

Winchester

MG Owners Club



TEA MGB



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Having heard that two riders had to be helicoptered off the South Downs during the Ride London cycle event I wondered if Saul survived his fund-raising ride in aid of the NSPCC. He did take a bit of a tumble very early on at about mile 7 but luckily he landed on his face and the bike could be coaxed back into action without too much trouble. Photographed here at the end of the event Saul is wearing the Adam Yates inspired plaster on his chin.

Saul tells me that in spite of that 'off' he still totally exceeded his expectations time-wise, "finishing the 100 miles in under 4h50m so averaging about 21mph. Very pleased with that."

Saul continued "Sorry to hear on the news that a couple of chaps had some

more serious mishaps. That was much further down the field so I wasn't affected by the subsequent delays and diversion. All in all I had a grand adventure today."

We say 'well done Saul' and 'well done' to all those who raise funds for charities.

Wil Wilkinson has been in touch with the very kind offer. "I would always be pleased to offer refreshment and toilet facilities to WMGOC members" passing through Chard, Somerset.

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Winchester MGOC meet on the last Tuesday of the month at:
The King Charles, Lovedon Lane, King's Worthy, SO23 7NU

Our July club night run was well attended and probably the largest turn-out we have seen this year gathered at Bishop's Waltham for the start. Our thanks go to Colin and Jenny for organising it. I think I counted 19 on arrival in the car park of the Hunter's Inn at Swanmore, where we packed out the pub and enjoyed some good food. The run was notable for the number of Y types that took part. Even one would be unusual, but we actually had five, and three of these were tourers. A very rare sight indeed.

August and September usually provide the last fling of the year's outdoor events, so let's make the most of them. The first weekend in August had much to offer and I know we had several cars go down to Athelhampton House for Bournemouth & Poole MGOCs annual picnic. CCOTP was held at Highcliffe Castle and the Crotch Cooler was at Alton. I headed off in the opposite direction as I have been meaning to investigate the Bicester airfield "Sunday Scramble" for quite a while. I can highly recommend it and would suggest it is what heaven would be like for a classic car nut who also likes vintage aircraft. What was RAF Bicester, a typical 1920s airfield that would have been operational during the Battle of Britain, has been taken over by a cluster of classic car businesses. It is gradually being restored and as well as being home to sales, storage and restoration businesses, makes an ideal backdrop for displaying vintage vehicles that can be parked amongst the period buildings. It's about an hour and a quarter's drive from Winchester so a 7-30am start should get you there in plenty of time for the 'official' 9-00am opening and a chance to bag a prime parking spot right in amongst it all. Images are to be included in the September issue of the newsletter.

2nd October is the next one and I am sure that the £5 entry fee for a classic and two people won't break the bank.

Our August club run is being organised by our editor, Dave Tilbury, and will take us to the Black Horse at West Tytherley. The route is available on our web site (Events) so please download and print a copy.

Happy MG'ing

Looking Back



A good turnout for club-night at the Hunters in Swanmore.



Winchester MGOC blag some cheap parking for a wander around the shops... Come on, I'm joking. A jolly good display.



Rawles Classic

Alan Rose writes to say that the coffee morning at Rawles Classic Cars was another successful event. There were over 50 cars of different makes on show, and a few of our members were there including Peter and Heather, Neil and Nita Simpson.

The final coffee morning is next month on Saturday the 10th.

You can see several photos of yesterdays event on their website.



Dinner & Dance 21st January 2017.

A Saturday date for your new diaries. An event not to be missed; with our very own band Rhythm Method.

There is no need to pre-book menu choices, just choose from the menu. But special dietary requirements are requested beforehand.

20 double guest rooms have been reserved at a preferential rate of £99.00 per room B&B based on 2 sharing. Call central reservations on 0113 205 2895 quote Winchester MG Car Club.

Next month's newsletter will have payment requests and payment methods. Please support this event.

Lesley & Keith Stone

Threats to Classic Motoring

This is a topic I have raised in the past and I've undoubtedly been marked down as a crank but experience has shown that rumours and vociferous lobbyists can bring about drastic, and as far as our interests are concerned, unwanted change to our recreation. I have cited an Act of 2006 in which the right to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on every road in the land was extinguished and then, in subsequent sections, a set of circumstances laid out that overcame the premise in the first part. Well, I have heard rumour that country back lanes could automatically become 'access only' which would of course take the edge off our drive-outs.

We have all read of high-profile thefts of luxury cars but as the value of classic cars rises our cars are becoming targets as well. And they may well be easier to snuffle away from an unlocked shed than a vehicle that requires a laptop to steal it. Be on your guard.

Car insurance is another area currently being closely looked at by the British Government (although that may well be on the back burner right now, post Brexit). Apparently the UK insurance industry (and the UK government) have got it all wrong according to the European Court. There can only be one outcome and it won't be cheaper car insurance for us where we already pay a punitive road fund (well, some of us do...) despite the fact that our cars are comparatively little used.

We also read that Norway plans to ban the sale of petrol & diesel cars by 2025 it would seem that there is scope for us to be further penalised. Clearly the WMGOC is not constituted as a lobbying organisation but as was once said 'If you don't mess with politics, politics will mess with you.'



Events for 2016

Always check before you travel – locations & times sometimes change



August

21st CCOTP Christchurch Quay

26th 26/27/28th Radio 2 Carfest South, Laverstoke

28th Breakfast meet 8am-2pm Winchester Football Club, free – no need to book

30th WMGOC Club run – Dave Tilbury – The Black Horse, West Tytherley

September

10th 10/11/12th Goodwood Revival

11th The Concorde Club classic & sports car show, Eastleigh

16th 16/17/18th WMGOC Isle of Wight weekend

TBA MG Cricket St Thomas Regional event

25th MGCC MG gathering at Polesden Lacey, near Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6BD

On site by 11am, NT members £5, Non NT £10 single / £15 + 2 passengers

27th WMGOC Club night

October

TBA Thatcham classic car show, Dunstan Green, 10am- 3pm, £5 donation per car

25th WMGOC Club night

November

6th London to Brighton Run

TBA NEC Classic Motor Show

29th MGOC Club night AGM

December

26th Romsey classic car & bike meet (pre 76)

January

21st WMGOC Christmas Dance at the Norton Park Hotel.