

Build Up

Started for us, just after Remparts 2015, but in earnest Feb 2016-10-05

Ticket sales UK based from March

Changes – Additional Windscreen Sticker – Gendarmes

Rallye 183kms

Southerly direction Route released early to Public via the media

Security changes brought about by “modern life”

Our biggest Rallye ever, with 23 cars and crews on the day, with closet dressers well in evidence, but not all. Not obligatoire, but enhances the Event.

Following breakfast, we set off with small groups immediately forming from the start.

Everyone will have their own stories of the day.

Podium moved to Pedestrianised street, due to Security (crowd).

Off Podium then to Parking was difficult unless you “urged” the crowd to part, by doing a “Moses” and turning right down towards the Glass covered Market.

Latitudes was the chosen watering hole and quite a few of us made it there to chat about the days events.

I’ll pass photos and write up to John for the website and if anyone else would like to do the same, please feel free.

Sunday we Exhibited our Cars with MASC (*invited by the Office*) – 17 cars in total and after breakfasting, watched the Racing.

Point to Note:

One of our couples, who have supported the Remparts and completed the Rallye, since 2010.....and were one of the first four cars to enter along with us from local MG's have sadly decided to sell their beloved MGB due to health reasons.

They are the longest surviving couple and car, to have entered from the Club.....*Yes they are Members Karen.*

So as they yet again completed the Rallye faultlessly, for the 7th time, which is more than most of us can say, the end of an era dawns and we say thankyou to Brian, Trish and their MGB, who incidently once carried the signature of Lewis Hamilton on the bonnet, *(although he wont remember scribbling it) and for clarification please ask Brian about that one.*

I'm sure that ALL Members would like to wish them well for the future and hope that they still feel part of our MG community, even if they're bereft of an MG.

Good luck Brian & Trish.

Summary.....

Good Points

Weather – Not too bad

Rallye was generally fluid – Not too many holdups

Spectators turned out as usual

Less “hangers on”, helped by the Gendarmes at various points

Meeting like minded people

Farmer's Market.....*with chips*

Bad Points

Weather not sunny enough

For me personally too many Modern cars

Anyone who tried to disrupt the day

Finally, as I said in my email circulated around the 2016 Remparts, I would like to thank all of you who have sent emails letting us know how much you enjoyed it, but please remember that it's YOU that make the weekend, it's YOU who support the Remparts and it's YOU who show that our vehicles are meant to be seen on the road, doing what they're meant to do.....Being driven in the Poitou Charentes biggest annual motoring event.

Days to go.....

Best regards to you all and thank you again for your support,

Graham