



WAMGOC

Newsletter

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Photo Shirley Townsend

WAMGOC celebrate St Georges Day at Cricket St Thomas.

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The computer normally used to produce this newsletter went sick the day before going to print, the effort below is the result of combining what was left of my computer and Angela's laptop, thanks Ang.

**A Warm welcome John O'Brien and his 1500 Midget.
We hope you enjoy belonging to WAMGOC.**

Keith's Bit.

Stokenchurch Dog Rescue, Country Fair & Dog Show, at Laurel Farm, Thame Road, Longwick, HP27 9SF.

Our friends at the rescue are holding a fete on Sunday 4th July from 10.30am till 4.00pm and we would like as many members as possible to attend and some would hopefully bring their MG's along to display.

I know its holiday time and that a lot of you will only have arrived home from our French trip the day before, but I need a commitment from members now to come and show their cars for a few hours. So if you can help please let me have your name ASAP.

Our local area Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club are holding their annual BBQ at the Wycombe Height's Golf Club on the Tuesday 17th August and Tim and Alan their secretaries, have invited us to join them again this year. The format for the evening is 'Bonnets Up', so please bring as many MG's as possible. The golf club are organizing the BBQ and knowing their quality the food will be excellent as well as good value at £10.95 each.

All you need to do is let me have your name and a cheque by 1st August.

BBQ Menu

6oz Burger/Cheeseburger

Jacket Potato with Butter

Marinated Chicken Wings

Mixed salad

Hotdogs

Fried Onions

Our next **Informal Gathering** will take place on Sunday 25th July 12 noon at The Firecrest, Wendover.

Please add this to your dairies.

No need to book, just turn up early. These events always attract large numbers of members and friends, who enjoy getting out and using their MG's. Come along and join us!

Do you know any good pubs that do excellent food? Then please let us know! We are looking for new venues for this summer's informal gatherings. Please pass the details on to me or any member of the committee and we'll check them out.

WAMGOC Charity 2010.

At our April meeting it was decided that the charity we will be supporting this year will be the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust which provides a life saving service 365 days a year, covering the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

As you know the Octagonal Run is the main event in our calendar and it's also a great way to support our charity by booking your place on the run.

Carl Undrey from the Trust attended the May Club Meeting to tell us about the Air Ambulance service. He gave a very good talk and told us all about their work and how each mission costs about £1200.

So we have decided that this will be our target. £1200 to fund at least one of the rescue missions, who knows how many lives we could save by giving just a little,

Angela has one of their collecting boxes which will be taken to club meetings/events for members to put their loose change in to help us raise funds for the Trust.

Please do all you can.

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**Have you signed up for the Octagonal Run?
if, not please do so on the form provided below.**

Future Dates

June

4th – 6th MGCC Silverstone Live
Sun 6th Southampton and New Forest MGO
New Forest Run
Sun 6th N Herefordshire & S Shropshire
Mountains and Valleys Run
June 26th to Sat 3rd July WAMGOC French
Holiday.

July

2nd – 4th Festival of Speed Goodwood
Sun 4th Glos MGO Cotswold Caper
Sun 4th Stokenchurch Dog Rescue Fair.
Sun 18th Epsom Area MGO Surrey run
Sun 18th Uxbridge Auto Show.
Sun 25th MGCC Summer Day Out The Wyne
Sun 25th Informal Gathering Firecrest Noon
Wed 28th Classics on the Common Harpenden

August

Sun 1st Malvern Classic Car Show
Sun 15th WAMGOC Octagonal Run.
Tues 17th Jaguar Enthusiasts Club BBQ

Sept.

Sun 5th West Sussex MGO Southdowns Run
Friday 11th /14th WAMGOC weekend, North
Yorkshire Moors.
17th 19th Revival Meeting Goodwood
Sat 25th Sunday 26th Kop hill climb
Sun 26th Wamgoc Canal Cruise.

CRICKET ST THOMAS 2010-FRIDAY 23RD TO MONDAY 26TH APRIL

Remember Penelope Keith in the TV series 'To the Manor Born '? Well that was the venue for another MG weekend away.

MG Owners' Club Southern Region and Area Secretaries had successfully run two previous weekends at Cricket St Thomas in 2006 and 2008,

and now by popular demand they had arranged another weekend for us incorporating St. George's Day celebrations. We had attended the last event and had a great time so decided to go again this year. As some of you know we do not have a trouble-free motoring in our MG; this trip was no exception. We left Marlow on Friday morning with my Golf and Ian in the MG. Despite the over-drive having malfunctioned in the MG, he had been assured that the car should run smoothly. I was taking no chances, and secretly I don't think Ian had much faith in his car arriving at Cricket St Thomas either. We travelled in convoy down the M4 and came off at the Basingstoke exit where I was to refuel my car. At this point Ian said that the MG was not running smoothly so it would be wiser to return home, garage the car and set out again in the Golf. Sandwiches made for the journey were eaten in our garden; then we departed for the trouble-free journey down to Cricket St Thomas.

Over 180 MG cars successfully arrived (we heard of three that didn't including ours!), and very fine they all looked in the hotel car parks.

Warners and the MG Owners' Club Southern Region put on a magnificent programme of events for us. We could choose any of the events to take part in or just do our own thing. We enjoy the country pursuits, and having previously put down our names for these events, we duly went along at the appointed time to take part in the rifle shooting. Others went for the archery or the clay pigeon shooting. Saturday morning was warm and sunny

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so it was delightful to walk over to the fields where the events were taking place and enjoy the competition and the banter that went along with it. It was great fun and Ian managed to shoot his way into the finals, but failed to bring home the bottle of champagne. Other people chose to take their cars out on prearranged runs around the surrounding countryside, either a 30-mile treasure hunt or a longer 100-mile run which could be done in shorter sections. However, many people just drove down to the coast visiting either Beer or Lyme Regis as it was such a sunny day. In the evening we celebrated St. George's Day, and without exception I think everyone did as requested and dressed in ensembles of red and white. Shirley and Dave provided WAMGOC Members with flags and red/white bowler hats to complement our outfits.



In the evening we sat at a very friendly table for eight people. One couple we already knew from the Club, but of the two other couples, one was originally from Cambridge but now residing in Newport Pagnell, and the other from Essex. It was very enjoyable to socialise with people as we tended to join the other WAMGOC friends after dinner in the theatre to enjoy the evenings'

entertainment. And enjoy it we certainly did- especially Neil Graham with his marvellous singing voice and his unique sense of humour. He knew exactly how to play his audience and was able to single out people of a certain age who own classic cars, for particular amusement. For all three nights he kept his audience crying with laughter, men and women alike, until he sang his final song and we walked back to our rooms, but never before 12:30 a.m.

Sunday was a day of mixed weather with showers of rain and thick mist on the hills in the morning. Ian and I had arranged to visit friends at Sidmouth for lunch, so we missed the St. George's Parade of MG cars. I believe some people made a huge effort decorating their cars. The car that won had red roses all over the bonnet and electrically operated flashing eye-lashes on the head-lamps. We were back at Cricket St Thomas in time for the pre-dinner drinks and the photo-call before the Gala Dinner. By now the sun was shining so we could pose outside the main house at Cricket St Thomas for a WAMGOC photo. Another delicious meal followed; speeches were kept to a minimum and very short, organisers were thanked and prizes awarded. A special mention to Sue Fenton who was MG Owners Club Southern Region Bookings Secretary and Treasurer, and Tim Hitwell another Regional Secretary. They were absolutely brilliant. Both were on hand all weekend, smiling, efficient and very helpful.

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This was our finale on the Sunday evening before we all left after breakfast Monday morning. All that was left was to say our farewells and promise each other and new friends we had met over the weekend that we will meet up again in 2012, then went out various ways home. On the Monday we had a trouble-free journey home in my Golf calling at Forde Abbey and Montacute House NT where we bumped into many Marlow friends who were visiting with our local branch of the National Trust. A most enjoyable weekend. We would recommend anyone to join us in 2012.

Margaret Pike 1/5/10

Thank you Margaret and Shirley.

New Forest Run – Sunday 6 June 2010

We are not sure how many cars from WAMGOC are going on the above run this year but are hoping we will again be presented with the special award for the farthest travelled club with the most entrants. So if you have been thinking about this run please make this year the time to visit this beautiful part of the country.

Once again we will be meeting for afternoon tea on Saturday 5th about 3.00pm at the Beachcomber Café on the seafront at Barton on Sea - all are welcome to join us.

If you need any further info give us a call on 01895 631615.

Shirley and Dave Townsend

Uxbridge Auto Show

Sunday 18th July 2010

10.00 am – 5.00 pm

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is presenting the 27th Annual Uxbridge Auto Show, a family show, its purpose to raise funds for numerous local charities. It is held on Hillingdon House farm site (previously known as the Middlesex Showground), Uxbridge next to A40.

The show is a display of approx 2000 vintage, veteran, classic and club vehicles, as well as new car displays and auto jumble, and attracts between 15000 and 20000 visitors. More details can be found on their website www.uxbridge-autoshow.com.

So why don't you give your MG an extra special clean and spend the day looking under bonnets and chatting to like minded car fanatics, or watch the marching band or motor bike stunt team performing in the arena. I am sure you will enjoy the day and it will bring back lots of memories of cars you used to own or learnt to drive in.

We expect to be the only MG club at the event so would like a large and varied display of both old and new cars, and it will be the perfect opportunity to recruit new members. So if you would like to join us, please complete the form below and return to Shirley and Dave Townsend, 7 Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8QY along

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with a cheque payable to WAMGOC for £5 per car by Friday 25th June (£10 per car and driver on the day, passengers extra). If you need any more information call us on 01895 631615.

I/we would like to bring my/our to the Uxbridge Auto Show on Sunday 18th July 2010.

Name

Telephone

Address

I/We enclose my/our cheque for £5 per car payable to WAMGOC

MGCC “Old Speckled Hen Run”

The eighteenth running of this event was once again supported by Green King, and followed the usual very successful format.

Even the weather followed the norm for recent years, cold, dull early morning for the run to Abingdon, brightening up while we enjoyed a complementary cup of tea/coffee, in the historic Sports Pavilion at Radley College.

Next up is the traditional good-natured queue for the loo.

New for 2010 was the mayhem at the start with half the field of 100 cars pushing to get underway, Not ideal for the older cars that should have been off early, and without a 20-minute delay.

The morning run would have been pleasant enough except it was bank holiday Sunday, so traffic was

heavy. Confronted with a blocked Burford High Street we improvised, retraced our route a couple of miles and went up the Windrush Valley and rejoined, at Shipston. A beautiful and worthwhile diversion. Our day then got better and better, the route followed minor, beautiful, traffic free roads.

Heading towards Bourton on the Hill we were instructed to turn left through gates onto a very long drive into the hills, finally arriving over an ornamental bridge to park in front of the unbelievable Indian style mansion, which was the inspiration for Brighton’s Pavilion.

The owners were very welcoming making the grounds and the Orangery (in case of rain) freely available. But it did not rain it was hot and gorgeous.



Excellent new venue Sezincote House

Picnic lunch was followed by a browse round the very interesting landscaped gardens, with lots of unusual plants and features.

The return run was all the Speckled Hen Run is renowned for, quiet rural roads, showing off the best of Oxfordshire’s rolling hills and picturesque villages.

Finally cream tea back at Radley.....Purrfick!

Arf.

This event is usually well supported by WAMGOC members, this year only Alan Dredge, John Taylor and myself were present.

You missed a good day!

Canal Boat Cruise/Pub Lunch on Sunday 26th September

As promised I have now arranged our outing to the Grand Union Canal for the above date. The boat will leave from :-

Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AD .

The boat will depart at 2.30 pm. and the cruise will last for approximately 90minutes.

Tea/coffee/bar will be available on board

Cost: Adult £7.75. Concessions £7.25. Children £4.50.

We plan to find a suitable canalside pub that we can meet at for lunch before driving to Pitstone Wharf for the cruise. Details will follow next month. Of course, you are very welcome to picnic and join us at 2.30pm at the wharf.

If you would like to join on this WAMGOC adventure! Please complete the attached form and send to Mrs. A. Magee, 31, Spinfield Mount, Marlow SL7 2JU together with cheque for the appropriate amount. Friends and family are most welcome to join us. (We need a minimum of 25 for the cruise to take place, so could I please have your forms back a.s.a.p.)

Angela Magee

Canal Boat Cruise 26th September 2.30 pm.

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Please reserve meAdultConcessions

Child..... Places

I enclose cheque for.....

WAMGOC Octagonal Run

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 fee for run

£ 25.00 per car

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This fee covers tulip route instructions, rally board, and entry for driver and one passenger to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Cheques should be made payable to WAMGOC.

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