

Breakfast Run to Carisbrooke Park, Salisbury

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The May Breakfast Run to Carisbrooke Park was always going to be a quiet affair, given the weather, the Big Lunch at Howard's Vineyard, and motorsport at The Bend. However, that said there were 15 hardy souls who made the drive. At the start we heard the sad news of the passing of John Roach's wife Judy, after her long fight with cancer, finally succumbing on the 27th May. The sympathy of all was extended to John and our thoughts were of Judy.

Judy had been a strong advocate of John's MG ventures over many years, supporting his work with the Club, and active in sourcing potential MGs for his repair and restoration.

For this run Greg Stanford drove his very smart, and well equipped, newly acquired Mercedes Convertible, and Terry Cook surprisingly turned up with his top up on the "B", he must have had a premonition given that we encountered more than a little weather enroute.

At the start we met with Robin Bent, President of the Sprite Club, of which Richard Sutherland is also a member, and who had been talking with John Roach over a possible combined run. Robin therefore came along to see how we operated and will publicise our next breakfast run details on his website. Hopefully our June run to Murray Bridge will therefore see a contingent of "Sprigits" plus the MG Fs & Moderns calling in for coffee on their way to The Bend that day.

Upon setting out, Hayden reminded us that this weekend saw the UK's start of their year of MG Centenary Celebrations, encompassing their Centenary Launch Event at Gaydon, plus a Centenary Road Run from Abingdon. We were therefore continuing the MG centennial celebrations down under with our own little run.

Upon leaving Veale Gardens it was overcast and a bit bleak, but dry. This however changed as we drove up One Tree Hill Road and into Black Top Road where we encountered dense fog and very heavy rains. However, we then dropped out of this weather once back on the plains and were back to just overcast, bleak and dry.

So, thanks to everyone who came and who were not deterred by a potentially less than perfect day. As always these are convivial social events, and we look forward to a good turnout at the June run, hopefully accompanied by members of the Sprite Club.

Attendees:

Lynden Burns	MGB
Terry Cook.	MGB
Norm & Pam Hellings	MGB
Dick Manning	MGF
Richard & Carolyn Sutherland	MGF TF
David McNabb & Kerry Hugo	MG GS
Hayden & Jeannette Reynolds	Honda
Greg Stanford & Charlie Rumbelow	Merc
Steve Spong & Barb Harrington	Audi
