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Iris, Elle and the Pocket Belles....yummy



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Classic at Hinckley

by Bev

Sunday 22nd Sept saw Hinckley town centre turn in to a classic car park! A fabulous turn out of a wide range of vehicles from scooters, motorbikes to military vehicles, hotrods and even a traction engine. On arrival we bumped in to our club member Paul Oakes, who told us that he helped rebuild the traction engine!

The weather was perfect for the day being a bright and sunny one. The sun still had some warmth to it seeing as we are now officially in Autumn. Hinckley was buzzing with visitors and a lot of the shops were open. I expect Greggs and Costa Coffee did well.

There were a few MGs there too and a couple of Austin Healey Sprites. There were also a few vintage era cars including a Model T Ford – yes it was black.

On the way round we saw a familiar black Magnette – it was Graham and Nicky adding their classic to the display.

In the Castle Street car park we spoke to a young man with a Lada. As you can see from the picture he has given it a new look. He spoke very highly of the car which has very strong bodywork. The hailstones that attacked Hinckley and Burbage a couple of years ago, giving cars in its wake dents in their panels didn't affect the little Lada one bit!



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The proud owner of this very fine example of a MGB 1967 1800cc is Melvyn Bennett, above attending Sywell Classic show along with Dad, Jim. Melvyn has owned this car since 1998 although it has been in the family since the 1970's with a refurbishment undertaken in 2003. The MGB was launched by MG Cars in May 1962, replacing the MGA. First introduced as a four cylinder Roadster, a coupe with 2+2 seating was added in 1965. The six cylinder MGC debuted in 1967, and so the RV8 Buick based Rover from 1973 to 1976.





Saturday Pistons



Unless you live in Northamptonshire or fly light aircraft you may not have heard of Sywell Aerodrome but on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of September this small airfield was transformed into a metropolis for Classic Car and Aircraft enthusiasts from all over the country, SLMGC was well represented with 18 cars attending over two days.



Sywell Classic – Pistons and Props show opened its gates on a sunny Saturday morning to 1,000's of people keen to see some pieces of history. We were not disappointed as we were greeted with a huge display of classic cars and bikes as well as classic aircraft both on the ground and in the air. There were aircraft that helped to win the Battle of Britain during World War II including a Spitfire, Clipped Wing Spitfire and Kittyhawk. With its retro styling Sywell Aerodrome was the perfect location and to add to the atmosphere was a vintage funfair with a 'wall of death' and many other sideshows and trade stands.

The place to be was in the vintage car pit stop by the concrete runway with a dual purpose, acting as an impromptu drag strip. At times classic cars and bikes line up on the drag strip, and it was not just aircraft who

provided plenty of smoke! It was also host to a selection of classic Formula One cars including Michael Schumachers Benetton B.



The highlight of the show for me, "I suppose", was when Elle and the Pocket Belles, five sexy stylish ladies descended upon Iris for a glamorous photo shoot. If you think an "A" runs hot, well this was the hottest she has ever been. These beauties put their own swing twist to contemporary hits as well as classic jazz. I have still not washed Iris, see front over!



The show was an overwhelming success which was highlighted by the fact that it was visited by a staggering 13,162 visitors over the

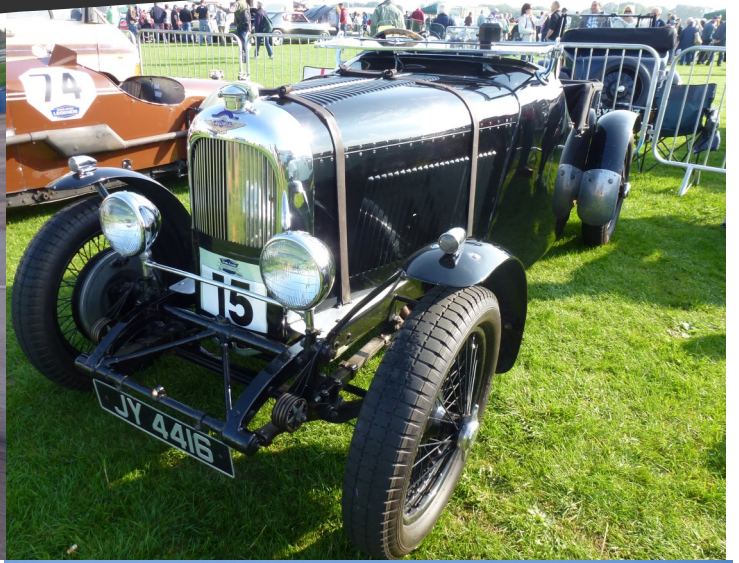
weekend! With Sunday being the busiest day.

Next years show is already booked in for the weekend of 27th – 28th September so get it in your diaries.

Michael Ricketts



Captured on camera



Great Garage !





What a sight, the compulsory flags and bunting around our pitch with the new event shelter standing proud in the middle, very modern. I was sure that I was in the right place as Graham's midget was there (not in the tent but I am told it was overnight). The shelter is very good, not as big as the jousting tent but a lot easier to erect and car not van portable!



The day started clear but very windy and as we were on the main thoroughfare it was great to sit in the shelter, coffee in hand watching all the cars arrive, there were some very big engines. Graham appeared in period dress around 10 when the planes started to arrive, the dragsters and classic racers started around 12:00 with plenty of high speed action. It is a really well organised event with lots of club stands, trade stands, the usual mix of food stalls, a beer tent with live entertainment, a fun fair complete with wall of death, all manner of dragsters and race cars. There really is something for everyone! You were even allowed in the pits and all of the teams and drivers were very friendly and informative.



I think we had 9 cars on our stand and we all had a great day, with most of us buying some not required item from the trade stands. Roger had the barby on the go and there were plenty of kettles supplying hot water for drinks.

If I could bring anything home it would have been an immaculate Austin mini van with an equally immaculate Austin J40 pedal car on the roof rack, see above, the drivers were listed on the van, as you can imagine it was a father and son affair!



Fleur Fields Vineyard – 14 September



The Northants MGOC organised a visit to the Fleur Fields vineyard at Brixworth (north of Northampton) on Saturday 14 September and invited members of our club to join them, so we took up the invitation. The cars met up at Sywell Aerodrome and drove in convoy to the vineyard. Bill Hulme, the owner, met us and showed us round. It only looks to be a small field but there are 1000 vines which were planted 13 years ago and now produce lots of grapes. We then tasted four of the wines, which have all won medals in competitions, and which were excellent! It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we are most grateful to Kevin Muntion of the Northants club for arranging the visit.

Gill and Martin



Motoring in the Golden Years

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On the Highways of Yesterday



The film show by Rob Foxon was on Saturday 12th October - a very wet and cold evening at Broughton Astley Village Hall. A keen 13 people were in the audience, 4 of us from South Leicester MG Club.

Some very interesting old footage including an advert by Austin Cars lasting some 15 minutes with all the Austin range of cars assembled in a car park. Think of the cost of an ad. of that duration in current times! Also an interesting look at commercial goods transport in the early post war years (thinking of Eddie Stobart in the present times!).

George

On Your Marks - sponsored by ASDA



It is with great pride that Chris Goodwin and myself have to announce the total of 2013 "on your marks " event at Bruntingthorpe,

We would firstly like to thank all the car clubs for there continued support and for there help and support in helping us to make "on your marks " the biggest and most successful Bruntingthorpe event of the year,

Thousands of people enjoyed the fastest and biggest On Your Marks yet as the speed festival hit a thrilling new level of excitement.

Thunderous flypasts and hundreds of super cars took centre stage with 23,000 spectators from all across Britain lapping up the action.

Dream machines were everywhere at the Bruntingthorpe arena: from a 1965 A.C. Shelby Cobra car worth £3m to a McLaren F1 road car giving £5 rides, to a Lancaster, Spitfire, Hurricane, Mustang and D.C.3 Dakota lighting up the skies with a spine-tingling display.

This year's event hit Top Gear when B.B.C.TV's The Stig

appeared to take sick kids on a drive of a lifetime and then stayed all day, much to the delight of the crowd.

And there was plenty of entertainment elsewhere as 2,000 visitors watched stunt driver Terry Grant, motorcycle stunt rider Lee Bowers, and the headline act the Bold dogs F.M.X. motorcycle display team made people gasp with there display. While 500 queued to get their hands on the latest fashions in the George tent.

Joint organisers Chris Goodwin and John Forde, together with volunteers from the Lutterworth sites of Asda and George House and companies based at Bruntingthorpe spent months ensuring this annual event was bigger and better than ever.

The event raised a staggering £46,200(a new record) for Orchid the male cancer charity, and three local children's cancer charities were invited to attend the day with sick children and there family's and were given free fast passes to enjoy themselves all day.

John Forde & Chris Goodwin

MG Autumn Gold Run



We set off on the Saturday at 12.20 in the Midget due to the unforeseeable bad weather forecast. After filling up with petrol we headed to the boring A14 although luckily it was still fine.

We arrived in Cambridge at 2.30pm finding it very busy to park when a Audi R8 drove along side and offered to do a swap with the Midget as it made him smile! (Nicky was all for it!)

After a walk around the City sights we stopped for a bite to eat in the grounds of Downing College.

After 3/4 hour it stopped raining, the sun even came out and a few tops bravely taken down.

The route took us across the Fens, long stretches of fast straight roads with not much to see scenery wise. 59 miles later we reached the half way mark 'Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey' at Waterbeach. This was an interesting place to look around, particularly the 1940's farm workers cottage.



Then off to find our B&B in the village of Longstanton. After freshening up we then went to the next village for a evening meal at The Duke of Wellington. A very olde worlde pub with good food.

Sunday, after a full English breakfast we made our way to Over which was the start of The Autumn Gold Run. We were surprised how many classics cars had turned out as it was extremely wet and windy.

We ate our picnic in the sunshine before setting off for another 29 miles driving through more interesting countryside, arriving back at the start for a welcome cream tea.

Rain started again just as we headed home but it was still an enjoyable weekend away.

Nicky and Graham



News Board



SLMGC Tour de France

After a successful trip to Brittany this year where we all had a very relaxed time and broadened our MG horizons, Angela and I have agreed to plan another trip next year. We are thinking of going to the Champagne region of France, somewhere near Reims, This will put us in the centre of the area close to the Belgian boarder. We could cross the channel via the euro tunnel and stop in bed and breakfast, self catering or a small hotel. We would like to go at a similar time of year early July for one week.



I realise it is a long way off but if we want a choice of accommodation we need to book early, if you are interested and are fairly certain, can you please let us know ASAP so that we have an idea of numbers. We would like to start reserving accommodation sometime in October, so that we can arrange a meeting and give you some more details. There were 6 cars and 11 of us this year, it would be nice to take another large group!

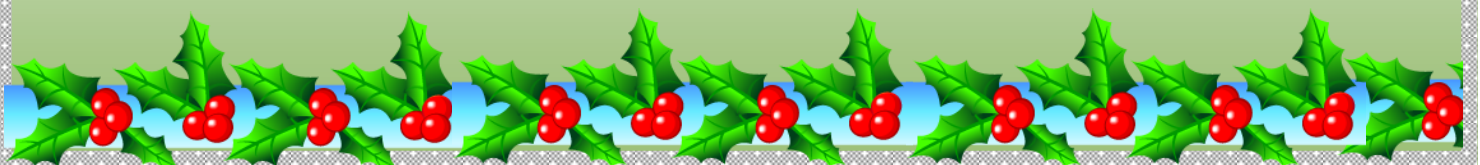
If interested speak to Angela or Kevan



CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS

Can everyone who is going to the dinner dance on Friday 6th December please let me have the final payment of £9.95 per person at the November meeting on Tuesday 5th November.

If you are not going to be at the meeting can you please contact me at stuart.armston@gmail.com or 01455 271064. It is important that I receive all monies at the beginning of November so that I can make the final payment to Ullesthorpe Court by the due date.



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South Leicester 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 £5.00 p/a, payable in January. For further details contact the Secretary.

Meetings are held from 7.30pm with members forum 8.30pm.

North Leicester Monthly Meetings

The North Leicester MG Club meets at The Anchor Inn, 74 Loughborough Road, Hathern, LE12 5JB at 8pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2013

November

- Tuesday 5th Monthly Meeting –The White Horse, Broughton Astley—8pm Presentation of cheque to Cancer Research UK. See below.
- 15th/16th/17th Classic Motor Show—NEC Birmingham

Friday 22nd Long Alley Skittles at The Wheatsheaf Inn, Thurstaston, 7 for 7.30pm start.
SLMGC v NLMGC—Skittles Supper £8.95 per person
FINAL NUMBERS REQUIRED AT NOVEMBER MEETING PLEASE

December

- Tuesday 3rd Monthly Meeting—The White Horse Broughton Astley
- Friday 6th Christmas Dinner Dance – Ullesthorpe Court Hotel - Stuart and Linda



I have arranged for Professor Paul Symonds, a Scientist from Leicester University/Hospitals to come and give us a 10 minute talk about the on-going research in Leicester with the funds from Cancer Research UK. I have suggested to Jenny McNair, Professor Will Steward 's secretary that she accompanies Professor Symonds and that they join us for a meal beforehand. Professor Steward is Head of the Oncology Department which he set this up in the early 1990's. All the money raised in Leicester is used on local research benefiting residents of Leicestershire.

Kelvin Johnson, Leicestershire Branch Treasurer will be receiving the cheque.

Glenise

A promotional poster for the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2013. The poster has a tan background. At the top left is the Lancaster Insurance logo, which consists of a stylized 'L' with an airplane flying over it, and the words 'LANCASTER INSURANCE' below. To the right of the logo is the text 'EXCLUSIVE Offer for MGOC Members' in red and blue, with 'courtesy of Lancaster Insurance' in smaller black text below it. In the center is a shield-shaped badge that says 'LANCASTER INSURANCE CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW THE NEC BIRMINGHAM 2013'. To the right of the badge is a large red starburst shape with the text 'WIN 2 tickets for LIFE* to the Classic Motor Show' in white. At the bottom, there is a black banner with the text 'Classic Motor Show Highlights:' followed by two columns of bullet points: '- Over 1500 Classic Cars', '- Restoration Theatre', '- Cars For Sale', and '- Autojumble'. At the very bottom, in small blue text, it says 'For details of the competition visit www.mgownersclub.co.uk'.

Please note that we now have two events co-ordinators looking after the calendar.

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Deadline for next Torque is Monday 25th November 2013

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