

# The Charmwood Chat

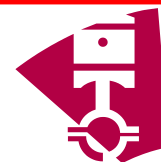


**MARCH 2022**

**THE NORTH LEICESTER MG CLUB NEWSLETTER**

# Top End Rattles

## A message from the chairman



Hello and welcome to March 2022, and the new electronic age with the Chat being made available to all via the website, exciting to think that NLMGOC is moving into the digital age.

Following the AGM, I have been elected as Chairman for another year, to keep the North Leicester branch on a steady course, but we have had some changes to the 'management'. We have a new secretary in Colin Walters and I have a new vice chair in David Terry, someone to share the workload with I hope.

On another front, it was decided unanimously to charge a membership fee for the club and this was to be discussed further at an extraordinary meeting to be held in April. Also at this meeting will be the alternative venues suggested for our monthly meetings following the decision by the current venue not to support us after the summer.

Please make an effort to get to the April meeting to express your views so we can move forward.

On a lighter note, entries are coming in steadily for this year's Caper which is being run on May 8<sup>th</sup> with the starting point as usual at the GCR in Quorn and finishing at Stonehurst Farm.

Please support your club where you can.

*Colin*

## A message from The Editor

Last Friday, I was treated to an evening with Buddy Holly and the Crickets by my daughter, at Kilworth House, near Lutterworth. Not the real ones, of course, but I did get the impression that I had seen this particular "tribute act" (aka imitators) because of the Texan-accented banter between songs which I am sure I had heard before.

Before? Well I must admit that, over the years, I have seen about four Buddy acts, once as part of a stage musical, with the others in concert, like this last one. Probably the best was at De Montfort Hall in 2018, which coincided exactly with the 60th anniversary of the actual, real live Chirping Crickets' visit to the same venue in 1958. Sadly, I missed the original, as I was only 11 years old, and couldn't afford the 2/6d entry fee!

It seems to me that there are several essential elements to a good Buddy tribute - the unique lead/rhythm guitar style, the voice and the appearance. This one had two of them, but was beginning to show his age, which was probably about double what would have been right. Still, he did a good job with the other two, and the accompanying meal which preceded the concert was excellent.

*Andrew Goodman*

## ON THE FRONT COVER

*Steve and Sharon leave Llanerchindda Farm in their 1972 MGB to take part in one of the runs around the Brecon Beacons during our club weekend there in June 2019.*

*Thirteen North Leicester cars travelled to Wales to take part in what has established itself as a popular annual club holiday.*

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# Members Only EVENTS Checklist

**SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022**  
**DRIVE-IT DAY RUN**

Our own club run to celebrate the scrapping of road tax for historic vehicles. Meet at Swarkestone Nursery from 9:45am for a 10:30am start. Tea and coffee available at the nursery café from 10am. Pre-planned 28-mile drive to Carsington Water. Book early, if you want to join your fellow club members for a sit down Sunday lunch in the Mainsail Restaurant at 12:00 noon, cost £15.50 pp., payment to Val. Car park at Carsington is £3 for 2 hours. £5 for longer. Contact John at [johnbeasley@aol.com](mailto:johnbeasley@aol.com) for details.

**MONDAY 23rd MAY to**  
**THURSDAY 26th MAY 2022**  
**CLUB YORKSHIRE**  
**HOLIDAY**

Based at the Fat Lamb Hotel. Two rooms are now available at the Fat Lamb, and other accommodation is available locally. Contact John at [johnbeasley@aol.com](mailto:johnbeasley@aol.com) for details.

**WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE**  
**2022**  
**PETER LE MARCHANT**  
**EVENING BOAT TRIP**

Cruise the waterways around Loughborough to re-live those romantic nights on a gondola in Venice (*probably not - Ed.*). Contact John at [johnbeasley@aol.com](mailto:johnbeasley@aol.com) for details.

**WEDNESDAY 20th JULY**  
**2022**  
**CLUB NIGHT**  
**SKITTLES EVENING**

Rather than have a normal meeting, how about a game of skittles at the Wheatsheaf Inn in Thurcaston? Contact John at [johnbeasley@aol.com](mailto:johnbeasley@aol.com) for details.

**FRIDAY 5th AUGUST to**  
**MONDAY 8th AUGUST**  
**2022**  
**CLWB PENWYTHNOS AT**  
**LLANERCHINDDA FARM**

Only one room remaining for this popular long weekend in the Brecon Beacons. Two long car runs over the weekend, somehow sandwiched between the usual sumptuous Llanerchindda breakfast, tea and dinner. Contact Ron and Val at [ronandvalcarter@gmail.com](mailto:ronandvalcarter@gmail.com) for details.

**TUESDAY 16th AUGUST**  
**2022**  
**FISH & CHIP**  
**EVENING RUN**

A short run on a summer's evening finishing at Normanton-on-Soar Village Hall, for a fish and chip supper. Contact David at [david@davidterry.plus.com](mailto:david@davidterry.plus.com) for details.

## Future Meetings

A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL  
EVENTS IN PLACE OF THE  
STANDARD CLUB NIGHTS

**WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022 Extraordinary General Meeting**  
Agenda to include **Club Membership Fee** and **Relocation of Meeting Venue**.

**WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2022**  
Guest speaker Chris Pay to tell us all about Guide Dogs.

**WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2022**  
To be confirmed - a visit to a pub, or other activity.

**WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2022**  
Skittles evening at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Thurcaston. See **Members Only Events Checklist** (above).

**TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2022 (CHANGE OF DATE FROM WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST 2022)**  
The August meeting has been replaced with the Fish and Chip Run on **TUESDAY 16th AUGUST** (see **Members Only Events Checklist**, above). The chip van was not available on Wednesday, apparently.

# General **EVENTS** Checklist

**SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022**  
**CHESTERFIELD MGOC**  
**SHAKEDOWN RUN**

Visit [www.chesterfield-mg-group.co.uk](http://www.chesterfield-mg-group.co.uk) for entry forms and information.

**SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022**  
**DRIVE-IT DAY RUN**  
**IN AID OF RAINBOWS\*\***

Start at Stonehurst Family Farm for a 45-mile run, finishing at Gates Nursery. Minimum donation of £5 to cover costs. For entry forms and information, contact Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or [vicki.terry9@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.terry9@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022**  
**THE CHARNWOOD CAPER**

Start at Quorn & Woodhouse GCR station for a 70-mile run around the lanes of Leicestershire and Rutland, finishing at Stonehurst Family Farm and Motor Museum. £28 per car includes a free ticket for the raffle. Coffee stops *en route*.  
Visit [www.northleicester-mg.org.uk](http://www.northleicester-mg.org.uk) for entry forms and information.

**SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022**  
**CLASSIC WHEELS SHOW**

Rutland County Showground, Oakham.  
Visit [classicwheelsrutland.co.uk](http://classicwheelsrutland.co.uk) for information.

**SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022**  
**SANDRINGHAM PAGEANT**  
**OF MOTORING**

Sandringham Estate, Norfolk. Details to follow.

**SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022**  
**THE SOUTH LEICESTER**  
**MG CLUB RATAE RUN**

Visit [www.mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org) for entry forms and information.

**SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2022**  
**MGS IN THE PARK**

Huge gathering of MGs at the Cotswold Wildlife Park.  
Visit [oxforddhiremgoc.co.uk](http://oxforddhiremgoc.co.uk) for information.

**TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022**  
**THE LONGEST DAY RUN**  
**IN AID OF RAINBOWS\*\***

Start from around 5pm at Stonerhurst Family Farm for a 40-mile run to finish back at the farm for a buffet supper (optional).  
Price to be decided. For entry forms and information, contact Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or [vicki.terry9@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.terry9@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th**  
**JULY 2022**  
**REMPSTONE STEAM &**  
**COUNTRY SHOW**

Visit [rempstonsteam.org](http://rempstonsteam.org) for details. Leicestershire.

**SUNDAY 10h JULY 2022**  
**BASTON CAR & BIKE SHOW**

Visit [bastoncarshow.com](http://bastoncarshow.com) for information.

**SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**THE RAINBOWS RUN\*\***

Start at Stonehurst Farm, with finish venue to be arranged with a run of around 70 miles. Entry forms and information from Terry Farmer on 07970422956 or [vicki.terry9@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.terry9@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY 24th & SUNDAY 25th**  
**SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**SYWELL CLASSIC**  
**PISTINS & PROPS**

Visit [sywellclassic.co.uk](http://sywellclassic.co.uk) for details. Northamptonshire.

**\*\* A rally-style plaque may be available for the series of three runs in aid of Rainbows Hospice. These should be available for purchase nearer the date of the first run (Drive-It Day, 24th April 2022)**