

Newsletter



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What great weather we have been having—excellent to get out in your “Classic”

There was a good selection of classics out for our St. Georges Day Lunch Run—some of them sporting the St. George’s flag.

Hope to see you all in your classics in the coming weeks



What’s Coming Up

Key:

- ⇒ Club event
- ◇ Club attendance as group at a motoring or other event
- Everything else of interest. These items are shown for information only.

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A big welcome to new members
Kit Blackett

May

- ⇒ 18 Lunch Run Combe Mill Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173
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June

- 1 MGs In the Park www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk
- 8 Gloucester Classic Car Show www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk
- ⇒ 19 Lunch Run Geoff. Tebby 01453 883821

July

- ◇ 12 Hunters Care Home Fete Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173
- ⇒ TBA AGM/Picnic Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173
- ⇒ TBA Aunt Sally Dave Martin 01793 770171

August

- ◇ 1-3 South Cerney Steam Extravaganza Ken Hinton 01285 712522
- ◇ 16-17 Fairford Steam Fair Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173



A few more cars
from the St.
George’s Day Run

FCCC March Lunch Run

Once again the sun shone on the FCCC party as we assembled for coffee and cakes at the Dragonfly Cafe near Oaksey. With the view over the lake it provides an ideal start for our runs, well chosen David, with the only downside being it's small size, so limiting the number of members we can accept - Answer: get your name down early!!

David's run took us from rolling rural Glos, then through urban Glos south of Stroud and then back to the flat lands down to the River Seven. Sadly, John Stratton's Alpine fell at an early stage with, I believe, a dicky coil (in the car, not the driver - although just about everyone stopped asking if they could help, when all he wanted to do was try and fix it!). The views over and through the Stroud valleys were particularly impressive and the roads, whether tortuous due to traffic calming measures and oncoming traffic, or the narrow lanes and potholes of the countryside, kept everyone on their toes (or was it their tyres?).

The Anchor Inn beside the River Seven at Epney was our lunch destination and provided us with very tasty, good value for money, food and excellent service. The views over the Seven are also stunning, but disappointingly no one offered to go for a swim. Maybe we should wait for the Seven Bore! Well done David for organising everything.

Malcolm Cutler



St. George's Day Run - A diverted experience

This was the first lunch run to start from the CTC café in Cherry Tree Lane with an excellent mouthwatering display of motorcycles added to our usual coffee and cakes.

Despite all Gary's efforts - he drove the route the day before to check all was clear-our problems started within a few miles when we found the route blocked at Harnhill.

Fortunately most of us knew how to detour around it and find the lane to Cerney Wick but this meant all the mileages had to be adjusted.

On around Ashton Keynes and down the lane to Minety. All was well until, in upper Minety, we came up behind the rubbish collection vehicle. Fortunately after a few minutes he turned off into Hankerton lane releasing the stream of classic cars on to the next problem at Crudwell.

The first group were waived away from the turn into Tetbury lane, due to a perceived road closure, but the second group weren't and we drove along the prescribed route without any problems.

For those who were re-directed several routes seem to have been taken including Long Newnton lane, Tetbury and the Malmesbury bypass.

However by the time we reached the turn opposite the Weighbridge Inn the cohort had reformed.

Up the hill and then turn very sharply into the Devil's elbow lane and on to Nailsworth.

Up the 'W' and across Minchinhampton common to Tom Long's Post and into the Bear Inn car park in good time.

All well apart from those of us with ambulatory problems who found more steps, both outside and in, than we could have imagined.

I can only imagine it was a Russian bear—who was homesick for his native steppes !!!

Well done Gary for an excellent route along some of the less used lanes of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire and we really didn't blame you for the redirections which had arrived overnight and were beyond your control.

Geoff.

