



WAMGOC

Newsletter

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**Two PBs and a TA.
Typical of the quality of the cars in the Royal parade.**

Welcome to new member Phil Galligan and his MGTf. Enjoy your MGing.

Keith's Bit.

Royal Windsor MG Heritage Festival.
Saturday 25th April 2009.

Ninety two MG's assembled for an early start at The Royal Standard of England, on a very damp Saturday morning.

Before we departed the staff at the pub did a wonderful job feeding and watering us before sending us on our way.

Stan's routes proved to be very popular with everyone and as predicted, the shorter route was the one most chosen.

At the Great Park we were parked up on 'The long Walk', had a cupper and used the loos before having a good look at the other MG's that were arriving all the time.



The Castle from high in the Great Park

After lunch and with the sun now shining, it was time to meet Roger Parker for our marshalling briefing, before heading off to the Frogmore parade ground to view the MG's that had taken part in the Royal parade.

250 of the very best of the marque were parked up for us to view and inspect and very impressive they were too. Our own John Beckworth and Malcolm Savage had taken part in this and were on hand to answer questions from MG enthusiasts and members of the public about their cars.

800 plus MGs



Looking towards the Castle and



across the A308, towards the Copper Horse

At 4 o'clock after our marshalling stints and yet more tea, we watched the Frogmore cars drive out up the Long Walk before making our way home.



On display, "older" MG saloons.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their day and I'm sure a great deal of money was made for the Prince Phillip Trust.

Helen & Douglas House

Helen Lyford-Smith the manager of the Henley shop, which raises money for the charity, visited our April meeting to tell us about their work and how we can help them.

Helen & Douglas House provides respite and end of life care for children and young adults from birth to 35 with life shortening conditions, as well as support and friendship for their families.

It costs over £4.5 million a year to run Helen & Douglas House and over 90% of that money comes from voluntary contributions. That means people like us fundraising for them!

Helen gave a very light hearted and funny talk about a subject, which is seen, by the outside world as often tragic, and certainly serious.

However, she convinced us that the ethos of the care is neither tragic nor serious; in fact I would sum it up as making the best life for all concerned, with much laughter and fun.

Helen's enthusiasm for her work was plain to see to all of us and she was more than happy to answer all our questions.

WAMGOC Octagonal Run 2009.

The date is Sunday 16th August, and we will start at The Royal Standard of England, and will end at the Railway Centre at Quainton.

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.

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.

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.

Cost is £ 15.00 per car and entry to Railway Centre will be £7.20 per adult, Senior citizens £6.40 each and children over 5 at £4.80 each.

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.

An entry form is on page 7 or

Down load your entry form from

www.wamgoc.co.uk,

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

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Informal Gatherings, Summer 2009.

Our last Informal Gatherings took place on Sunday 19th April at The Plowden Arms, Shiplake, when twenty-two members enjoyed the warm weather, driving their cars, and a splendid traditional Sunday lunch.

Sue & Barry Davis brought their E Type, most brought their MG's and I brought my Hyundai.

Well done Roger Anderson and thanks.

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

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.

Contact Angela on 01628484043

Future Dates:

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 from the Dewdrop Inn, Hurley, followed by a lunch, and after a short digestive car run 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.

Aug

Sun 16th WAMGOC Octagonal Run.

Sept

Sun 6th South Downs Run

Malcolm Savage sent me this little gem last month. I for one will try to attend.

“This year there will be a revival of the Kop Hill Climb at Princes Risborough.

It will take place on the 26th – 27th September.

There is a web site www.kophillclimb.org.uk with info on it, including a profile of the hill showing how the steepness progresses.

I have driven over for a quick look and decided to try to enter my Midget for a run.

Perhaps some WAMGOC people might want to have a go?

Cars have to be pre-1974, and priority will be given to cars that could have appeared in the event before it stopped in 1925.”

An invitation from Shirley and Dave Townsend New Forest Run - Sunday 7 June

We are aware of at least 10 cars from WAMGOC going on the above run and are still hoping more will come along.

Once again we will be meeting for afternoon tea on Saturday 6th about 3.00pm at the Café on the seafront at Barton on Sea - all are welcome to join us. In the unlikely event of heavy rain we will be taking tea at Stewarts Garden Centre on A35 Lyndhurst

to Christchurch Road, next door to Sainsburys.

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

Shirley and Dave Townsend

Arf's Bit

The above is run by the Southampton & New Forest MGOC, and as the name suggests it takes place in and around the New Forest.

We have done it for 10 years and never tire of it. You can register up to the end of May. If you are interested please ask me at the May meeting. Entry forms for the South Downs Run are also now available.

Last month I had need of an obscure dry cell for my garage door remote, after some searching I was put in contact with The Small Battery Company. They operate on line, www.smallbattery.company.org.uk Service was excellent, range excellent, and price reasonable bearing in mind I wanted 2 not 300. I recommend them.

The Thames Valley Police have issued a note on number-plate theft, quite enlightening. Check www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev/crprev-auto, or ask me.

WIMPOLE HALL

On Wednesday I went on a WI. coach outing to Wimpole Hall in Cambridgeshire. It was a beautiful sunny morning and in 1 ½ hours we arrived at our destination.. On returning home I looked at the map to see where I had been and discovered that I was only a few miles (about 15) from MG Owners HQ at Swavesey and I had missed out on a visit to them!!

However, in case you should ever be at Swavesey I can thoroughly recommend that you extend your day to include Wimpole Hall. It is a National Trust property situated in beautiful countryside. It is a very large estate with livestock grazing in the parkland, there are grand avenues of ancient trees and there is a feeling of space and grandeur everywhere. Within the estate is a large walled

vegetable garden (food grown here is used in the restaurants), a farm where there were rare breeds on display as well as a super playground for children.



Tulip beds in the walled garden.

The farm barns have thatched roofs and there are wagon rides available to take you on a leisurely tour of the farm estate.



One of the thatched barns

Now to the house itself. It is a spectacular building and much of it was in a bad state of repair until the last owner (prior to National Trust) bought it in the 1930's and began a forty-year restoration project. She was Mrs. Bambridge (daughter of Rudyard Kipling) and she lived in the house until her death in 1974. The interior of the house is quite amazing, especially the ceilings and there are many unusual features – The yellow drawing room with its giant gasolier, the massive plunge bath as well as many other interesting items. In front of the house are some beautiful gardens with immaculately mown lawns (they were being mown when I was there) and topiary hedges.



The rear of the house.

For the walkers there are numerous paths across the estate and a gothic tower to visit. And last but not least there are two restaurants with good food, quite a lot of it produced from their own farm. All too soon it was 4. pm and we had to return to our coach for the ride back to High Wycombe. A great day out that I would recommend to anyone who is in the area – far more interesting than MGOH HQ!!
Angela☐

Further ramblings by Arf The Royal Windsor MG Heritage Festival

What a fantastic turnout! We had our admin problems up to the last minute, and there were a few glitches on the day, but few of us imagined the size of the event and therefore the scale of the admin. With the benefit of hindsight I say well done to Jonathan Kimber and his team, to the Rotary Club and all the other organisations that contributed to the success of the event.

At the launch it was said that a thousand MGs parked on the Long Walk should be the aim. The credit crunch was still a silly joke then, on the day there were a thousand MGs in Windsor Great Park, 800+ on the Long Walk and 200+ in Frogmore House, just off the Walk. What a fantastic sight, thrilling both experts and the general public.

Even the unenlightened could not fail to notice the vast range of models that MG have produced over the years, and how much cars have changed in that time.

Starting with Super Sports (Morris Special?) through 14/44s and 18/80s to the Midgets, M, C, D, F, J, L, K, N, P, TO THE TA, a break for WW2 and on to TC, etc. etc.

The history of MGs was there, in the metal, although some modern saloons were not well represented. In short, a fantastic experience, unlikely to be repeated.



Pre-war P and N types



Post war T types



“Modern” B and F types

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 MoTed if appropriate.

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

Entry to Run £ 15.00

@ £ 15.00 per car

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.

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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.**

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Uxbridge Auto Show

Sunday 19th July 2009-04-30
10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Please come and join us at this year's Uxbridge Auto Show at the Middlesex Showground Uxbridge, easy to find off the A40.

The event is organised by the local Rotary Club, and has raised many thousands of pounds for local charities over the 25 years it has taken place.

Last year there were over 2,000 vehicles on show, representing Veteran, Vintage, PVT, and Classic Cars, Commercial Vehicles and Motorcycles, together with displays of new models and a large selection of Autojumble Stalls.

More details can be obtained from the web site.

www.uxbridge-autoshow.com

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to give your MG an extra clean and polish, and then to spend the day chatting to like minded car fanatics, or to stand discreetly in the back ground and listen to other people admiring your pride and joy, and reminiscing about “when we had one of those”.

We expect to be the only MG Club at the event so we would like our display to be both large and varied. Our stand is a great opportunity to recruit new members to the world of MG, and WAMGOC in particular. 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.

Send the form together with a cheque, payable to WAMGOC for £5 per car by Sunday 28th June. Entry is £10 per car on the day.

If you need any more information call us on 01895 631615.

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I/We would like to bring our to the Uxbridge Auto Show on Sunday 19th July 2009.

Name.....Telephone.....

*Address.....
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I/We enclose our cheque for £5 per car payable to WAMGOC

