

What an unusual day for this show the weather was FANTASTIC!! We met at 8.15am as planned where six cars were eagerly waiting for the off. On the way through Abergavenny we had met Charlie who wanted to tag on with us so that he could join us at the show. Unusually for us we positioned onto the main field where Richard had greeted us and lined us into position. Once parked up, as normal, we put the gazebo up which took no time at all. Because Phil had forgotten the pins for the bunting we had decided to attach it to the gazebo. Talking of pegs Richard had forgot the poles for his tent. We were not quite sure how he had slept the night before. The usual campers had stayed the night Brian, Silvia, Geoff, Sue and Bryony. There was so much to do during the day. There were plenty of stalls, food vans, a small fair, and plenty of steam vehicles and classic cars. At 11.30am there was a presentation of a laptop for Bryony with other bits and pieces. She was so overwhelmed, with a few tears. During the day it was decided to have 'The Car of the Month' competition looking at faults on each others cars. Unlucky for Kingsley we had started with his car. Pictures were taken so the evidence can be seen, any clarification of the faults please speak to him directly. What a difference in the weather compared to the two previous shows where we had rain.

As this was a two day show and some had decided to camp on the Sunday night ready for the show the next day. At 5pm for those of us that decided to leave we took down the gazebo and set off feeling happy after a wonderful day.

Written by Wayne.



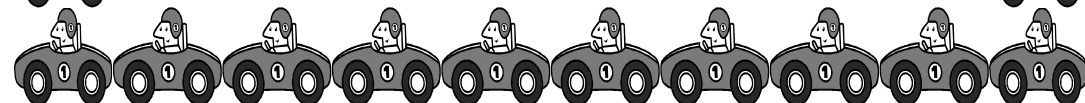
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# MG REVS



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31ST MAY 2009 OGMORE BY SEA

We met at Nantgarw as arranged at 10am, though I was the last to arrive as we had to divert to pick up Karen and Katy. No sooner had we stopped than the three MG's and two ordinary cars were on our way being led by Lester taking us across country. The roads were quite busy, especially with push bikes and a slow tractor but we made good time and duly arrived at Ogmore.

Once our car park tickets were purchased, we unpacked our cars and like overladen mules made our way down to the beach across the rocks. Karen spied a patch of sand and took lead much to everyone's horror as we were faced with crossing the "River Kwai" but unlike our past heroes we didn't have a bridge. So with our kit above waste level we waded in to the estuary, stumbling and fighting against the strong undercurrent. Geoff, not thinking that the water was deep, strode in then realised that his phone and camera were below water level. Luckily his phone dried out and worked, the camera had a bit more drying to do, but hopefully will be ok. As per usual, it was decided it was my fault again.

With everyone safely on the other side we noticed Lester still rolling up his trousers and looking a bit nervous so Karen and I went to his rescue and dragged him across to safety. After a short trek across more rocks we finally found our bit of sand. Lester was the first to get his chair up and tucked into his roll while the rest of us struggled on. All unpacked we then started the bbq's and soon tucked into the food. One way or another most of us got wet, whether we wanted to or not, but all had a good laugh.

As it was nice and hot, I took to the sea to cool off only to be assaulted by a tidal wave which robbed me of my specs. Some lucky person will now be the proud owners of my glasses. Hope he enjoys them. A short while later we were joined by Tony, Bob and Louis which was great to see them. After their trauma of crossing the "Kwai" we "wined and dined" them with our bbq food and salad, which they seemed to enjoy. After a couple of hours chatting and relaxing on the sand they made their pardons and headed back to their cars, not before collecting their attendance plaques.

Around 7 pm we packed and cleaned up our space and headed back to our cars, crossing the estuary again which had calmed down a bit by then thankfully. With our cars packed again we bid our farewells and headed home. The weather, food and company were great with the added bonus of chatting to Tony and his gang. Looking forward to another outing like this, but maybe with no rivers to cross.

Report by Brian

## Berkeley Castle 25th May 2009

After the day we had at Abergavenny with the glorious sunshine and laughter, this day was no different other than a little cooler which was a blessing in disguise. With five cars in tow after meeting at the two meeting points we made our way, following Francis as he knew the route. On approaching the grounds the route was clearly marked out with signs, although on this occasion we arrived to the show in a slightly different way to last year. As the norm we all parked up together and then started to erect the gazebo. Once that was done the usual ritual of tea and coffee was under way.

This show was no different to the previous shows held on the castle grounds. There were plenty of classic cars to see and a good variety of stalls. Francis almost bought a pair of spotlights. As the day went on we had a natter about forthcoming shows and which ones we were looking forward to, especially the shows where we are camping. Not much alcohol was drunk today at the show so unfortunately therefore no stories to tell.

After we packed up we decided to finish off the day by going for a drink at a pub on the way home (we had to make up on what we had missed during the day). The conversation had become a bit racey and at the end of it somebody got a bit hot and flustered. As they say what goes on tour stays on tour. After a jolly day out it was now finally time to go home - what a day!!

