



WAMGOC

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**Getting ready for the off.
As the sun comes out it's hoods down for the 2010 Octagonal Run.**

WAMGOC Website

www.wamgoc.co.uk

A warm welcome to two new family members, Bob and Sally Woods and Anne and James Walder.

Bob and Sally own a considerable collection of interesting cars including a 1932 4.5 litre competition Invicta, which he races in European Classic Car events.

Ann owns a Rover MGF, while James promises that he will be a good social member.

We hope all four of you enjoy WAMGOC.

Keith's Bit

Octagonal Run 2010

This year's Run took place on Sunday 15th August and was attended by 56 cars.

It was dull and spitting rain as we arrived at the Lambert Arms, Aston Rowant to find their large car park still full of cars from the previous nights wedding reception. As the preliminaries took place, out came the sun to warm and cheer us all.

After a breakfast of bacon baguettes, tea or coffee, and armed with their raffle tickets, route book and entry tickets, entrants were sent on their way to the Cotswold Wild Life Park, Burford.

Stan had produced another stunning route with wonderful scenery, exploring more new roads for seasoned Octagonal runners, which led us nicely to our destination.

After the cars were parked up and picnics enjoyed, the rest of the afternoon was spent looking round the park.



A fine collection of Midgets.

At the end of the afternoon, after the raffle had been drawn and the Concours trophies awarded, people started to make their way home.

A good number of us used the route Stan had put together and arrived back at The Lambert Arms in time for a nice beer and evening meal.

Big thanks go to David Lloyd for looking after the all the admin for the run, Stan & Jane Best for planning the route and liaising with The Lambert Arms and Roy Richardson for all the printing. Also, big thanks for all their help to Ann Richardson, Jo Lloyd, Tony Bratt, Alan Jones, Janet Harris, Roger & Pat Anderson, Alan Hitchcock, Angela Magee and to all of you who supported the event. Thank you!

We are very grateful to our friends Mike and Gary at Summit Motors and all members who provided some great prizes for our raffle, from which we made a wonderful amount, which will go straight to the charity.

We had a fantastic day when the sun shone down on us as we enjoyed a great drive through beautiful local countryside, and at the same time, helped us raise funds for our

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chosen charity, The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

I'll let you know just how much in the next Newsletter.

The winners of the Concours trophies were:
Pre 1962. Alan Dredge MG TF.
MGB, GT and MGC. Micheal Ricci MGC.
MG Midget. Malcom Savage Midget.
Midget.
Post 1980. Colin Beckwith MG SV.

Best In Show. Alan Dredge MG TF.

Air Ambulance Open Day.

The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust are holding their annual open day on Sunday 12th September, 12-5pm, at Hazledene Organic Farm, Asheridge Road, Chesham, HP5 2XD.

Take your MG along to display and a chance to take a closer look at the work of the Trust.

See poster at end of this newsletter.

Weblink: www.hazledenefarm.com.

Our local area Jaguar **Drivers Club** held their annual BBQ at the Wycombe Height's Golf Club on the Tuesday 17th August and ten WAMGOC members joined Tim and Alan their secretaries, and members for the evening.

We started off sitting on the patio enjoying the evening sunshine, but soon the clouds gathered and it started to rain, so we retreated inside just in time for the food.

WAMGOC Canal Boat Trip and picnic. Sun 26th September 2010. Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone LU7 9AD. 2.30pm depart. Adult tickets £7.75,

concessions £7.25. Any queries 'phone Angela Magee 01628 484043.

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?

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Any club member can nominate this person, and the committee will make the 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:

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

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 MGO'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 we 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"

Future dates: 2010

Sept.

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Sun 5th W Sussex South Downs Run.

Friday 11th /14th WAMGOC weekend, North Yorkshire Moors.

Sun 12th Air Ambulance Open Day.

Sat/Sun 25th-26th Kop Hill Climb

Sun 26th WAMGOC Canal Boat Trip and picnic.

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.

Future dates 2011

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.

In praise of Stan.

I guesstimate that I have covered about 3000miles on navigation runs in Midge and TC. I have designed runs, I have checked and advised on other people's routes, but Stan's route for this years Octagonal Run was as near perfect as I have experienced.

It was interesting, challenging and safe, but above all it showed us the English countryside at it's beautiful best.

Our Octagonal Run uses a completely different route each year, this makes it easier to make an interesting route, as long as the destination allows.

However the effort required to produce a new route each year is massively greater than the alternative of a fixed destination and a small change to the route year on year.

Stan's skill in this area is a great asset to the club and I for one hope he has the energy to continue for many years to come. Well done Stan and thanks.

I know that this is not a solo effort and that Jane was very much involved in the process, so our thanks are also due to Jane for her help and support. Arf.

A word from your Treasurer

I'm sure that you will be pleased to learn that the Octagonal Run has produced a surplus of over £800. £225 of this was from the raffle (well done the raffle ticket sellers) - Some prizes were unclaimed - but our last winner appeared, just before Stan left, clutching a handful of tickets of which eight were winners - thus making Stan's load considerably lighter!!



Better than the National Lottery.

Canal Boat Trip - 26th September 2.30 pm
Grebe Canal Cruises, Pitstone Wharf,
Cheddington, LU7 9AD I now have 31 people joining this adventure and no more can be added after the **8th September**. If you require details of how to find the venue a map is available on the website: grebecanalcruises.co.uk or use sat nav with above postcode. I do also have a few maps for those non-computerised members. **The Old Swan** is further along the road as you enter Cheddington. With regard to lunch 12 noon The Old Swan, High Street, Cheddington - I need to have your menu choices and deposit of £5 per head by the **8th September** if you want to have lunch before the cruise. Please, Keith, could we order a nice sunny day. Ang

Communications:

If you wish to contact a committee member, 'phone or e-mail Keith or Arthur on 01753 546362 knd@wamgoc.com or 01628 484043 ja_magee@yahoo.co.uk Note ja_. We will get you the best person to deal with your query.



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“OPEN DAY”

Hazeldene Rare Breeds Farm

Asheridge Road, Chesham HP5 2XD

Adults £3.00 Children under 16 free

Sunday 12th September

12.00 a.m – 5.00 p.m

BARBEQUE

Tea & Cake Marquee

ICE CREAMS

Classic Cars

TRACTOR/TRAILER RIDES

Motor Bikes

Pimms & Beer stall

Air Ambulance Slide

Cuddle a Ferret

Air Ambulance Helicopter (weather permitting & no call outs)

Animals in Pens

FARM SHOP

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50% of the gate will be donated to the Air Ambulance

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