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Keith's Bit

WAMGOC Octagonal Run,

Sunday 14th. August 2005.

It's finally here, the most important event of the WAMGOC year. We've got a great route set for you, taking in place's of interest that have not been covered on an Octagonal Run before. If you've still not booked we can find you a place at a push, then you can join in with the fun.

We start and finishing at The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, the run will be an 80/90 mile drive through the Chiltern Hills and Thames Valley, with lunchtime stop at Speen.

We've done all forms of 'horse power' in the past - cars, planes and trains - so this time we're doing the real thing! The venue will be The Home of Rest for Horses at Speen (this was where Sefton lived following the Hyde Park bombing some years ago).

The site contains around 100 horses, a visitor centre and, most importantly, loos! The whole site is on the flat and the area around the horses is tarmac and you can walk around them under a canopy just in case it should rain. (It won't!)

Entrants are invited to bring carrots to feed the horses - apparently they must not be given apples or other food, only carrots or Polos!

Even if people aren't interested in horses the centre is situated on top of the Chilterns and the scenery is stunning, so all we need is a sunny day!

Coffee will be available in the morning, with tea and Chris's cakes at the end in the pavilion back at The Royal Grammar School.

Entrants will receive a Rally board and finisher plaque, with full route instructions given out on the day. Remember any surplus amounts of money made from the run will be given in memory of long time member Margaret Mealing, to the Ian Renee Hospice at home charity, which looked after her in the latter part of her illness.

It's important that you're there to help us have a good day and raise a good sum for the charity. Offers of help will always be well received.

WAMGOC WAMBLE

This years WAMGOC Wamble takes place on Sunday 7th August. We are planning to start in Marlow at Arthur's home in the morning and walk to Hurley for a picnic lunch and return to Arthur and Angela's for one of their fabulous cream teas. If you need further details, contact Arthur Magee or look in the June WAMGOC newsletter.

Treasure Hunt

The WAMGOC Treasure Hunt took place on Sunday 10th July and everyone had a great time.



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Jim & Pat Maude, last years winner set a very challenging event which was won by Graham & Jill Cooper, with David & Anne LeBreton coming second.



Over a good lunch Dave jokingly said that he was pleased that everyone got round without any breakdowns in view of the events of our French holiday. Then on the way home he came across the BGT of Roger Haynes's that had stopped at the front of a big trail of water with his engine minus a core plug. Roger's luck was out again.

Well done to Graham & Jill and all who took part and of course a big 'Thank you' to Jim & Pat for all their hard work, organizing the day.

Silverstone 2005, The MG Car Clubs 75th Birthday Celebration, July 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

My plan of attending Silverstone this year to see Ian Tapner & TJ take part in the MGCC sprint competition was spoilt by the worst days weather we'd had in weeks. (years).

So those WAMGOC members who had gone along on the Saturday had made the best choice.

Still there was much to see under cover, with displays of MGAs on their 50th Birthday, the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the BMC Competitions Department with the largest-ever gathering of 'Comps' cars and personnel present to mark the day and the 2005 Le Mans class winning MG Lola on display, but when all else failed there was always the beer tent for a pint and a sit down. The rain rather put a dampener on the event for me, as there was no chance to get out and see the thousands of MGs that had come for the weekend. Lets hope the weather will be better next year!

Four Pot Callipers

Now available from Hoyle Engineering, upgraded four pot front break callipers and vented disc's. This will give you're A, B or V8 20% more stopping power! If you are interested stopping more effectively give John a call on 02083932555 or email john@hoyle-engineering.co.uk.

Vintage Vehicle Weekend,

Over the weekend of the 27th/ 29th August a display of Vintage Vehicles from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s has been arranged at The Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Chinnor. This will be a good day out for all the family over the Bank holiday weekend. So why not go and take a look, have a ride on the trains, indulge in a cream tea and view some lovely Classic cars?

I've got more information and a timetable if you need it!

WAMGOC CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2005

Will take place on Sunday 11th December 2005 at 12.30pm for 1pm at Capriccio Italian Restaurant, Hazlemere Crossroads, and the cost will be £20 per person (excluding drinks)

The menu choices will be available soon and the places will go fast, so to make sure you are not disappointed please indicate to Sue Knowles ASAP that you are interested and book as soon as you can.

Simply the Best Nominations.

Please note our AGM takes place at the November meeting and its important that all members are there, to help us plan for another successful year of WAMGOC MGing in 2006, our Twentieth year!

The JP's 'Simply the best' Trophy

A few years ago the family of founder WAMGOC member John Poyser donated a trophy in his memory, to the club to be awarded to a non-committee member who shows support and commitment to the club each year. It is awarded to the member who the committee feel best represents the attributes which John showed as a club member, i.e. always the first to put his hand up to support club events, be willing to welcome new members even though he was not a committee member and be willing to help anyone who had an MG problem. A sort of 'Quiet Ambassador' for the club.

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So get your thinking caps on.

Is there someone from our membership who you think deserves this great honour?

This person can be nominated by any club member, and the committee will make the final choice in the event of more than one member being put forward. Nominations to myself by the 1st October 2005, please.

Totally MG is back at Kempton Park on October the 2nd, for this one-day part indoor MG show, which is jointly run between the three major MG clubs. This could be your last chance to pick up any bargains for your winter rebuild. Phone 01954 231125 / 01235 555552 for details and bookings.

WAMGOC DIARY DATES

August

Wed 3rd Monthly Meeting, The Gate.

Sun 7th WAMGOC WAMBLE.

Sun 14th WAMGOC Octagonal Run 2005.

September

Wed 7th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 11th Abingdon Works Car Show, Abingdon, Oxon.

October

Sun 2nd Totally MG, Kempton Park.

Wed 5th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

November

Wed 2nd WAMGOC AGM & Monthly Meeting, The Gate

4th/6th National Classic Car Show, NEC, Birmingham.

December

Wed 7th Monthly Meeting, and Christmas Quiz @The Gate

Sun 11th WAMGOC Christmas Lunch

St. Tiggeywinkles needs your old towels.

St. Tiggeywinkles, the wild life animal hospital, in Haddenham usually has approximately 400 hedgehogs in their hospital wards and is in constant

need of old towels. Instead of using towels to soak up old engine oil, grease and general garage spillage why not donate them to the hedgehogs. Convalescing hedgehogs really appreciate your old towels to cuddle up in. Please give any unwanted towels direct to Tiggeywinkles or to Gerry and Joyce who will pass them on to the hospital. Many thanks, Gerry and Joyce.

I received the following e-mail from Janet & Rodger Harris; it seems a good, simple idea. I do however believe there is a generation problem here, I don't often have my mobile 'phone with me, but if I have, my next of kin hasn't. For the mobile 'phone generation it is an excellent idea.

East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "in case of Emergency" (ICE) campaign with the support of Faulklands War hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodaphone's annual life savers award.

The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile 'phone address book and against it enter the number of the person you want to be contacted "in case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation, ambulance and hospital staff will be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are, and are able to contact them.

It's so simple, please do it.

What a difference a day makes Silverstone 2005

Saturday:



Hoads of T types.



A Wolsley Hornet Special about to be overtaken by a gaggle of T types. The Hornet with it's pre-select gearbox had taken the lead from the start, but was to finish in it's correct place.

Photos taken on Sunday are all taken under cover, in what turned out to be the wettest MGCC Silverstone I can remember.



An historic racing Lola MG ex 2005 Le Mans.



Special MGAs

Wamgoc Lot Valley Tour 2005

Joan and Ken Proud (organisers)

Margaret and Alan Jones

Janet and Roger Harris

Roger Haynes

Ann and Roy Richardson

Jacky and Trevor Cox

The following is a diary of our enjoyable and eventful time in France - Written by Jacky and ably assisted by everyone else.

Fri 10

Five MGs left Beaconsfield at 15.30 on Friday afternoon to arrive at the Devil's Punch Bowl in Hindhead, Surrey, a mere 1 ½ hrs later, where we met Ken and Joan. Fortified by various beverages, we set off for Portsmouth. After boarding the ferry and finding our cabins for the overnight crossing, we had an enjoyable dinner in the restaurant and retired to the bar where we were entertained by a couple of illusionists.

Sat 11

We had an early call at 6am and met for breakfast wearing matching t-shirts thoughtfully provided by Roy - with a little help from Xerox. We left the boat at 8.30 for our long journey down to the Lot Valley. Unfortunately, after about twenty miles, we suffered our first casualty. Roger Haynes broke down and within a very short time our budding mechanics had the rocker cover off his engine and discovered that he had a seized valve. The European breakdown service was called and we waved "au revoir" to Roger for the time being. The rest of us carried on our way with promises to meet up

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with him later. We lunched at Theil de Bretagne where we had wonderful toasties which arrived two at a time every ten minutes, washed down with disgusting coffee served in tiny cracked cups. We arrived at our hotel, Le Cheval Blanc, Vouille, to find our sleepy village was full of bikers who were there for a convention. We were met by Roger, who had arrived some time earlier and arranged somewhere to park, not easy when the whole village was full of motorbikes. Roger's day hadn't improved, for he had scraped a local's car and been threatened by five burly French men. After booking in, we helped him drown his sorrows over a few drinks and then made our way to the hotel restaurant. We were all starving and sat down to our first proper French meal. Oh! No! The starter Jacky had thought to be chicken turned out to be snails!

Sun 12

We left after breakfast for the final part of our journey. The roads in France aren't busy, but we saw two bad accidents involving caravans, one of which had been turned over and must surely have been written off, the other caravan was in a ditch. After a stop in Bellac for lunch, we arrived at our gite at about six thirty, having missed our turning on the final leg of our journey, and coping with Ken and Joan's now overheated MG. We were greeted by Peter and Caro, our genial hosts, offering wine and nibbles and a long list of house rules. They had booked us into a restaurant at Capdenac for dinner, which served duck, duck and more duck. We experienced the first of our summer storms, which carried on well into the night.

Mon 13

After breakfast, we all set off for the supermarket. Unfortunately, even after lots of TLC, Ken and Joan's MG overheated once again, just round the corner from our new home. After making sure they got home ok, we continued our journey to the supermarket, where we bought lots of food and charcoal for our forthcoming BBQ. We had lunch at home and a lazy afternoon sorting out Ken's car, sunbathing and swimming in our pool. Unfortunately, our BBQ wouldn't light and we were forced to move indoors due to another summer storm. Flies were becoming a bit of a problem, but the reason why was soon evident, when Roger Haynes found a cat poo behind his chair! He very bravely volunteered to clear it up and we continued with dinner preparation. During dinner, Joan had a glass of red wine knocked over her, which also went all over the carpet. We found, to our great delight, that pouring white wine on top of red wine really does remove the stain.

Tue 14

After a late breakfast of fresh bread and croissants bought from the supermarket that morning by Ken and Trev, we all went to the nearby town of Figeac, where Roger needed to sort out paperwork for his car. Margaret and Alan went with Roger to offer moral support, while the rest of us went on a walking tour of Figeac.

We then met up for lunch, where Roger flirted outrageously with Christine, the bar owner. After lunch, we headed off for the supermarket. Amongst other things, we bought ourselves a grid for the BBQ, some bigger charcoal, a large box of prawns and some ice cream. The shopping was loaded

into the back of Roger's Peugeot hire car and we set off for home. Somewhere along the way, we lost Roger and it was some time before he and our now soft ice cream arrived home.

BBQ no 2 was much better, in spite of the charcoal turning out to be vine roots, but we were once again hampered by storms.

Wed 15

We went to the pretty medieval town of Conques.



The five remaining MGs attracted a lot of attention wherever we went, with waves and smiles and priority at junctions. However, Roger, driving a Peugeot, was treated as a French man and had none of the same considerations, which often led to us slowing down to allow him to catch up. Having taken a wrong turn leaving Conques, we took a picturesque route home, adding about 50 miles to our journey. We arrived back late and dined on ham, eggs and chips at 9pm washed down with (the usual) copious amounts of red wine. The day was marred slightly when Roger and Janet discovered that 800 cigarettes had been taken from the back of their car.

Thu 16

We visited the lovely town of St Cirq Lapopie where we spent most of the day and ate lunch. Coming home, we got held up in road works. Unlike in England, where half of the road would be repaired at a time, the French had dug the whole road up and we had to drive about quarter of a mile through what amounted to little more than a gravel trap. Apart from that, we found French roads a joy to drive on, with none of the usual speed cameras that we British have to put up with. Perhaps the French raise revenue via toll roads, rather than fining unwary motorists for exceeding the speed limit. Back at the gite, barbecue number three was a roaring success and attracted envious glances from our hosts who were also barbecuing in their adjacent property.

Fri 17

Janet was startled by a mouse running over her foot in the kitchen while she was preparing breakfast, but by now the unusual was becoming the norm. Today we visited Rocamadour,



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where we had lunch and then returned home to "chill out" by the pool, followed by an evening barbecue. We had decided to have prawns on the menu, but after turning out the fridge and the freezer to no avail, they were eventually found in the back of Roger's Peugeot - completely inedible having been bought on Tuesday!

Sat 18

After breakfast, some of us went to the market in Figeac and others stayed at the gite. When we returned from the market, it was to the news that Alan had been taken to hospital. After feeling unwell for some days, it was decided that it would be sensible for him to see a doctor. Our host, Caro drove Alan and Margaret to hospital in Figeac where he was given a very thorough MOT. A consultation, blood tests, an x-ray and an ECG, took only 1hr 10 mins. Our National Health Service has a lot to learn! After an afternoon round the pool, we readied ourselves for dinner in Figeac. Before we left, we lined up the MGs to have publicity photos taken by our hosts. They would be used for advertising, in order to attract more people like ourselves to their gite.

Sun 19

After an early breakfast, we loaded our cars and set off on our long journey home, waved off by Caro and Peter. After a stop for lunch in Bellac, we continued on our way. Ken and Joan were leading and after a time Joan's calm voice came over the walkie-talkie saying "Slow down everyone, I think there's been an accident ahead. Yes folks, we need to stop - a plane has landed on the road!" Thankfully, nobody was hurt and we watched in fascination as a handful of people

tried to push a light aircraft off the N147. We arrived at our first overnight stop in Loudun with no more incidents, where we had an enjoyable dinner and a reasonably early night.

Mon 20

The day dawned cloudy and cool, which was a relief after the hot weather we had been having. We left the hotel just before nine, but an hour later had to stop when the cylinder head gasket blew on Trev and Jacky's TF. After a long wait, the rescue services arrived and they were waved off on a breakdown truck. Alas, it was time for everyone else to part company too. Roger, Alan and Margaret to Roger's house in Brittany, and Roy and Ann to visit their friends in Monteneuf, also in Brittany. Ken, Joan, Roger and Janet continued their journey to St Malo where it was hoped that they would meet up with Jacky and Trev later. They finally arrived in time for dinner, driving the second hire car of the holiday, to meet up with the others, who had arrived some time earlier. After dinner, we decided to go for a walk, but were unwilling witnesses to a motorbike accident, which happened not far from the hotel. We had seen it from some distance away and by the time we arrived, things were well in hand and the ambulance was on its way.

Tuesday 21

The final day of our holiday. We joined the ferry at St Malo in the morning, having driven approx 1300 miles and after a good crossing went to the car deck ready to disembark at Portsmouth. All's well that ends well, you're all thinking. NO SUCH LUCK!!! The clutch had gone in Roger and

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Janet's MG and we had to push them off the ferry. The rest of us were ushered through customs, where Jacky and Trev went to swap their French hire car for an English model and Ken and Joan waited to hear news of our third MG casualty. Roger and Janet were eventually picked up by roadside rescue and taken home to Hazlemere.

Update

Ken and Joan's V8 went to Summits to look at the overheating problem.

Roger and Janet's B went to Summits and to have the clutch problems investigated.

Roger Haynes BGT was brought home to Summits, where it was repaired and ready for his arrival back in England. Along with Alan and Margaret, Roger enjoyed a relaxing few days in Brittany before returning home. Ann and Roy arrived home safely on Saturday evening.

Jacky and Trev have still not been reunited with their TF which is somewhere in France.

Mike Smith tells me that all the cars are now ok and back with their owners. NB See report of the treasure hunt!

Talking of **Summit**, apart from their splendid efforts following the French Tour, Gary and the rest of the racing team have been excelling themselves in the last month.

The trip to France was a great success for all of them, and now following the Cadwell Park meeting, Ian is 2nd in class A, Gary leads class F by 22pts after another maximum score, and Kelly- Ann is 2nd in class Z.

Can Gary keep up his success? We hope so, and wish the team luck for the rest of the season.

Jazz Angels Jazz Gigs

July 2005

Thursday 7th Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus Mike Wills Sax

Sunday 10th Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus John Rolls Sax

Thursday 14th Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus Mike Wills Sax

Sunday 17th Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus Mike Wills Sax

Tuesday 19th The Old Bell, Wooburn. Jazz from Geoff featuring "The Usual Suspects"

Wednesday 20th Lynn Garner and Ken McCarthy celebrate 2 years at The Harrow in the Hughenden Valley

Thursday 21st Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus Mike Wills Sax

Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24th The Cookham Dean Jazz Festival see separate program

Sunday 24th Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus Peter O'Brian Guitar

Thursday 28th Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus Peter O'Brian guitar

Sunday 31st Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus Tony Woods Alto Sax

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Thursday 4th Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus John Rolls Sax

Sunday 7th Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus Mike Wills Sax

Thursday 11th Hedsor Social Club 8.30pm Clive Burton Quintet plus Mike Wills Sax

Sunday 14th Fifield Inn 8pm Century Jazz plus Peter O'Brian Sax

Several people have expressed an interest in the local jazz scene.

Above is a list of the local sessions, clearly most of them have already taken place, but it helps with the venues, and most months are similar. I get a regular update, if you want to know more contact your ed.

Arf's Bit

Now at the end, best place you say! Well I always do it last.

Another month "upset" by holidays, Pembrokeshire this time. A wonderful week of walking, sun bathing, and deputy grandson minder, all in fantastic weather.

I changed Silverstone to Saturday!!!!

Lots of activities next month, I hope to see you all taking part in all or some of them.

We have more photos this month, thanks to members for sending them.

To see them in clear, full colour visit our website.

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