



WAMGOC

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WAMGOC on tour, up t' north.

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Welcome this month to three new members Sheila and Andrew Bottomley, and Roger McClure.

Sheila owns a 2004 MG ZT, Andrew has a 1973 Midget Mk3.

Roger is the owner of a fairly rare beast, a 1968 MGCGT .

We hope you get a lot of pleasure from your MGs and belonging to WAMGOC.

Last month we welcomed Bob and Sally Woods, those who went to Kop hill Climb might have seen Bob rushing up the hill, (no not racing!) in the Invicta.

Keith's Bit

Work has prevented me from joining in with much of our programme over the last month and my MG's have had to stay tucked up in their warm garage, while their friends have been out enjoying themselves.

I trust our editor has included reports from the WAMGOC weekend to the North Yorkshire Moors, the Air Ambulance Open Day and the WAMGOC Canal Boat Trip and picnic.

I hope you enjoyed yourselves?

October Club Meeting.

At our club meeting on the 6th October Karen Tebbs of Phoenix Trading will be joining us with an assortment of cards, wrapping papers and accessories from their new Christmas catalogue.

All their Christmas cards are sold in aid of Children's charities and we will receive 10% of the night's takings for our charity, so the more you spend the more we can give to The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

Please note our **AGM** takes place at the November meeting and it's important that all members are there, to help us plan for another successful year of WAMGOC MGing in 2011. Our Twenty-fifth anniversary 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.

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

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final choice in the event of more than one member being put forward.

Nominations to myself by the 6th October 2010, please.

Our **Christmas Quiz** will take place at our December meeting on the 1st, with last year's winner Margaret and Peter Strutt setting the questions.

So come along and join in with what promises to be a great evening.

WAMGOC Photo Quest.

By way of a reminder and to keep in mind as you plan your festive holidays:

As has become the custom, this year's WAMGOC Photo Quest will again take place on a date and at a place to be confirmed, between Christmas and New Year and organized by last year's winners Ann & Roy Richardson and June and Ian Cambell.

This is a very popular event, and a good opportunity for you to walk off those extra pounds gained from Christmas dinner. Great fun for friends and family who you're trying to keep amused during the holiday!

Hope you can join us.

Aylesbury MGOC's 25th Anniversary.

We will be holding the Aylesbury MG Club's 25th Anniversary meet at Waddesdon Manor on Sat 21st May 2011 and would like to invite all local MG clubs to celebrate with us. We would like to open this up to as many as possible and would envisage road runs in from various locations and to picnic on the lawns either side of the front drive where MGs will be parked. Hopefully you would wish to join us. Please make a note of the date to avoid clashing events. Further details will be

provided nearer the time. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Best wishes, Clive Wayland.

Dates: 2010

Oct.

Wed 6th Monthly Meeting at The Gate, (Phoenix Trading stand.)

Thur 7th Bloodhound SSC lecture with Andy Green.

Nov.

Wed 3rd AGM & Monthly Meeting at The Gate. 8pm.

Dec.

Wed 1st Christmas Quiz & Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Dates 2011 (Provisional).

Sat 21st May 2011, Aylesbury MG Club's 25th Anniversary.

Wed 6th July 2011 WAMGOC's 25th Anniversary meeting at The Gate.

Sun 21st August 2011 WAMGOC Octagonal Run.



Castle Bolton N Yorks. (see below).

WAMGOC weekend in Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire 11th - 14th September 2010

Our weekend this year was centered around the Ripon Spa Inn Hotel, a very nice hotel

near the market square in Ripon, it had good parking and very good food (that's all we needed).



Most people made their own way up north, Pat and I with Roger & Janet, Shirley and Dave. Jo and Andy went up on Friday morning travelling up on A1 road, this is a direct route but not very good for coffee or lunch stops, so we came back using the A1M, M1, M42, and M40 a much easier run home.

Saturday's run, was a drive through the Yorkshire Dales making our way to Leyburn, and then on to Castle Bolton for our coffee stop in their banqueting hall, fully refreshed it was back on the road to Langthwaite. Langthwaite is famous as being seen in the opening title shots of the popular BBC programme of yesteryear "All Creatures Great and Small".

Next stop was The Tan Hill Inn high up on the moors, we were hoping to show the Northerner's our pride and joys. On arrival I clocked the car park, to say the least we were very slightly up staged (see photos) so with tail between legs we tried to hide our MG's up the road, but not very successfully (only joking).



The next stop was Pately Bridge, it has the oldest sweet shop in England. There are some very lovely towns, villages and scenery, just too much to describe. In total the Saturday run was 105 miles and by the time we got back to Ripon it was the usual splash and dash for dinner.



After dinner we strolled into Ripon town centre to see and hear the "Wakeman" sound his horn, a tradition dating back 100's of years. We rounded off an extremely good day with coffee and mints taken in the lounge plus lots of laughter courtesy of our in house entertainment package namely Margaret J.

Sunday's run started in the sunshine but as the day progressed it was hoods up and

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down like yo yo's. (Good job there were no Midgets present). Ed

The route was not as spectacular as Saturdays drive, it was mainly on A roads until the coffee stop and what a stop!! It was in the parochial hall of a little village called Fewston and they were serving the most delicious homemade caked and biscuits. We got into a bit of banter with the local ladies especially when Alan bought £25 worth of tombola tickets and didn't win a thing, we all signed their petition though as they want to keep the hall open to serve tea and cakes but the local council have other ideas. 15 miles later we arrived at Bingley Five-Rise Lock staircase which is the most spectacular feature of the Leeds and Liverpool canal, being the steepest flight of locks in the UK. We were able to watch a couple of canal boats go up the staircase which was quite a lengthy process and after several group photos we all went our separate ways.



Andy, Jo, Pat and I decided that we would continue following the route, which turned out to be some of the best scenery of the day, going through Rylstone famous for the WI Calendar Girls, and then Linton-in-Craven which features in 'The Most

Beautiful Villages in England' by James Bentley and he wasn't wrong. Linton Beck flows through the village, close to the pub and is crossed by a narrow 14th century pack horse bridge.



Our next stop would have been the Strid a narrowing of a gorge through which the river Wharfe rushes, it is only a couple of yards wide and many have been tempted to leap across it, all who have tried and failed died. I said would have stopped but on arrival at the car park the charge was £6 for an all day ticket, as it was 4.30 we said thanks but no thanks and continued on to Bolton Abbey and then Ripley Castle.

Ripley Castle had been the home of the Ingilby family for 700 years, James the 1st stayed at the castle in 1603 by 1605 the Ingilby's were plotting to kill him: Nine of the eleven known conspirators of the Gunpowder Plot were close relations or associates. By now we were all cultured out so it was back to Ripon for a well earned pint.

The evenings' get together are always fun with good company and great banter. This was the first run for our MGTf, I must say

the car ticks all the boxes, just got to get used to the colour, sorry I mean the comments about the colour!!

I would like to thank everyone on the run for making it such an enjoyable weekend. Yorkshire is a very beautiful area to visit, but you need a lot longer than 3 days to do it justice.

Roger and Pat (Wamtours)

Thanks to Roger and Pat for this item and Pics

*For those with dual nationality **MGCC** are having a fun MG quiz evening 26th Oct at the Rose and Crown.

WAMGOC GO BOATING.

Back in April Angela spotted an advertisement in the WI magazine for canal boat trips on the Grand Union Canal.

She showed me the ad, suggesting that WAMGOC might be interested in a spot of boating as an alternative to the WAMBLE. For my part I suggested a pub lunch, followed by a relatively short cruise would be an attractive proposition.

The last weekend in September was the first free weekend for us, and this weekend was also the last weekend for public trips on the canal.

So 26th of September it had to be. Angela proposed the trip at the June club meeting and a show of hands suggested a good response, this was converted into confirmed bookings very rapidly, and it was all go. Just got to find a suitable pub! A quite onerous task.

A web search, talking to people who knew the area, a couple of tours with stops for pints to check size and suitability, one good and one not so good lunch and we had our pub, The White Swan at Cheddington.



They were advised of their good fortune and details of the arrangement were agreed. A second visit to confirm the quality, pay the deposit, hand over choices and we were happy all would be fine. However, this visit was not without it's drama, as we rounded the bend, catching first glimpse of the pub we saw it had no roof.

The glorious thatched roof was being removed; we soon discovered that a new roof was being fitted as a matter of maintenance and not the result of a disaster.

Grebe cruisers were also visited that afternoon, we paid up and fine detail was agreed. All was in place, except perhaps the good Lord and his controller of weather.

Moving forward to the 26th of September. The good Lord spent the day teasing us, but we did not actually get wet.

27 hungry members met at the Old Swan at 12 o'clock and swarmed into the snug bar for first drinks. The bar seemed to instantly fill with people and noise. When every one had a

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drink we moved into a side bar that had been set up for us to lunch. It was cosy but everyone was comfortably seated. Our pre-ordered food arrived quickly, correctly, was hot, and very tasty, no one was refused! it was all very friendly and efficient.



Arf

2 o'clock, we paid and drove the short distance to Pitstone Wharf and boarded our boat, a specially modified narrow boat that seated 60 people and was waterproof! This was necessary as the rain was, by departure time, trying hard to flood the canal.

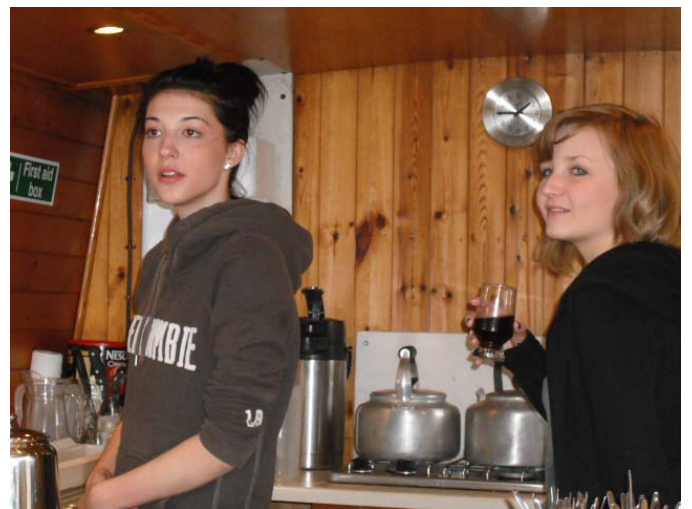


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The Grand Union Canal was of great historic interest as it had been a major freight route in former times. Our "driver!"/guide gave us a fascinating dialog of facts and features while manoeuvring the large boat in a narrow waterway, while his mates, two charming young girls, served tea, coffee etc., and worked the locks at a great speed, but got rather wet and cold in the process. However they remained cheerful and chatty to the end.



Stan

Just in time the rain stopped, we disembarked and set off for home, A busy day, but a day which rushed by so we must have enjoyed it, I hope the other 29 felt the same way.

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Ang and I would like to say a special thanks to the staff of the Old Swan, including the thatchers who had more or less returned the pub to its former beauty, to the staff of Glebe Cruises especially the girls who did their rotten job of working the locks in foul weather with much humour.

Of course we thank those who supported trip and behaved themselves impeccably. Ang and Arf.

Something to ponder over ...

Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in a nursing home ...

This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies and walks.

They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc and they'd receive money instead of paying it out.

They would have constant video monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell, or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them. A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose.

They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counselling, pool and education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJ's and legal aid would be free, on request.

Private, secure rooms for all, with an exercise outdoor yard, with gardens.

Each senior could have a PC a TV radio and

daily phone calls.

There would be a board of directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.

The "criminals" would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised.

Lights off at 8pm, and showers once a week.

Live in a tiny room and pay £900.00

per month and no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all we say. Think about this.

Arf's Bit.

September has been a very busy month for classic car events and related activities.

Most significant to WAMGOC were:

The South Down Run, 5th.

The Air Ambulance Open Day, 12th

Goodwood Revival 18-19th

Kop Hill Climb 25-26th

Canal Boat Trip 26th

As Angela and I organised and attended the Boat trip I have written up this event.

However I felt that the other events needed input from other members, either because my view of the event is very stale, as in the case of the South Down Run, it was our 15th time on the run, or we did not attend, Air Ambulance Open Day.

The Goodwood Revival and Kop Hill Climb were huge and 2 day events so we only experienced a small part of the total.

I therefore propose that everyone who attended the events not covered should send me their experience of the event, plus any pics and I will edit it all into one report. Please co-operate with this proposal.