

FasTForward LAUNCH AT STONELEIGH

If you're reading this then you already know what a great magazine FasTForward really is and we are picking up new subscribers all the time. We think it's great to have something tactile and well printed to add to your ever growing collection of MGF memorabilia which is one of the reasons we introduced FasTForward in the first place.

The magazine was officially launched at this year's Stoneleigh International MG Show and Spares Day on February 19th. Stoneleigh has become an early meeting point for MGF/TF enthusiasts and several of the regions had organised runs in to the event. It was fantastic to meet so many people on the stand during the day and the Register undoubtedly had their best Stoneleigh ever.

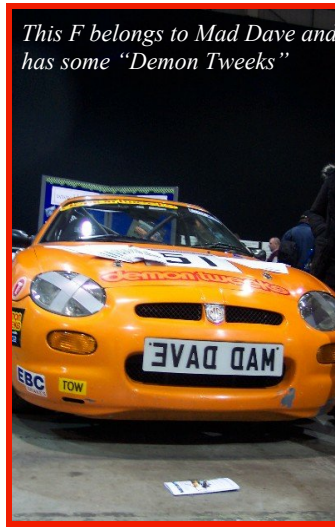
On the stand itself we had two 1995 cars but they couldn't have been more different. Mike Gedge has totally transformed his car adding TF front and rear styling with a completely re-vamped interior and too numerous styling and tuning modifications to mention—it now goes under the name of "Red Hot" and even attracted the attention of Meguiars polish company as it was shining so much!. On the other side of the stand we had Rick Earle's amaranth car "Number 72" which you saw featured in the Spring edition of FasTForward. Rick is subtly transforming the car but has not quite got to the extent of "Red Hot"yet. Next time you see the car it may be going under a new name—"Purple Haze" - Isn't he too young to be a Hendrix fan ?



Mike Gedge's Red Hot on the F Reg stand



This F belongs to Mad Dave and has some "Demon Tweaks"



What a lot of F/TFs in the cow sheds !



Old English White F with a nice red stripe in the car park

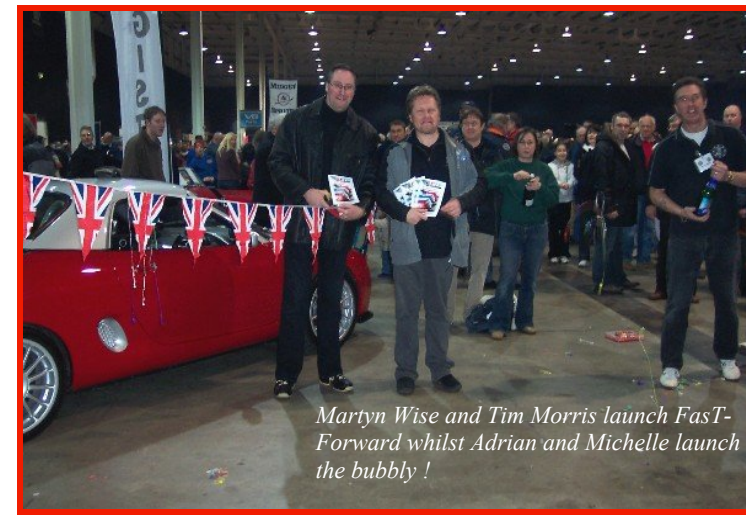
Scattered around the show were various other Fs and TFs in various guises including the MGOC silver car with it's new Land Rover Gasket kit. Out in the cow sheds I think we had the largest turnout of Fs and TFs we've seen so far at a Stoneleigh show and towards the end of the day when I wandered outside it seemed to be only F/TF and Zeds left out there. The show itself is still probably more attuned to the older MG with plenty of rusty wings and oily widgets to put on your restoration project however amongst it all there were some modern tuning and modification parts to be found.

The serious part of the day for us was the launching of FasTForward and we had asked Martyn Wise, the consultant editor of MG Enthusiast, to symbolically cut a union jack ribbon for us. He did so and wished us well with the project as corks flew from sparkling wine bottles and party poppers threw streamers into the air. Finally we toasted to the success of the magazine from MGF 10 mugs of course.

Big thanks to Mike and Rick for loaning their cars for the day and to everyone else who helped to set up and worked on the stand and to everyone who came over and said hello - be they old or especially new faces.



Rick Earle's Number 72 on the stand



Martyn Wise and Tim Morris launch FasT-Forward whilst Adrian and Michelle launch the bubbly !