

Winchester MG Owners Club



Mar 2015 www.winchestermgoc.co.uk

Winchester MGOC

www.winchestermgoc.co.uk



Your Committee

Steve Favell	Secretary	stevenfavell@btinternet.com
Clyde Cunningham	Treasurer	clyde.cunningham@btinternet.com
Steve Favell	Programme	stevenfavell@btinternet.com
Andy Young	Programme	andrewyoung2@ntlworld.com
Niall Fitzgerald	Regalia	Nbritfitzy@aol.com
Hank Dawson	Cobweb Spin	allanahjane@btinternet.com
Dave Tilbury	Newsletter/web	dave.tilbury@me.com

Contents:

	Page
Chat	3
Cobweb Spin	4
A Bang with a Difference	6
Another Winter Sunday	7
Diary	8

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.)

Chat

Well what a fantastic cobweb spin. Thanks once again to Hank and the team of volunteers who put so much effort into the day. It was really appreciated by everyone who attended. Thanks to some ferrying by Andy I was able to take both the MGB and my newly acquired Magnette ZA along.

This was its second outing as I had previously managed to get it along to Shamrock Quay, having only picked it up the day before. There were around fifty cars there including four of us from Winchester on this occasion, with a Magnette, BGT, B Roadster and RV8. Once again it was good to see our monthly club night so well attended. We certainly manage to pack the bar out lately and there is always a good buzz.

March will be our last 'indoor' club night with our evening runs starting again in April when we will pull the start time forward to 7-00 to get the last car away by 7-30 so as to finish before dark.

Also in April is MG Era at Brooklands, always worth a visit for the sheer number of MGs of all types and entry to the various museums on site covering the Brooklands racing era, aviation, the newer bus museum and a chance to walk the remaining track and banking. Also in April we have our own National 'Drive it Day' run to Lymington and the Chichester MGOC hosted regional event, gathering on the lawns of Arundel Castle, so check out the calendar on the back page for dates.

Steve



Comment on the Wessex Car Club Forum.

Cobweb Spin

By Steve Favell

There was a great turn-out for the Cobweb Spin, our third at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Blue skies on the day helped to draw in no less than 110 cars. A pre-meet on the Saturday proved to be very useful and I am sure saved quite a bit of time on the day, working out how to assemble things and where to site them. Our volunteers were on site very early on Sunday preparing for the day. Having our club display cars on site well before the public arrived also took some of the stress out of the morning.

As usual a great selection of MGs turned up and they were joined by plenty of other marques. The number of visitors was up this year resulting in even the public over-flow car park becoming full. Our extra activities proved to be popular with many Cobweb and Public visitors taking part. The Radio Controlled 'mini cooper' challenge offered prizes for the fastest lap. There we had 'Hit the Midget' and 'Guess the Car Part', a gardening themed quiz, which suited our location and a colouring competition for the kids, where they could be creative with MG colouring schemes.

Similarly with the other events the main lure seemed to be to get your name onto the leader board. Some quick re-shuffling had to be done on the hoof when it became apparent that seven-year olds were putting the adults to shame with the Radio controlled cars and perhaps a bottle of wine as one of the prizes was not going to be appropriate!

With 180 acres of beautiful landscaped gardens to enjoy, many took the time for a wander and take in the scenery. Up at the main public entrance, where we had a selection of cars on display at the viewpoint, there was an opportunity for some lunch in the main restaurant. With the weather forecast to turn during the late afternoon and the Rugby due to kick off between England and Ireland, cars started to depart from about 2 o'clock onwards to make it home before the rain which eventually arrived, very politely once our event had finished. You couldn't have arranged it better. I was chuffed to read the following report in the Basingstoke MGOC newsletter afterwards. "The fellowship of such Classic Car events pervaded the day and random conversations took place easily with all participants including friends, acquaintances and strangers. If only the whole world could operate on such a level!" What more could you ask?



A Bang With a Difference

By Mike Lane

There are many obstructions that we see on our daily road travels, including rubbish that has been thrown out from vehicles with gay (can I say that?) abandon as if the rubbish fairy will simply gather it all up and make it disappear.

I recently followed a builders van (yep, it just had to be white) onto a busy roundabout whereupon the driver threw out his McD meal & drink tray onto the carriageway so that I had to swerve to avoid hitting the person who also swerved from the adjacent lane. I suppose that no one was able to record any reportable evidence and the culprit is highly likely to be still causing havoc and maybe death?

Makes you think, doesn't it?

I am sure that we all have tales to tell with regard to projectiles aimed at our space. In my case, unwanted attention was received whilst driving home after a most enjoyable Pendle Run weekend. I had just left the M6 and was travelling south in the outside lane on the M1 in my RV8, when one of those large steel support brackets decided to eject itself from a scrap metal lorry that was travelling in the opposite direction.

From the corner of my eye I noticed the bracket leave the open and unsecured top of the truck and was conscious that this white blur was heading in my direction. But at the speed things like this happen, and with heavy Monday morning traffic, one is helpless to even

think about, let alone take any avoiding action. With a resounding "clang", the projectile bracket struck the off side front section of my bonnet and spun off over my cockpit. Later inspection revealed a very deep impression of the large projectile that landed on my bonnet.

I now keep well clear of such vehicles especially when I regularly notice moving, unsecured and protruding metal bits sticking out from above.

Why are such vehicles allowed to travel with unsecured loads? I could not stop, turn around and give chase, or have any way of knowing who the culprit was, so it was pointless reporting anything to the Police.

But looking on the bright side, if I had been a fraction of a second earlier in my travels, then the bracket would have struck my head and it probably would have killed me even before I lost control of the car, to crash into the barrier and involve other cars and lorries, with the very likely result of injury or death of many innocent others!

Makes you think, doesn't it?



Another Winter Sunday

Members will be aware of the classic car meets that some of us attend on the last Sunday of the month at Shamrock Quay, Southampton. Well, on this page I hope I've given a flavour of what goes on. There are a good number of American cars, straight and modified. There are a handful of trucks, maybe a fire engine and some other old cars that make some of us older chaps raise an eyebrow. "That's a classic?" Those wedge-shaped Rovers were an appalling car, yet there is often a couple of them present and yes, they do represent a part of a heritage in motor car manufacture. It is good to see them. The next meet is on 29th March. Hope to see you there.



Events for 2015

March	29	Classics on Shamrock Quay, 10:00
	31	Club night
April		
	6	24th Spring Vehicle Meet & Auto Jumble - Andover
	12	Brooklands MG Era
	12	B'mouth CCOP (Classic on the Prom)
	18 & 19	Gurston Down - rounds of the SBD and HSA Speed Championships
	19	Arundel Castle gathering, Chichester MGOC
	26	National "Drive it" Day – Run to Hollywood Cottage Lymington – David & Barbara
	26	Brooklands Drive It Day
	28	WMGOC Club night run - Steve
May	3	Shelsley Walsh first event of the year
	3	CCOTP, Highcliffe Castle
	9	Awbridge Fete and car show.
	10	Basingstoke Transport Festival
	16 - 17	Bill Targett Memorial Steam Rally to be held at: Highbridge, Eastleigh.
	23 - 24	Gurston Down - British Hill Climb
	23 - 24	Prescott - La Vie en Bleu Classic hill climb
	26	WMGOC club run.
	29 - 31	Bournemouth Wheels Festival
	31	MGs in the Park, Stansted Park.
	31	CCOTP at Christchurch Quay.
June	7	Wessex Car show, Braemore House
	7	So'ton & New Forest MGOC run
	13	Bishops Waltham Show (with classic cars)
	13 - 14	Weekend coastal run – Niall Fitzgerald
	26 - 28	Goodwood Festival of Speed