

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

NEWSLETTER



January 2012

Happy new year.

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Robin getting his well deserved Club Member of the Year award.

Branch 1009

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Events Calendar.

2012

January.

4th Wednesday **1009 Club night** at the Empress of Blandings.
18th Wednesday **Mid-month meeting “The Empress of Blandings” This will be a meeting about the 2012 NF run**

February

1st Wednesday **1009 Club night** at the Empress of Blandings. AGM held upstairs.
15th Wednesday **Mid-month meeting** at the “New Forest Hotel “ at Ashurst.

March

7th Wednesday **1009 Club night** at the Empress of Blandings.
21st Wednesday **Mid-month meeting** at the “Housemartin” Barton on Sea.

Other MG Club & car events in 2012.

1020MGOC.

January 2012

Sun 01 11am-2pm Classic cars on the prom—new years day meeting
Sun 01 10.30am-2pm Vintage Club meeting, the White Buck , Burley.
Sat 21 7.30pm Murray & Curry , The Tank Museum , Bovington www.tankmuseum.org

February

Sun 12 2pm-4pm Mike Rolls Valentine’s Cream Tea , Fifehead Magdalen
Fri-Sat 24/25 8am Rallye Sunseeker– Wareham & Ringwood Forests

March

Sun 04 9am Vintage Transport Day– Bourne Aviation Museum.
Sun 04 10am Winchester MGOC Cobweb spin– Hursley Park

Classics around Dorset.

Road run and picnic– a drive around Dorset with your classic vehicle in support of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Bring your own picnic and enjoy it, either on route, or afterwards at Alecs Field in the village of Hazelbury Bryan, and whilst there , take the opportunity to view the other classic vehicles that have taken part in the run.

Alternatively, take advantage of our special offer and have a meal at “The Antelope” pub which is directly opposite Alecs Field.

Date; Last Sunday in May 2012 (27th).

Arrival; from 08:00am

Finish; 17:00 to 18:00 pm (or to suit yourself!)

Secretary's Notes,

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Happy New Year to you all and what a finale it was to 2011. The Xmas Dinner and Disco at the Walhampton Arms on December 9th, I think everyone there would agree, was one of the best in recent years. 50 members enjoyed another excellent carvery meal followed by non stop disco and dancing until midnight. It was doubly nice to see a mixture of old and newer members equally contributing to the festive atmosphere of the evening. Thanks to Malcolm and Julie Rumsey for all their hard work and organisation to ensure everything ran smoothly once more.

Congratulations to Robin Plumley who you overwhelmingly voted for as Club Person of the Year 2011. For once it was a straight forward count with Robin collecting over 55% of the vote. A popular and well deserved choice whose actions behind the scenes obviously do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated. Robin was presented at the Dinner with a personally inscribed glass paper weight, a small gift from the club, and of course the shield which he will hold for the next 12 months.

January club night is always a bit of an unknown quantity, any member making it to the Empress that night deserves bonus points. It is also a month short on news items so if I do a little rambling please forgive me. Fair to say we can treat the meeting as a social get together rather than an official date. One very important date to remember in January is the first proper NFR meeting to be held at the Empress on Wednesday night the 18th at 8.00pm. Those who have helped organise the event in previous years will know the drill but if you haven't and would like to get involved it would be nice to see as many people there as possible. It is always easier to digest the details if you are there from the start.

February club night will take the form of our AGM and once again it would be nice to see as many members attend as possible. The meeting will be held in the upstairs function room at the Empress starting at 8.00pm. This is your chance to have some input in club affairs so if there is anything you feel we should know about now is the time.

We will be joined on Feb 1st. by Maggie Gwynne, previously known to us as part of the initial Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance promotional team but who is now spearheading a new charity – Sniffer Dogs UK and International. She is here to give a brief account of the work these dogs are involved in and the funds required.

Finally, it was a lovely gesture from John and Linda Anderson to throw an open house invitation to members on New Year's Day. Whether you joined in the ramble or not the offer of hot home made refreshments was a real temptation and much appreciated.

Dates to remember:-

Jan 18th.....NFR meeting

Feb 19th.....Stoneleigh MG show and spares day

March 4th.....Cobweb Spin

April 1st.....Arundel Castle gathering

Ray.

Who is it (the first of 2012).



MCOC 1009 Xmas Dinner Dance.

Friday 9th December saw the annual Club get together at the Walhampton Arms in Lymington. A very good turnout with fifty club members and guests arriving in their best bib and tucker.

The large numbers attending show how popular the event is and how our club is growing over the last year.

Malcolm and Julie did a great job sorting out the event again this year and also provided a full guest list with the menu choices (we all forget what we have ordered). The club funds provided several bottles of red or white wine which washed down the usual good quality food supplied by all at Walhampton.

During the meal we all tried completing A music quiz compiled by Lucie and Richard which bought out some very interesting answers to the pictures. The winning table included David & Belinda, Jon & Pauline, Pat & Steve, Pat & Brian.

We then moved on to presentation of the Shield awarded to the club member of the year , this year it was Robin Plumley who was voted for by his fellow members for his contribution to the club this year. He has organised several events and stood in for both the role Secretary and Editor when they were not available. A well deserved winner.

Steps started of the disco (provided again by Rod) and the ladies got on their dancing shoes and in lieu of handbags danced around Mick, the only male brave enough.

Several hours later after we were all sore in throat and feet we said goodnight and agreed we had all enjoyed a very good club function once again. This brings us to the end of another very busy year and I hope 2012 is just as busy with all the events well attended.

John Anderson.

Fifty, Cinquante, Cinquenta, vijftig, etc, etc members and guests attended the Christmas Dinner at the Walhampton Arms on Friday 9th December. What a brilliant turnout!!! The bar was full, as was the dining room once we migrated in there.

Restaurant staff served a variety of starter courses before moving on to the main course. It seems the majority selected the carvery choices where we mixed in the queue with a local Triumph club. Well I was with them once upon a time. Deserts followed prior to some dodgy prize-giving followed by an evening of frivolous indulgence on the dance floor. How long was that list of songs from Belinda for the DJ?

Ah, the prize giving. The announcement by Roy for the member of the year took me totally by surprise but gave me immense pride and honour. I , well, Karen and I were members of the S&NF Club in 1984—1987 when we had a Pageant Blue MGB GT. We rejoined in 2000 after getting a Black MG Roadster. This was joined, for a while in 2003 by our MG TF160 which we still have, having sold the Roadster to a former Chief Engineer who looked after Concorde and ran a V12 Jaguar XJS!!!

In my desire to thank all of you who voted, and those who showed their gratitude at the announcement, I forgot to mention some members who ensure our club runs effectively.

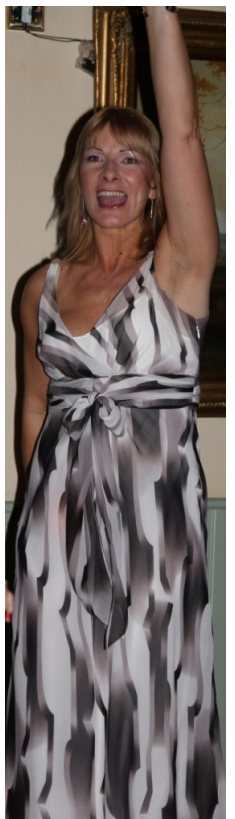
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work undertaken by Linda Taylor, our Treasurer. It is she that has the unenviable task of chasing you all up for your weekly contributions to the club funds, which help go towards the operating costs. Well done to Linda.

To our Editor , and Mrs Editor, John & Linda Anderson, without whom our early monthly evening would be naked without the S&NF Newsletter. John & Linda are off austral lands in the new year and we wish them a safe and enjoyable journey by air , sea and land. I will try to fulfil the role as editor during there time away although I shall be away in South America for the final week of January, returning on the first club night of February.

I would like to especially thank Roy for his continued presence as Area Secretary of our club. Roy takes on a significant number of tasks and it is through his contributions that I have been motivated to support him and the club by getting more involved in organising some of our activities 'away from base' And finally but no means least, thank you and well done to all our members, whether longstanding or recently joined. Our common theme is MG and we look forward to enjoying the social involvement of meeting each other and welcoming more members in the coming year.

So , if you feel the urge to help the club diversify, join activities with other neighbouring clubs and organisations, arrange a local activity or contribute articles for the newsletter then please do not be shy in coming forward with your ideas. Remember we have the AGM coming up and we will welcome your contributions. Thank you all once again and let us look forward to an even better 2012. **Robin Plumley**

S&NF MG1009
XMAS Dinner Dance
Walhampton Arms
2011



Editor's Notes.

Welcome to the first edition of the Club newsletter for 2012. I will first say a big thank you to all the people who have sent me articles to publish in the 1009 newsletter. I have put into print the for sale, stories, interesting facts, holidays, club events, quiz's, food items and the Sunday lunch /walk info that we have all taken part in over the past year.

This past year has seen an increase in the number of members we have and the Empress had been standing room only at times, along with this the mid-monthly attendances have increased, especially in the spring months onwards, where some members get their cars out of storage, service them and get them on the road, to enjoy and take part in the events run by our own and other MG clubs.

The items for sale have included parts, spares, memorabilia, complete cars or restoration projects.

These have come from club members, both ours & other clubs, and items from individuals and companies selling car related items.

The club events start with the meeting at Hursley, The Cobweb Spin, sorted out by the Winchester MGOC. This is an informal gathering with most local clubs attending this gathering. Coffee / Tea etc and food is on sale along with raffle tickets.

After this each month is filled with weekend trips around the country attended well by our club and others to the events organised by other MGOC's. We also go to other events which are not just car related or MG's only.

The run and day out at Cranliegh seems to have been popular over the last few years along with Athlehampton, Kingston Lacy and Sherbourne Castle to name a few.

Well attended as ever is our annual MGOC 1009 New Forest Run, with over 200 cars we have people coming back to it each year to take part in this club event which starts at Copythorne and leads the entrants through the lovely New Forest and finishing last year at a new venue Breamore near Fordingbridge.

The money collected from entrance fees and the sale of the much loved bacon butties with tea & coffee goes towards several local charities which are voted on at the club meetings.

This is a first, along with our usual Xmas dinner / dance last year saw the first Summer Ball, organised by Jan Bittern and well attended by our club members. It seems a good time was had by all.

Throughout the year we have little fun events like the weather depending annual club BBQ which is always well supported. I try to make the newsletter as informal as possible and along with the "who is it" photo's and other items sent to me for inclusion. It is with thanks to Andrew Kettle (our resident snapper) who always has his equipment in hand. Thank you all for your support throughout the last year.

The Sunday lunch combined with a healthy walk have been a great event throughout the last year. They have been sorted by Linda Anderson & Jane Kettle, with help from other club members as to location of both the walks and the venues for the pub lunches.

Most of the locations are within our own New Forest area, some pubs we frequent as mid-monthly venues and some are a little further afield.

The walks are never too long and are usually completed by all who start them, the meals at the Pubs we stop at, are always finished along with the well deserved drinks.

On the food item side of things our members have provided a varied selection of recipes to suit all tastes, we have had Macarons, Veggie soup, Picnic bars, Red Onion relish and Chicken & red Pesto.

I am sure we will have more this year to give our members something to do on wet nights when club events are not on..

Thanks must also go to Julie and Malcolm Rumsey who several times throughout the year give their time in not only the little quiz items for our newsletter, but also the Xmas dinner dance, and the organising of the NFRun Co-ordinating with our hosts at the finish and other duties involved in the running of the event.

I must thank everybody in the club for all they do to make it as well run as it is. The increasing numbers of new members along with the people who have started it and stayed with us for a long time, show what a friendly well run club we are.

John Anderson

Various photo's from club events 2011.



Summer Ball.

Moor to Sea run .



Club members walk on the Isle of Wight.

Sherbourne Castle.



Club bowling night

Mottisfont walk.

Cranliegh run.

New year walk 01/01/2012.

This is a usual event carried out by club members who have the energy left after all the fun and frolics of seeing out the old year and seeing in the new. As a norm a club member will nominate a time and venue and someone usually offers food and drinks after the walk. This year Linda & myself sorted out a walk from Calshot to Ashlett creek and back, well 15 plucky people turned up and set off on the walk at 11:00 .The weather was breezy and dry at the time the walk started but sadly when they were ready to leave the Jolly Sailor it started raining heavy.

The intrepid walkers made it back to our house and were fed and watered with Linda's superb choice of soup and chilli with an assortment of nibbles to go along with it. I ended up helping Linda and missing the walk as we had been looking after the grandchildren overnight and Linda's mum during the day but all went well and after most guests had dried out they made their way home.

Thanks to all who turned up for both the walk and the food.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

John

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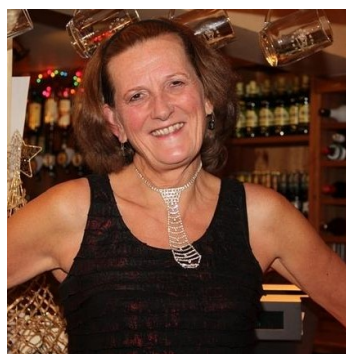
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MGOC 1009 XMAS DANCE
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