

MGCCSE – Events Secretary Report for the Year 2023

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This last year; The MGCCSE has put on quite a few events for our members and 2024 will be no different, cumulating with our 100th anniversary celebrations in May, at Brooklands.

Here are some of the main MGCCSE events and highlights, that you may have attended in 2023:-

- **01st January 2023 – Brooklands**

We started the new year (2023) at Brooklands. Two of the South East Registers.



The MGF and T Types had group parking at this huge event which featured hundreds of classic cars and bikes of all types...



- **Saturday 15th April – Filching Autosolo – Filching Manor, East Sussex**

The ancient valley in which Filching Manor nestles reverberated with the sounds of revving engines and the occasional squealing tyres as the Centre hosted its first Autosolo on the old Go-Kart track!

The MGCCSE Competitions Secretary, John Morgan, was our lead on the event and with the help of the Sevenoaks & District Motor Club arranged for the event to take place.

A Re-Run of this popular, fun event will be held again, this year – Look out for details !!







- **Sunday 23rd April – Lullingstone Castle , Kent**

Unfortunately, a damp start was had for some of the 60 or so MGs headed out to the Spring Meeting at Lullingstone Castle & World Garden. It rained for most of the day and that included on the two runs into the event from Godstone and Malling. However; Another good turnout and this time our members were able to see inside the house, as it was closed last time we visited.

Some of the PoO & Concours Entrants in front of Lullingstone House :-





Congratualtions to the winners – Richard Thorpe with his MG3 won the concours, Karl Foot in his MGRV8 the Premier PoO and Tim Luffingham in his MGC the standard PoO

- **Sunday 21st May - Kingscote Vineyard , Nr. East Grinstead**

What better combination than wine, steam trains, ploughman's supper and an awards presentation?





Enjoying the Plougman's supper al fresco



Listening to the guide before the tour

Note :- The reason for the early awards presentation was thanks to the pandemic which put the club out of kilter. The aim is to present the awards at the end of the year they are won in – so you don't forget what you might have won!

- **Sunday 18th June – Hever Castle (Fathers Day)**

What a great day & the weather was a lot kinder to us, than we first thought.

Most cars arrived by 09:30 and it was dry until about 3:15pm.

Some interesting cars turned up including a nice PA and a very rare MG Maestro Turbo (assembled by Tickford who normally do Aston Martins). Other classics on the day included Ferraris ,Mclarens , Lancia , Rolls Royce and Bentleys, Abarths, Minis and many more .

At Just £10 per car – This event will be repeated in 2024 !!



- Sunday 09th July - Horsted Keynes (Bluebell Railway)



Over 120 MGs gathered at Horsted Keynes Station...

Heavily discounted MG tickets were exchanged for railway tickets which allowed members to travel on the steam trains all day.





Two were running – the MG100 headed train and a vintage tank engine with vintage coaches and an observation car. Members enjoyed the trip up to East Grinstead and then back to Sheffield Park before returning to Horsted Keynes for a picnic with the MGs.

Sunday 17th September – Penshurst Place – Autumn Event & Concours / PoO

A large gathering of MGs in the event field just a gentle walk along a tree lined avenue from Penshurst Place house, itself. This is the second of the designated MG100 South East events following on from the Bluebell Railway in the Summer. It was an opportunity to show a “decades” MG100 timeline of MGs ranging from the 1930s through to the very latest electric MG. It was an incredible sight as the cars changed through the decades in a curve around the field. The Concours and Pride of Ownership were displayed next to them as MGs arrived at the show.









The competition took place with a self-judging PoO and a judged Concours

And the Car of the Show was a little different this year and was chosen from amongst all those at the event by our judges. The winner was Gail Cooper and her 1934 MGPA (Below)



And finally.....

Sunday 29th October - Our Annual Lunch at Stanhill Court Hotel :-



The narrow driveway to the Stanhill Court Hotel Hotel was filled with MGs, many covered in years of collecting rally plates...

Our guest speaker was Jonathan Suckling (below), who began his tale of MG's record breakers and his own experience driving on the salt at Bonneville. No stranger to Bonneville, Jonathan and his partner Daniel Nash campaigned the MG EXF and the MG ZTT X15 on the flats. Jonathan still owns the X15 and it appeared this year at the Gaydon MG100 launch event where he fired it up once again.



Awards all out on display, for our 2023 winners :-



And here they all are :-





*And we look forward to seeing you at all of our
2024 Events... 😊*

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