



*Northumbrian*  
August 2014



*"I don't think this lot know half as much about MGs as they make out".*

## *Chairman's Chat*

Hello again .

As I write these notes it's only 3 weeks since Classics in Corbridge but it seems so long ago. Those not on email or facebook will not have received my thanks to everyone who helped make the day what it was. So, again, thank you. I have sent a draft article to Enjoying MG explaining how it lived up to its billing as the biggest show in the north east and all done by club members. When we get praise that we are better than some of the professionally managed shows then I think we are on the right track. The August committee meeting will discuss feedback and comments so if you have something to say either come along to the August club night or fill in the feedback form on the website.

At the July committee we had the first indications of our profits, although there was still some income and expenditure to be finalised, and roughly expect a figure of nearly £12k to distribute. This is down on last year's £14.5k but with gate money down reflecting the weather forecast and other sporting events on the day it has still been a great success.

We had 32 applications for money that were asking for a total of £46k so clearly we had to do some pruning. Some of the smaller requests have been granted in full while others who gave us a "shopping list" have received some of the items requested. The beneficiaries are:

Blyth Sea Scouts - sports equipment

New Prospects (Whitley Bay) - folding table tennis table

Jessica's Sarcoma Awareness (Cramlington) - toys and gadgets

Blyth Star Enterprises - Horticultural equipment

Marie Curie Hospice (Newcastle) - automatic syringe driver  
Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade - torches and cameras  
Denton Youth Project (Newcastle) - play equipment  
Vale Mill Trust (Blaydon) - mower for trainees  
Daybreak (Acomb) - catering equipment  
Fenham Assoc of Residents (Newcastle) - equipment for a sensory room  
Corbridge Youth Initiative - art equipment  
Better Days (Newcastle) - Projector for training  
Wallsend Club - promotional banners  
JET (Newcastle) - cafe equipment for training scheme  
Kittiwake Trust (Team Valley) - bookcases  
Ladycross Nature Reserve (Slaley) - waymarkers and rope.

Although the rain stayed away for most of the day of the show it was again forecast for Emma's run. This could have added a risk to the optional ford near Wooler but the overnight rain didn't happen and the ford was its normal self. Although the start was very grey and misty we didn't get any rain until at the finish at Morwick Farm Ice Cream Parlour. Thank you Emma.

This weekend, having had to cancel Carl's run I joined several others at the NECPWA event at Etal & Heatherslaw. With members at both ends, we passed each other on the platforms of the narrow gauge railway. Again the rain came in the afternoon but still a good day out.

Best wishes

*Tim Cook*

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# Corbridge 2014



*Award winners gather together*

1935 MGTA  
Tickford



*Best in show was this  
1956 Oldsmobile.  
Hope George didn't  
have to push it!*

*The new MG3*



*"I was a late entry with my Trabant and would like to congratulate everyone concerned including the gate men and women who were helpful and full of good cheer. Never having attended this show before I can only say that it seemed to be very well and competently organised. Thank you for a wonderful day".*

*Comment received from David Pattison*



*MG 1300*

## *Event Diary for August*

2/3rd Northern National, Pately Bridge

Nostalgia Weekend, Croft circuit

6th **Clubnight**, Backworth 8.00 pm

10th John Pearce's Twist Roads Run. Starting at 1.00 pm from the Vallum Tearooms on the military road (B6318)

17th Cumbrian Classic Show, Dalemain near Penrith.

24th Alan's Run. Starting from Earsdon Garden Centre, A192 between Holywell and Earsdon. Leaving at about 1.30.



## ***PHOTO COMPETITION***

Just a reminder that the competition ends with pictures from the Heritage Run on 7/9/14. If you have taken any photo's since last years run that you would like considered please get them to me by 14/9/14. They only have to have a slight link to your car and/or the club. This year Peter Hyde, last years winner, will be the judge. As usual we hope to produce a calendar for 2015.

## **MANCHESTER CLASSIC CAR SHOW WEEKEND**

There is still plenty of time to book for all or part of this weekend away. Prices on bookings.com for the Village have gone up, so if you wanted somewhere cheaper you could make your own arrangements and meet up at the hotel for starts and evening meals. Updated details are on the website or get in touch with Tim.

## ***New Members***

This month we welcome to MG Northumbria:

Jeff Elliott (no details available yet)

Alan Lumsden and June Philip from Killingworth, who have an Austin Healey Sprite.

Plus returning member Stephen Cox of Ponteland, who also has an Austin Healey Sprite.

## Northern National

MG Harrogate incorporating MGOC Northern National are again holding their annual event at Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate HG3 5BD on Sunday **3rd August 2014**.

MG Northumbria will again have a stand on this lovely field surrounded by glorious hills and countryside. Some members make more of the event by arriving Friday and returning home late Sunday afternoon.

There are numerous very reasonable lodgings in the area or camping on site if you prefer. A visit to the City of Ripon or taking a bus trip to Harrogate are also easy options.

Entry is £5 per adult and there is the opportunity to show off your car by taking part in the Concours or Condition events.

MG Harrogate have been very supportive of our club in the past and good that we reciprocate such friendship.

Please consider joining us for the day or longer and check the internet for further details.

Very much appreciated if you can advise John Mitchell at [johnpatrick.mitchell@virgin.net](mailto:johnpatrick.mitchell@virgin.net) if you plan to attend.

John Mitchell

Recently, **Les and Pam Davison** had a tour of the MG factory in Longbridge. Whilst there, they were able to persuade MG to part with the following items to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis charity MSRRF. These are now available as below:



1) a BTCC TEAM MG RACE SHIRT which will be signed by the works MG drivers, Jason Plato, and Sam Tordoff. Anyone who makes an offer on this shirt can have it in their choice of size.

2) a pair of British Touring Car Championships race week-end tickets for either Rockingham Raceway on 6th/7th September OR Silverstone 27th/28th September (Final Round)

3) a pair of week-end tickets for the Diamond League Athletics, Birmingham Grand Prix. These are for the best seats (MG Motors sponsor this event)

Anyone interested in any of these, or would like to make Pam an offer, (all of the money going to Pam's MSRRF Charity) please contact Pam or Les Davison on 01670 797177 or E-mail on [L\\_DAVISON@sky.com](mailto:L_DAVISON@sky.com)



Recently Mike Mitchell sent out the invitations to other clubs and received a reply from a member of another car club stating "The MG run in September is a competitive event as awards are to be given. As I understand it, it is illegal as it is against the law to run a competition on public roads. It is not even eligible for a certificate of exemption. This whole matter is, at the moment, a mess although the MSA is now showing signs of looking at the problems surrounding it. They tend to move very slowly so, don't hold your breath!"

This issue crops up every so often and simply doesn't apply to us as this event is not a competitive road event. It also doesn't apply to our normal club runs as MGOC unlike MGCC is not a member of the MSA.

All arrivals in heaven have to go through a bureaucratic examination to determine whether admission will be granted. One room has a clerk who inputs computerised records of what each applicant did on his or her last day of life.

The first applicant of the day explained that his last day was not a good one. "I came home early and found my wife lying naked in bed. She claimed she had just come out of the shower.

Well, her hair was dry so I checked the shower and it was completely dry too. I guessed she was into some hanky-panky and I began to look for her lover. I went onto the balcony of our 9th floor apartment and found the swine clinging to the rail by his finger tips. I was so angry that I began bashing his fingers with a flower pot. He let go and fell, but his fall was broken by some awnings and bushes. On seeing he was still alive I found super human strength to drag our very heavy antique cedar chest to the balcony and throw it over. It hit the man and killed him. At this moment the stress got to me and I suffered a massive heart attack, fell after him, and died."

The clerk thanked him, stamped his admission form and let him in.

The second applicant said that his last day was the worst of his life. "I was on the roof of an apartment building working on the satellite equipment. I stumbled over my tools, tripped and toppled off the building. I managed to grab hold of the balcony rail of a 9th floor apartment but then some idiot came rushing out onto the balcony and bashed my hands with a flower pot. I fell again but hit some awnings on the way down and landed in some bushes and survived but as I looked up I saw a huge chest falling toward me. I tried to crawl out of the way but failed and was hit and killed by the chest."

The clerk thanked him, stamped his admission form and let him in, then broke down in a fit of giggles.

He was still giggling as the third customer of the day entered. He apologised and said, "I doubt that your last day was as interesting as the last two fellows I've just admitted....."

"I don't know," replied the man, "but picture this, I'm stark naked and hiding in this cedar chest when....."



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