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CLUB PAIR PARK FOR FREE AT COTSWOLDS CAR MUSEUM

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Over the very sunny and warm weekend of the 22nd to the 24th of June, eighteen club cars made their way to the Premier Inn at Evesham to take part in our club *Cotswolds Dash*.

BREAKFAST

After a relaxing meal on Friday night and a fill-up at breakfast on Saturday morning, all of our crews congregated at 10 am in the bar for a route briefing from Dave Hemstock, who did a sterling job planning the road routes for the two days. We were also joined on the run by three cars from the National NG Car Rally.

ICE CREAM

Dave's route took us out through some wonderful Cotswold villages with many splendid houses and cottages to admire. We also did the tourist bit by stopping at Bourton-on-the-Water for our half-way coffee stop. Although this was extremely busy everyone said how they enjoyed the visit there for coffee, ice cream and a look in the shops that had everything you didn't need.

Some members paid a visit to the Bourton Motor Museum, and Ashley and Paul even managed to blag free



Bourton car museum visitors admire the two new MG "exhibits" on display in the car park



Paul & Ashley celebrate their free parking success with ice cream courtesy of their slush fund

parking on the museum's forecourt, and pretended that their MGs were exhibits for a couple of hours.

SEASONED

Moving on, we continued the run through some wonderful roads and even a right turn when it should have been left did not spoil the day, the seasoned navigators being able to quickly spot the mistake and apply a course correction.

Sunday morning was another bright and sunny start and we took a leisurely 30-mile run to join up with the NG Car

Club National Rally at Stratford-on-Avon.

Peter and Colin took to Peter's NG to enter the driving tests, and after hearing that the NG Club had put on a bottle of wine for the best MG entry, Dave and Colin did their best in Dave's MGF with plenty of sideways-on, opposite lock and wheel spin.

HOSPITALITY

After some great hospitality from the NG owners we made our way back to *(Continued on Page 8)*



Participants in the run stayed for a couple of nights in the Evesham Premier Inn. (Were the rooms as generously-proportioned as the parking bays ? - Ed.)