

July 2026



Torque

South Leicester MG Club

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Ratae Run 14th June
2026

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Next club meeting Aug 4th

Car parts to sell or wanted.

Messages from around the club.

What went on in June/July 2026

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Who's who.

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.



Event page Derek

August

Tuesday 4th	Monthly meeting 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.
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 10th	Special Lunch Run
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th	Sywell Piston & Props

October

Tuesday 6th	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse Broughton Astley.
Sunday 25th	George & Glenise end of summertime Breakfast Run

November

Tuesday 3rd	Monthly meeting starts 8pm or come early and enjoy a meal with 20% off with your membership card. White Horse Broughton Astley.
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December

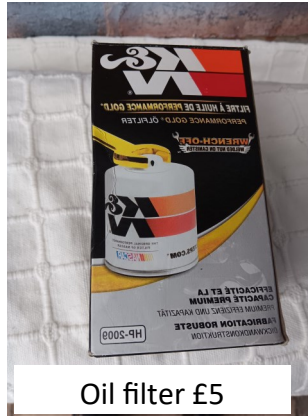
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Saturday 5th	Christmas Breakfast
Saturday 19th	Annual Christmas Party Night

Chairman's Garage Sale

Contact Graham Dorman for more information.



MGB rear brake drums, brand new



Oil filter £5



MGB Jack £5



Childs Dolls Pram £20



MGB
Steering
wheel,
£70 ono



Grease gun £10 ono



MGB Grill £35.00 ONO



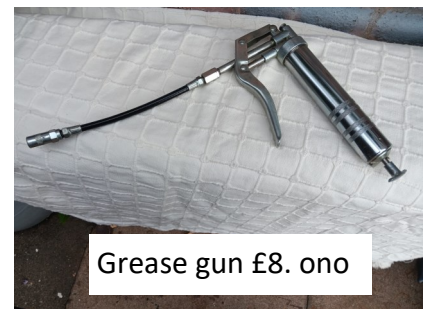
MGB front wheel bearings £20



Luggage straps £10



MGB rear lights £20



Grease gun £8. ono



2026 South Leicester Ratae Run

Burghley House

Comments about the day.

Graham/All,

Just a quick note to say thanks very much for all your hard work in making today such a great event. This was our first time on the Ratae and really enjoyed it. Already looking forward to next year 😊.

Also, could you please pass on our thanks to all the marshals and Hi-Vis heroes who worked so hard.

Thanks & Regards
John & Sue Fisher

What an absolute brilliant day, extremely well organised from start to finish. Cant wait for next years run.

Graham. From Leicester

Hi, we just wanted to thank you and the rest of your members for your hospitality and organising a great run and venues, Pauline and I had a great day out. We only wished our London Sydney Rallycrab had overcome its fuel pump gremlins. Thank you all once again for an enjoyable day out Regards Jez & Pauline
Brind

Scan the QR code to see all the photos of the day.



Ratae Run 2026

An Epic Journey through Leicestershire and Royal Rutland



Believe it or not, after 16 years as a Club member and 14 years as Ratae Secretary—administration, registration and general preparations for the much-respected Road Run—this was the first time I had completed the whole event as a participating Ratarian. And that wasn't the only surprise: Ray Buckingham invited me to be his navigator, unaware that it would also be my first time navigating. *"But don't worry, Ray—I've got this."*

The Arrival - Experiencing the adventure from a new perspective—as a “customer”—was a real pleasure. We left Lutterworth at 8am and arrived at The White Horse shortly afterwards, where the car park marshals gave us a very warm welcome. This included one cheerful character who thrust a camera in our faces—a little intense so early in the morning, but clearly well meant.

At registration, Kieron and Emily again gave us a genuinely warm welcome as we collected our rally pack, all was very smooth. Then came the challenge of getting past the lovely ladies selling raffle tickets. Not a chance—we were like lambs to the slaughter and soon parted with a few notes! Well done, ladies.

Bacon and Sausage Baps – well this is mandatory surely, and delicious they are, well organised by Sue Griffin, setting you up ready for the day.

I know there are many more marshals and club members involved than I can name or remember, but thank you all for such outstanding, friendly service. There are few external clubs runs I have attended that offer such a professional welcome from such a warm and friendly club.

Let the Rally Roar – Rare and exceptional classic cars continue to draw enthusiasts, collectors, and investors alike, and today's line-up certainly did not disappoint. Once breakfast was finished and the car park began to fill,

there was only one thing to do: wander around, admire the cars, and—in my case—dream and drool.

Then it was time to roll. My driver gave the call, we made the traditional quick comfort stop, and I was soon securely strapped in with pencil and clipboard ready. Our next stop was Gates Garden Centre, 25 miles down the road.

You can't expect me to remember every village we passed through—I took my responsibilities seriously, head down in the rally pack, calling directions to my driver. At times, I forgot what we were driving and started giving instructions in altitude and wind direction. "Not helpful," he said. "We should have turned right back there!" It took me straight back to the days when my trusted navigator, Gillian, sat beside me. I now understand just how frustrating it can be when the driver decides to do his own thing.

Authentic countryside experience - complete with picturesque country cottages, country pubs and village greens is what's ticking your box, Rutland cannot fail to impress. We passed through many beautiful villages with some mentioned below, albeit may not be in the right order!

Ketton – Sits just over the border in Rutland, broadly known for the Ketton limestone used for cement.

Burrough on the Hill – See the 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment Memorial. If you are into horse racing you may recall Burrough Hill Lad, named after Burrough on the Hill, considered one of the greatest racehorses in the history of the sport.

Cold Overton – Picturesque village historically notable for its ironstone quarrying, also home to the prominent Cold Overton Hall.

Stamford – One of my favourites and if you haven't visited here before, well worthy of a day trip. It's a breathtaking historic market town, also dubbed the finest stone town in England

Uppingham – I love Uppingham, many of us will relate to it for the starting point of the Stilton Cheese run. Named the best place to live in the Midlands in 2022 by the Times Newspaper. (Stephen Fry was also expelled from boarding school in Uppingham for mischievous behaviour!!).

Wistow – More known for the Wistow Rural Centre with a variety of shops, garden centre and a brilliant Café. Great for dog walks where you can walk for miles.

Rutland Waters South – Along the drive you will have caught a glimpse of the Waters, offering a quieter, scenic escape focussed on nature. Park up in Normanton for a walk, café etc, and learn about the creation of Rutland

Waters by damming the Gwash Valley in 1975, and the lost villages of Nether and Middle Hambleton, now sitting on the bottom of the Lake.

And so just over 50 miles later and a refreshing coffee break at Gates Garden Centre, we arrive at Burghley House, parking up on the Horseshoe lawn in front of this magical home of magnificent State Rooms, awe-inspiring works of art and priceless treasures.

Burghley is one of the largest and grandest houses of the 16th century, and still today a family home.

So, what's so special about the Ratae Road Run you may ask. Having been on both sides of the coin I understand how much effort goes into organising the event, 12 months of planning and finding new exciting end venues, within a reasonable distance of travel. I can name just a few of amazing venues we have visited in the past, Deene Park, Rockingham Castle, Arbury Hall, Belvoir Castle, Belton House and Kelmarsh Hall, just to name a few, Visiting any of these locations as a couple will set you back at least £40—50.

The Club offers all of this, including breakfast, coffee stop and a well-planned quality Tulip Guide for £35.00. Its good value for money and always offering something for everyone, be it House and Gardens, picnic venues, meeting with friends or simple a picturesque drive through Leicestershire and Royal Rutland countryside.

We had a “banging” day! Thank you, Ray, for inviting me as your Co Pilot and Navigator!

Michael



2026 Annual Club Holiday. Torquay



The Barmoral Hotel

Chosen by the committee for Our 2026 annual club holiday the Barmoral Hotel had everything that we needed, it was clean, tidy and the staff could not have been more helpful.

To start the day a choice of breakfast that you could mix a match to your liking, Lee, one of the waiters was very helpful, and we had a lot of banter with him.

The main meal was served at 6:45, five course meal with a choice of 4 to 5 starters 4 to 5 mains and four desserts, with cheese and biscuits to follow if you wished, coffee/ tea.



Lee. One of the waiters



Powderham Castle

Our first organised trip was on Monday 13th July to Powderham Castle in Kenton Devon. From the hotel we followed the coast road to Sheldon bridge crossing the river teign to Dawlish then on to Starcross on the A379 to Powderham castle which overlooks the Exe Estuary. The Castle has been home to the Courtenay family for over 700 years.

We were given a brief history of the Castle at the large table set for weddings and big Events, we all thought that the Castle was very pleasing to look around as you were not restricted to take a rest in a chair or opening up a dolls house to look around inside, we were shown secret doors to various rooms as well. We all would have loved to go round the gardens but it was too hot so we decided to have a cup of tea or coffee and started our journey back to the hotel..



Round Robin Trip



Our second organised run was on Wednesday 15th of July.

Meeting at Paignton railway station at 10.30am to board the 10:45 am train to Kingswear where we caught the passenger ferry to Dartmouth.

A short walk from our drop off point in Dartmouth is Bayard's Cove Fort, Bayard's Cove Fort, also known historically as Berescove or Bearscore Castle, is an English 16th-century artillery blockhouse, built to defend the harbour entrance at Dartmouth in Devon.



We all gathered at 3 o'clock for a cruise up the river dart to Totnes, lots of interesting details on the way up. We could have had time in Totnes to look around but an empty bus was too much of temptation as the temperature started to rise, we all arrived at the Hotel around 5pm, so a full day out.

On are way to Dartmouth on the steam train

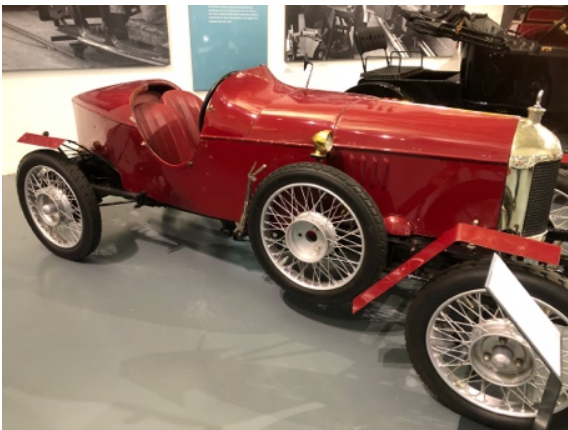
Derek

BMC/BL Day at Gaydon Museum

Another hot and sunny day beckons as we set out towards Gaydon Motor Museum, picking up Peter and Helen in their immaculate MGC GT on the way.

The trip down is uneventful and we arrive at around 09:00 to be directed to park with other MG's. A quick coffee stop and then the museum opens, so we decide to take advantage of the relative lack of people around to have a good look around.

Old No.1



There are so many vehicles to see, it's quite easy to get overwhelmed. From "My Dad had one of those" to "I wish I'd still got mine", and then the truly exotic.

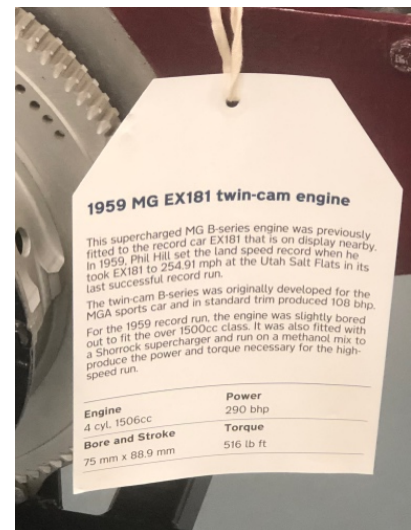
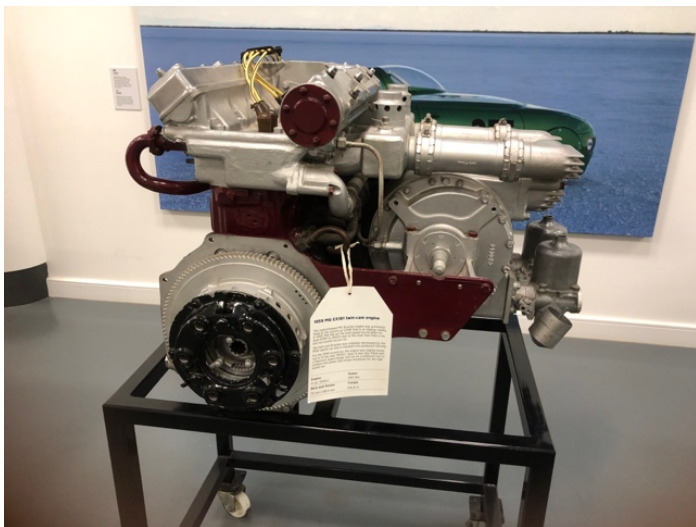
A couple of likely lads



World beaters



Not too shabby for a 1500cc engine



Exotic and perhaps no so



Pretty SA



Outside saw a collection of most models of BMC/BL models from their earliest models right up to the MG Rover days prior to the demise of the brand. I don't think I've seen as many SD1's in one place (I didn't think that many were left!).

Club representation



All in all, a cracking day and with brilliant company.

John & Sue

The Big Auto Club Day Out Statfold

The very last day of May we decided to go to the event called The Big Auto Club Day Out at the Statfold Country Park. The event was organised by the Coleshill Auto Breakfast Meet, the group who have a meet at the Triumph factory in Hinckley the last Sunday of the month.

There were lots to see, as well as everyone's classic and modern cars, classic commercial vehicles and massive American trucks there was also a vintage fairground, narrow gauge locomotives, train rides and Elvis.. Yes Elvis was in the building – well, outside the building entertaining the people. He was a very good tribute act, who took a shine to me a bit.. see pics.

At one point about a dozen American cop cars came in, sirens blazing and lights flashing, causing what's known as a 'right old racket'!

The forecast for the day was a bit of rain, but it managed to stay dry albeit a bit cloudy at times. Luckily it wasn't as hot as it had been.

We took a picnic and parked with the Commonwealth Car Club a club started by people whose car took part in the Union Flag display at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Just before we left for the day there was a fly past by a Spitfire. We waved to him as he flew directly over us and he dipped his wing, so it looked like he was acknowledging our wave, that's what we liked to believe anyway. It was a grand day out and not bad for a fiver!



Bev - photos by Steve.

Continued....



Big Day Out
Statfold
Country Park.

Artical sent in by Bev and Steve



Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

We have been to this classic car event a few years now. Originally organised by the Rover P4 club there were many Rovers of all eras to see. The numbers have dropped off now it is not organised by this club but there are still plenty of Rovers and other cars to look at.

The more modern club which is the Rover 75/MG ZT Owners Club always have a contingent there, including our friend Bob who drives his 'Sunspot Yellow' ZT named the 'Flying Banana' - from Cornwall!

This time going up in our MG3 we were parked with the MGCC Lincolnshire MG owners club, who we have parked with before when driving an MG.

A special treat this year was a fly over by a Dakota. Everyone I'm sure tried to get a photo of it flying over the resident Lancaster bomber 'Just Jane'. The Jane in question was a comic strip which was in the Daily Mirror back starting early 1930s ending in 1959. Jane's adventures were very popular in the war years as a moral booster.

'Just Jane' the Avro Lancaster does not fly but gives people taxi rides for a fee of course. All respect to the volunteers who have made this possible and to the rest of the museum. An amazing tribute to all the squadrons who flew and never came back and indeed all those that did. All who will be honoured and remembered. You never know maybe 'Just Jane' will take to the skies once again - "one sunny day"..

Words: Bev. Photos: Steve

Mail Van



Control Room



Dakota



Just Jane



Rovers



P4s



Minia



Ashby Magna Vintage Rally



The 20th and 21st June saw this very popular event. A handful of club cars on each day of the weekend met at the White Horse and convoyed to the event. A stray MG and his driver got directed to our stand on the Saturday, the marshalls saw an MG and thought he was one of ours. His club didn't turn up so we took him under our wing and welcomed him to our event tent. There was of course lots of traction engines, agricultural vehicles, military vehicles and a smattering of classic cars. There was also a craft beer tent, a crafts tent and various stalls to buy from as well as the food and drink vans. The clouds threatened all day and the sky was mainly cloudy but no rain. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes paraded around the arena for us to have a good look at and to see them driving round. The traction engines all sounded their whistles which as you can imagine was probably heard for miles!

Words: Bev. Photos: Steve.

A few photos of the 2026 Ratae Run.



2026 Christmas Events with the South Leicester MG Club.



This year we are having a Christmas breakfast at the
White Horse Pub on December 5th

Please visit MG website for more information and to
book



Also a Party night December 19th at Weston Hall,
Bulkington CV12 9RU Double room only £85 inc
Breakfast.

Please visit MG website for more information and to
book.

Contact hotel direct to book room on 02476312989 ASAP

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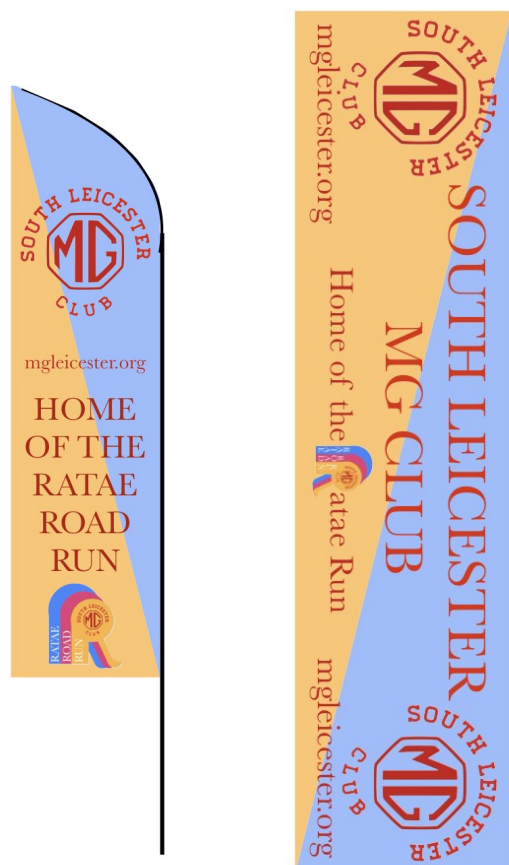
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South Leicester MG Club monthly meetings.

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.



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