



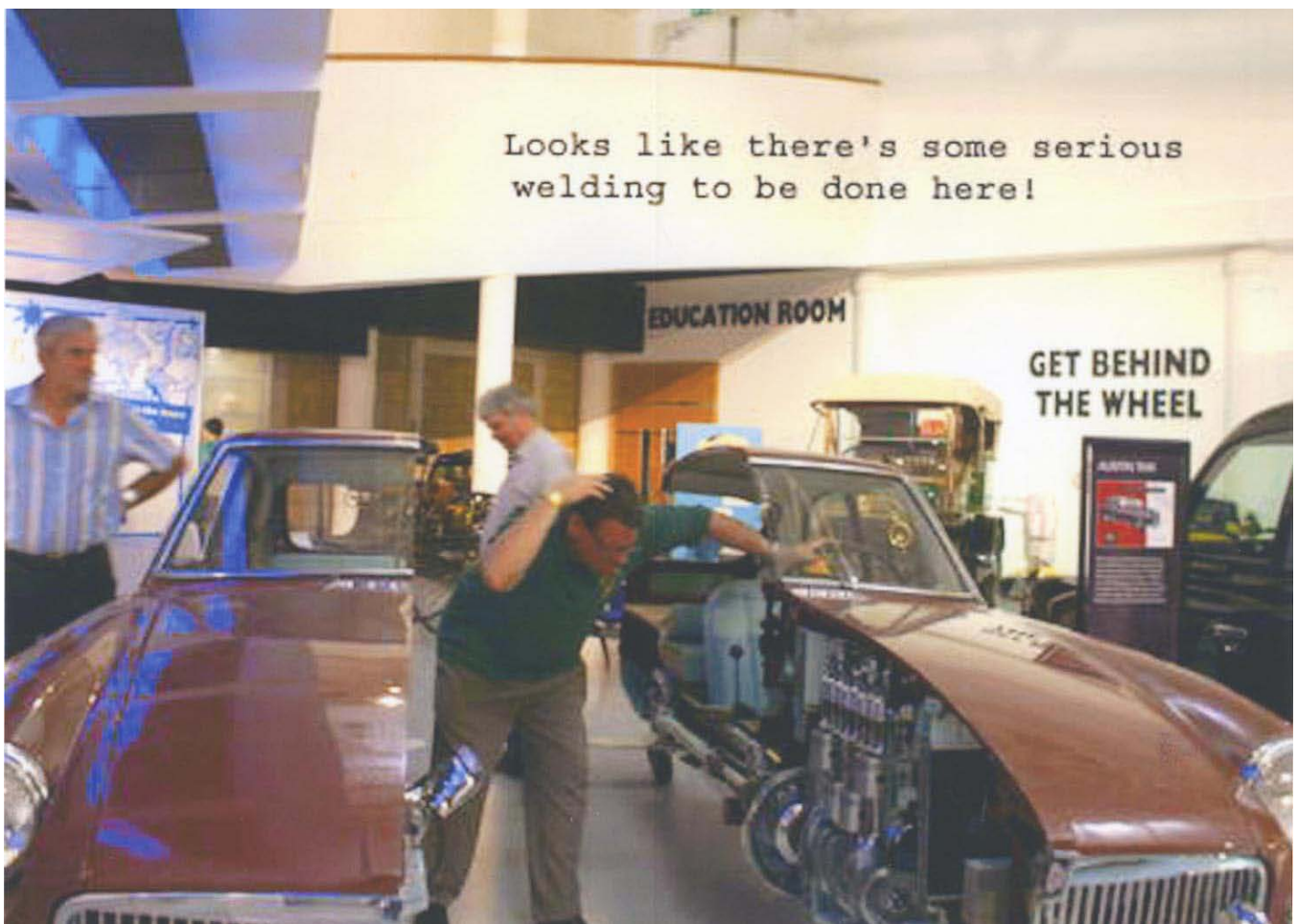
WAMGOC

Newsletter

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3rd in our Photo Competition, Funniest Section, entered by David Lloyd.

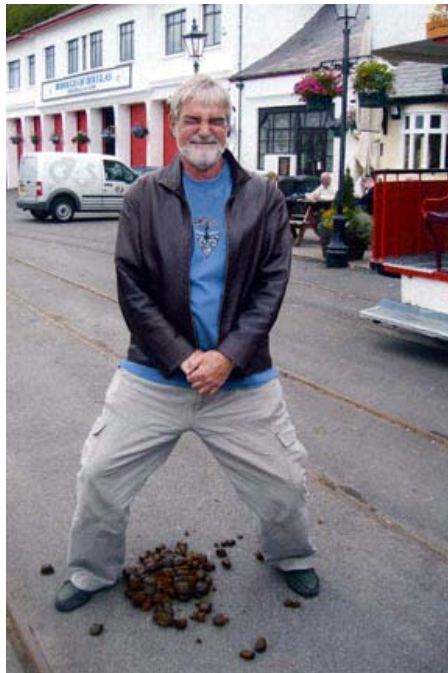
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www.wamgoc.co.uk

Page 1 is a smut free zone. Hence 2nd and 1st pictures are on Page 2.



**2nd funniest. I'm not sure who entered this picture.
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**Winner in the funniest category, entered by Keith,
with a lot of effort from Alan.**

Keith's Bit.

Royal Windsor MG Heritage Festival will take place on the 24th/25th April.

This is your last chance to get signed up to one of the most exclusive MG event ever. This will definitely be a 'Once in a lifetime, never to be repeated experience'.

The Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton with the MGOC have got together to arrange a Royal Review in the quadrangle of Windsor Castle for 300 of the best cars of the marqué to cover all models and variants. The owners of these cars will contribute £75 to The Prince Philip Trust Fund, which provides funds to local children's charities. These cars will then be parked up on the Frogmore Parade Ground for viewing by the public who will pay to see the show.

I'm told that there are still places available for the Royal Review if you would like to enter this part of the day.....please talk to Jonathan Kimber at MGOC HQ.

In addition to this, eight 80-90 mile multi start road runs will lead owners and MG's to be parked up along the 'Long Walk' towards the Copper Horse. These runs cost £25 per MG and will include tulip route book, rally board, MG Festival grille badge, souvenir programme and entry to Frogmore Parade Ground.

You will need to book this through the MGOC. Also as a local Area club we have been asked to help for an hour or so with the marshalling on the 'Long Walk' and at Frogmore at some point in the day. I have assured HQ that WAMGOC will be prepared to do our bit on the day and with publicising the event.

Stan Best our resident 'Route mister' has been busy planning a route for the MGOC starting at The Royal Standard of England at Forty Green finishing at Rangers Gate, Windsor Great Park. Stan has been beavering away on a route and you can be assured that as ever he can be relied on to come up with a very special route for our enjoyment.

Entry forms are included in this month's "Enjoying MG" and you should book your place directly through MGOC HQ.

Also please let me know if you're attending I will then have some idea of our numbers when HQ ask about numbers for marshalling.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and one not to be missed, so make sure you book now!

WAMGOC Octagonal Run 2009.

I know we are all a lot poorer than we were this time last year but if you attend just one MG event this year please let it be this one. We can promise you a great day with all your friends and you will be helping to support us and our charity for this year, Helen & Douglas House.

After a bit of uncertainty the Octagonal Run is finalised. It is on the 16th August, will start at The Royal Standard of England, and will end at the Railway Centre at Quainton. A lot more detail is given in P6/7 of this Newsletter, also included is an application form, so please go ahead and sign on for our main event of the year.

Informal Gatherings, Summer 2009.

The next of our Informal Gatherings will take place on Sunday 19th April at The Plowden Arms, Shiplake. Lunchtime - 12pm.

Further dates to make a note of for the summer:
Sat. 16th May. The 5 Bells, Weston Turville, Lunchtime - 12pm.

Sat. 13th June. King William IV, Speen, Evening gathering - 6.30pm.

Sat. 18th July. Evening gathering 6.30pm – venue to be announced.

No need to book, just turn up early and save as many places as you can. These events always attract

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large numbers of members and friends, who enjoy getting out and using their MG's. Come along and join us!

Roger Anderson, of Wamtours, tells me that bookings for this year's **WAMGOC holiday to France** at the end of June are going well.

Details of the holiday can be found in the February Newsletter, but please give Roger a call if you need to know more details or if you have any questions.

WAMGOC Newsletter by email.

If you cannot attend the monthly meeting we will automatically sent you your Newsletter. Just let us have your e-mail address and Roy will do the rest. This way you get your Newsletter quickly, in colour and we save a great deal in postage and package. Contact Roy ASAP.

30th May WAMGOC WAMBLE and Cream Tea, Meet at the Dewdrop Inn at Hurley for a country walk followed by a lunch at the Dewdrop, a short diversionary car run while Cream Teas are laid out at Arthur and Angela's back in Marlow. See last month for entry form, or contact Angela 01628484043.

Travel Destinations the **MGOC Travel Club** have just published their plans for 2009. MG Holland, Ireland and Brittany are all back again with MG Spain back by popular demand, for those of you wishing to revisit the Picos de Europa. In September a new tour visiting Austria with a chance to drive some fantastic roads and visit some stunning locations. To find out more and book any of the tours call 01707 329988.

Ashley Green Faire (HP5 3PJ) takes place on Saturday 6th June 2009 and organizer, Roger Macklin has asked if any WAMGOC members are interested in displaying their cars at the faire. Interested, contact Roger at rogermacklin1@aol.com

Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival takes place on Sunday 7th June. Stony Stratford is a delightfully

historic town just north of Milton Keynes, so very easy to get to. The Market Square will be for the exclusive parking of the classics and we plan a low-key concourse event, furthest travelled, most interesting car etc, just a bit of fun. We also have an industrial museum, one hall of which is full of interesting vehicles and a historic stroll around town. The Crown pub restaurant is so keen on the event they are going to put on a special menu for the day and other retailers are working on ways to make your stay in Stony as enjoyable as possible. So far we have had very positive responses from Lotus, Morgan, Aston Martin and Ferrari, already it looks like a great day out. Please let Andrew Freestone at <mailto:andrew@freestone.co.uk> know if you would like to show your car.

Dates:

April

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Sun. 19th Informal Gathering. (Noon, lunchtime) – Plowden Arms in Shiplake.

Saturday 25th Royal Windsor MG Heritage Festival, Frogmore Parade Ground.

May

Wed 6th Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Sun 10th Regency Run Brooklands to Brighton.

Sat. 16th Informal Gathering. The 5 Bells, Weston Turville (Noon, Lunchtime).

Sun 17th Epping MGOC, Bressington Steam Museum Run.

Sun 24th Old Speckled Hen Run. Radley College, Abingdon.

Sat 30th WAMGOC Wamble at the Dewdrop Inn, Hurley, followed by a lunch stop and cream tea at Arthur and Angela's.

June

Wed 3rd Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Saturday 6th Ashley Green Faire, HP5 3PJ.

Sun 7th Arden MG Heritage Run.

Sun 7th New Forest Run.

Sun 7th Classic Car Festival, Stony Stratford. Sat.

13th Informal Gathering. King William IV in Speen (Summer Evening gathering - 6.30pm).

July

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting at The Gate. Sat. 18th

Informal Gathering. Summer evening gathering 6.30pm – venue to be announced.

Sun 19th Uxbridge Car Show.

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Aug

Sun 16th WAMGOC Octagonal Run.

Sept

Sun 6th Southdown Run.

Arthur's bit

Welcome to the following new members, I hope they all get a lot of pleasure from belonging.

Sue and Barry Davis MGA Twin Cam '59
WOW!

Rosemary and Peter McKee MGB GT

And welcome back **Denise and Rob Garner** MGB Roadster. I rely on Rob for that critical "bit of wire" when we seem doomed.

Last month I published an item on little known features of mobile 'phones.

Several people have commented that I should have told the manufacturers about the features before going into print.

I have checked with my source, the information originated from the Dupont Chemical Company in Germany. It was passed it on to the eleven lapsed chemists that I lunch with each month.

Each one did as I did, tried any two, they worked, so assumed they were all valid, not so.

I think that somewhere there is a super 'phone which will do all these things, but not in the UK and not a Nokia.

Sorry to have wasted your time, I did say we were lapsed!

The other day Angela's F was at **Summit** having a small problem rectified.

Subject to availability Summit will lend customers a courtesy car while their's is being worked on. Imagine my surprise when I was handed the keys to a Land Rover.



When the work was finished, I returned the car. "How was it" asked Mike, "Fine" I replied "I was surprised how refined the engine was". I said. "And so it should be, it's the same as an MGF"! Now that is badge engineering!

At last month's meeting we were able to present **Ken Proud** with his trophy for the best photo in our Photo Competition at the February meeting.



Ken was unable to attend last month's meeting, he was recovering from major restoration work. Amazing what can be done with a Black and Decker and a bit of glue. Keep up the physio Ken.

Firstly some infor and then a question from **Malcolm Savage**.

Re events, have you heard about the revival this year of the Kop Hill Climb at Princes Risborough? It is on 26-27 Sept. There is a website www.kophillclimb.org.uk with info on it, including a profile of the hill showing how the steepness progresses. I've driven over for a quick look and decided to try to enter my Midget for a run. Perhaps some WAMGOC folks might want to have a go? Cars have to be pre-1974, and priority will be given to vehicles that could have appeared at the event before it was stopped after 1925.

Have you any idea where I could get one of the bonnet props (telescopic) that you often see on vehicles at shows? I have never seen one in any catalogue. I've looked at Moss and MGOC on line sites with no find.

Malcolm

WAMGOC Octagonal Run

Sunday 16th August 2009

Starting at **The Royal Standard of England**
Forty Green Nr Beaconsfield
Bucks.

Bacon Butties, Tea and Coffee will be available prior to departure. A rally plaque, route documents and tickets to enter Quainton Railway Centre, as ordered, will be included in your rally pack which will be handed out on signing in at the departure point.

The route will be a tour of the lesser known parts of Bucks and Oxon, and will be of the order of 80miles. From midday onwards you will be welcomed at the Quainton Railway Centre and directed to a dedicated WAMGOC parking area.

Quainton is the home of the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. It is ten years since we last visited Quainton as a club and the changes are incredible. Facilities and railway-based entertainment have expanded and improved, the centre is now a great day out for all the family. Also at Quainton on the 15th and 16th of August there will be themed days of activities relating to the 1940's.

We are invited to get in the spirit of the period, so thinking caps on!

Lunch can be a picnic, a pub lunch (good pubs en route), or at our destination where hot and cold food and drinks will be available in their new facilities. Drinks will also be available in the 40's beer tent. As part of the themed weekend period picnic food will be on sale.

For this Octagonal Run we have gone back to basics, a simple navigation tour, plus the fantastic opportunity to explore our railway past and associated social activity.

More details of the 40's weekend will be available later.

Think about how you might join in the 40's theme!

In the present spirit of the nation we are making the run a low budget operation, passing on every possible saving to you, our friends. We have a tradition of giving any surplus monies raised to our nominated charity, this year, The Helen and Douglas House Children's Hospice.. To enable us to help this excellent charity we would ask you to be as generous as possible in our fund raising activities.

Octagonal Run. Our destination

Corporate Hire & Special Events



The Centre is an unusual venue for business meetings, displays and product launches, anniversaries, parties, birthdays, etc. We are licensed for Civil Weddings. Call 01296 655720

Drive a Steam Engine!

Under the expert tuition of our team of volunteer drivers and firemen, steam locomotive driving experience courses are available at the Centre where you can take charge of a full sized steam locomotive and its train of coaches...

Call 01296 655720 for details

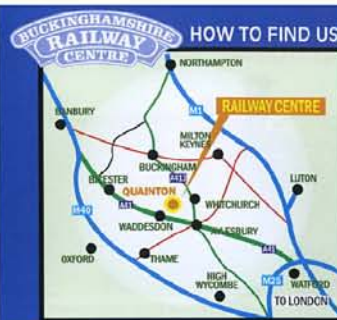
Gift Vouchers Available

School Visits

The Centre offers a full educational programme covering the curriculum for children from nursery onwards.



Enquire for details 01296 655720



Watch out for the brown signs off the A41 near Waddesdon and the A415 at Whitchurch. Then follow...

The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is signposted off the A41 Aylesbury - Bicester Road at Waddesdon and off the A415 Buckingham - Aylesbury Road at Whitchurch. Simply follow the brown signs! Junctions 7, 8 and 9 of the M40 are all close by and the M1, M25, M4 and M40 network makes the Centre easily accessible from London, the South East and the Midlands. Ample free car parking is provided for cars and coaches.

A bus service runs between Aylesbury Bus Station, Aylesbury Vale Parkway and Quainton. No Sunday service. For bus information telephone (0870) 6382608

VISIT US BY TRAIN

A special diesel shuttle train service operates direct from Aylesbury Station - Chiltern Railways - to the Railway Centre on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May and 31st August. Telephone 01296 655450 for full Timetable. Buy your tickets at Aylesbury or on arrival at Quainton. There's no need to book.

Whilst every effort is made to run as advertised the Quainton Railway Society reserves the right to vary this programme and may substitute diesel traction in place of steam should operational circumstances dictate.

For full details of the Centre's activities telephone (01296) 655720 or write to: Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton Road Station, Quainton, near Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 4JN. A recorded information service is available on (01296) 655450

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EXPERIENCE THE GOLDEN AGE OF STEAM



Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is a working steam museum where you can step back in time as you stroll amongst the giants of the steam age displayed at its spacious 25 acre site. The Centre boasts one of the largest private railway collections in the country with many steam locomotives from express passenger types to the humble shunting engine, as well as numerous interesting items of rolling stock. These include a coach from the Royal Train of 1901 and another used by Winston Churchill and General Eisenhower for wartime planning meetings in 1944.

Take a Steam Train Ride

On Steaming Open Days visitors can take rides in vintage carriages pulled by a full sized steam engine - the perfect way to re-create the sight, sounds and smells of the steam age.

Miniature Railway

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is home to the Vale of Aylesbury Model Engineering Society (VAMES). Their half-mile long circuit includes a tunnel, level crossing, viaducts and cuttings and a ride behind a miniature steam locomotive is a favourite amongst visitors young and old alike.



Other special days...

- Sunday 22nd March Mothers Day - Treat Mum to a roast dinner and a steam train ride.
- Saturday 25th April Food Festival. Come and taste the tempting foods on sale at our first food fair.
- Sunday 26th April Official opening of our preserved Travelling Post Office vehicles.
- 15th - 17th May Beer Festival.
- Sunday 21st June Fathers Day. Bring Dad for a train ride on his special day.
- Sunday 19th July Shunters Day. Come and see a live display of the art of railway shunting.
- Sunday 11th October Model Collectors Fair. Models, books and collectables for the enthusiast.

SPECIAL EVENTS 2009

For more information please refer to our website www.bucksrailcentre.org or telephone 01296-655720

- Easter Weekend 10th - 13th April 'Day Out With Thomas' - A day of fun with 'Thomas the Tank Engine' and 'The Fat Controller'.
- May Day Bank Holiday Weekend 3rd & 4th May Miniature Railway Gala - Model Collectors Fair (Monday). Live displays and activities arranged by the British Association both days. Heritage DMU Shuttle Service (Monday).
- Spring Bank Holiday Weekend 24th & 25th May Veteran Transport Weekend. Veteran Cycle Display (Sunday). Annual Bus Rally (Monday).
- Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 'World in Miniature'. Miniature Traction Engine Rally and Miniature models.
- Sunday 14th June Historic Commercial Vehicle Rally. Over 100 historic commercial vehicles will be on display for their annual rally.
- Sunday 28th June Railways Fayr and Swapmeet (Special entry price buyers/sellers £5)
- Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th July 'Day Out With Thomas' - Another chance to meet 'Thomas the Tank Engine'.
- NEW Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August 1940's Weekend. A weekend of wartime nostalgia.
- August Bank Holiday Weekend 29th-31st August Buckinghamshire Railway Centre 40th Anniversary Gala. Celebration of our first public open day in 1969. Heritage DMU Shuttle Service (Monday)
- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September The National Association of Veteran Cyclists 53rd Annual Rally with various displays and activities.
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 'Day Out With Thomas' - 'Thomas the Tank Engine' returns for another fun-filled weekend.
- Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September Annual Traction Engine Rally. 20+ engines in steam. Fire engines, veteran cars, tractors and much more.
- Sunday 18th October Autumn Steam Gala. Plenty of action all day with a wide range of locomotives in steam.
- Wednesday 28th & Saturday 31st October Witches and Wizards Event. Two days of Halloween fun. Children's fancy dress competition.

Santa's Magic Steamings
On the weekends leading up to Christmas you can meet Father Christmas on his special steam train. There's a present for every child, seasonal refreshments for adults and a magic show for the whole family.
Advance booking is essential.
Telephone 01296 655720 For information.
Bookings open mid-September

Also don't miss... Guild Of Railway Artists 24th May - 21st June

WAMGOC Octagonal Run

Sunday 16th August 2009
Entry form

Name.....

Address.....
.....Post code

'phone.....*E-mail.....

MG Model.....Year.....Reg.....

All vehicles must be fully insured, taxed, and have appropriate MoT.

* Confirmation, by e-mail helps reduce our costs; we will not disclose your details to any third party.

Entry to Run @ £ 15.00 per car £ 15.00

Entry to Railway Centre	No. Adults	@ £7.20£.....
	No. Senior citizens	@ £6.40£.....
	No. of children over 5.....		@ £4.80.....	£.....
	Total cost			£.....

Cheques should be made payable to WAMGOC.

We hope you will want to take part in the day's activities at Quainton. So, sign on for the run, and then add the appropriate entry fee for you and your passengers.

Anyone who wishes to take part in the Octagonal Run, but whose entry has not been processed by 25th July cannot benefit from the WAMGOC bulk discount, but they can purchase tickets at the full price on the gate.

If you do not want to go into the museum or take part in the afternoon activities then apply for the run only. You are able to pay at the gate if you change your mind. £9.00 for adults or £8.00 for senior citizens.

We understand that limited toilet facilities will be available outside the paying zone. We will inform you if this cannot be provided.

**Send the completed form with your cheque to David Lloyd, 15 Penmoor Close,
High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4BU.**