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The NG owners club magazine

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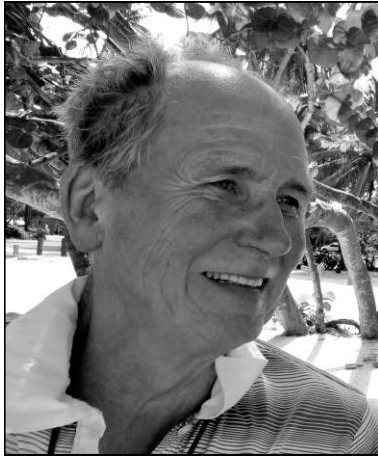
### Front cover

Ray Boulton and John Watsons  
TCs parked on the banking at the  
famous Brooklands race track  
Picture taken on 21st July 2019 following a classic  
Brooklands breakfast meeting

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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Unbelievable that it is the start of another year, I guess it is to do with the ageing process – the older you get the quicker time seems to go..! Barbara and I are hoping that 2020 is going to be a calmer affair – no floods, no crashes, thus enabling more time to be spent NGing.

I wonder how many of you have had your cars out over the last few weeks..??

Obviously the wet weather has hampered us, but there is nothing more exhilarating than a drive, top down, on a bright winters' day. On the first Sunday in January I joined John Watson at one of his regular breakfast haunts. It was a classic car gathering, approx. 40 vehicles that were a mixture of makes. I have said previously that you should check out your local areas. You will be pleasantly surprised how many interesting car events are being held; don't be worried about mixing with classic car owners, most are very complimentary about NG's.

Having my TF out for a good drive made me think about any jobs that need doing. I know our garages are cold but when the warmer days arrive, we want to be driving our cars rather than crawling under them. My horns need sorting, currently all I get is a pathetic squeak..!! They have probably suffered from the weather being mounted down low at the front, so hopefully just need the earthing sorting out.



The indicator switch has mechanical wear and feels more like a pudding stirrer...!! Thinking about it, one or two of the Lucas flick switches could probably do with replacing.

Looks like a few hours ahead in the garage.

I know I have been banging on about MOT exemption, so I promise not to mention it again – **but please get your cars checked.**

Following our very successful 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year John Watson is planning 2020 to be full of many interesting events. Please give him your support, along with any ideas you might have, and join in – it's fun.

Jeff, our new editor, is off to a great start, but his work is only as good as the input that you all supply. Please give him your support by sending him notes and photos, on places you have been, things you have done to your car, or anything that may be of general interest to our members. Input does not have to be pages of script; a few sentences and a couple of photos is often more readable.

Wishing you all happy NG Motoring throughout 2020.

John Hoyle

“Straight roads are for fast cars, turns are for fast drivers.” —Colin McRae

“The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.”  
—Dudley Moore

“When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.” —Prince Philip



## Events Secretary's Notes

Hello fellow NGers and a very happy New Year to one and all.

I am really looking forward to the potential events this year which include NG visits to the places of culinary interest. Looking back to 2019 and to completing the ambitious anniversary project of the 40 museum visits we are finalising the visit program for the remaining few. A big thank you by the way to all the members who embraced the project. It then clears the way for the writing up and publishing of the Anniversary Booklet.



The New Year usually offers the first of many breakfast car meets. Brooklands is no exception with well over 1,000 cars including two NG's that visited on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. OJ, BOW and a Teal met the following Sunday at Mimbridge for a breakfast meet. Yes, breakfast is a weakness of mine.





There is always the obligatory New Year resolution. Mine is to write less, and to achieve this I've discovered the bullet point. Here goes :-

- See page 8 for the Event Calendar
- Beyond these fixed events there must be local to you, classic car Sunday breakfasts, let's know about them!
- I'm still waiting for your nominations to carry out NG visits to a distillery/vineyard or local eateries boasting local cuisine.
- Su and Chris Hore organise a monthly mid week drive and eat in the South East. Please let's have similar events in your area, see the list of local Area Contacts. (Inside front cover)
- Remember this year bank holiday is not Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, but Friday 8<sup>th</sup>!!
- For the National Rally this year we're planning a short car tour as an option
- Please consider our request that your contact details can be made available to members for the purpose of Club business.

I wish you good NGing

I don't run a car, have never run a car. I could say that this is because I have this extremely tender environmentalist conscience, but the fact is I hate driving.

**David Attenborough**



## EDITORIAL

.Hello and welcome to my first edition. My name is Jeffrey Yardley and I have been a member of the club since 1997. It was in December of that year that I collected the body and chassis kit for my TF from one John Hoyle down in Epsom. A trip never to be forgotten. ( more of that later )



Now if I may be forgiven for mis quoting a few lines from the famous Gettysburg address I plan to make this a magazine of the people, by the people and for the people. People in this instance being members of the NG owners club. I will also endeavour to produce four editions a year.

To do this I will require your assistance so please keep sending in your pictures and articles for publication and I will do my best.

It just remains for me to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and may you all enjoy an outstanding year of NGing.





## *New Members - Welcome*

We are always pleased to welcome new members.  
Membership Fee : £15 per year (reduced if you join mid-year).

Membership includes quarterly issues of ChangiNGear and some Insurance Companies offer reduced rates for NGs. Most of all you will be joining one of the most friendly car clubs around !

Contact Bob Morrison, Membership Secretary — details inside front cover

**There have been no new members since the last publication**

### MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership renewals were due on Jan 1st. If you have not already renewed then please either send your subs to Bob Morrison or pay by bank transfer. Details are on the club web pages. Thanks.

### **Contacting Bob Morrison ?? at [rmorri1847@aol.com](mailto:rmorri1847@aol.com)**

Bob is often out of the country on business for periods of time and may not be able to access his emails. It may thus be helpful to copy emails to Angela at [angela@bobmorri16.plus.com](mailto:angela@bobmorri16.plus.com)



## 2020 NG Events Calendar

|                    |  |                    |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| April 19th         | Corinium Run Cirencester                       | John Watson        |
| April 26th         | Drive it Day                                   | Everyone           |
| <b>May 2-3rd</b>   | <b>Stoneleigh Kit Car Show</b>                 | <b>John Watson</b> |
|                    | <b>NG picnic on Sunday 3rd</b>                 |                    |
| May 10th           | Wallingford Vehicle Rally                      | Paul Bennett       |
| May 17th           | Jorvic Car Run Castle Howard ( MGOC )          | Steve Tyler        |
| May 30-31st        | Floral Fringe Fair                             | Details below *    |
| May 31st           | London to Brighton kit and sportscar Run       |                    |
| <b>June 5-12th</b> | <b>Dorset Holiday Trip</b>                     | <b>John Hoyle</b>  |
| <b>June 26-28</b>  | <b>NGOC National Rally Stratford upon Avon</b> | <b>John Watson</b> |
| July 18th          | Dogmersfield Fete                              | Paul Gray          |
| July 4-5th         | Caux Retro France see page 22                  | John Coker         |
| July 12th          | Epsom MGOC Surrey Car Run                      | Details below **   |
| Aug 7-9th          | Old Timers Grand Prix Nurburgring              | John Watson        |
| <b>Sept ??</b>     | <b>Mid and North Wales NG Trip</b>             | <b>?? TBA</b>      |
| Sept 11-13th       | Goodwood Revival                               |                    |
| Sept 19-20th       | Kop Hill Climb Festival ( 110th )              | Details below ***  |
| <b>Dec ??</b>      | <b>NG Christmas Lunch</b>                      | <b>Sue Bolton</b>  |

**Items in bold are NG specific events**

\* Go to [www.floralfringefair.co.uk](http://www.floralfringefair.co.uk)

\*\* Google Epsom MGOC Surrey car run

\*\*\* Booking from April 1st [David.barker@kophillclimb.org.uk](mailto:David.barker@kophillclimb.org.uk)



## Acronyms

I don't know about you but I hate these things. I must have spent some considerable time in various meetings or presentations trying to figure out what they mean and then missing the next vital part of what was happening. Anyway, try these and see how you get on.

CLUE..... They are all motoring related.

|      |      |
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| ACC  | ESC  |
| AEB  | FIAT |
| CNG  | FSH  |
| CRD  | LDAS |
| DOHC | OBD  |
| DRL  | PHEV |
| DPF  | SAAB |
| DVSA | SRS  |
| EFI  | TCS  |
| EMS  | TPMS |

Answers on page 26



## **Thank you One and All**

About the middle of December we got a 'mystery gift' in the post, and thought it was perhaps an early Christmas Present.

When opened we found a voucher for a 'One Night Escape with dinner for Two'. This looked really nice and there was a good choice of venues in independent hotels, of 'character' in nice locations.

Initially the identity of the donor was unclear, and the mystery rather heightened the excitement.

However, shortly it became clear that this was not Christmas Gift.

It was a 'Thank You' from all of you NGOC members to mark our 'retirement' from the editorship of ChangiNGear, and the following 'gift message' was found :

***To Chris & Su***

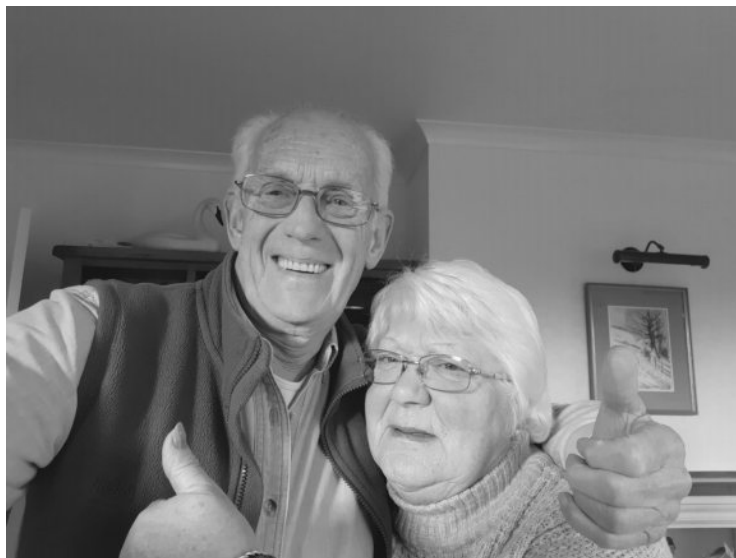
***With many thanks for your dedication, and many hours of hard work, you have put in to producing almost 30 superb issues of ChangiNGear over the last seven years. With best wishes from All your NG friends.***



Well !! - We were 'well chuffed' to get this and will look forward to using it later in the year. - Thank you All so Very Much.

Being an NG related activity we feel it only correct that we travel to our chosen venue in Rocket. The downside of that being that we will have to be patient and wait until Spring is well sprang, so that open topped NG motoring is again pleasurable.

Rest assured that we will 'report' on our outing in a future issue of the mag.



***So Very Many Thanks to you All -- Chris and Su***



## **The Best NG 'Story'**

**Who will be the 2020 Winner ?**

**There's Nothing like a Good Story !!**  
**So where are they All ??**

Your 'story' should be between 500 and 2000 words, to include pictures/photos to suit, and should have it's focus upon NGs, NGers, or NGing.  
The 'story' may be historic or current, factual or fictitious and will be judged solely upon it's entertainment value.

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***Thank You***

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## LONDON TO BRIGHTON VETERANS RUN 2019

After a damp and dreary close to October and a poor forecast for the start of November I had resigned myself to this year's London to Brighton Veteran run being a wet one, so it was a huge relief when Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November dawned bright and chilly but above all dry. I set off through the lanes, still wet from Saturday's rain and slippery with fallen leaves, to my first habitual viewing spot on the hill out of Crawley.

As I approached where I had intended to park I spotted the familiar figure of David Oakley crouched over the Brown, his 1899 Quadricycle, making good speed towards the top of the hill. I carried on to get past so that I could get a photograph of him approaching. I parked up and waited and waited but he did not appear. I guessed that he might have turned off into the Pease Potage Services for a pit stop so back tracked and found him there. I had been put in touch with David several years ago when he contacted Su & Chris having seen a photo which I'd taken of his Brown in ChangiNGear and had asked for a copy. I have communicated with him by e-mail a few times over recent years but it was good to meet him in person. Despite the great age of the Brown he was making good time and had been the lead vehicle coming out of London, only conceding the lead when stopping to add vital fluids or change passenger.

It was the first time that I'd been able to see the Brown up close. It was good to be able to check out the 1899 design details; I particularly like the foot operated bell to warn of its approach.







I wished David good luck for the remainder of the trip and moved on to my next viewing spot at Hand Cross and after only a short wait the Brown came past going well.



This year there were a few very early motor cycles on the official run with one of the more unusual being a 1901 Slinger where the engine is carried on a small two wheeled bogie attached to the front forks of what is essentially a conventional bicycle. An additional cunning linkage turns the front wheel of the bogie as the handle bars are turned. The engine is a de Dion Bouton, similar to that fitted to the Brown. It too was going well as it went by, its claimed top speed in 1901 was 35mph! I stayed in Hand Cross for a couple of hours, until about half the field had passed, and then moved on to Hammer Hill, another good place to see the old cars working hard.

The road is closed to oncoming traffic for the event so there is always plenty of action and lane changing as the cars try to maintain momentum, dropping back to the inside as they run out of puff with passengers bailing out to lighten the load and,



in some cases, helping with a push. For a few cars the driver has to get out and operate it while walking alongside! Where manpower alone is not enough

there are tow trucks circulating to give a tug.

The veterans always include an extraordinary mix of designs showing the different approaches and thoughts of the early builders and the pace of development.

The 1896 Salvesen steam cart, takes the heavyweight route, although this year not towing its usual tender for coal and water. The 1898 Daley is much more lightweight, being little more than two parallel bicycles



linked by a thin tubular frame carrying a couple of seats with a small petrol engine slung beneath, and a total weight of less than 200Lb! The steering all looks a little spindly and, I would think, prone to being deranged by potholes; it must have been a challenge on the unmade roads of its day



The Veteran run is an excuse to give other interesting vehicles a day out, one that caught my eye this year was a very fine Mk 6 Bentley special, much like a TC on steroids! Sadly, although it had turned out to be a bright and sunny day, I didn't see any other NGs out and about. Perhaps next year a few can be tempted out to join me.



Report by Charlie Killick

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## Kent and Sussex Group

### **Kent & Sussex NG Group Gatherings Meet No. 5 - at The Bull, at Mockbridge, Henfield, 6th Nov'19**

Our Kent and Sussex group met up on that Wednesday, to be our last lunch gathering before Christmas. Lots of new faces joining us, which was nice. A Big Thank you to John and Barbara Hoyle, John Coker, Bob and Angela Morrison, Dave Woolgar, Mike and Krysia , for joining our usual gang, of - Rob and Helen 'H' Garratt, Nigel and Jane Speedy, John and Yvonne Hamilton-Smith, Chas Killick and Us (Chris and Su Hore)



'H' had suggested this pub in Henfield (that they had visited with the local MG Car Club) and having the added attraction of a Skittle Alley. Oh what fun that was ! We ladies had many 'goes' as the men chattered away - talk about 'old ladies' for nattering !!! ( but their choice -- I did keep chasing them up to have a go - they probably got fed up with me - Sorry !!).

The skittle alley was in the Function Room together with the dining tables, pre-set for our meals. This Pub had a 'speciality' and a reputation of good pizzas - and they were very good !! Chris and I thought they were great as they did Mini 5inch ones - which were just right for lunch - brilliant !. Other pub grub was also available, and also all well received. - and 'HUGE' sundaes for dessert !!!

At the tables 'H' produced a box of Crackers ( a repeat of last year's bit of pre-Christmas fun) . These were so well received and so thoughtful. Just as last year (if you remember ?) there were little 'wind-up cars' inside driven by penguins. We used the skittle alley as the racetrack for this activity, and how much further they went. It did create a great deal of fun and laughter. So a Big Thank You to Helen.



I must record another HUGE Thank You to Chas Killick, John Coker, Mike and Krysia and Dave Woolgar for coming in their NGs. It was wonderful to see them on the forecourt of the pub

Also special thanks to Krysia the only one very brave lady to venture out in the cold.

Although, as it turned out, it was quite a pleasant sunny day - if chilly.



Unfortunately Chris and I 'wimped out' as it was just too far to go, for us, at that temperature. -- being 'oldies' it has to be 10 degrees and above before we venture out in Rocket for any distance.

Although it was quite a bit further for the usual 'group' to travel, the more easterly venue had the benefit of attracting all the extra 'faces' to this gathering.

Finally then it was 'Cheerio until next year', when activities of our NG Gatherings will resume again, in early Spring - we hope.

-- and hoping to see you all again then (and perhaps even more new faces ?)

***So All the Best for 2020 from Me -- Su Hore***





## CAUX RETRO

**Caux Retro Classic 'Vehicle' Weekend - 3rd to 5th July  
At Allouville-Bellefosse, Normandy.**

This is an annual event, held since 1995. It is organised by the locals to welcome classic 'vehicles' and owners from far and wide (and some are from **very** far and **very** wide)

The functions include a welcome drinks evening on Friday.

A marshalled road trip around the local scenic Normandy countryside on Saturday morning and afternoon, with lunch provided, and socialising/drinks at the end.

Sunday is a static display day, again with lunch provided, and opportunity to view all the fellow exhibits, and with judging for various awards

John Coker and Mike Carter have taken their NGs in previous years, as reported in various issues of ChangiNGear. It is a very relaxed low-key event. To quote the organisers - *'The spirit of the event is that there is no competitiveness or official ranking and that friendliness and conviviality prevails'*

See the organisers website at <http://www.cauxretro.com/CauxRetroWelcome.aspx>

Allouville is only some 45 miles from Newhaven and so is a very easily reached venue for NGers in the SE of England. One contingent of NGs will travel via Dover/Calais and another Newhaven Dieppe. Accommodation this year is based at the Hôtel Normatel, at Caudebec-en-Caux.

There will also be a group who will make greater use of the trip by delaying their return until Tuesday evening - enabling more time to explore the local delights.

**This year so far there 5 NGs signed up. --- Will there be more ???**

***If you are interested in the adventure then contact John Coker for more info. [ajohncoker@aol.com](mailto:ajohncoker@aol.com)***

NOTE If you intend to participate then visit their website ( see above ) and complete the entry and indemnity forms.  
Both required by the 1st May





## *DURDLEing around DORset again*



Due to the success of our NG holiday last year at Redbridge Farm, near Poole in Dorset, we have re-booked it for another NG holiday. This is again for one week commencing Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June; there are still a couple of rooms available. If you are interested in joining us and would like to know more, please contact me: John Hoyle

**[john@hoyle-engineering.co.uk](mailto:john@hoyle-engineering.co.uk) or 0208 393 2555**





## Wallingford Vehicle Rally And Parade

The club is planning to purchase tickets for the Wallingford rally and parade this year.

They will be available on a first come first served basis at the cost of £15.00 per car from John Watson.

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wallingford-vehicle-rally-parade-sunday-10th-may-2020-tickets-61414890591>



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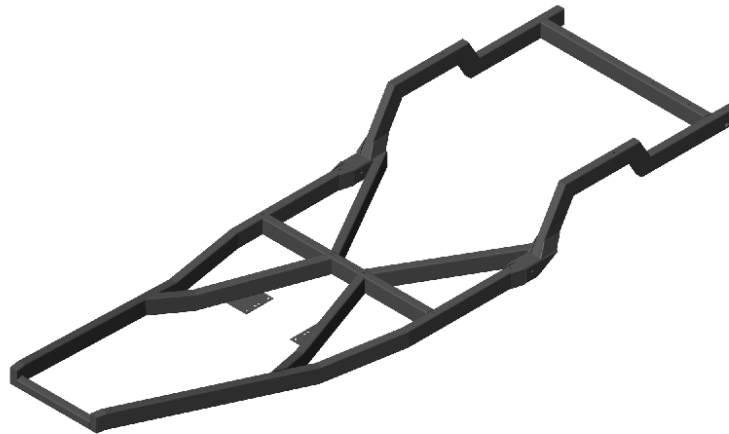
## More on the Morgan Experience

Ken Smith's – A Morgan Experience -Autumn 2019  
ChangiNGear (p16)

A very interesting article by Ken, particularly relevant is the Morgan's handling compared to that of the NG. One of the great benefits designed into the NG marque by Nick Green is the cruciform chassis. It is so much more rigid as a result and unlike the Morgan does not flex.

My personal experience is that a mate loans me his V8 Morgan for a week each year (this practice began long before I bought BOW by the way). My mate's Morgan certainly flexes and is not a patch on my very rigid TF V8. However like the NG, the Morgan is also a head turner and does look good.

John Watson





# ANSWERS

|      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| ACC  | Adaptive Cruise Control             |
| AEB  | Autonomous Emergency Braking        |
| CNG  | Compressed Natural Gas              |
| CRD  | Common Rail Diesel                  |
| DOHC | Double Over Head Cam                |
| DRL  | Daytime Running Lights              |
| DFP  | Diesel Particulate Filter           |
| DVSA | Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency   |
| EFI  | Electronic Fuel Injection           |
| EMS  | Engine Management System            |
| ESC  | Electronic Stability Control        |
| FIAT | Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino |
| FSH  | Full Service History                |
| LDAS | Lane Departure Avoidance System     |
| OBD  | On Board Diagnostics                |
| PHEV | Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicle     |
| SAAB | Svenska Aeroplan Aktie Bolag        |
| SRS  | Supplemental Restraint System       |
| TCS  | Traction Control System             |
| TPMS | Tyre Pressure Monitoring System     |



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Contact : Jane Sawyer

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Email : jane-

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**NG (TF/TC) Rolling Chassis**

- with 1800cc Engine and Gear-box

- without Bodywork or Bonnet.

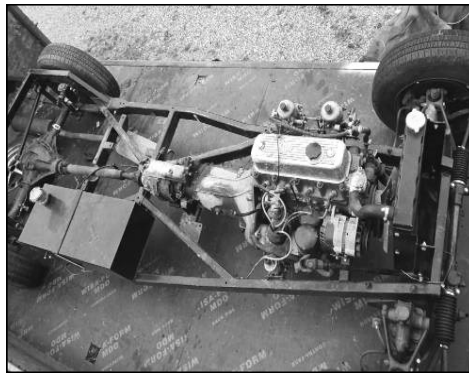
There is no supporting history or paperwork, or any 'extras'

What you see is what you get, and you only get what you see.

Location - Birmingham (buyer collects)

**Offers invited** - by Harjinder Singh

**Contact** - Email [hsv633@gmail.com](mailto:hsv633@gmail.com) or Phone 07739 422190



**WANTED**

**Rear Wings for (Marina) TA**

Pair of rear mudguards wanted for special project

Any condition within reason,

Contact Paul Dales : Phone 07817821694 or email at [pauldales@live.co.uk](mailto:pauldales@live.co.uk)

**NG-TC V8 Rear Axle**

Looking to buy a 3 : 31 to 1 axle for my TC in good useable condition

John Shepherd : phone 07976-555737

**NG-TF Non-runner (or mot failure)**

Must be correctly registered

Please contact Roland : phone 07715-005055 or email at [rfeerry@ductform.com](mailto:rfeerry@ductform.com)

**NG-TC V8**

Car ready to go if possible:: Q Reg ok.

Please contact Greg Musgrave

mobile 07957-571014 home 01243-784176

or email at [gregmusgrave@aol.com](mailto:gregmusgrave@aol.com)

## Club Products & Regalia



**The following are the current lines :**

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sweatshirt L, XL (temporarily No Stock)</b> | <b>£14.00</b>                     |
| <b>Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL</b>                  | <b>£12.00</b>                     |
| <b>T-Shirts M, L, XL</b>                       | <b>£9.00</b>                      |
| <b>Baseball Cap (navy)</b>                     | <b>£9.00</b>                      |
| <b>Beanie (navy)</b>                           | <b>£8</b>                         |
| <b>NG Car Badges (unpainted)</b>               |                                   |
| (temporarily No Stock)                         | <b>£20.00</b>                     |
| <b>Brollies (last few)</b>                     | <b>£22.00</b> (only at The Rally) |
| <b>Fleeces (temporarily No Stock)</b>          |                                   |
| Logos are in contrasting Silver or Black       |                                   |

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Tel: 01332 723927 or 07711 124153 Email: [mark.staley2@ntlworld.com](mailto:mark.staley2@ntlworld.com)

Please state size/colour, and make cheques payable to NG Owners Club



## NG CHRISTMAS LUNCH

