

Winchester MG Owners Club



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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**

NB. We are an active group and may sometimes meet at some far off pub, so please check with the Secretary and join us... somewhere.)

Despite the awful weather, there was a good turn-out for our January Club night and we were able to outline more of our planned events for the coming year. We were also able to welcome our newest members, Stephen and Belinda Penkethman who have a B Roadster.

Our calendar continues to develop, but of course you can never have enough volunteers, so don't be afraid to offer your services if you can organise an event or a run! We have 5 club night runs each year and I am glad to say that 3 of them already have owners.

Our February meeting will be held at the King Charles on the 23rd as usual and is followed just a few days later on the 26th with our Quiz challenge at The Plough. We have two teams ready to take on Newbury and Basingstoke MGOC entries so let's hope that we have some 'egg heads' amongst us.

We already have a follow up counter challenge issued from Newbury for an MG Drive (variation on a beetle drive but with different parts to assemble) so some more team members will be required for April.

The Cobweb spin is fast approaching, but as we plan to basically use a similar format to previous years, most should be familiar enough with what needs to be done. Hank has been sending out task lists and display positions, so please make sure you confirm things with him at our next meeting. Also note that those on site early, either helping to set up or positioning for display, need to have paid their entry in advance. Raffle tickets for the chance to win a pair of annual Hillier's memberships are still on sale and the intention is to present the proceeds to a member of the Motor Neurone Disease Association at our March meeting.

The Crotch Cooler run comes to the Good Life Garden Centre, Kings Worthy on the 21st if anyone fancies popping along, or maybe joining en route. Arrival from 10am but watch out for runners, as apparently there is a local marathon on the same day.

Regards

STEVE

MG-ing In Worzeland

by Wil Wilkinson

Well here I am 8 months after leaving you all and blasting off down the A303 in Phyllis OPC 223L to a new life (or perhaps what is left of the old one) in pastures (flooded) new in Somerset.

Peter, my widowed son-in-law has always had an interest in classic cars and is a marshal at both the north and south carfests. He has joined me on the MG scene and we have met up with Taunton MGOC. This has brought it home to me how alike MG enthusiasts are wherever I have met them.

Taunton MGOC are a small relaxed friendly group who tend to discuss the merits of the local ales and pubs rather than their tappet clearances. (I like the sound of them! *Proof Reader*)

By the time we got sorted it was late in the season but we got in on a scenic run to Seaton for fish and chips on the beach. The monthly meetings are at The Candlelight Inn at Bishopswood just off the A303 ---- a superb old pub where everyone chats to you and there are dogs laying all over the floor. (A nice change from dog-ends! Ed.)

There is a very active multi-make classic car club in Ilminster (4 miles away) the Ilse Valley Classic Car Club. I went with Shane, my other son-in-law on their 103 mile Wessex Classic Car Tour taking in 3 counties. We visited 3 stately homes Escot House for coffee, Bicton Gardens for lunch and Brympton House for tea. The latter was particularly interesting to me as I was evacuated there with my school from September to December 1939.

If you think that Hampshire has narrow lanes just come to Somerset where they are even narrower. If you see someone dog walking you not only stop to let them pass but you wind down your window and discuss the weather, their dog or anything else the conversation brings up. It is so noticeable to me how people talk to each other down here-----slower pace of life.

It was good to see some of you at Athelhampton and this year I hope to persuade some Tauntonians to join me on what is a very scenic run from Chard and only 35 miles. Also David Marklew and I hope to organise a meet up on Drive It Day so you haven't quite got rid of me yet!

Forget all other petrol additives, a good slosh of raw cider will make the engine sound great. It will sound even better if the owner has one too but for goodness sake don't drive afterwards.

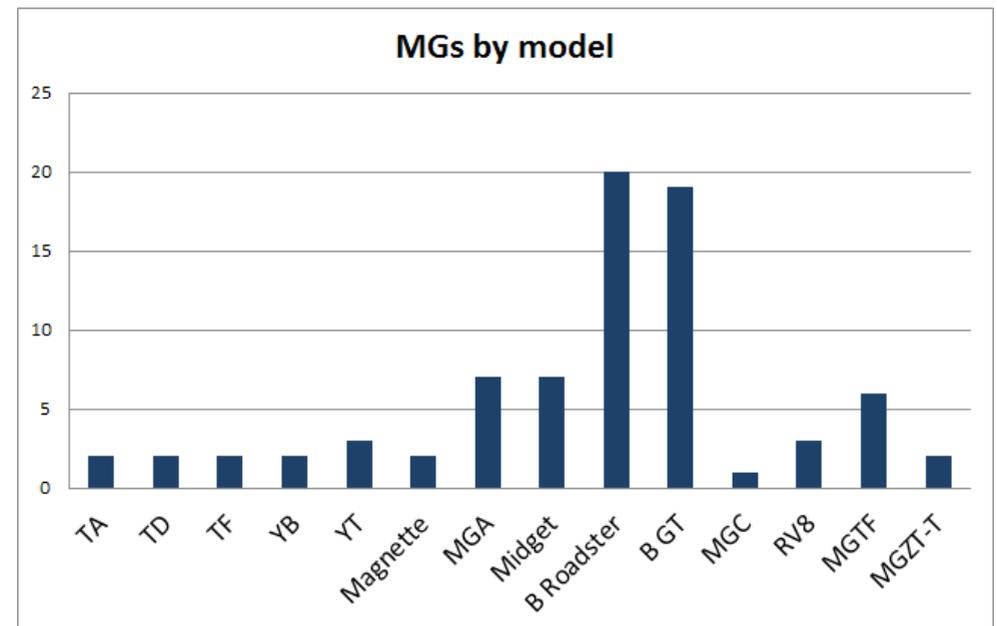
Just Typical...?

Steve Favell looks at WMGOC motoring make up.

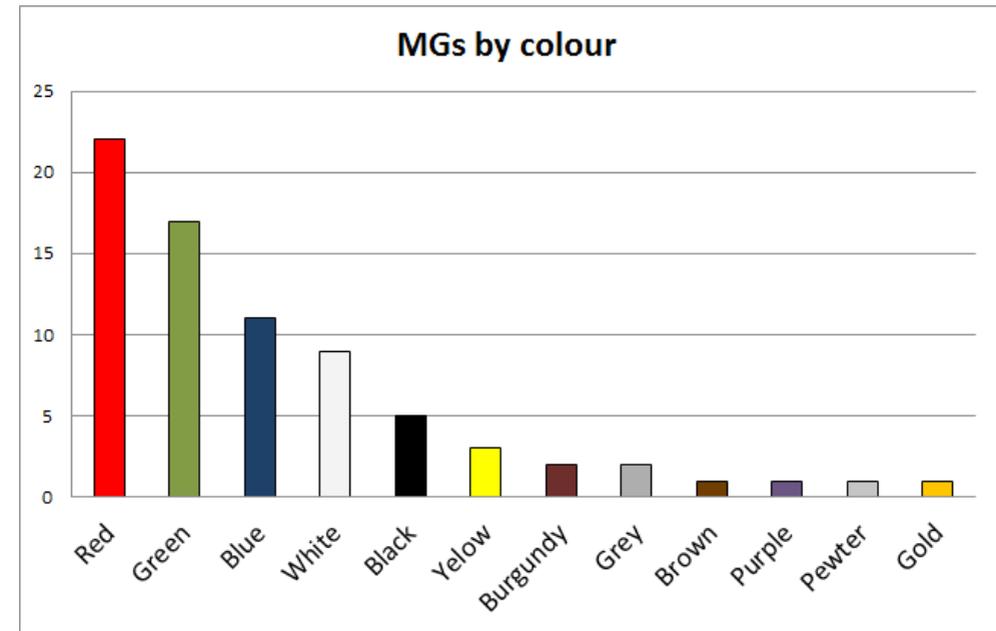
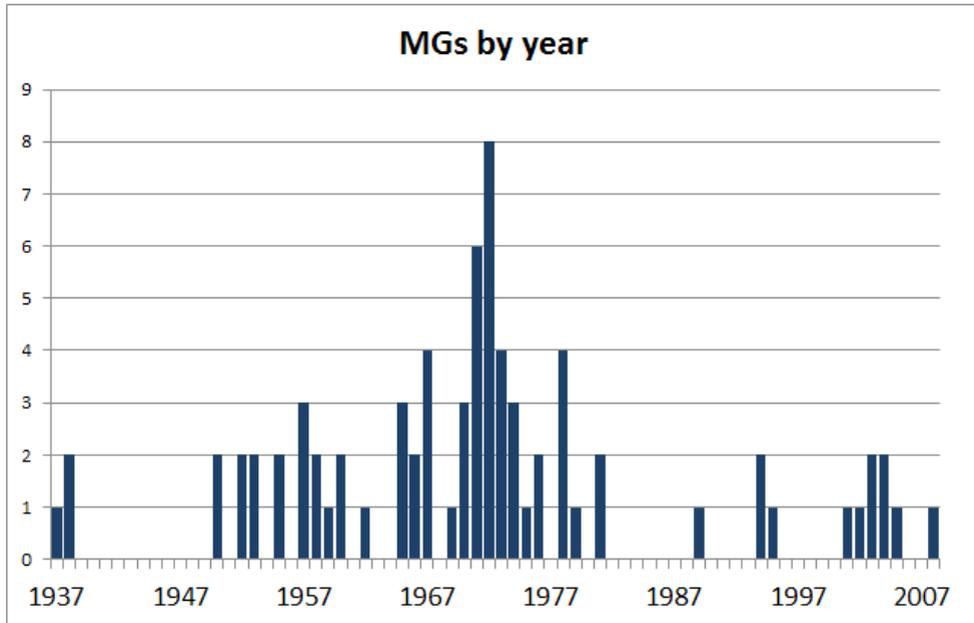
Subs are due in January and this is when our membership list gets reviewed and updated. (Heavy hint if you are one of the 50% yet send in your subs!)

At the moment we have 67 'memberships' which as you know we regard as 'families' in the broadest sense, to include partners, children and even pets. As we have 78 cars on the books it can be seen that some members own more than one MG. A couple have very strange MGs with funny 'Jaguar' 'Reliant' or 'Standard' badges as well – but we don't count these.

So what does our 'typical' member drive? I did a check of numbers for model, year and colour to come up with the theoretical combination. It will probably come as no surprise to know that it turns out to be a red 1972 MGB Roadster.



A quick check shows that we do actually have 5 of these in the club at present, so the theory bears out in practice. The following charts give a break-down of current members' cars (poor choice of description – I know). As you can see we have a good range of models of varying ages. The favourite red white and blue for UK cars is disproved by the popularity of green, but I suppose that with British Racing Green it is understandable.



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Events for 2016

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	date	Event
February	23rd	WMGOC Club night
	26th	Inter Club Quiz Challenge at The Plough, Itchen Abbas against Newbury & Basingstoke
March	13th	Winchester MGOc Cobweb Spin
	28th	Vehicle meet & Autojumble Newbury Showground
	29th	WMGOC Club night
April	3rd	Crotch Cooler
	10th	Brooklands MG Era
	10th	Bournemouth CCOP (Classic Cars on the Prom) 1st meet of 2016
	15th	"MG Drive" challenge from Newbury for WMGOC & BMGOC
	17th	Daffodil Run passes through Stockbridge (pre 1939)
	17th	Arundel Castle gathering, Chichester MGOc
	24th	National "Drive it" Day – proposal for meet up with Taunton MGOc
	26th	WMGOC Club night run – volunteer required
May	1st	Crotch Cooler
	2nd	Popham aero & auto Jumble, classic car rally & fly-in
	tba	Awbridge Fete & Car show
	tba	Basingstoke Festival of Transport
	21st	Sparsholt Celebration of Motor Vehicles and open day in aid of Macmillan Cancer
	22nd	MGs in the Park, Stansted Park,
	tba	The Bill Targett Memorial Steam Rally- Highbridge Road Eastleigh SO50 6HN