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I can remember a few years ago being told by a committee member that August was the best month to organise an event, as no one went on holiday, if they had a choice, and there was little organised for MG owners to do. My how things have changed. Keith's Bit tells how much it has changed for WAMGOC members.

## KEITHS BIT

### Cross Bucks Run

Our Cross County Run took place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Sue & Phil Knowles had the idea of planning a Sunday drive from their home in Hazlemere to their weekend home at the other side of Buckinghamshire in the small village of Thorn borough without driving through Aylesbury. The meeting place was Park Parade shops in Hazlemere at 10am.



It was just like old times and great to see so many MG's of all different types arriving for the off. The site of MGB's, GT's, Midget's, T Types, an MGC and a Porsche draw much interest from the locals as

they walked by to get their Sunday papers taking their dogs for the morning walk.

After having received our directions we set out for the forty-two mile drive to the Two Brewers Pub in Thorn borough for lunch.

The drive showed us many of the quieter parts of Bucks and although we saw a lot of signs for Aylesbury, we didn't drive through any of it. On arrival at the Pub we found the parking was at a premium as the church service had yet to finish.



Thanks to the WAMGOC parking attendants, spaces were soon found for everyone and we all soon got a drink and settled ourselves down to wait for lunch.

The landlady had done us proud with two big tables groaning under the weight of food.

We spent the next two hours or so feeding our faces, enjoying the company and a good pint before we made our different ways home. Many thanks to Sue and Phil for organizing this wonderful event and lets hope we can persuade them to do another next year.

See photos of the run on [www.wamgoc.org](http://www.wamgoc.org) or [www.pbase.com/wamgoc](http://www.pbase.com/wamgoc)

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**WAMGOC WAMBLE**

This year's WAMGOC Wamble took place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August and a small band of WAMGOCer's met on a fine morning at Angela & Arthur's for the short walk,



(some would say long and mostly down hill) through the surrounding countryside to Hurley for a pint and a pub lunch. As at most WAMGOC eating events tables were rearranged to make sure everyone could sit together. This resulted in Margaret receiving stern looks from the landlord as she messed up his carefully prepared setting plan. Then to cap it all, the chef did a runner leaving the Landlady to run the kitchen on her own and making dinners arrive a lot later than planned and in Jane & Stan Best's case being forgotten altogether. Finally with everyone fed it was back up the hill to the Magee's and one of their wonderful cream teas.



In the end with some of us just turning up at the end for the tea, twenty-two members took part and over £80 was raised for charity.

Thanks to all who took part, and of course to Angela & Arthur Magee for organizing the walk and baking all the scones for the cream tea.

**WAMGOC Octagonal Run**, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. August 2005.

What a great day we had! Thanks to all the helpers who made it to The Royal Grammar School for 8.30 as requested.

Sixty-one cars were booked and all but three made it to the start.



The morning drive took entrants to Eton College, around Windsor Great Park, into Windsor town centre and passed the Castle on the way to the lunchtime stop.



At The Home of Rest for Horses at Speen all MG's were parked up in their respective groups for the concours judging, then dodging the showers people were able to eat their picnics and visit the horses in their stables not forgetting to feed them with bags of carrots which everyone had brought.

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The afternoon drive took in the scenery of Wendover, Tring, Great Missenden and Chesham before arriving back at The Royal Grammar School for cakes and tea.

Chris had spent all day on Saturday making hundreds of different cakes for everyone to enjoy and most went very quickly, but I did manage save some, which I took home for later. Sale of cakes raised over £150.

Throughout the day Joyce had been selling tickets for our raffle for prizes given by our friends Mike and Garry at Summit MG, the MG Owner's Club and WAMGOC club members. The draw then took place and thanks to everyone's generosity it raised more than £240.

Then it was time to award the trophies for the informal concourse. Tap, Marj and Sue had done a fine job collecting and adding up the votes for the results. There were nine categories this time and it was great to see WAMGOC members figuring highly in the winner's. At the end and thanks to Sue's special concourse formula the overall Winner's trophy was awarded to Malcolm Savage with his superb Chrome Midget. Well done to him and all the winners.

So at the end of another great Octagonal Run we had raised more than £700 for our charity this year, the Ian Renee Hospice at home, in memory of long time member Margaret Mealing, who they had looked after so well in the last days of her illness.

On top of that, and thanks to Chris Darbon, the Royal Bank of Scotland have given us a further £500, as part of their policy to match the efforts of its employees when raising funds for charity.

Damon Largent's company has also given him a donation to pass to a local charity and this year he has \$500 (!) to donate and has added this to our total.

Thanks Guys!

Thanks to one and all for all their hard work, Dave Le Breton, Arthur & Angela Magee, Sue & Phil Knowles, Dave & Gwen Swann, my wonderful cake maker Chris, Gerry & Joyce Garratt, Marj &

Harry Tapner, Roy & Anne Richardson, John & Jean Martin, Ken Proud and Janet & Roger Harris. Special thanks to The Royal Grammar School, the MG Owner's Club and Summit MG for all their help. (Sorry if I've forgotten anyone?)

To see photo's taken on the day, go to [www.wamgoc.org](http://www.wamgoc.org) or [www.pbase.com/wamgoc](http://www.pbase.com/wamgoc)

### 2005 Octagonal Run Concoers Winners

Cat A	Pre 1956 MGs MG TF 1250	Alan Dredge
Cat D	Chrome MGB Roadster	Geoff Breed
Cat E	Chrome MGBGT	Damon Largent
Cat F	Rubber MGB Roadster	Paul Stebbens
Cat H	Chrome Midget	Malcolm Savage
Cat J	Rubber Midget	Ian Hooper
Cat K	MGC & V8 MGC	James Rice
Cat L	MGF & RV8 RV8	John Bolt
Cat N	Non MG Porsche	Terry Nielson

There were no entrants in Categories, B, C, G or M

### Moby Dick

As Chris and Keith will be on holiday when you read this newsletter, I don't have to be too diplomatic in reviewing the latest offering from CAST alias St Godley's Dramatic Society.

We were introduced to a dreadful collection of noisy, rude, lumpy, schoolgirls, aided and abetted by a collection of weirdo teachers and other staff, but then in an ingenious twist we learn that the school is on the brink of bankruptcy, but that putting on a play will save them.

The play was to be Moby Dick and staff and pupils were to be the actors, oh and it was to be a musical!

The result was better than seemed possible, the virtual sets of the Colnbrook Village Hall were again put to good use, including a virtual bar, to complement the real one in the next room.

The singing was, no almost everything was way above your average AMDRAM with the leads Ishmael and Queequeg performing brilliantly. My knowledge of the CAST performances is limited, but I think Chris is in a bit of a rut, as Queequeg she again showed her talent to be a

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really scary, three quarter crazed , native.  
Although Ian Tapner was strictly a technical bod,  
dramatic licence caused him to appear on stage  
several times. Next stop Extras!  
No catchy tunes, but a very entertaining evening.  
Arf

### Committee 2006

We are looking for three or four members to join the committee from the November meeting as we have some long serving members who feel it is time to step down. For WAMGOC to continue we need new members to take some of the responsibility of running the club. If you feel that you can help please have a word with me and find out what is required.

With this in mind, Phil is looking for someone to take over as WAMGOC Quartermaster. He has looked after all of WAMGOC' s bits and pieces now for some years and as he and Sue are looking to move feels that now is the right time to find a new home for our belongings.

We are talking about the banner and the rest of the bits that you saw at the Octagonal Run. If you have some room and feel that you would like to help have a word with Phil on 01494 815280

### 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 final choice in the event of more than one member being put forward. Nominations to myself by the 1st October 2005, please.

**Totally MG** is back at Kempton Park on October the 2<sup>nd</sup>, for this one-day indoor MG show, which is jointly run between the three major MG clubs. This could be your last chance to pick up any bargains for your winter rebuild.

Phone 01954 231125 / 01235 555552 for details and bookings.

### WAMGOC CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2005

Will take place on Sunday 11th December 2005 at 12.30pm for 1pm at Capriccio Italian Restaurant, Hazlemere Crossroads, and the cost will be £20 per person (excluding drinks)

The menu choices will be available soon and the places will go fast, so to make sure you are not disappointed please indicate to Sue Knowles ASAP that you are interested and book as soon as you can.

### WAMGOC DIARY DATES

September

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, The Gate

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Works Car Show, Abingdon,

October

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Totally MG, Kempton Park.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, The Gate

November

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> WAMGOC AGM & Monthly Meeting,  
The Gate

4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> National Classic Car Show, NEC,  
Birmingham.

December

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, and Christmas Quiz  
@The Gate

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> WAMGOC Christmas Lunch

### Chiltern Hundred Trials Reunion 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October 2005

This event normally only takes place every ten years and this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the MG Car Company's Cream Cracker and Three Musketeer Trials Teams.

The entry already includes seven Cream Crackers and three Musketeers. It promises to have a large display and following of a great number of the old MGs, particularly relating to those taking part in

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sporting trials etc. The route to be followed on Saturday will go past many of the pre-war Chiltern Trials road sections where although it will not be possible to drive up these, it will be possible to stop and walk up and see the terrain these cars had to cope with.

The run, I understand, starts at a public house and will finish at Horwood House near Winslow, Buckinghamshire. There is a celebration dinner on Saturday night and Sunday will see all the cars assembled for photo opportunities etc. Sunday will also allow MG drivers attending to, apparently, drive up some of the test sections!

The trial car display will, I am told, obviously include MGs, but in addition Singers, Austins and other period trial cars.

Further information can be obtained from Alan Grassam, telephone 01935 863673 and entry forms can be downloaded from the MMM website which is [www.tripleregister.org](http://www.tripleregister.org).

This really sounds like a mega MG event and certainly one not to be missed. I hope to be there on the Sunday but, unfortunately, will no doubt be parked in the miscellaneous car park!

### JOHN MARTIN

Ed I have some more details if you are interested.

### Summit Racing

Graham Cooper telephoned me this report before he left for a holiday in Yorkshire. I hope I got the details right.

### **MGOC racing at Snetterton**

August 20/21<sup>st</sup> - 2005

Saturday was another day, Sunday was cold and windy but with a dry track.

My old Maestro was the centre of much attention for all the wrong reasons. My precious car had been monstered at the start of the race on Saturday and “destroyed”.

Heroic work by Summit and friends had overnight rebuilt the wreck, and driver Dean Sullivan was a

surprised starter for Sunday’s race. The car ran “like a dream”, giving Dean an 18<sup>th</sup> out of 24. So the old girl lives to fight another day. Stuart Philips finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Class F, but the runaway victor in class F was Gary, who outpaced the opposition to easily win a double header. His position in the championship is now looking very, very strong.

Ed Gary is trying his hand at 24hr racing w/e 11<sup>th</sup> September, so watch this space.

### **For Sale**

**New Steering Rack.**

For post 1976 Rubber Bumper MGB £40

Clive 01494 436820



**What a GT might have looked like**



**Saturday’s dust, caused by a wayward TC**