registration into the government website, and the car still exists and is taxed & tested.

My mother had it from new, it was white, but has now been re-sprayed red, and has been with its present owner since 2012.

We were living in between Stoneygate and Oadby at the time, and bought the car from a garage not far from the London Road near the Allendale Road shops.

I left Leicester in 1973 aged 13, so road and garage names are not in my memory anymore.

I was wondering if the car is still in the Leicestershire area, and if I can track down the present owner, I have a couple of photos of the car when it was new.

The registration number is

URY 606H

As I said, this is a complete long shot, but once I saw the car is still with us, the owner might like the photos to add to the cars history.

Many thanks

Jane Caff

janecaff@yahoo.co.uk

Pride of Longbridge 2026

The 18th saw the annual Pride of Longbridge rally at Crofton Park, Longbridge. This is one of the events on the Wrights list of events and this year we were joined by two cars from the SLMGC; Alan and his grandson Miles in the green MGB and Steve and Julie Castle in their MG Midget.

After all the rain we have had recently it was fortunate that the park was not waterlogged and everyone could park with ease. There was a previous year it was not possible and we all ended either in the road near the park or in car parks of shops nearby, with the shops' permission of course.

As usual there were all cars which had a connection with the Longbridge plant. From the first old Austins to the British Leyland Austins, right up until the later MGs and Rovers built before the plants closed its doors for the last time in 2005. It was lovely to see all the cars which are the peoples' pride and joy gleaming in the sun. It is always nice seeing how people still love the latter Longbridge built cars which some people might not see as cherished cars. May they live on...

Bev & Stephen



The C gets some TLC



After giving the C its first drive this year, with renewed enthusiasm I decided to replace the underrated brake servo that had required replacement since the she was rebuild. With the correct MGC unit in place and with a little help from a friend, new pipework was formed and fitted ready for bleeding. While the car was sat with all four wheels off ready to bleed the system, it was an ideal time to clean the spoked wheels. I decided to save Helen's newly manicured nails by cleaning them myself. (It took three hours, do not buy a car with wired wheels!). The brakes were bled successfully, so I went for a test drive.....

Brakes improved, but the overdrive had stopped working. What had I done? I had to feed the new brake pipes behind part of the wiring harness, have I disturbed anything? Sure enough, one of the bullet connectors had pulled apart. After testing that I had a live feed, the connection was remade. Still no overdrive. After an hour of chasing wires and checking switches I pulled the bullet connector off, the inside 'metal' sleeve fell out completely corroded. Moral of the story, do not disturb a sixty-eight year old wiring harness without double checking all the of the connectors involved.

Talking of disturbing. I pulled the rear brake drums off for de-dusting, I spotted that a rear axle oil seal is leaking. Another job for another day, keeps us retired folks busy!

Bleeding Heck !!

Tool tips

After a long discussion with fellow members regarding the pros and cons of modern brake bleeding equipment... Vacuum fill versus pressure fill systems, some of them are over £80-00....

So, I decided that I should modernize my trusty 50 year-old equipment, I have reused my sturdy Kirby and West milk bottle (bit of a rarity these days). Replaced the old tubing with a piece of clear silicone that will make a good seal over the bleed nipple. Use a length of copper pipe to dip into the bottle. This stops the tube slipping out of the bottle halfway through bleed and keeps the end below the fluid level should you draw some fluid back. Ensure the tube is long enough to loop upwards from the nipple so that you can see the air being bled. Also, a handy tip is to glue the bottle onto a larger base plate to increase stability when under the car.

Most important is to instruct your spouse on the correct 'down-hold'...'Up-hold' method of bleeding.....and which peddle to press (Woops sorry!)

Peter

The right tool for the right job



Extreme Picnicking at Misterten Hall



The rain forecast at the beginning of the week did not materialize, but there were clouds and a cool breeze. The team gathered in Lutterworth for the short drive to the venue. We displayed as usual around the field perimeter in 'windy corner'. Chairs and cooking stoves were unpacked by the brave with breakfast being the first order of the day. Then we settled down for the rest of the day, well wrapped and backs to the wind. The Rotary Club Plant, Craft & Food Fair was excellent with a huge turnout of patrons. A lot of interest was shown in the variety of cars on display, with a surprise visit by a disguised Fuzz Townshend, (from TV's Car SOS). The weather improved and the sun shone, in all it was a good day made even better by the club getting the 'best car on display award', AGAIN!

Peter

Donington Historic Festival

Following the weather forecast predicting biblical amounts of rain, pestilence and the odd plague of frogs, the morning was a little grey with a hint of drizzle in the air.

Three cars assembled at the old Donington Grand Prix Museum (now the Superbike Factory). Bob, Peter & Helen had already found the Factory Heads Café onsite and were tucking into a rather appetising looking bacon bap. Steve & Julie soon appeared in their Midget and after a quick brew we made our way into the infield of the circuit.

Despite being told we had been allocated a parking area (we couldn't find it!), we tagged onto the MGOC area and had a wander around the paddock and settled in to watch some interesting old vehicles battle it out on the circuit.



The racing consisted of everything from early GP cars to 1980's/90's touring cars and everything in between.



All-in-all it was a great day, and it always amazes me how enthusiastically these very expensive cars are driven and all credit to these who prepare and support this form of racing. Even the weather stayed dry for us.

Artical sent in by Sue & John Fisher



Classic Wheels – Rutland Showground

17th May

This event was another first for us and after keeping an eye on the weather forecast all the previous week, we make our own way cross-country to the showground and meet up at around 09:30 with the others attending the event.

First task was to assist with the tent erection to provide a shelter against the wind and any rain.

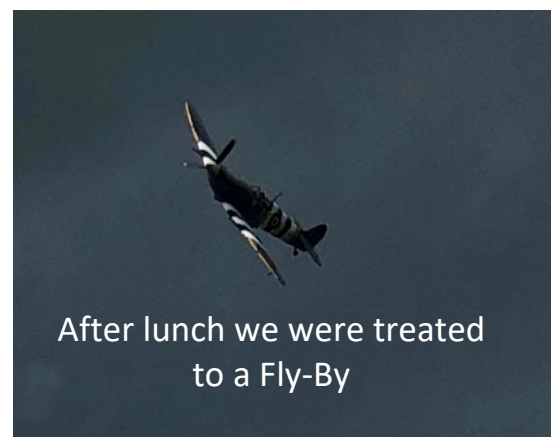


Once this was completed, we have a wander around the show before it became too busy. Some very appetising cake/pastry stalls were noted for later.

A variety of vehicles spanning all ages and pockets were present covering a large area. It took us a few laps to see it all.



Another cracking day and the rain held off (mostly J). Thanks to Derek for organising and everyone who was there for some great company.



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Misterton Hall



After meeting up at Lutterworth Town Hall we set off in convoy to Misterton Hall, arriving around 10.30am. Graham and I decided to use the Midget and as the sun was out had the roof down. Big mistake as I felt frozen for the rest of the day.



There were a very good turn-out of various classic cars and many visitors supporting the event held by the Lutterworth Rotary Club.

As usual there were plenty of stalls including a variety of food, crafts, plants, plus items for the garden. A few of us tried to win on the choose a bottle stall, mainly receiving a decent prize.

The weather did stay dry and sunny although quite cold.

I did manage to walk Abby around the lake and grounds which are very pleasant.

The day ended very well as Mike and Maria's MG Midget was judged Best Classic Car in the Show.

Congratulations to you both, keeping the trophy in the club.

A good turnout from South Leicester Mg Club so I'm sure we will look forward to next year's annual show.

Regards
Graham and Nicky



Misterton Hall. Plant-Craft & Food fair Sunday 10th May

This was a first for us, not having visited Misterton before. The day was dry, but with a chilly wind. We duly met at Lutterworth and were heartened to see brave souls arrive topless (no hoods on cars, that is ☺).

Sue reckons on around 15 cars then made the short trip to Misterton. The event is run by Lutterworth Rotary Club and was well organised, with classic cars being parked up on what I would call the front lawn.



There was a great selection of stalls selling plants, all sorts of food and drink and assortment of crafts for home & garden. It must be said that Sue did purchase a few plants for the garden and the back of the MG resembled a portable cannabis factory ☺.



We had a walk around the lake and bumped into a procession of alpacas out for a walk

The day was made complete by bumping into Fuzz Townsend.



After all the exercise, we thought it only right that we treated ourselves to a superb pork & stuffing cob (batch if you're from the Coventry area!).

It was a great day out in a really quaint setting made all the better by some fantastic company.

John & Sue F

Moira Furnace Car and Bike meet Tuesday 12th May.



Starts 5pm till 9pm

Graham, myself and Abby enjoyed a great evening at this popular event.

Graham in his element strolling around the cars while Abby and I enjoyed a walk along the canal and woodland.



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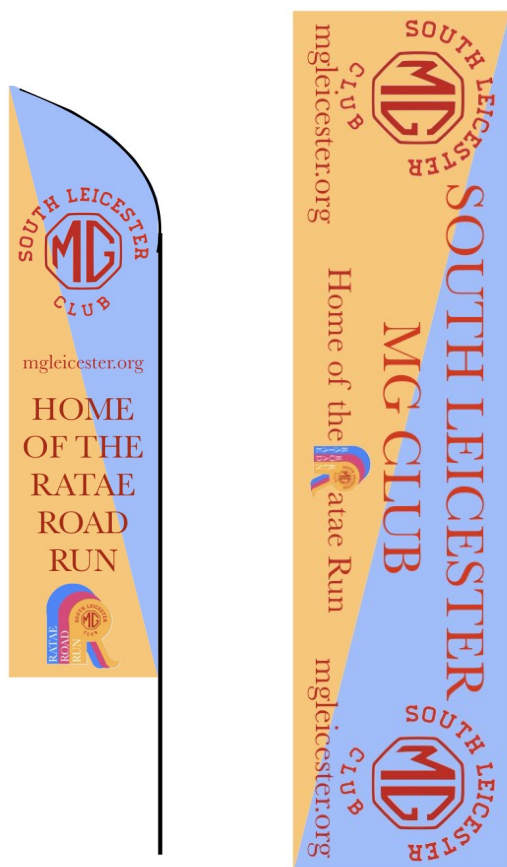
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South Leicester MG Club monthly meetings.

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.