

The Charmwood Chat



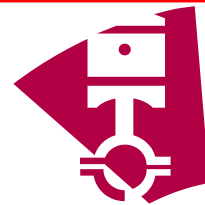
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FIRST EVER ONLINE ISSUE!

THE NORTH LEICESTER MG CLUB NEWSLETTER

Top End Rattles

A message from the chairman



Hello and welcome to February 2022. For obvious reasons we did not have a CHAT in January and like us we sorely missed it.

So, in consultation with the CHAT Editorial staff and in line with modern technology, we are moving on-line. Welcome to MG North Leicester 2022 and the digital age.

As you read this we will either looking forward to the AGM or just had the AGM, either way the club will continue, albeit with a few changes to the committee.

One of the main topics of conversation in any other business will be the financial running of the club, whether we reinstate the monthly raffle, charge monthly subscriptions or an annual membership fee. This should, I am sure promote a lively discussion.

Colin

A message from The Editor

This issue of the *Chat* heralds a new dawn in the world of classic and sports car magazine publishing. Once again, we here at *Chat House* have achieved another notable first in this very competitive sector of the international news media, by producing the only online, single-marque car club newsletter in Woodhouse Eaves.

In making this landmark breakthrough, we have had to overcome the technical challenges associated with converting from hot-metal printing to digital format, and scaling up from a folded and stapled A5 booklet to a multi-page, single sided A4 version which requires neither folding nor stapling.

These changes have also resulted in many improvements in efficiency in the complex processes which were employed in the production of this leading organ of the gutter press when it was in printed form, such as:

- * Our sub-editors no longer have to devise headlines which have equal length halves with a suitable gap between two words to allow printing over the fold between successive pages
- * We have freed up a large area of storage space where we kept the vast quantities of A4 paper used (up to 180 sheets per issue!) and the ink (which was kept in a 4-litre ice cream tub under the printing press)
- * Despite the protests from their union, the *Amalgamated Typographers, Typesetters & Ink Layers Association* (ATTILA), we have dispensed with the services of all of our print shop staff, who were all on zero-hours con-

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Andrew Goodman

ON THE FRONT COVER

Keith and Lesley are seen here taking part in the 2019 Drive-It Day run, on the 28th April. Club cars met up at the Hobby Horse pub car park in Syston, before a 40-mile run out to the Vale of Belvoir, which finished at the Windmill Inn in Redmile for a slap-up lunch.

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MY TRAIN TIMETABLE & TICKETS TURMOIL DURING CLUB HOLIDAY IN YORKSHIRE, WHEN EXPECTED STEAM LOCO IS DIESEL-ELECTRIC RAILCAR WITH A SHIPLAP BODY

Story by Vicki Friend

Pictures by John Beasley & Vicki Friend

John and Jeni Beasley organised this interesting and different two days away in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales in September. Nineteen intrepid NLMG Club members took part. The hotel was comfortable and well-appointed, and there was a wide variety of choice for both breakfast and dinner.

The first day was a free day and there was guidance as to the sort of places we could visit if the area was unfamiliar. We were lucky with the weather, as after the torrential rain of the day before, the day was largely sunny and quite warm.

STEAM TRAIN

Now a brief saga! I had found a little steam train railway fairly nearby which I booked before leaving home, the Bolton Abbey to Embsay railway. Doug said he would join us which was lovely.

WRONG END

On the day however we went to the wrong end of the line. Terry spotted a note saying the run started in Embsay. We beat it back there and missed the train by 2 minutes - yes really. I was told my ticket wasn't valid anyway, as I had booked the 22nd not the 29th of September!

OTHER END

We thought about dashing to the other end to ride back but realised that our car would be at Bolton

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ABOVE: Our sub-editor is not quite sure which station (Bolton Abbey or Embsay) the railway's pride-and-joy diesel electric railcar is picture at. But its wood construction made it doubtful that it will reach the other end of the line, anyway.

BELOW: These club members put on a brave smile at Embsay station, as they hide their disappointment when they realise that the train is not steam-hauled.



TICKETS, TIMETABLE & TRAIN-TYPE MIX-UP MARS MY MORNING ON YORKSHIRE HOLIDAY

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Abbey and we would be at Embsay. So we decided to wait for the train's return and offer our apologies to Doug. He had the good grace and kindness to forgive me.

DIESEL-ELECTRIC

By this time others from the club arrived for the 12 noon train. The lovely person on the ticket desk worked some magic and got my ticket transferred to allow Terry and me to take the noon train too. It wasn't a traditional steam train but a 1903 diesel electric train which has won several awards.

After that we parted company, folk took the afternoon exploring the different towns and villages such as Skipton, Pateley Bridge, Brimham Rocks, Fountains Abbey etc., from a long and helpful list provided by the Beasleys.

The following day the weather was less kind. We set off for a run that stopped in two villages, Burnsall and Eastby. In each we were asked to answer a dozen clues. It was fascinating to see the details that a normal visit might miss. It was commented that Burnsall was rather different to the day before when there was hardly any room to move and all the little shops were open. It was interesting holding an umbrella, question sheet and pen! I didn't envy Jeni sorting out the soggy answer sheets.

OLD MONEY

We also had a money quiz but using 'old money'. And very ingenious they were too. Jim and Mary won this on a tie-break. The answers to the village Treasure Hunt were announced and this was won by Keith and Lesley with David and Chris Pay second after a tie-break with Ron and Val.

It was a highly successful couple of days in a beautiful part of the country. Huge thanks must go to John and Jeni who, obviously, must have worked really hard to organise it.



ABOVE:
John Beasley's 1974 MGB sits alongside the 1965 example owned by Doug Gilbert outside the Wellington Inn at Darley.

RIGHT:
David Pay decides to see where the "Bridge to Nowhere" sculpture at Fountain's Abbey leads to.

BELOW:
David Terry and Jim Brewin exchange notes about the merits of driving half way round the world to Yorkshire in an MG TF, just to enjoy a swift half at some out-of-the-way gastro-pub



Members Only EVENTS Checklist

SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022 DRIVE-IT DAY RUN

Our own club run to celebrate the scrapping of road tax for historic vehicles. Meet at Swarkestone Nursery from 9:45am for a 10:30am start. Tea and coffee available at the nursery café from 10am. Pre-planned 28-mile drive to Carsington Water. Book early, if you want to join your fellow club members for a sit down Sunday lunch in the Mainsail Restaurant at 12:30pm, cost £15.50 pp., payment to Val. Car park at Carsington is £3 for 2 hours. £5 for longer. Contact John at johnbeasley@aol.com for details.

MONDAY 23rd MAY to THURSDAY 26th MAY 2022 CLUB YORKSHIRE HOLIDAY

Based at the Fat Lamb Hotel. Only one room is left at the Fat Lamb, but other accommodation is available locally. Contact John at johnbeasley@aol.com for details.

WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2022 PETER LE MARCHANT EVENING BOAT TRIP

Cruise the waterways around Loughborough to re-live those romantic nights on a gondola in Venice (*probably not - Ed.*). Contact John at johnbeasley@aol.com for details.

WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2022 CLUB NIGHT SKITTLES EVENING

Rather than have a normal meeting, how about a game of skittles at the Wheatsheaf Inn in Thurstaston? Contact John at johnbeasley@aol.com for details.

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST to MONDAY 8th AUGUST 2022 CLWB PENWYTHNOS AT LLANERCHINDDA FARM

Only one room remaining for this popular long weekend in the Brecon Beacons. Two long car runs over the weekend, somehow sandwiched between the usual sumptuous Llanerchindda breakfast, tea and dinner. Contact Ron and Val at ronandvalcarter@gmail.com for details.

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED SUMMER 2022 FISH & CHIP EVENING RUN

A short run on a summer's evening finishing at Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall, for a fish and chip supper. Contact David at david@davidterry.plus.com for details.

Future Meetings

A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL
EVENTS IN PLACE OF THE
STANDARD CLUB NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2022

Auction to raise funds for **Charnwood Caper Run** raffle prizes. Bring along all of your unwanted MG spares or other items to flog to other members. Don't forget to bring your wallets in case you see something you need.

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022

Normal agenda plus a discussion about the organisation of the Charnwood Caper.

WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2022

Guest speaker Chris Pay to tell us all about Guide Dogs.

WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2022

To be confirmed - a visit to a pub, or other activity.

WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2022

Skittles evening at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Thurstaston. See **Members Only Events Checklist** (above).

WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST 2022

To be confirmed - a visit to a pub, or other activity.

General **EVENTS** Checklist

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022 CHESTERFIELD MGOC SHAKEDOWN RUN	Visit www.chesterfield-mg-group.co.uk for entry forms and information.
SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022 DRIVE-IT DAY RUN IN AID OF RAINBOWS**	Start at Stonehurst Family Farm for a 45-mile run, finishing at Gates Nursery. Minimum donation of £5 to cover costs. For entry forms and information, contact Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or vicki.terry @ icester-mg.com
SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022 THE CHARNWOOD CAPER	Start at Quorn & Woodhouse GCR station for a 70-mile run around the lanes of Leicestershire and Rutland, finishing at Stonehurst Family Farm and Motor Museum. £28 per car includes a free ticket for the raffle. Coffee stops <i>en route</i> . Visit www.northleicester-mg.org.uk for entry forms and information.
SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022 CLASSIC WHEELS SHOW	Rutland County Showground, Oakham. Visit classicwheelsrutland.co.uk for information.
SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022 SANDRINGHAM PAGEANT OF MOTORING	Sandringham Estate, Norfolk. Details to follow.
SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022 THE SOUTH LEICESTER MG CLUB RATAE RUN	Visit www.mgleicester.org for entry forms and information.
SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2022 MGs IN THE PARK	Huge gathering of MGs at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. Visit oxforddhiremgoc.co.uk for information.
TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022 THE LONGEST DAY RUN IN AID OF RAINBOWS**	Start from around 5pm at Stonerhurst Family Farm for a 40-mile run to finish back at the farm for a buffet supper (optional). Price to be decided. For entry forms and information, contact Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or vicki.terry @ icester-mg.com
SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th JULY 2022 REMPSTONE STEAM & COUNTRY SHOW	Visit rempstonsteam.org for details. Leicestershire.
SUNDAY 10h JULY 2022 BASTON CAR & BIKE SHOW	Visit bastoncarshow.com for information.
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022 THE RAINBOWS RUN**	Start at Stonehurst Farm, with finish venue to be arranged with a run of around 70 miles. Entry forms and information from Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or vicki.terry @ icester-mg.com .
SATURDAY 24th & SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022 SYWELL CLASSIC PISTINS & PROPS	Visit sywellclassic.co.uk for details. Northamptonshire.

**** A rally-style plaque may be available for the series of three runs in aid of Rainbows Hospice. These should be available for purchase nearer the date of the first run (Drive-It Day, 24th April 2022)**