

# Winchester MG Owners Club



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Cover image: Steve's car on the Isle of Wight

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

# Chat

As was discussed at our September club meeting, we are considering a change of location for the 2017 Cobweb Spin. Early talks with Hampshire County Council indicate that they are quite enthusiastic about the idea of using the area in front of the Great Hall, which would provide a superb backdrop. The lower carpark fronting the Law Courts and courtyard inside the main HCC offices opposite look like they might also be made available to us.

Key to this plan of course is the number of parking spaces this would actually provide and once this is established we can move forward with a little more certainty. Approaches will also be made to the City Council regarding the area around the West Gate and to the Military Museums in Peninsular Barracks to gauge their interest in becoming involved.

While our Cobwebs at Hillier Gardens have been ever more successful, there is a fear that the format might fail to attract for a fifth year in a row. A celebration of the WMGOC 25th anniversary year within Winchester itself could create fresh interest from both classic car owners and the visiting public. It is still early days and there will be much work and planning to do. We will obviously be looking for volunteers to take on specific roles and tasks, so please be prepared!

Thanks to Hank & Jane's organising, our club weekend on the Isle of Wight was a great success as you will see elsewhere in this edition.

Ticket sales and room bookings for our Christmas Dinner & Dance are also beginning to take off, so don't to miss out.

## Bo Peep Driven Again

The Bo Peep Drivers Club again had the use of Bo Peep Lane in Polegate, Sussex to hold their revived hill climb. For more information take a look at:

<http://www.bopeepdriversclub.com>



## An Afternoon in the New Forest

Saturday 17 September saw the second Ivor Bleaney Classic Car Show at The Sir Walter Tyrrell pub near Brook in The New Forest.

I went in my MGB roadster with my friend Geoff in his MGC GT. This was rather a special C being one of the last ones bought by University Motors from MG and fitted with their Downton engine plus numerous other modifications and accessories. It sounds great.

As we entered the large car park all classic car drivers and their passenger were issued with two tickets each. One for a free beer or wine from the bar and one for a free burger or hotdog from the BBQ.

The show started at 12.00 and by 12.30 the front, side and overflow car parks were filling up. By about 1pm cars were parking on the grass verge outside. The head count was 290 vehicles which included bikes and scooters as well as classic cars. The weather was kind being dry with light cloud. The atmosphere was very friendly indeed. The venue in the heart of The New Forest couldn't have been better.

The variety of cars present was amazing. Everything from a Sinclair C5 to a pristine Jaguar XK150 DHC. A pair of vintage Rolls Royce were strategically parked outside the front entrance to the pub. You don't see that every day. The star of the show in many people's view was a maroon low chassis 4.5 litre Invicta with lady driver and passenger.

MGs were well represented including a red MGA Twin Cam Roadster which was advertised for sale for over £40K. My attention was drawn to two particular MGAs parked nose to tail. Not because of their condition but because of how close they were parked. There could not have been any more than 5mm between their respective bumpers. Handbrake failure or expert parking?

It is hoped that this will become an annual event. Keep a look out for next years. <http://www.ivorbleaneyclassiccars.co.uk/>

*Contributed by Don Narramore*



According to Professor Brian Cox, science is now using new measurements of time. Geological time is now measured in Chilcotts whereas infinitely small periods of time are now measured in Allardyces.



## Stepping Back in Time

*From the pen of S. Favell*

Our Isle of Wight trip organised by Hank & Jane was a great success. The Hotel was good, the food was good and of course we had great company. Our route choices for each day were very well detailed and gave options that allowed everyone to do their own thing while retaining a club atmosphere.

We set off on Friday lunchtime, crossing from Southampton to Cowes. We were allotted to our ferry parking lane only to find ourselves pulled up behind a 1950s Vauxhall Velox. Conversation naturally started when I asked if this was the 'classics lane'. The driver expressed surprise that there weren't more classics, but maybe they had gone over the day before. I looked puzzled while Debbie eyed me suspiciously. Apparently our trip coincided with the annual IOW Classic Car show, held over the weekend at Newport and Ryde. 400 plus Classics were expected. I pleaded innocence and blamed Hank. Neil and Nita then pulled up behind us and thankfully pleaded innocence as well!

As we were preparing to drive off the ferry at Cowes a family with young children stopped to ask about the cars and was there something going on this weekend? I explained about the show and when the lady asked if we were taking part I explained that I actually knew nothing about it and we were there quite by coincidence. Her look said 'I don't believe you'. On arrival at the Hotel we were very pleased to find our 'sea view' room was exactly as it said on the tin. In fact it would be hard to find a room with much more of a view of the sea. A wander around Shanklin before Dinner resulted in meeting up with other members doing the same and we also spotted plenty of classics parked in groups at other local hotels, obviously there for the show.

On Saturday, along with a few others, we headed first for the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor and then later in the afternoon drove along the coast to Freshwater Bay where we again met up with others. After a brisk walk up onto Tennyson Down to see the view right across the island to the mainland we headed to Fort Victoria where a special WMGOC showing was made at the small planetarium. We then

finished off with a stroll around Yarmouth before heading back for Dinner.

On Sunday morning, after a last walk around Shanklin, we packed up our belongings and followed the scenic route around the coast that would take us to Osbourne House via Bembridge, Seaview and Ryde. A road closure at Bembridge caused a few problems but after a conflag and quick U turn our little group managed to regain the intended route. Ryde proved a little tricky but after finally resorting to asking for directions we were back on the road towards Cowes. Osbourne House is somewhere we had not visited before and it surpassed our expectations in terms of size, opulence and perfect location for views across the Solent. Incidentally the weather was almost perfect with blue skies and sunshine to admire the gardens and sit on a deckchair with an ice cream beside Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine down at the beach taking in the views. We made our departure from Cowes and were waved off by Pete and Karen who were booked on a later ferry, but there apparently to make sure we left!

The ferry home was slightly delayed due to shipping movements in Southampton Water, but this had the benefit of us being able to view at close hand the departure of no less than three liners in procession. Navigator of the Seas, Aurora and Ventura made a spectacular sight and rounded off the weekend nicely.



# Dinner & Dance 21st January 2017.

Christmas

21st January 2017 Winchester MGOC Christmas Dinner.

To include Newbury, Basingstoke and Solent M.G. clubs as well.

October has arrived and our post Christmas function is approaching. A new exciting event not to be missed, with our very own band Rhythm method.

We have a 2 course meal and 3 live music sessions for £35.00. Starting at 6.30, for a 7.00. 'Eating and dancing the night away'

Lots of Hotel rooms have been booked for the evening and now money is needed for the main event PLEASE. Payment by bank transfer or cheque.

We have several people involved with this event, treasurer & myself etc. So please email me on: [I.millstone@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:I.millstone@hotmail.co.uk) so I can keep an account on who has paid.

Download your booking form from  
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*(Read this online and you will find all email and URL links are live.)*

Events for 2016

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## October

21st MG skittles match – The Fox, Newfound. WMGOC v BMGOC v NMGOC

**25th WMGOC Club night**

## November

6th London to Brighton Run

11th - 13th NEC Classic Motor Show

**29th MGOC Club night AGM**

## December

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