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CHURNETT VALLEY RAILWAY VISIT IS FIRST CLASS DAY OUT

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On Sunday 27th May, twenty-three club cars were booked on our day out to the Churnett Valley Railway, to which we had been kindly invited by the Potteries & South Cheshire MGOC.

Eleven club cars met up at a service area on the A50 and proceeded in convoy to Froghall Station on the railway. The rest of our contingent arrived from all directions.

One member had trouble with his MG so arrived (and was made welcome) in his non-MG daily driver. Another club MG crew gave up trying to find the venue and went home to eat their picnic on their back lawn. So in all we had

twenty-one North Leicester MGs on display, which joined a similar number from the host club.

The meet was free to enter and included a tea or coffee and a ride on the steam train which would normally have cost £12. *(I wish I'd gone now. I'm a pensioner, y'know - Ed..)*

Both stations which the train stopped at had a pub nearby, and our members made great use of them both. Although there were massive thunderstorms just to the south of Birmingham, the sun was out all day. All members seemed to enjoy themselves and got home without getting wet, a source told our reporter.



Club Chair's and Vice-Chair's parties sat in 1st Class, as befits their status



Train was hauled by an 0-6-0 tank loco built in Poland in 1952 to American wartime design



Eleven club cars met up on the services on the A50, travelling in convoy to the railway



Twenty-one club cars lined up at the railway's Froghall Station to entertain the public