

## EVENTS REPORT

Following our last AGM in May we have been involved in a number of events during the year, which we have arranged or have been invited to. Many of you will have attended other more local events across the country and have reported back on how successful/or not they were.

One of the great difficulties facing a national car club with a limited number of cars which are getting older, as indeed are their owners, is arranging events which by their very nature tend to be nationally based and for many owners that is of course just too far too go to attend.

I will briefly list the events that the Register has been actively involved in. In May Chris organised an excellent **Spring Weekend** at **Hatherley Manor** in Gloucestershire which was well attended and we enjoyed some good weather! In June **MGCC's MG Live!** at Silverstone was held in June and from recollection the weather was mixed. It is also an expensive event that hardly changes each year with fewer traders and an emphasis on racing- which round the Formula 1 track is frankly a waste of time. (Though I guess it bestows kudos on one or two individuals but for many it is just an expensive distraction)(In fairness MGCC have made a serious effort to alter it – we will see over June 17/18). For Mike and Sue on the Regalia Stand it was an utter waste of time and understandably there will be no regalia on display this year. We must thank Slater Reynolds for bringing along his YA and also the successful bidding by Pail and Maggie Grafham for *Little Gem*.

The beginning of July saw a trip to **Llannerchinda Farm** which was a successful weekend although several of us had to resort to MGF's or later moderns as our Ys were in dock for repairs. Over the August Bank Holiday a few Y's attend the **Stockfest Rare Breeds Event** near Newbury this was organised by Edward Vandyk to whom we extend our thanks.

We had a clash of events at the beginning of April with **MG Era Day** on the Sunday to which we were invited by the **MG South East Centre** and was held at Brooklands. In spite of the early start 24 Ys were present which was very impressive. Over in Birmingham we had the 3 Y's raising the flag and helping to promote the Round Britain Relay at the **Practical Classics Restoration Show**. Keith Buckley's superb restoration of the first YB was on the Lancaster Restoration Stand, Bernard Foad's lovely YA graced the Octagon Stand and our YT was on the Stewart Miller and Peter James's stand promoting the RBR

In this anniversary year following this AGM we have the **Spring Run** tomorrow, then on June 3<sup>rd</sup> the start of the **Round Britain Relay** and many thanks to both Julian Bosworth for coming up with the concept and Maggie Grafham for tying it all together. We also have **MG Live** in June and Peter Sharp's **Isle of Wight** weekend at the end of September.

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