



*Northumbrian*

June 2015



At the meeting Tim asked if anyone wanted to go to Hexham Abbey?  
He said there would be some lovely old 1940's Morris's there so off we went!

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## *Chairman's Chat*

Hello,

Where has the year gone, its June, that's halfway!

Some time ago I sent £5 to DVLA to find out the owner history of the Jubilee. For £5 I didn't really expect a lot, maybe a computer list of names and dates, so you can imagine my surprise when a thick envelope arrived containing copies of the original registration on 1/8/1975 and each subsequent change of ownership. The original dealers were Caffyns of Brighton who are still trading under that name.

While away on my trip to Leics I visited the man who runs the Jubilee club who gave Lottie the once over and pointed out some non-original features I was not aware of, chrome side strips, wing mirrors and wipers, and also explained that the cars were not on general sale but given to dealers with high sales figures as a reward. What we need is a website like [ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk) for cars. Or is there one?

So I was in Leics to visit my mother and sister and timed it to coincide with the North Leicester MGOC's Charnwood Caper where I was joined by Les & Pam Davison. The run started at Quorn station which some may remember was used by Top Gear when they made a train with caravans as carriages. From there we had a good run anti-clockwise around Leicester through the Charnwood Forest to a coffee stop 3 miles from where my mother lives. While there I looked ahead at the afternoon leg and realised it went past the end of my sister's road. A quick phone call before I set off brought them out resulting in the attached photo. The route carried on, passing Launde Abbey where I was last year with the South Leicester club, before ending up at the Abbey Pumping Station.

*Tim and Lottie  
on the road. Is  
that the Love  
Bug behind  
them?*



This had an interesting museum and was next to the National Space Centre. An extremely well run raffle meant I came away with 2L of Castrol.

As its June that means 1 month to go until Classics in Corbridge which means its time for the annual appeal for volunteers to help out on the Saturday and/or Sunday. I will be asking at clubnight but if you won't be there please drop me an email. Many hands make light work and we will ensure a rota gives you time to explore the show.

Enjoy the summer.

*Tim Cook*

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## **MG Northumbria run in the Upper Coquet Valley, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

We will meet in the “Village Emporium and Tea Room” next to the petrol filling station at Powburn on the A 697. For those who use satnav the post-code is NE66 4HU. I suggest that you aim to arrive around 12.30pm if you want to have a bite to eat before departure. In any event please be there by 1.30pm. The “emporium” part of the premises is basically an antiques shop, and there is a further antiques centre next door, so those who like a browse should allow time for that. They will reserve a couple of tables for us, and the food is of the soup and sandwiches style. I will meet entrants there and hand out the route book.

The run will be approx 55 miles through some remote and beautiful scenery in the Upper Coquet valley, you will turn off the A697 within 200 yards and after that it is almost all on very minor roads, some single track, and there will be no fuel available on the route, so best to fill up at the start.

The finish will be at Rothbury and for those who wish there will be the chance to park up and have a wander around the town. One of the sights available will be my garage The Old Motor House ([www.oldmotorhouse.co.uk](http://www.oldmotorhouse.co.uk)) where the kettle will be on and there will be a selection of interesting cars to see for anyone who wishes to call in. This is the first run I have organised for MG Northumbria, indeed since I joined it will be the first meeting I have actually attended and I look forward very much to meeting you all.

If you have any queries in advance of the event by all means phone me at home on 01665 578222. On the day my mobile number will be 07813 784742, the phone number of the tea room where we meet is 01665 578917. My garage number for the post run cup of tea is 01669 620817.

Jon Radgick

# The MG Northumbria Yorkshire Dales Weekend



**Sat-  
urday 12th - Monday 14th September 2015**

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## *Event Diary for June*

3rd            **Clubnight**, Backworth 8.00 pm

13th           Saturday Run - see page 4 for details.

24th           Evening Run. See page 9 for details.

28th           Club Run (changed from 27th).

                 Details shown on page 9.

28th           Paxton House Vintage Rally. See Paxton  
                 House website for entry form.

### **Whitley Bay Car Show 20th September**

If you are thinking of taking your car to this year's show please let Mike Mitchell know.

## ***New Members***

This month we welcome to MG Northumbria:

Ian Blackwood from North Shields. Ian has a MGA and a MGB.

We have been asked by the organisers of the **Walton Village Show** if we would like to have a club stand. The show takes place on 19th September.

Details of the show can be found on their website:

<http://www.whaltonvillage.co.uk/village-show/>

If you think you might like to go to this please let Mike Mitchell know .

## Yorkshire post Classic car Rally

Sunday 21 June 2015

In the grounds of Harewood House, it attracts over 1000 classic and vintage cars of all types, which owners enter into a competition that is judged on the day (various categories). Not only do we have the Classic cars but we also feature a selection of stands from a variety of motor dealers from the region.

We have a main Event Arena jammed packed with entertainment for all the family throughout the day. We are really excited to announce our headline act for this year Nigel Morris with BIGFOOT® #17 Monster truck featured on Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway! The Main arena also showcases a selection of classic and vintage car clubs throughout the day and displays from main dealerships. This year the event will write its own chapter in motoring history as the show pays tribute to the Land Rover Defender, which is due to go out of production in its current form at the end of this year.

There is a fun fair for the children, a wide variety of car related trade stands plus collectibles, craft and specialist food stands.

### Ticket Prices

2015 ticket prices are Adults £12, Children & Students £6, Seniors £9, Family ticket (two adults and two children) £30 a saving of £6!

### Enter your Classic Car

We are welcoming entries from individuals who own a classic, vintage or commercial vehicles or from classic car clubs. For further information and a booking form contact Karen Cross on 0113 238 8201 or email [karen.cross@jpress.co.uk](mailto:karen.cross@jpress.co.uk).



## **June Runs**

### **24th**

Courtesy of Ian McGregor, this evening run starts from The Wellington at Riding Mill, NE44 6DQ, from 6.30, ending there also.

It's a 20 mile round trip completed 1 hour if you don't get lost. Bar meals (details of which are available online) are served until 9.30.

On arrival if you are having a meal you can order it at the bar before leaving on the run.

### **28th**

Starting from Dobbies Garden Centre, Ponteland at 11.00 am. Lunch at Falstone and ending at Brockbush Farm. About 114 miles with the opportunity to stop off at Kielder Classic Car Show en route if you wish. Organised by Steve Miller.

## *Drive It Day pics*

*Brian Kemper  
leads the way in  
his Midget.*



*Prizewinner Ken  
Wood being pre-  
sented with his  
cup by George  
Dalgarno.*



## *A Cautionary Tale.*

The TF was due a service and an MoT test. Off we went to see John and Martin at Lion Garages.

Previously the front suspension bushes had been on advisories for a couple of years so I was expecting them to fail. During my pre MoT checks I saw that the silencer looked very tatty, they are £300 or so. I did manage to get the washers working too.

Oh dear I was right, we decided that as the front wishbones were very pitted they should be changed rather than just their ball joint.

The inner subframe mountings had seemed in good order for the MoT but oh dear again. The subframe has to be lowered to access the wishbone bolts. As soon as Martin put a spanner on the mountings they fell apart! Who knows what might have happened on the road.

Never mind I now have a clean MoT, no advisories. By the way my yellow indicator lamps had faded so had to be replaced too, but the silencer was OK.

So on to the service, I asked for a cam belt change as it was five years old. Third oh dear, heat, time and lots of muttering (!) from Martin, it took a week off and on. Mind you, for part of the time I was loaned a lovely Rover 25 with only 11,000 miles on the clock. Shame it wasn't for sale.

By the way, I have the wishbone, mounting and cam belt if anyone would like to see them.

*Bob Heslop*

*You may have already seen details of this event in the Chronicle or on our Facebook page but if not, you can visit the NE1 website for further information.*

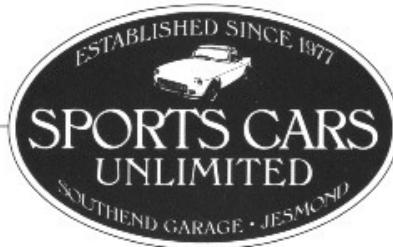
## **NE1 Newcastle Motor Show 2015**

**Grey Street 11/12 July**

We are looking for cars for the North East's Newest Motor Show. Its a first for Newcastle, over the weekend of 11th and 12th July Grey Street will be shut to all traffic and lined with Show cars, due to limited space a selection process will take place and all successful applicants will be notified. We have had an amazing response and applications have been coming in but if you think you have something of interest please let us know, as its all about variety from the latest Supercars to Model T Fords

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**Please note that entries need to be in by 19th June.**



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