

NEWSLETTER



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1946 MG SA saloon at the NEC Classic Car Show in December 2009

Exeter MGOC 59 Branch 0708

Newsletter available at extermgoc.co.uk, the week-end before the monthly meeting.

(Club members meet at the Ley Arms, Kenn at 8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month)

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YODELLING FOR BEGINNERS

Dear reader

The year is now well under way and before we know it we will be driving down country lanes with the wind blowing through our hair wondering where the time went. Due to some hard work and skilful planning, Chairman Bob has announced that his Triple Ex rally will be taking place on the 26th & 27th of June. It is nearing the end of infancy and ready for you all to get your booking form and pledge allegiance to his mighty cause. Whilst we may exclaim 'but we drive around Devon all the time', it has to be said we don't often do it for charity and the greater good of Exeter MGOC so with that in mind please find it in yourselves to join in this great event as after all – you will have a great time. Early booking is advisable not merely to be sure of securing your place but also saving Bob's sanity so look out for your booking form and prepare yourself for the Exciting Exeter Excursion.

January kicked off in great style as Nic & Lyn took us around some parts of Devon I for one have not seen for a while and though a bit chilly the weather was kind and the event was also enjoyed by some of their Military Club friends and all had a great day out. Their treasure hunt was won by Neil & Trish who will be setting the summer treasure hunt in June which will be another super run. The club night was sadly called off due to a severe weather warning for the area, once again Bob Featherstone was at the fore ready to make the tough decision to cancel and with many in agreement the meeting was postponed as the Air Ambulance needed as much advance warning as possible. I'm pleased to say that the decision was the right one as vehicles were trapped in snow on Haldon Hill a mere stones throw from the Ley Arms and it would have been more of a worry if there were motorists involved in the evacuation trying to get to the meeting. Still, mistakes were avoided and Derrick Layzell has re-scheduled the talk from the Devon Air Ambulance for the March club night thus everyone's a winner.

The coming month has plenty going on if the weather permits and it all starts on the 5th with the Isle of Wight trip. The Isle of Wight MGOC are planning a Sunday run for us which is something to look forward to and indeed the whole four days should be full of fun so let's all keep our fingers crossed that the weather is kind for the occasion. The club night on the 9th will be one you will not want to miss as Tim Hipwell is our guest speaker and as Regional Secretary he knows where you live so make sure you get to the Ley Arms for 7.59 pm prompt, otherwise he might come around and give his entire talk in your living room, which sounds fine but there will be about 50 of us with him and that'll put a dent in the biscuit tin – so best see you at the pub.

The diary is starting to fill up a bit on the website so if you require additional information let me know or the events shown should have contact details of some description giving you the opportunity to contact the organisers to get the full details. If anyone knows of any events which are not shown let me have details and I will enter them as soon as possible in order to give everyone a lot to choose from for 2010.

February sees Galileo Galilei (the inventor of the telescope and thermometer) celebrating his 445 birthday, so happy birthday to him and anyone else who is having a birthday in February.

Which finally brings me to wishing you all a happy Valentines Day and remember - love is a gift, you don't need flowers!

Tim.

Dates for your Diary 2010

Speaker at the February club night.

There will be a talk from our own Regional Secretary, Tim Hipwell. Tim has been leading on a major £1.5m road safety project in Devon, The Devon Countrymile. This 3 year project which ends in the middle of 2010 has been funded by The Department for Transport and Tim will outline some of the innovative measures which have been introduced and could save not just your life but may save your licence as well".

Speaker at the March club night.

Devon Air Ambulance have been re-scheduled for March due to the January meeting being cancelled due to severe weather.

Organisers of the Sunday/ evening Runs for 2010:-

March – Steve & Dee
April – Roger & Pat
May – Keith & Judith
June – Neil & Trish
July – Graham & Brenda
August – Derrick & Hazel
September – Bob & Loraine
October – David & Susie

Thanks to all you volunteers and we look forward to these coming events.

Letter from America – Can anyone help ?

(If so contact me I have Jim's e-mail address)

Hello Brian,

I live in the US. I found your website on the internet. It has pictures of a beautiful green 1939 MG SA Salon. I own a 1938 MG SA Cabriolet Tickford. It is in need of a complete restoration. Being in the US is a real disadvantage when looking for parts for my car. I would like to ask if you can give me any information on possible help on my restoration. Many of the frame parts on my car are made of wood. Most of these are rotten and need to be replaced. Very little metal body work is going to be required. I am hoping someone has patterns for many of the wooden parts available. Can you help? Any help would be very much appreciated. I have recently finished a restoration of my 1964 MGB. This was "Childs play" compared to the SA. At this point I am not sure I will be able to reproduce many of the needed parts.

Thank you,

Jim

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EXETER AREA MG OWNERS CLUB PRESENTS
THE EXCITING EXETER EXCURSION

For 2010 we have changed the name and character of our annual rally. We present to you the **Exciting Exeter Excursion**, or the Triple Ex Rally.

Saturday 26th June

Today is an informal day with a choice of runs, starting from the Moto Services car park at the Exeter Junction 30 of the M5. One of the runs will be of about 40 miles and circumnavigating the rural valleys around Exeter and the other one of about 60 miles explores the eastern area of Devon.

There is a wide choice of accommodation in the Exeter area and so we have left this to participants to decide and book. A good place to start looking for accommodation is on the Exeter City Council's site www.exeter.gov.uk 'places to stay' page – have a browse through there and you will definitely find somewhere that fits your requirements and your budget.

In the evening we have arranged a delicious 2 course hot and cold buffet for a get together for all rally partakers, and their accomplices, at the Isca Centre, EX4 8NT (Isca was the Roman name for Exeter). There is plenty of parking, a full bar and all the amenities for a great pre-run evening chat and jig about.

Sunday 27th June

Meeting this morning at Exeter School, EX2 4NS, for a quick cuppa, registration, route map reading and rally plaque fixing – prior to a photo departure from the Quadrangle and off onto the roads of Devon. Did you know that Devon has more road miles than any other county? Let us show some of them to you, some with long and sweeping MG bends and fabulous views and some with grass growing in the centre needing full concentration – but all ways, high and by, are interesting whether this is your first visit or your umpteenth. The approximate distance of the run will be 100 miles and it will finish back at the Exeter School for a fabulous Devonshire cream tea.

The cost of both the runs on Saturday and Sunday, including the buffet/dance on Saturday night; the starting drinks and the cream tea on Sunday, including full route instructions, badge and rally plaque is £45 per car with 2 people on board and with all profits going to local charities. If you are just coming to us for the Sunday run don't forget to reduce your costs and opt out of the buffet on the Booking Form.

Please complete the Booking Form (on next page) carefully and book as early as possible.

CLUB REGALIA

DEVON GREEN (CLUB COLOUR) POLO SHIRT AVAILABLE IN ALL SIZES AND IN MALE OR FEMALE CUT	£10.00
VARIOUS COLOURS OF POLO SHIRT AVAILABLE IN ALL SIZES AND IN MALE OR FEMALE CUT SHIRTS CAN ALSO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED FOR A SMALL FEE	£15.00 £ 3.00
ASSORTED BASEBALL CAPS IN VARIOUS COLOURS	£ 7.50
LAPEL BUTTON BADGES	£ 3.00
SPARE WINDSCREEN STICKERS	£1.00
MANY OTHER ARTICLES AVAILABLE SO FOR DETAILS SEE	

PAUL WOOSTER – REGALIA SECRETARY.

