

Winchester MG Owners Club



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Chat

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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.)

November will be our AGM and the last meeting of 2015, so please come along and help to decide on our programme for next year. We will also be reviewing our accounts and appointing the committee for 2016.

After Christmas we can get together again for our annual dinner in January and before we know it the Cobweb Spin will be upon us. In the meantime our MGs can have a rest, hopefully in a cosy garage where we can attend to all those squeaks and rattles that we have noticed during the summer.

My postman tends to be busier this time of year delivering spares from the MGOC web site or other MG 'bargains' from Ebay. My Grandson was even prompted to ask "why does Grandad get so many presents from the postman?"

The BGT has some routine servicing planned to keep it in fine fettle and the Magnette is now a 'runner' making regular short trips. The new wiring harness is installed, the door lock is fixed and I can start to work my way through a list of other small niggles that need sorting. I regard the fact that it now needs the choke applied to start up from cold as a major achievement and a significant impact on global warming.

Some of you already know that I was tempted and succumbed to the charms of an MG roadster recently, so that is now away having some rear bodywork jobs sorted by a third party, otherwise I just would not get around to finishing everything. With a lack of storage at present I also need to keep thinking up extra jobs that can be strung out to keep it with them until spring! Now the outer panels have been removed I have been pleasantly surprised to find that the basic structure is fairly sound and not as bad as expected. Those carrying out the work have also been surprised at how readily available replacement panels are for the MGB, a luxury that some other marques do not have. The London to Brighton run cars are all over 100 years old now and I can see no reason why our MGs will not still be in use at the same age.

Steve

Accounts

WMGOC ACCOUNTS SUMMARY November 2015

Bank balance 25th November 2014 **£1,105.49**

Financial transactions to 24th November 2015

INCOME

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| Subscriptions received since 26th Nov 2014 | £980.00 |
| Payment for S. Favell's MGOc magazine article | £40.00 |
| Total | £1,020.00 |

EXPENDITURE

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| Sarsen Press - monthly newsletter printing | £448.00 |
| Newsletter stamps and stationery | £400.00 |
| WMGOC website domain name and hosting | £74.41 |
| H. Dawson - radio controlled Minis for Cobweb Spin | £37.00 |
| H. Dawson - unclaimed Cobweb Spin entry tickets | £19.00 |
| A. Marsh - battery for MGOc watch | £6.95 |
| S. Favell - payment for MGOc magazine article | £40.00 |
| Total | £1,025.36 |
| Deficit - | £5.36 |

Bank balance 24th November 2015 **£1,100.13**

Cash Box **£31.38**

Total financial assets 24th November 2015 **£1,131.51**

NOTES:

1. Monthly cost of printing the newsletter increased from £38.00 to £43.00 in May 2015.
2. The cost of printing and posting the newsletter in 2015 was 87% of our subscription income.
3. Subscription income in 2016 (assuming 65 members and £15 per car) will be £975.00.
4. The cost of printing and posting the newsletter in 2016 is likely to be around £900.00.

Agenda

The Winchester MG Owners Club AGM

To be held at the King Charles, Lovedon Lane, Kings Worthy on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 8-00pm

Agenda

Secretary's Report

Treasurers Report

Appointment of Committee

Secretary,

Treasurer,

Cobweb Spin coordinator,

Regalia,

Newsletter

Programme for 2015

Club nights, weekend events, other events / Tours

Cobweb Spin

Any other Business

Winchester MG owners Club (WMGOC) is an area meeting of the MG Owners Club.

The WMGOC is administered by a Secretary appointed by the members at the AGM. Members join by virtue of payment of a membership fee. The fee covers membership for two people and the MGs that they own.

The club holds a bank account administered by the Treasurer (appointed by the members at the AGM) and the Secretary.

Membership fees are annual and due in January. They are used to finance the production of a newsletter and to purchase goods and services to ensure the smooth running of the club and for the benefit of its members.

London to Brighton 2016



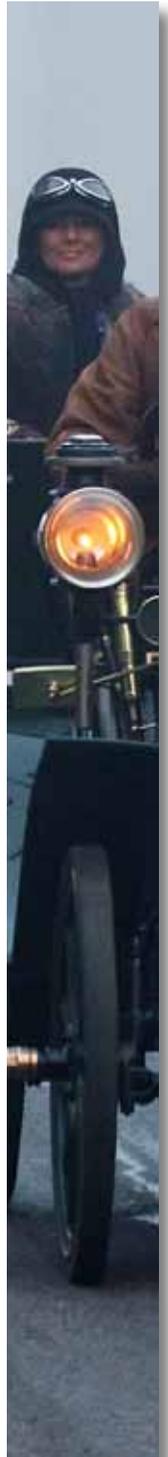
It was a foggy day in old London Town. My decision to venture up to the smoke in an attempt to capture some shots of the London to Brighton run was scuppered a bit by the fact that a heavy fog came down just before the off. Instead of iconic backgrounds, the fog mostly resulted in some pictures that could have been taken anywhere! The Mall and Buckingham Palace were all but obscured, but then again it did also make for some very atmospheric scenes.

The cars, all pre-1905, gathered in Hyde Park before setting off at sunrise, which was at 06-58am. You either have to be in Town the night before, or get up early and drive, as this is far too early for a train from Winchester. There are still some unrestricted parking spaces available on Sundays if you are early enough and I managed to bag a spot near Belgrave Square. I was at Hyde Park corner as the first cars set off. They cut right across the roundabout with special permission to pass through the Wellington Arch. They then headed off down Constitution Hill to Buckingham Palace and down the Mall. This was only the second time in the history of the run that permission has been given to use this route. There were a couple of early 'casualties' but most managed to get going again and there were a fleet of RAC

vans in attendance to help where they could. I felt sorry for the owner of the car that only made it to Hyde Park Corner before needing serious attention.

Our locality was represented by entry number 69 driven by John Hankin who is a member of the Alresford Allsorts car club. A single cylinder 4.5 horsepower De Dion Bouton powered German Adler (Eagle) dating back to 1901. You may have seen this car locally or another that John took along to the Basingstoke Doughnut run. Chris Evans and his Radio 2 chums took part this year, driving some vintage coaches and raising money for **Children in Need**. They lined up in the Mall for a very foggy photo shoot, causing some chaos for the cars coming along behind.

Typically the fog all but cleared as the last cars passed by. 380 took part this year with 342 of them making to the finish line. As it was still early I decided to take a hike down past Harrods and onto the Fulham Road to see the Michelin Building. It really is a little gem. To me it could only be of that era, looking both French and Egyptian, and over the top in a great way. Once Michelin Tyres London HQ it is now converted into a bar /restaurant. It retains its original features that include Michelin Man stained glass windows and a series of ceramic tile plaques showing the earliest days of motor racing. Worth a visit if you are ever in the area.



Events for 2015

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| Nov | 24 | WMGOC AGM To be held at the King Charles commencing 20:00 |
| Dec | 26 | Romsey Boxing Day meet (pre-1976) |
| Jan '16 | | Ye Gods, the years fly by so fast at my age... |
| | 1 | Classic Cars on the Prom – Bournemouth BIC 11am to 1-30pm |
| | 9 | WMGOC Christmas dinner |
| | 26 | WMGOC Club night |
| Feb | 23 | WMGOC Club night |
| March | 13 | Cobweb Spin. Hilliers Arboretum |
| | 29 | WMGOC Club night |
| April | 3 | Brooklands MG Era |
| | 17 | Arundel Castle gathering, Chichester MGOC |
| | 26 | WMGOC Club night |