

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.)

If April was a busy month for events then late May and early June beat it hands down.

The first weekend of June saw so many events that I doubted there would be enough cars to go around. But once again I was proved wrong. We had the Alton Crotch Cooler meet running at the same time as the SHVPS Auto-Jumble and Classic Car show near Petersfield. On the same day in the opposite direction the MG New Forest run was on at the same time as Bournemouth Wheels Festival and CCOTP at Christchurch Quay. To the North we had MG Live and to top it off there was some much needed sunshine. It was very much a case of all or nothing.

From what you have told me I know that we had WMGOC members at pretty much all of them, either attending as public, participating in the event or marshalling. Don't forget to send in your photos and reports from any events that you do attend as our editor always needs material and other members are always interested in your views on which events are worth attending and any tips you might be able to give.

I am getting to be a dab hand at spotting our members out and about, whether it be locally, heading thorough the New Forest, at a show or at a garden centre somewhere. If while driving your MG, you get a flash from a Ford Mondeo (apologies in advance) don't be alarmed it is probably me.

It was encouraging to see so many attending our May club night run for our Steeple Chase to The White Lion at Wherwell on what had been a miserable day weather wise. These runs are well worth keeping to do again at leisure on a sunnier day.

Now, I hate to bring this up, but start thinking about next year which will be the WMGOC's 25th and deserving of some special events. Ideas and volunteers please.

Happy MGing

Winchester Cathedral have agreed to us displaying our cars outside the cathedral from 11.00 until 16.00 on Saturday 9th July. This will be the 4th WMGOC event at the cathedral.

Members will be able to visit the cathedral and have lunch in the refectory or in one of the nearby pubs. There will also be plenty of MG admirers wanting to view the cars. In the summer Winchester attracts many overseas visitors.

Most will be aware the cathedral is undergoing renovation and improvements at a cost of £20 million, in part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. There will be a new library and exhibition served by a glass lift. This Norman cathedral is being brought into the 21st century.

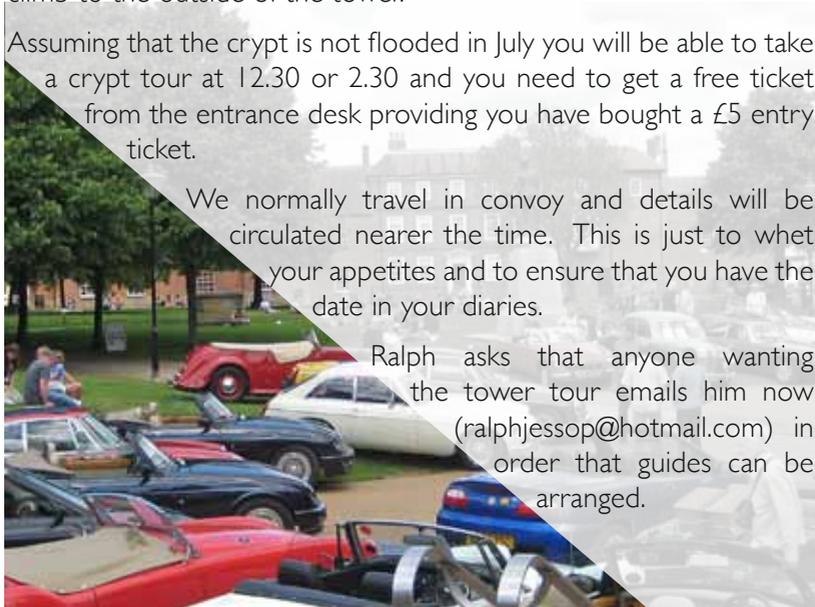
There is an entry charge of £5 for WMGOC members. This entitles us to look around the cathedral and take part in a guided tour. Despite the building work there is plenty to see. On Saturdays tours are every half hour and you are encouraged to take one.

There will be a tower tour for members at 12.30 and this is also £5. Tower tours are limited to 12 people and require two guides so Ralph will need to know if you want to be booked on this. It's a really good experience as you will walk inside the roof, see the bells and climb to the outside of the tower.

Assuming that the crypt is not flooded in July you will be able to take a crypt tour at 12.30 or 2.30 and you need to get a free ticket from the entrance desk providing you have bought a £5 entry ticket.

We normally travel in convoy and details will be circulated nearer the time. This is just to whet your appetites and to ensure that you have the date in your diaries.

Ralph asks that anyone wanting the tower tour emails him now (ralphjessop@hotmail.com) in order that guides can be arranged.



South Hants Vehicle Preservation Society



Well the sun was really shining and the crowds were rolling into the South Hants Vehicle Preservation Society Classic car and Auto jumble. Having spent Saturday on DIY jobs it was time for a well earned day out and Karen enjoyed it although she did say (and please stand by to be shocked) "it seems you can sell any old tat in the auto jumble".

There were an array of vehicles on display and not just the usual ones, but some from the '70s to early '80s which are becoming rare following the scrappage scheme along with motorcycles and scooters.

If you haven't been, go next year as it's a pleasant day out especially if the sun is shining for just £5 each with free re-entry and parking.



Winchester FC meet



Winchester Football Club meet



Winchester Football Club held a Breakfast meet for classics and sports cars on Bank Holiday Monday. Starting at 8am it ran until noon and turned out to be much more successful than the organisers anticipated.

More than 120 cars and 80 bikes attended during the morning and the overflow parking area was soon in use, resulting in the training area having to be opened for yet more cars.

There was a good spread of marques and ages including 1901 Adler that came along from Alresford and a 2016 £120k Jaguar Project 7.

When was the last time you saw a Vauxhall Viva on the road? Or an Auto Union, or Hillman Imp? There really was something for everybody with the added attraction of full English Breakfasts being served with proper white table-cloths etc. I am advised by one of our members that these were hearty and well worth the £8.

There were at least half a dozen or more of our club members who attended during the morning and plenty of other MGs. Chatting with the organiser it was obvious that he was delighted with the turn-out to the extent that they are considering making this a regular event.



Kings Worthy Village Fete

Five club cars made up a varied display of MGs at the Kings Worthy Village Fete on Bank Holiday afternoon. They were alongside a lovely display of pre-war Rileys, some 60s rovers, VW Camper and Day Vans, and some other vintage MGs.

We took the Magnette, Richard & Gillian who organised the display took their MGB Roadster, Neil & Nita took their MGB GT V8, Linda and Bill their MGF and Alan & Sally their Midget.

Entertainment was provided by the 'Spitfire Sisters' with a repertoire of 1940s hits. They did a couple excellent performances during the afternoon, their close harmonies sounding very much like the Andrews Sisters. (Yer showin yer age there, pal - Ed) They very much wowed the crowds of over 1,000 people, thought to be one of the best attendances ever. As well as the stage shows, there were Birds of Prey, and all of the other attractions you would expect of a Village Fete.

Everywhere was busy with kids and adults all having a great time. Debbie won a round of Golf in the raffle and Alan & Sally won a free MoT voucher. There was interest in the cars and quite a few chats with prospective new members! Luckily I had some application forms with me! Proceeds from the day were an amazing £7,000 which will go towards St Mary's Church.



Events for 2016

Always check before you travel – locations & times sometimes change

June

- 18th Beaulieu Simply classics
- 26th CCOTP Christchurch Quay

28th WMGOC Club night. Rosemary Shepperd. The Dove Micheldever

July

- 2nd Blackmore Vale Revival
- 3rd Crotch Cooler
- 3rd CCOTP Highcliffe Castle
- 9th Club display at Cathedral**
- 17th Alton Bus Rally & Car Show – Anstey Park
- 26th WMGOC Club night run – Colin & Jenny Carter**
- 29th Silverstone Classic 29th – 31st

Regular local events

Alton Crotch Cooler – 1st Sunday of month – GU34 4BH

CCOTP Bournemouth Classic Cars on the Prom – Sundays (Behind BIC or at Christchurch Quay or Highcliffe Castle)

Classic Cars on the Quay – Shamrock Quay Southampton – 3rd Sunday of month – SO14 5QL

Bring it to the Bargate – weekly classic car meet at the Bargate Southampton Wednesdays 6pm – 9pm

White Lion Antiques meet – Hartley Wintney – Note - No longer running due to car park redevelopment

Mudford meet – 2nd Sunday of month – Mudford Quay