



WAMGOC



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Winners of the last event of 2005, the WAMGOC PHOTOQUEST.

The Richardson/Townsend Terriers

WAMGOC Website

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Keith's Bit (with interruptions by Arf)

A Happy New Year to all of you. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas?

I do hope you are looking forward as much as I am to a fantastic year of MGing in 2006. Lets hope we see plenty of good weather for the events we have planned in our twentieth year?

WAMGOC Christmas Quiz.

Our Christmas Quiz took place at The Gate on Wednesday the 7th December.

Thanks to Jane & Stan Best last year's winners who did a great job of setting the questions for us. The evening was spent pondering over the answers, some proving to be very difficult with some very brain numbing sections and I know we were all very relieved when it was all over and the winners were announced.

On the ball with the most right answers were David & Sharon Elbourne, who now have the honour of organizing next year's quiz. Well done to Stan & Jane for organizing the evening and David & Sharon for winning.

WAMGOC Pre Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 11th December 39 members enjoyed an excellent pre-Christmas lunch at Capriccio Italian Restaurant, Hazlemere Crossroads, for a completely turkey-free Christmas celebratory meal. The staff at Capriccio looked after us so well and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Janet Harris for organizing the feast.



Looking left.



Looking right

WAMGOC Photo quest

Over thirty WAMGOC members and friends took part in this year's post Christmas Photographic Quest and lunch in Cookham on Tuesday 27th December.



Bill Abbott braved the sub zero temperatures to motor from Chesham in his beautiful TF, shaming many of us who used our air-conditioned boxes to travel no distance at all!

After meeting in the car park of the King's Arms between 10 & 10.30am, small groups of members and friends set off to walk around the village in search of the answers to the set questions. It was frosty and bright as we started, but that didn't stop everyone enjoying a pleasant if cold mornings walk. What really got everyone through was the thought of a pint and some dinner in a nice warm pub afterwards.

The idea as usual was to search through pictures of objects from the sides of houses, chimney pots, gate post, and other unusual items taken from different angles, finding their locations and the answering a question about that location. The only twist was that there was no set route and the pictures aren't in the right order.



For those who have not taken part in a Photoquest, above is a typical clue. The inset box showing an alarm was our photo, the main picture is the alarm on the Barnside Garage.

We were asked, "how high?"

Answer 2.5m Obvious! Ah! almost every building in Cookham has an alarm.

On arrival back at the pub our organizers Sue & Phil Knowles and Ian Tapner were waiting to mark the answers. After a good warm and a fine lunch,



Sue announced that the winners and next year's event organizers were Dave & Shirley Townsend and Roy & Ann Richardson. Announcing the result was one thing, making the presentation in a packed bar was another; the above photos are edited highlights!

Runners up, at their first attempt, were Peter Clements and family, while Pat and Roger Anderson skilfully came a very close third. Well done to them all and many thanks to Sue, Phil and Ian for all their hard work and giving us such a wonderful day.

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

As has now become the custom, we'll be holding our Photographic Competition at our February meeting – so now's the time to check you have a suitable entry for both categories – or if not get the old Kodak or that new digital camera and start clicking away over the next few weeks to make sure you can join in the fun.

As usual, there will be the two categories – Best Photo and Funniest Photo and the only criteria are that the photos must have been taken during 2005 and must be MG related (however remotely!)

Please get your entries to me by or just after the January 2006 meeting.

I am sure the standard will be as high, if not higher, than usual!

The MG Show & Spares Day will take place at Stoneleigh on the 19th February 2006 from 10am till 4pm.

Autojumble, trade stands, club displays and cars for sale, make this event a must for every MG owner.

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Price £10 on the door or £8 in advance on 01568 797881 or @ www.mgshow.co.uk

It was decided that next years Octagonal Run would take place on Sunday 20th. August 2006. Please make a note of this in your diaries, as it is important that you're there to help us have a good day and raise a good sum for our charity. Suggestions and offers of help will always be well received. Watch this space for details of forthcoming WAMGOC events.

If you didn't know WAMGOC will be twenty years old on the 25th June 2006. Our anniversary Barn Dance takes place on Saturday 17th June 2006 at Hazlemere Community Centre. Lookout for full details in the newsletter after Christmas and book this date in your diary.

Home Counties South Regional Secretary Nigel Hedges and South West Regional Secretary Tim Hipwell are organizing an Inter-Regional National/International MG Weekend at Cricket St.Thomas.

This will be a three-night stay with bed, breakfast and evening meal in five star accommodation. The Hotel, where the BBC TV series "To The Manor Born" was filmed, is exceptional with stunning scenery, high quality rooms, all set in rolling Somerset parkland.

The food is exceptional too from the full English breakfast to the 3/4 course evening meal, all included in the price.

A full programme has already been planned, including a trip to the Haynes Museum and a Gala Dinner with special guest Terry Waite planned for the Sunday night.

Dates are Friday 12th May to Monday 15th May 2006.

Cost is £199 per person.

Prompt booking is especially encouraged, quoting "MG Event" to Hazel

Malcolm at Warner's, Cricket St Thomas no: 01460 30111 or fax 01460 30817

or www.warnerbreaks.co.uk

Or call Nigel Hedges for more details at his work number (daytime only Mon-Sat) on 01202 555922.

Six WAMGCO members have already expressed and interest so you won't be alone if you book!

You have to be part of this great event!!!!

WAMGOC DIARY DATES

January

Wed 4th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

February

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting, WAMGOC Photo Competition 2006, The Gate

Sun 19th MG Show & Spares Day, Stoneleigh.

March

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 26th Spring Restoration Show Stoneleigh

April

Wed 5th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 9th MG Era Day, Brooklands.

Kimber Run. Bakewell

Thurs 20th-22nd Manx Classic Isle of Man

28th – 1st May Jersey Spring Rally

May

Wed 3rd Monthly Meeting, The Gate

12th/15th Inter-Regional MG Weekend at Cricket St.Thomas.

Sun 14th Regency Run

New Forest Run

June

Wed 7th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 11th Historic House Run

Cotswold Caper

Sat 17th WAMGOC Twentieth Anniversary

Calibration, Hazlemere Community Centre.

23rd/25th MGCC Silverstone International.

July

Wed 5th Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 30th Brooklands British Sports Car Day

August

Wed 2nd Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 20th WAMGOC Octagonal Run

September

Wed 6th Monthly Meeting, The Gate.

Sun 24th Totally MG, Epsom.

MGOC

An MG is Born

Double Disc DVD of the Discovery Channel restoration of a MGB roadster £19.99+£2.95pp
From mgownersclub.co.uk.

Arf's footnote

December was a very sociable month for WAMGOC members, the Christmas quiz club meeting, the Turkeyless lunch and the Photoquest, plus all those things you normally do in the pre Christmas/ New Year rush made my December one of the busiest and best for many years.

All the WAMGOC organised events were exceptionally well attended, but with only a few weeks to go they were in doubt due to your lack of commitment to the event. Please try to be more positive in future.

Another treat in December was the CAST panto. This year it was Treasure Island. Saturday evening was Adult Night when those with a naughty sense of humour are catered for. Chris Darbon starred as the principle boy and to everyone's amusement got attacked by waterpistols. In spite of getting very wet, she took it in good humour, and did not turn into a witch. A good night out, and cheap beer!

Your committee are at present trying to organise events for 2006, some like the Octagonal Run are established favourites, we are looking to tweek the details to avoid staleness. At the same time we would like to introduce new events, with or without our MGs. If you an idea for such an event please discuss your idea with any committee member. The idea need not be fully developed, nor will we assume that you can run such an event, but it would be nice.

My view of the purpose of WAMGOC is to provide enjoyment for members, based on the common interest of MG cars (R.I.P.) For my part I try to make this Newsletter as informative and entertaining as I can, but each month's Newsletter relies on you to provide most of the copy it contains. I hope last year was good, please help me make 2006 better. Thanks.

The following merry quips were provided by Harry Tapner (father of Sue and Ian). Harry's health has not been too good in the last few months; we all wish him a better 2006. Harry has made many contributions in the past; we look forward to many more in the future.

CONTROL TOWER CONVERSATIONS!

The following are actual exchanges between Airline pilots and Control Towers around the world.

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles".

Delta 351: "Give us another clue we have digital watches!"

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"TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 degrees".

"Centre, we are at 35000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

"Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

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A student became lost during a solo cross country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on RADA, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for take-off." A DC10 had come in rather fast and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

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San Jose Tower: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

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more later.

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May I wish you all
A Happy New Year.