



EX121

Final Sponsors Newsheet

The MG CAR CLUB, LINCOLNSHIRE CENTRE 's' entry for the
BELCHFORD DOWNHILL CHALLENGE
on Sunday 16th September 2007

7th - Overall |
2nd - Best Turned Out



The Picture shows (from left) Peter Hermite, David Noble, Doug Samuel and Peter Ellis with EX121 in the foreground and the MG Transporter and Beautiful Wolds countryside in the background

The Event

The Belchford Downhill Challenge is an event for gravity racers and takes place in the beautiful Wolds village of Belchford near Horncastle. Teams take part in the competition in various classes covering the downhill course of approximately 1/2 mile. The course record stands at 53.9 seconds.

The Background

The Lincolnshire Centre Committee decided in early 2007 to enter a team for the Belchford Downhill Challenge and the design and build took place over the first half of the year. The design was loosely based on the early MG Record Breakers in the hope that the performance would also emulate the efforts of those early MGs! The Build Team is made up of five members of the MG Car Club Lincolnshire Centre: Peter Hermite, Doug Samuel, Dave Noble, Jon Davison and Peter Ellis and they built the racer, named EX121, from scratch aided by generous sponsorship from several local and not so local businesses. The three drivers are Peter Hermite, Doug Samuel and Dave Noble. Two trial runs were held in South Lincolnshire, one as a bare chassis and one with the bodywork fitted and both were successful leaving the team really looking forward to the event. Scrutineering on 1st September went well.

The Result

The team arrived in style at Belchford at 07.15 ! in Doug Samuel's Replica BMC Transporter. It was a bright and warm, but windy, day and Peter Hermite took the first run, followed by Dave then Doug. As a result of their first run experiences, some minor adjustments were made which lead to a significant improvement in the times of Peter's and Dave's second runs. Peter's second run was the fastest of the day for our team with Dave close behind, but unfortunately Doug missed out on his second run as time did not permit. Although very tiring, everyone really enjoyed the day and the result was a bonus. The Centre's team had achieved a very creditable top ten finish, managing seventh overall out of 28, in their first attempt and they also received the 2nd place award for the Best Turned Out Team.

A full report on the event and our entry will appear in MG Enthusiast Magazine November 2007 Issue which will be on sale on Thursday 11th October.

Peter Ellis - Team Leader

The Sponsors boards which were on display at both the top and bottom of the hill. (left)

The MG Car Club Times (photo Richard Sivill) (below)



Team Number & Name	1	2	3	4
29 MG Car Club	67.45	65.89	65.59	62.10
Haldir	15.86	64.88	68.34	64.79
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The Lincolnshire Centre of the MG Car Club, and the build team of Peter Ellis, Peter Hermite, Dave Noble, Doug Samuel and Jon Davison would like to thank all the EX 121 sponsors for their generous help in producing an entry for the Belchford Downhill Challenge.

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