



Club Newsletter

For members of MG Northumbria



October 2016

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Xmas Party

Also in this edition is more information on the club's Xmas party, read on: -

MG Northumbria club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Most months we have a presentation, often car related but not always. In the past for example we have had talks and demonstrations covering such varied topics as: -

- Car tyre advice
- Northumbrian area history
- Toys & model cars
- Travels in Australia and New Zealand

More about upcoming events can be found on our "events" web page.

Club nights remain very popular with lots of members. Why not come along, meet other like-minded members and have a chat and/or a drink, ask others about problems you may be experiencing with your car, find out about club runs, shows or other events etc.

If you've not been before, give it a try. (NB If you want to attend regularly you would need to become a social member of the club but it only costs £10 for a whole year).



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello again

The nights are getting dark and we are planning for Xmas already (see Xmas meal info from Eileen elsewhere).

September began with the Heritage Run and it was raining when I got up but by the time I got to Seaton Burn it had stopped and later in the day I had to put my sunglasses on. It was a shame problems at Dilston meant that the visit had to be cancelled and replaced with a lunch stop at Brocksbushes.



By the time I got there the news had already got there of my breakfast at the Little Chef after everyone had left. The furthest travelled was Mr J Hardy from Bury MGF. Best MGN car was won by Susan Farley and best vehicle overall was

won by Mike Wade in his VW Camper Van
Many thanks to George, Lorraine, Peter and Pam for the help with the route and run admin.



The following weekend was the NECPWA Belsay Show, which I'm sure some members enjoyed. Its always a good event but I couldn't make it this year.



This was followed by Peter's run in some lovely late summer sunshine ending with a nice meal at the Robin Hood pub on the military road. For those who take an interest in my dietary intake I did manage the Apple & Rhubarb crumble and custard, very nice. Thanks Peter.

(editors note: I think Tim means thanks for the run, not the crumble!)

Back with NECPWA last weekend for the Beamish show. Apart from one heavy shower it was a very good turnout and day out. I missed last year's show so there were a few "new" bits for me to see. I was drawn to the coal fired and dripping fried fish and chips even though it did mean a 45 min wait. A healthy fresh fruit pudding followed this as I picked brambles from along the footpaths.

In October we still have a couple of runs and then the AGM in November. As always we are keen to get new members on the Committee and this year we will be losing Mike Mitchell who has decided to stand down after many years service to the club. Thanks Mike. There is no minimum or maximum size to the Committee so we are not limited to only one new member.

At the September Committee meeting I asked if anyone wanted to take over the Chair, lets say the others weren't queuing up. Would you like to? If you want to know more get in touch.

Winter Runs

While the main calendar ends in October we do have winter runs in November, January & February. Due to the less predictable weather these can be cancelled at short notice and tend to avoid the most minor roads. If you are interested in arranging one please get in touch with Lorraine.

Annual General Meeting – 2 Nov 16

The agenda will be:

Apologies for Absence

Minutes from Previous AGM meeting

Officers Reports:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Amendments to Club Constitution

Election of Officers:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Events Coordinator
- Magazine Editor
- Minutes Secretary
- Webmaster
- Auditor

Election of Committee

Any other Business

If you have anything you would like to raise under AOB please let me know or you can raise it on the night.

New member packs. If you have joined in the last few months and have not received your member pack please contact the Secretary, Eileen Dalgarno, on secretary@mgnorthumbria.org. We now have some new rally plaques and can make up the packs. Many apologies for the delay.

For now best wishes to all, Tim

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Absent Friends Run 2	3	4	Club Night 5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Club Run 16	17	18	Committee 19	20	21	22
30 / 23	31 / 24	25	26	27	28	29

The traditional Absent Friends Run will take place on Sunday 2nd October, organised this year by Bob Heslop. It will start from the Ridley Arms at Stannington. Be there in time to leave at 1:30pm for a 40 mile run culminating (got a new thesaurus!) at Simonburn Tea Rooms. There will be a quiz en-route and a trophy for the winner

We have one more run in October on the 16th. Steve Miller has put together the run starting at the southbound car park at Washington Services, leaving at 10.30am. Coffee/tea at High Force. Parking fees + admission to the waterfall (optional). Good access with slight descent to the waterfall and incline back to the car park. A full day 110 miles run with an optional stop for lunch at Parkhead Station Stanhope, finishing at Blaydon (tbc).

New MGN Members

No new members this month but a follow up from last month instead.

You may remember Tony and Rachael and their pride and joy, a recently aquired MG TF 135 they named Mabel. I was talking to them both at



the start of the recent Heritage Run and they informed me that Mabel was sadly “attacked” at the start of their recent holiday in Scotland. Ring any bells Steve Miller?

Sadly Mabel had a few battle scars in awkward places and she had sustained what the insurance company decided were mortal injuries. After much haggling a deal was struck and not to be deterred, our intrepid members travelled all the way to sunny Bexhill on Sea to get back in the saddle!

There, they collected Mabel's replacement Katy. They took her over to Southampton to meet the grandkids then pootled the 350 miles home on Sunday. Rachael informs me “she's a Sun Storm 160 in Nightfire Red”. Needs a little bit of paint titivation but seems like a good 'un.

Ah well, in the words of our national bard, all's well that ends well.



If you are a recent new member, why not send me a few paragraphs and a photo so that existing members can get to know more about you.

Here's another tale of woe from one of our intrepid members that also had a happy ending.

Vicky McCartney wants me to say a huge thank you to Dave Nicholson and John Stoddart who kindly helped her whilst on her first Heritage Run when she broke down not once, but twice! Unfortunately neither Vicky nor her gallant rescuers made it to the finish line but due to their expertise and determination along with the support of their wives, Joanna and Gill, they were all able to make it safely home. Vicky said, “ I couldn't believe it, first my exhaust fell off then my throttle cable snapped, oh well, the joys of MG motoring! Without their help the RAC might still be looking for us! We still had a good day though and it hasn't put me off, I think my mam was more gutted that she didn't get a cream scone, bless her”.

Thanks to you all from Vicky McCartney.

Former editor in chief Alan Hutchinson let me know that member Colin Rees turned up at his house with a couple of items he is very kindly donating to the club for sale with the proceeds to go into the charity fund:

Rocker cover, presumably for a MGB, which is still boxed. (The MGOC currently sell the rocker cover for around £39.95.)



A box of bolts and nuts labelled as MGB standard 9/16, 1/2 and 7/16. These are all unused.

Alan hopes to be able to take them to next months club meeting to sell. If you are interested come along or contact Alan with an offer.

Eileen Dalgarno has the following news about this year's Christmas Party: -

Xmas Party

Hello everyone

After enquiries and discussions the committee have decided to stay with the New Kent Hotel for the Christmas Party

The date for the party is 3rd December 2016 and the price is £22.95. As a thank you the committee also decided that this year they could reduce the price for the Corbridge volunteers to £10 per person, which I hope you agree is still a very good offer.

Below I have included this year's menu.

If you want to book a place, I would be grateful if you would let me have your choice of food with a £10 deposit as soon as possible so that we can hold the room

Either bring your menu choice and deposit to the club meeting in October or post to:-

Eileen Dalgarno, Denecroft, Wallridge Drive, Holywell Village, Whitley Bay, NE25 0NN.

Thank you
Look forward to seeing you all there
Eileen



CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2016

To Start

Garlic Mushrooms

Button mushrooms sautéed with onions

Or

Soup de jour

Cream of Tomato Soup, served with basil oil rustic roll

Or

Duck liver pâté

Smooth Duck Pate served with Melba toast

And handmade tomato chutney with salad



Main Courses



Traditional Roast Turkey

Hand Carved Northumberland Turkey with all the trimmings finished with a rich golden jus

Or

Scottish Tay Salmon

Grilled Scottish Salmon with a white wine and prawn cream sauce

Served with sautéed potatoes and green vegetables

Or

Roast Beef

Slow roast Beef served with a Creamy peppercorn sauce

Or

Gnocchi V

Gnocchi served in a butternut squash, pea cream sauce finished with truffle oil and pea shoots



Desserts



Chocolate Fudge Cake

Rich Fudge cake served with Chantilly cream

Or

Xmas Pudding

Traditional Christmas pudding served with Rum sauce

Or

Glass of Crumble

Glass tumbler filled with apple compote, custard and a crunchy shortbread crumble topping

Followed by

Coffee + Sweet Mince pies

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