

August Bank Holiday 2019

OMG! – no pun intended - choices, choices, choices! Nita and I had booked up quite early on in the year to join the Herald Newspaper event in Petersfield. We were only aware of MG95 quite late on. The Herald newspaper group is a local newspaper to Alton, Farnham and Bordon. The newspaper's founder Sir Ray Tindle was heavily involved in Classic, Vintage and Veteran cars with his own incredible collection. Indeed part of his collection included an Austin 7 van in the Herald livery. He started this charity event along with other celebrations during the year in Farnham and Alton. Nita and I attended probably the last Petersfield event that started at Farnham with a cavalcade drive to Petersfield led by Sir Ray and Lady Tindle in one of their veteran cars and entourage that included a backup vintage Austin, Transit van with trailer and a chauffeur driven Jaguar XJ saloon. Sir Ray was up for it but his veteran car of choice expired just before Bordon and he took to the back-up vintage car whilst his original car was trailered onto the back up Transit van and Lady Tindle took to the comforts of the relatively modern Jaguar. But Hey when you are in your very late 80's as they were, this has to be the best way to continue to enjoy and celebrate old cars.



We thought we were on our own until Neil and Ros decided that Drippy their MGA was not to be trusted enough to journey down to the New Forest for MG95. She was randomly misfiring under pressure. (Please note that I will accept no accusations of being sexist when it comes to MG's) Marigold and Drippy set off for Petersfield possibly 30 minutes or so too early as Marigold's driver had misread the instructions. It was a local run guaranteed to miss any BH holiday traffic.

We ended up in a great position within the 60 or so cars that attended the event. The range of vehicles was eclectic and included motor bikes





Cars included The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

Award winning cars included this beautiful
Alvis



Drippy and Marigold had a great time in the
sunshine



Whilst it was HOT HOT HOT we were able to claim shade when necessary. The cars were part of a weekend event in the centre of Petersfield and we were surrounded by pop up stalls, shops and great places to eat. We took great advantage of all especially the eating and had a great traditional breakfast followed by lunch in a superb Turkish restaurant.

The Herald put on three events a year. The first in Farnham, the second in Petersfield and the third in Alton. They are all charitable events requiring donations and we will be sure to publish details of all to members of the club for next year. All events are well run and to be recommended