



# WAMGOC

## Newsletter

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**Ken Proud's winning entry in Best Photograph class of our Photo Competition.  
"MGs wait for the Irish ferry."**

WAMGOC Website

[www.wamgoc.co.uk](http://www.wamgoc.co.uk)



**Runner-up in Best Photo. Angela Magee**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Best Photo. David Lloyd**

**Funniest Photos will be shown next month.**

## Keith's Bit.

### WAMGOC Charity for 2009.

At last month's meeting we asked members to vote on which of the three nominated charities that we will be helping in 2009.

The winner was Helen and Douglas House and a representative has been invited to come and tell us about their work. Arranged for the 1st April

Here's a little from their web site:

Helen and Douglas House is a registered charity providing respite and end of life care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions, as well as support and friendship for the whole family.

The two hospice houses are bright, vibrant and positive places, where the emphasis is on living life to the full, even when that life may be short. There are many families in the UK caring for a child or a young adult who has a life-shortening condition.

Caring for someone, often for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, over many years, can put an immeasurable strain upon the family. While families willingly invest love, energy and care, life becomes governed by the relentless timetable of nursing and medical needs. Relationships can suffer, careers may have to be abandoned, healthy brothers and sisters can feel left out and regular family activities and holidays can be rare. Families can often feel alone and afraid of their grief.

Children can stay at Helen House and young adults can stay at Douglas House, along with their families, for short periods of time for rest and recuperation, treatment of distressing symptoms, end of life care and support. Although these hospices are in Oxford, they provide care for our area of South Bucks. They have negligible funding from the NHS and are dependant on donations to enable them to provide a much needed service to the community.

For more details go to  
[www.helenanddouglas.org.uk](http://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk)

Our annual **Photographic Competition** took place in February at the Club meeting.

The standard of entries was, as usual, very high and we all enjoyed looking at the entries.

The voting was very close but after Arthur had counted up all the votes Ken Proud with his picture of MGs waiting for the ferry at Fishguard won the trophy for the Best Photo and I with a little help from a friend, won the trophy for the Funniest Photo. I'll be passing this on to AJ for letting me use the shot and because Chris had told me that I was not to bring another trophy home. Sorry Margaret!

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

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 marque 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.

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' up 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 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 meister' has been busy planning a route for the MGOC starting at The Royal Standard of England at Forty Green and finishing at The Rangers Gate, Windsor Great Park Stan I'm sure will come up with a very special route for our enjoyment.

Entry forms will be available at this months meeting or in Enjoying MG and you should book your place directly through MGOC HQ.

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Also if you could 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 life time opportunity and one not to be missed, so make sure you book now!

Roger Anderson, of Wamtours, tells me that bookings for this year's WAMGOC holiday to France at the end of June are going well, with the need now for the use of extra accommodation at a chateau nearby. This means that there is still plenty of room if you're still thinking of joining us. Details of the holiday can be found in last months newsletter, but please give Roger a call if you need to know more details or if you have any questions. Roger has been in France this month "doing a reconnaissance"

WAMGOC Newsletter by email.

If you would like to have our Newsletter e-mailed to you let Roy Richardson know your current email address and he will send it to you. This way you get your Newsletter quickly, in colour and we save a great deal in postage and package.  
Contact Roy ASAP.

Winchester MG Owners Club Annual **Cobweb Spin** will take place on Sunday 8th March 2009. Arrivals from 10 am onwards, ends after lunch, at IBM Club, Hursley Park, SO21 2JN, 4 miles south west of Winchester on the A3090.

Hursley Park provides a superb meeting place to chat to friends old and new and the clubhouse is warm and comfortable with coffee available from 10.a.m, bar and meals from 11.30.a.m.

Raffle, Lucky Programme.

Put it in your diary now!

Just turn up - no need to book.

[www.winchestermgoc.co.uk](http://www.winchestermgoc.co.uk)

Angela is busy organising this year's WAMGOC **WAMBLE** and Cream Tea, for late May/early June. With plans to visit the Dewdrop Inn at Hurley for a little lunch and after a nice walk, finishes with a cream tea at Arthur and Angela's back in Marlow. Preliminary details in this month's Newsletter.

Travel Destinations the **MGOC Travel Club** have published their plans for 2009.

MG Holland, Ireland and Brittany are all back again with MG Spain returning 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 is also included.

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](mailto:rogermacklin1@aol.com) See ad.

Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival takes place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Stony Stratford is a delightful 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.

Forthcoming Dates

**March**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Sunday 8th Winchester MG Owners Club Annual Cobweb Spin.

**April**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Royal Windsor MG Heritage Festival, Frogmore Parade Ground.

**May**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Beaconsfield Car & Bike Show.

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Regency Run Brooklands to Brighton.

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Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Epping MGOC, Bressington Steam Museum Run.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Old Speckled Hen Run. Radley College, Abingdon.

### June

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Ashley Green Faire, HP5 3PJ.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Arden MG Heritage Run.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> New Forest Run.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Festival, Stony Stratford.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Cotswold Caper

### July

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Uxbridge Auto Show

### Aug

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Octagonal Run (Provisional.)

### Sept

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Southdowns Run

## Arf's Bit

A big thanks to all who submitted pics for the Photo Competition, the standard was fantastic.

February has been statistically a very average month, but has been in two quite distinct halves.

The first half was very cold with an abnormal amount of frost and snow in our part of the world, while the second part has been dryer and warmer than average. The result has been an unforgettable if average month.

The photo below was taken in Switzerland in the first half following a prolonged freezing rainstorm. Perhaps we should be thankful for small mercies.



**Hambleden. Thames Valley Classic & Sports Car Show.** 10<sup>th</sup> May. Noon to 3.00pm. Sounds like a fantastic picnic. Details next month.

I had several inquires as to the location of the garden shown on the cover of last month's mag. As only Angela went there I was unable to answer. I can now disclose that it was Sissinghurst Castle in Kent. TN17 2AB.

The extensive gardens are all really beautiful, so worth a visit. After the Southdowns Run?

## 4 Things you may not know about your mobile 'phone.

Here are a few things that you can do at times of emergency.

Your mobile could be a lifesaver.

### First Emergency.

The emergency number worldwide for mobiles is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.

### Second. You have locked the car keys in the car.

Does your car have a remote keyless entry? This could be handy! If you have a spare key at home, call someone at home on their mobile 'phone, from your mobile.

Hold your mobile about a foot from your car and have the person at home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile 'phone at their end. Your car will unlock.

### Third. Hidden battery power.

Imagine your battery power is very low. To activate the reserve press the keys \*3370#. Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery power. This reserve will be recharged when you charge your mobile next time.

### Fourth. How to disable a stolen mobile 'phone.

Check and record your mobiles serial number by keying in \*#06#.

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This is unique to your handset.

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Write it down and keep it safe. If your 'phone is stolen, you can call your service provider and give them this code. They can block your handset, so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your 'phone will be totally useless. This will not get your 'phone back, but offers a degree of protection from fraud and makes you feel better as cannot be used or sold on.

### WAMGOC WAMBLE

Has been arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

The format will be to meet in the car park of The Dew Drop Inn, Hurley, Nr Maidenhead. SL6 6RB. Tel 01628 824327 at 10.15am.

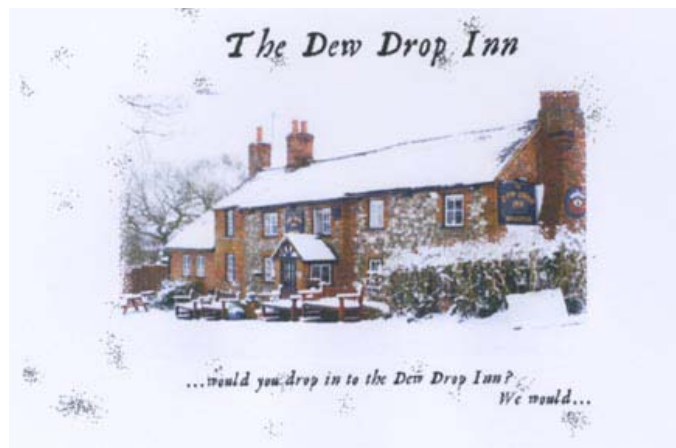
Full information about the pub can be found on their web site; [www.thedewdropinn.co.uk](http://www.thedewdropinn.co.uk).

We will then walk down hill to the river at Hurley, a short walk along the riverbank and back up through the wooded slopes returning to The Dew Drop for lunch.

Non-walkers are welcome to join us at this time 12.30pm

After lunch we will send you on a tour of Berks, Bucks, Oxon borders while we prepare Cream Teas at "Niarbyl". 3.00pm.

In order that the pub and the Magees can organise the catering, please complete the form on P9.



### Article from Punch in 1957

Just so everyone understands how easy it is to get screwed... American in origin but published in "Punch" on April 3, 1957 but VERY pertinent to what's happening today!

Q: What are banks for?

A: To make money.

Q: For the customers?

A: For the banks.

Q: Why doesn't bank advertising mention this?

A: It would not be in good taste. But it is mentioned by implication in references to reserves of \$249,000,000,000 or thereabouts. That is the money they have made.

Q: Out of the customers?

A: I suppose so.

Q: They also mention Assets of \$500,000,000,000 or thereabouts. Have they made that too?

A: Not exactly. That is the money they use to make money.

Q: I see. And they keep it in a safe somewhere?

A: Not at all. They lend it to customers.

Q: Then they haven't got it?

A: No.

Q: Then how is it Assets?

A: They maintain that it would be if they got it back.

Q: But they must have some money in a safe somewhere?

A: Yes, usually \$500,000,000,000 or thereabouts. This is called Liabilities.

Q: But if they've got it, how can they be liable for it?

A: Because it isn't theirs.

Q: Then why do they have it?

A: It has been lent to them by customers.

Q: You mean customers lend banks money?

A: In effect. They put money into their accounts, so it is really lent to the banks.

Q: And what do the banks do with it?

A: Lend it to other customers.

Q: But you said that money they lent to other people was Assets?

A: Yes.

Q: Then Assets and Liabilities must be the same thing?

A: You can't really say that.

Q: But you've just said it! If I put \$100 into my account the bank is liable to have to pay it back, so

it's Liabilities. But they go and lend it to someone else, and he is liable to have to pay it back, so it's Assets. It's the same \$100 isn't it?

A: Yes, but....

Q: Then it cancels out. It means, doesn't it, that banks haven't really any money at all?

A: Theoretically.....

Q: Never mind theoretically! And if they haven't any money, where do they get their Reserves of \$249,000,000,000 or thereabouts??

A: I told you. That is the money they have made.

Q: How?

A: Well, when they lend your \$100 to someone they charge him interest.

Q: How much?

A: It depends on the Bank Rate. Say five and a-half percent. That's their profit.

Q: Why isn't it my profit? Isn't it my money?

A: It's the theory of banking practice that.....

Q: When I lend them my \$100 why don't I charge them interest?

A: You do.

Q: You don't say. How much?

A: It depends on the Bank Rate. Say a half percent.

Q: Grasping of me, rather?

A: But that's only if you're not going to draw the money out again.

Q: But of course I'm going to draw the money out again! If I hadn't wanted to draw it out again I could have buried it in the garden!

A: They wouldn't like you to draw it out again.

Q: Why not? If I keep it there you say it's a Liability. Wouldn't they be glad if I reduced their Liabilities by removing it?

A: No. Because if you remove it they can't lend it to anyone else.

Q: But if I wanted to remove it they'd have to let me?

A: Certainly.

Q: But suppose they've already lent it to another customer?

A: Then they'll let you have some other customers money.

Q: But suppose he wants his too....and they've already let me have it?

A: You're being purposely obtuse.

Q: I think I'm being acute. What if everyone wanted their money all at once?

A: It's the theory of banking practice that they never

would.

Q: So what banks bank on, is not having to meet their commitments?

YOU GOT IT?

### Three Pints

Paddy walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the corner of the room, drinking a sip out of each pint in turn. When he had finished all three, he went back to the bar and ordered three more.\*

The barman says, "You know a pint goes flat soon after I pull it ...

your pint would taste better if you bought one at a time."\*

Paddy replies, "\*\* \*\*"Well now, I have two brodders, one is in America

and de odder in Australia and here I am in Dublin . When we all left home, we promised dat we'd drink dis way to remember de days we all drank togedder."\*

The barman admits that this is a nice custom and says no more.\*

Paddy becomes a regular customer and always drinks the same way ...

ordering three pints and drinking a sip out of each in turn until they

are finished. One day, he comes in and orders just two pints. All the

other regulars in the bar notice and fall silent.\*

When he goes back to the bar for the second round, the barman says, "I

don't want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to offer my condolences

Paddy looks confused for a moment, then the penny drops and he starts

to laugh, "Oh no," he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine! Tis me ... I've quit drinking!"\*

This joke comes from Neil Cairns better known for his excellent writings on all things technical.

## WAMGOC REGALIA

Spring is round the corner and the time when your car and you go on show is approaching. So now is the time to get out, or is it throw out the club uniform and replace it with new gear.

**Clothing:** The following are some standard items supplied embroidered with the Wycombe Area club logo. The club number can be omitted.  
Additional items and others colours are available. Ask to see catalogue.

**Club Colours:** Bottle Green with Gold embroidered logo.

Page	<b>Jerzees T-Shirt</b>	100% Cotton (31 colours available)	
<b>10</b>	<b>ZT180</b>	<b>Sizes S/M/L/XL/2XL</b>	
		<b>£11.25 each</b>	
38	<b>Jerzees S/S Polo Shirt</b>	Poly/Cotton (16 colours available)	
	<b>539M</b>	<b>Sizes XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL</b>	<b>£14.25</b>
		<b>each</b>	
38	<b>Jerzees Ladies S/S Polo Shirt</b>	Poly/Cotton (11 colours available)	
	<b>539F</b>	<b>Sizes XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL</b>	<b>£14.25</b>
		<b>each</b>	
55	<b>Fruit of Loom L/S Polo Shirt</b>	100% Cotton (7 colours available)	
	63-306-0	<b>Sizes S/M/L/XL/2XL</b>	<u>£15.75 each</u>
62	<b>Jerzees Sweatshirt</b>	50/50 Poly/cotton (17 colours available)	from £17.00
	<b>762M</b>	<b>Sizes XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL</b>	<b>to</b>
		<b>£18.00</b>	
66	<b>Jerzees Polo Sweatshirt</b>	20% Poly/80% Cotton (8 colours available)	
	<b>O12M</b>	<b>Sizes S/M/L/XL/2XL</b>	
		<b>£19.95 each</b>	
126	<b>Front Row Rugby Shirt</b>	100% Cotton (13 colours available)	from £22.25
	<b>FRO1</b>	<b>Sizes S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL</b>	<b>to</b>
		<b>£23.25</b>	
87	<b>Results Arctic Fleece Jacket</b>	Reversible (10 colours available)	
	<b>R16X</b>	<b>Sizes XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL</b>	<b>£31.00</b>
		<b>each</b>	

### Other items available:

Enamel/Plastic Badge	£2.50 each	Windscreen Sticker	
£1.00 each WAMGOC Keyring		£2.50 each	WAMGOC Car Grille
Badge	£7.50 each		

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Alternatively you can contact me direct on Tel: 01494 716675

Email: [harrisjanet29@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harrisjanet29@yahoo.co.uk) or

Post to Mr J Harris, 94 Marys Mead, Hazlemere, Bucks HP15 7DY

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**WAMGOC WAMBLE**

I/WE WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE WALK NUMBER .....

I/WE WISH TO HAVE LUNCH NUMBER.....

I/WE WISH TO HAVE CREAM TEA NUMBER.....

NAME(S) ..... CONTACT NO .....

Please send to **Angela Magee “Niarbyl” 31 Spinfield Mount, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2JU**

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Hi All you internetters. Maybe you already know this, but I thought it was important enough to tell you anyway. Janet Harris.

**FIRST, MANY PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE OF \*\*The main difference between http:// and https:// is it's all about keeping you secure\*\***

**HTTP stands for HyperText Transport Protocol, which is just a fancy way of saying it's a protocol (a language, in a manner of speaking) for information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients.**

**The important thing is the letter S that makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS.**

**The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure".**

**If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://.**

**This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.**

**This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http website!**

**But if the web address begins with https://, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.**

**You understand why this is so important, right?**

**If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with https://.**

**If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number.**

Last month you were invited to notify Roy Richardson if you wanted your Newsletter sent by e-mail if you could not attend the monthly meeting. In case you didn't get round to it, here is another chance.

Roy-ann@tiscali.co.uk or Roy Richardson, 9 Meadow Walk, Tylers Green, High Wycombe Bucks HP10 8DG

Full Name  
Address

e-mail address

Do you have Dial up.....Broadband.....Normal speed..... File size limit.....

Please send my Newsletter to the above e-mail address if I am unable to attend.

Signed.....

