



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB



THE SPENCER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Monday 21st May -
Mystery Run<http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk>

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi, everyone,

The last month has been a busy and winning month for your club and the weather has been kind to us.

Our Club skittles match at the Spencer Club was a close contest with the visiting Gloucester MG club being on equal score at half-time. However thanks to our talented team we finally emerged victorious in the last round, with the final score Wessex 279, Gloucester 267. Many thanks to all who attended, perhaps for the away match in October some of our lady members would like to join the team.

On the following Monday our annual "prod n poke" took place, luckily the weather held off and it was a rain free evening with a good selection of cars. Thanks to all for bringing their cars along and especially to Malcolm Barrington with his Fraser Nash which seemed to be the star car of the evening.

Our visit, on possibly the hottest day of the year so far, to the New Bowood Classic Car Show, was a successful one for our club as we were awarded the Runner Up Shield in the Car Club Stand category. Again thanks must go

to all who helped in this achievement. The show was so popular that many members wish to return to the next show in August and I am arranging tickets.

Shortly after you receive this newsletter we will be visiting the Bristol Aerospace museum at Filton, and on the following day we have our annual mystery run.

This year's mystery run replaces our normal club night and starts from Warminster Services at 7.15pm on Monday May 21st and finishes at a mystery pub where I have booked a table for us. The menu is included in this newsletter.

Coming up in June we have a Sunday lunch run organised by Pat and Malcolm, also MG's in the Park at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. I have also managed to get a special deal on tickets for the Classic and Sports Cars and Flywheel Air Show at Bicester Heritage.

The Gloucester MG club are holding their "Cotswold Caper" Run on Sunday July 1st. If you wish to participate I believe there are still a few spaces left.

Hope to see you at our Mystery Run on Monday May 21st.

Martyn



2018 Spring Weekend - Rutland Water Anne Warn

Given the poor weather - an understatement - in the weeks leading up to our Spring Weekend, I'm sure there were many, us included, looking at weather apps hoping for a weekend's respite.

Well Friday dawned and it wasn't raining. However visibility was poor as we motored to Graham's prearranged meeting point in the car park of Silbury Hill. The parked



cars created some interest, including the police in the form of PC Matt Jacobs. It seems he and his family own and have owned many MGs. After exchanging stories with PC Jacobs, Vic and Jeni arrived with our plaques and it was time to set-off for our lunchtime stop.

The mist cleared revealing a strange yellow ball in the sky, which thankfully kept us all company for the duration of our weekend.

After a very pleasant lunch at the Red Lion in the village of Evenly, we set off for our weekend destination - The Normanton Park Hotel on the edge of Rutland Water. With car unpacked, a welcome glass of red on the terrace, it was time to unwind and relax before supper at 7:30 - see main pic.

We awoke on Saturday morning to the sun bathing our room with light. After a hearty breakfast in 'our' conservatory breakfast/dinning room it was time to plan the day. As is the norm on these occasions, folk have differing interests resulting in small groups heading off for the day. The two Morgans kept together. After a short walk on the



shores of the lake we set off for Burghley House. Originally the home of William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Elizabeth 1. There have been several changes since we last visited the house including a sculpture garden and a "surprise" water garden. Following a particularly interesting tour of the house, we had lunch and set off to walk the gardens and couldn't of course resist an ice-cream.



After a long day it was time to head for our hotel. Peter took this pic over the bonnet of his Morgan with ours in front, as we were leaving the grounds of Burghley.

The sun greeted us once again on Sunday morning. The topic of conversation over breakfast was the club's participation in the Stilton Cheese Classic Vehicle Run. Ours was entry number 013. The plan was to drive in convoy to the small town of Uppingham where all participants were instructed to meet and sign-on in the Falcon Hotel located in the market square. Many entrants had already arrived - this was the scene that greeted us, it was therefore a case of trying to park wherever there was a space. The scenes were reminiscent of Angouleme in the south west of France during the Circuit des Remparts event.



The organisers had planned a route along the Welland valley to the Bell hotel in the village of Stilton, a total distance of 45 miles via the choice of a couple of loops with stops along the way. Judging by the chat over supper that evening 45 miles was a little on the conservative side!



We had already decided to make our way directly to the The Bell hotel, have a coffee and head back to Rockingham Castle for the day. We really enjoyed the drive, chatted to a number of like minded participants on arrival at the Bell who had had the same idea. We meandered our way back to Rockingham Castle via Oundle where we had lunch and explored the castle and its

grounds. For our return journey to the hotel we decided to travel via the Welland or Harringworth railway Viaduct. At 1,275 yards long with 82 arches it has the distinction



of being the longest masonry viaduct across a valley in the United Kingdom. As well as being a Grade II listed building. The land beneath the viaduct is a nature reserve dedicated to the memory of Geoff Hamilton the BBC gardener. Another long and

enjoyable day. For our last evening, we all gathered together once again for supper and to exchange stories of the day.



For our return journey home the following morning, the weather was a little cooler. Nevertheless the hood came down and off we went. Our plan was to stop at Stowe Landscape Gardens for a light lunch. We were not alone. Anne and Ron, Jane and Graham and Pat and Malcolm also had the same idea.

Very many thanks to Graham and Jane for organising a great trip and the opportunity to visit some interesting places.



WESSEX MG CLUB AWARD



You will be pleased to know that the Wessex MG Club was awarded the runner up shield in the Best Car Club Stand Category at the inaugural Bowood Classic Car show today.

I would like to congratulate and thank all who contributed to this success for your club.

There is another show at Bowood on Sunday August 12th, do you wish to attend this if so I will endeavour to book a club stand.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you want to attend again or not.

Martyn

Martyn,

Congratulations to the Club and thanks for arranging an enjoyable day out on the hottest day of the year (so far). We would be happy to support the Club at a repeat occasion on the 12 August.

Sandra & Gordon.

See - we do need a trophy cabinet! I would be happy to go again in August

Steve Todd

SUNDAY LUNCH 10th JUNE

For the first Sunday lunch outing this year I'm proposing 'The Woodford' on Chew Valley Lake.

This used to be 'Woodford Lodge' and was run by Bristol Water. It declined in appeal and was closed for some time. It re-opened about a year ago and is run independently of Bristol Water. It gets good reviews. Pat and I have used it.

It has a large car park and is situated directly on Chew Valley Lake.

I may work out a route for those that are interested, but in the meantime please advise me if you intend to join in. (Martyn, I already note your interest). I have made a provisional booking.

You can check out the menu on their website and you will note that they require pre-orders for parties of over 10, but only just prior to attendance.

Let me know

Malcolm Taylor

ONE FOR VIC



Seen at Stilton during the Spring Weekend Away. Perhaps you could get a body kit to make your project look like this, Vic.

It's an Autobianchi Bianchina Berlina (bit of a mouthful) and is based on a Fiat 500. If you track it down on Wikipedia, they feature this actual car.

Malcolm Taylor

Caption Competition



Thank you to those who took the trouble to send in a caption:

Anne Warn: Tom - "Well enough is enough, I'm definitely saving for a Morgan."

Malcolm Taylor: Ron helpfully points out the best spanner to put in the works.'

Sue Warder: Tom's thoughts "If I had the Morgan I could get home on three wheels".

Paul Warn: Graham "No cameras"

Another Caption To Have Fun With



Sportingly provided by John Bishop whilst preparing his MGB for the Prod and Poke

Mystery Run

The start point for the Mystery Run is

The BP Garage, Warminster Services , Warminster bypass, Junction A350/A36 roundabout. Lorry car park exit. (just before petrol pumps)

Start time 7:15. Distance 32.8 miles but with a mix of lanes and fast roads.

The finish for anyone that makes it will be at a pub with adequate parking

I have booked a table at the pub where the run finishes and the menu is attached,

Please let me know by email if you are participating in the mystery run and if you wish to eat at the finishing venue.

The Venue require us to pre order and I need to know menu choices by Thursday May 17th at the latest please, please email to me martyn.lucas2@btinternet.com

Martyn

WESSEX MG Mystery Run Menu

Chef's soup of the day *served with crusty farmhouse bread*

Classic Prawn Cocktail

Homemade mushroom pate *served with warm toast*

Breast of chicken in a stilton & bacon sauce

Steak and ale with mushroom pie

Grilled salmon fillet on a bed of creamed spinach

All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Butternut squash topped with Mediterranean vegetables & melted cheese, *served with a crisp salad*

Cheesecake

Hot Apple Pie served with Custard

Chocolate Fudge Cake

3 course £25.95 per head

2 course £21.00 per head

1 course £12.95 per head

Tea/Coffee £2.50 per head

CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR SHOW

CLASSIC AND SPORTS CAR SHOW(incorporating FLYWHEEL) at Bicester Heritage

SUNDAY JUNE 24th 2018

The show features classic cars and an air display, and the opportunity to visit the classic car specialists based on site.

I have managed to get special club discount for us to attend this event at the former cold war base at Bicester. Normal tickets bought on the day are £28 per person. Our code will give us the special advance price; we pay £21.55 per ticket including booking fee. And you can book classic car parking free of charge.

As the nation celebrates the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Air Force, the skies above Bicester Heritage - the former RAF Bicester and Britain's best-preserved WW2 bomber base - will come to life in the most appropriate fashion at The Show. The action-packed programme will include daily air displays from the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) Dakota, the Bremont Great War Display Team and the magnificent trio that is the BBMF Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster.

From the tyre-squealing action, as historic competition cars and motorcycles do their thing on the demo track, to the classic motor club displays and classic cars and motorcycles in the pre-76 parking area, the Classic & Sports Car Show in association with Flywheel presents decades of motoring and motorsport history in spectacular style.

MGB fans will be delighted to see one of the very earliest MGBs in action - one of the first 20 ever made, in fact. It was part of the first shipment of MGBs to the USA in 1962, and in 1964 was part of a team of three works-backed MGBs entered for the Sebring 12 Hour race. It finished 18th overall and was the first MG home, driven by Jack Dalton and Ed Leslie.

If you wish to attend this event please let me know and by the time this newsletter is published I will have our unique discount code which I will give you to book your tickets directly from www.classicandsportscarshow.com or by calling SEE Tickets on 0871 231 0847 at our special discount rate by quoting the code.

Booking deadline - all tickets must be booked by 5pm on Monday 18th June

Martyn



PHOTO GALLERY

Here are a few pics of the club's Spring Weekend to Rutland Water. I will include a report of our trip in the May edition. **ED**



With thanks to Ken for the first two



Secretary's Scribbles

We have just had a great weekend at Bowood and congratulations to all involved for the winning of the 'Runner up Best Club Stand'. We had great weather for it and the show, although not massive, had some interesting cars. My Kids were in heaven of course with the fun and games at the play-park.

The play-park is virtually identical to how it was when I was a young scamp - including the pirate ship where a girl tied me up and nicked my ice-cream.

We also had a really good turn out from the club which was great to see. The Metallic RV8s and Vic's MGB really sparkled in the radiant sun. I also enjoyed being sent out of Bowood a completely different way from normal - a route I had never driven before. Nancy and I had a surprise when we met Geoff and our old BGT. The car is almost untouched and still has my handwriting on the HT lead labels etc. I do miss the

car, although it really does need a respray now.

I also couldn't help reflecting on the old days of GWR. For the newer members, the club used to co-run a large rally weekend that culminated in a show on the lawns of Bowood. It was a lot of work to make it happen and unfortunately the H&S requirements and the emigration of Andy Littler meant that the event disappeared. The Saturday Road runs were legendary in the length and their historical themed detail. At Bowood we had events such as auto testing (which Paul Adams always won) and pushing an Austin 35 round a track - all good fun. I think if I remember rightly it was started by several clubs - Austin, Morris Minor and us and originally it was based at Longleat (Vic will know.....).

Anyway I will stop reminiscing now.



Tom

Club Diary

2018 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
20-May	Visit to Aerospace Bristol	Yes	Filton Bristol	Kevin Meakin
21-May	Club Night - Mystery Run	Yes	A Mystery	Martyn Lucas
27-May	Gurston Down Hill Climb	-		For Information
31May/3Jun	Jersey Motoring Festival	-		Martyn Lucas
10th June	Sunday Lunch		'The Woodford' Chew Valley Lake	Malcolm Taylor
17th June	MGs in the Park Burford	-		(Event TBC)
24th June	Classic & Sports Car Show	-	Bicester Heritage	Martyn Lucas
25 Jun	Club Night - BBQ	Yes	Spencer Club	Martyn Lucas
15-Jul	Summer Picnic	Yes	Lepe Country Park	Sue Warder/ Jeni Wright
7-8 Jul	Chateau Impney	-		For Information
23-Jul	Club Night - Boules	Yes	Tollgate Pub	Vic Wright
20-Aug	Club Night - Pub Run	Yes		Vic Wright
27-Aug	Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland

2018 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
20-Sep	Coventry Motor Museum	No		Martyn Lucas (Event TBC)
24-Sep	Club Night - Talk - Topic To Be Confirmed	Yes	Spencer Club	Tom Strickland
TBC	Mini Factory Oxford Factory	-		Peter Hine (Event TBC)
6-Oct	Autumn Classic Meeting	-	Castle Combe	Vic Wright
22-Oct	Club Night - Talk - The Racing History of the Ford GT 40	Yes	Spencer Club	Paul Warn
27-Oct	Binney's Bash Halloween Party		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
TBA	Pre AGM Committee Meeting	No	Spencer Club	
9-11 Nov	Classic Car Show NEC	-		For Information
26-Nov	Club AGM	Yes	Spencer Club	Formal notification will be included in the Sept & Oct newsletter.
15-Dec	Christmas Party	Yes	TBA	TBA

Club Asset List

CLUB ASSET LIST			
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New Set of Boules	Vic Wright	01225 704685	vic@devizes-domestic.co.uk

NOTE:

If you need to borrow or take custody of any of the club's assets, the current holder should be contacted directly to arrange transfer. The new 'holder' of the asset should notify Paul Warn by email to ensure the asset list is kept up-to-date.