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KINGTON 20th August

Eight cars met at the Harvester Pontypool at 8.30am, Sandra was there to meet us to give us the awning, bunting and flags as she was unable to attend everything was loaded in the cars and we were on our way by 8.35am. Richard lead the way with the trusty sat nav firmly in place, it was not long before we took a short stop so that the hoods could be raised as it was drizzling with rain and we were off again. The journey to the park was great, nobody broke down, nobody got lost or left behind and it went very smoothly. On arrival we were given a warm welcome by the man with the mike who was saying about all the MG's and the different shapes and colours. We all lined up and started our respective jobs putting up the gazebo, the bunting and the flags this was different because we had two gazebo's which stood side by side and the bunting was attached to both it looked really good. Well, if there was a water shortage in England the rain on the day soon put a stop to that, it came down in buckets the chairs were wet, people huddled under the gazebo's (even some non members) but each down pour never lasted long and it never dampened the day. There was a jazz band playing music, a crooner on the mike who made us all cringe and a band called cider and something. In the middle ring a lot of very nice vintage cars made a circuit and were talked about individually, There was a show put on by a dancing horse it was very good, very well trained it danced to a lot of music and some of the steps it done were quite hard. We were praised for our site by two different car clubs, Glamorgan MG club said our flag made theirs look like a tea towel and Hereford club said they would like to arrange a day or evening with them as we seemed like a nice bunch. Well we are always very happy when we go out and this shows. For an attendance gift we received a pen with a laser torch on the end, which was different t also had the words Kington Village Club on so a nice little thing to remember he day by. While we were all sitting talking it was said that we need more members to attend these shows and runs for support so come along or join the club new members always welcome.

TREDEGAR HOUSE, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2006



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TREDEGAR HOUSE VINTAGE RALLY 17th September 2006

The day started really early with some of us getting to the rally at 7.45am, when members arrive they were issued with our new club hats and tee shirts with the club logo on, was not long before the gazebo was erected, better than last time as it took only 20 minutes. At last we had the cars either side of the main gazebo and it looked very good. As always at Tredegar there was a lot going on, one of the best auto jumbles in South Wales, side shows selling their wares, wool spinning, steam traction engines, clothing sales and much more. Richards sat nav must have gone wrong because as he was leading the way around the stalls he managed to take the group down a dead end and they had to turn back. We had about 17 cars on our allotted pitch and it was very well laid out, although it took a little shunting to get the cars in a straight line. After breakfast and the bacon rolls smelt really nice, most of us had a walk around the field; this was a mammoth task because there were so many cars to see. Our group went to the auto jumble and returned to show us what they had brought, others were just glad to stay with the cars and talk to the many visitors. Later in the afternoon a surprise was in store for Bryony because young Katie had made her a Birthday cake, so we all sang happy birthday whilst she blew out the candles, she is 10 years old, Katie gave her a present from the family and Bryony was very surprised. Everybody had a good day there was plenty of laughter, Hayden stuck a MG badge onto his number plate, you could say it was a wolf in sheep's clothing. Weather wise it was a hot day with only a few drops of rain some heavy clouds came and went but mainly sunny. Later in the afternoon there was a car auction with a couple of cars donated to Leukemia research about ten cars were auctioned some not reaching their reserve price but it was interesting to watch. As this was the last show of the year there was some sadness, but we looked back over the very hectic year we have had and the smiles soon came back. All too soon it was time to go home, some drifted away while others stayed not wanting it to end, the packing away took very little time with everybody mucking in and helping other to fold their chairs, tables, gazebos ready for the off, as usual a quick check to make sure no rubbish was left, a final wave and shouts of "see you Thursday", for the months meeting and we were off. Richard having a slight panic because we had hid his car keys.

GWENT MG CLUB VENUES **AMENDED** 21/9/06

24 September

Brecons Run

16th November

Gwent MGOC AGM

22nd December

Buffet & Disco £5

Xmas Party Fugitives Club
Theme Grease/1960's
September meeting.

Web Site:- <http://www.gwentmgoc.org.co.uk>

BIG BALLOON FESTIVAL 27th August 2006

Nine cars met at the Crown Public House in Pontllanfraith at 10am, for the short journey to the Blackwood show ground. On arrival we were placed in a line behind another row of cars it was so tight we hardly had room to move between the cars soon another row of cars were placed in front of us, now I know how a sardine feels like. All cats were safe as there was no room to swing them. A complaint was made by one of the committee members and we were assured that next year we would be moved to a better position. Having said this it did not spoil the day, because there was so much to do and see. In the arena was a dog show, hot air balloons being filled and tied up, Clowns and a trampoline act. The side shows were good, at least two of the children had their photo taken holding snakes (better then than me). The fun fair was big with loads of rides and stalls. we could not put up the gazebo as this was not allowed and we could not put up the bunting because of lack of room, but the flags were flying and put up very fast none of the flags were tangled as they were put on the poles before being secured by a car wheel much better. We all had a free sandwich and a packet of crisps with a token and a plaque with another token, no token no plaque. Five O'clock came and it was time for us to enter the arena, comments were taken about each car and the funniest came from Hayden, how his suspension gave the girls a smooth ride, this was due to the fact that he had two ladies in the back. After our trip around the arena some cars went home and some went to the car park



TREDUNNOCK FETE 26TH



Tredunnock Fete & B-B-Q

Meeting at the fete at 12.00, we lined up the nine cars in a row, the preparation was different this time as we had a new gazebo this one had six legs, loads of poles and no instructions. It was funny to see the men trying to work out how it went bit like a mensa test. First they tried one way then another and so on. The ladies not to be out done tried to put up the small gazebo, but with a lot of help from Keith, in the end they were both erected, it was a good job that the public were not allowed in until 2.00pm. Next was the BBQ's and kettles Richard had the bright idea to put the spare poles from the bunting together with cable tidies and balance the throwaway BBQ'S on top of them, this worked very well it saved the grass getting burnt and it saved our backs as we did not have to bend down to cook. The rain started in short bursts that never lasted long and then the sun came back out. Although it was only a small village fete there were quite a lot of visitors at the start and most of the stalls were kept on there toes. The children with us came back soaking wet because they were playing with the throw the sponge equipment, one little girl spent most of the day helping out on the cake stall, the chaps talked about there cars, the girls talked about what ever girls talk about, this would never be understood by a man. Some of the public showed an interest in joining the club which was very good, others had stories to tell of when they owned MG's themselves. Soon it was time to go home. We put away the gazebo's faster than we put them up and off we went

Weston-S-Mare 6th August

CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY & RSPCA DOG SHOW

Assembled at Hurrans Garden Centre at 8.30am (there was a little confusion as some members still thought it was 9.00) and we eventually left in a convoy of 12 classic cars. The journey seemed quite short with Steve leading the way.

On arrival at Weston we soon sorted out our own patch (at first we were told to park on the tarmac but as we had old Richard with us he soon arranged for us to move down to the corner of the field on the grass - better for his old feet I think! We are getting very professional at putting up the bunting and flag pole. Soon tables and chairs were set out and everybody was ready for a natter.

The weather started out cloudy and windy, and some were grateful they had their coats, but by about mid-day the sun came out and it was very hot.

At 13.30 the dog show started and one of our members got a first, second and third all with the same dog which was laden down with rosettes {fiddle!!}

During the afternoon the men in the group had their heads under the bonnets of every car they could get their hands on and many discussions took place with "Oh! you've got one of them" or "so that's what its like" and such like.

The children went for donkey rides - it would not be the seaside without a ride on a donkey. Walks around the town was taken by many of us and as the beach was so near buckets and spades were out to enjoy.

Early evening was creeping upon us so sadly the time came for us to pack up and head for home which was a shame as the company was great but all good things must come to an end and after saying farewell we jumped in the cars and set off home. Just after we had taken the second corner we came to a halt as an X reg orange GT had broken down. This was the men's real chance - here they were with something that was broke - "let's try the point's" one called - they ended up to be electronic - "must be the HT lead" another shout rebounded around, no it was not that as we had a spark, soon it was found to be an earth wire to the petrol pump. With a new piece of wire and a bit of ticky tacky the car started and we were on our way again.

So with a convoy of seven cars (five taking a different route) we proceeded to the M5 (very busy but traffic was flowing) and we soon got back home to Wales.



HAY-ON-WYE

13-08-06

We met at the harvester in Pontypool at 8.30am, nine cars turned out. Haydn seemed to have problems with his steering as we watched him go round the roundabout twice, but he got there in the end. We set off in a convoy with Mike leading and it took about an hour to reach the Three Cocks field. our position was high on a hill top and the wind made it hard work to get the flags flying at one point it was a bit like the joke, how many men does it take to screw in a light bulb. The weather was very cold and with a strong wind it made it hard going, but the bunting was up and soon we were settled in our respective positions (around the Kettles).

There was quite a bit going on with a dog display team doing tricks, a Punch and Judy show, and various steam engines doing there own things. The auto jumble was disappointing mainly things for tractors, Keith purchased a body saw and he insisted it was not going to be used on Sandra. A triumph joined us not long after we set up and slotted in very well. The day was spent walking around to vintage and classic cars, this was mainly to stop us freezing on the spot. Most of the MG's were together Cardiff club in front of us and a few who were on there own lined up with us. Soon it was time to go home which sounded great as it was to a hot bath to warm us up. On the way home it seemed as we all took different ways and our paths crossed more than once. On reflection one could say a good day if not a little cold.

