

## *A message from The Editor*

Once more, I have been called upon to fill the shoes of the editor on a temporary basis whilst he goes on holiday (again!) to his 10-foot by 5-foot luxury mobile hideaway, which overlooks the sea in North Norfolk.

Meanwhile, I have been left here at *Chat House* to complete the barely-started September issue of your favourite, single-marque, A5-format motoring magazine. Fortuitously, my stint as editor has come at a landmark in the *Chat's* illustrious history. This issue marks our fifth anniversary, so I hope that I will be remembered as the great leader who was at the helm to guide this esteemed organ into its second half-decade.

One of the more onerous tasks for any *Chat* editor is selecting a picture for the front cover. Despite having access to the largest library of images of MGs in Woodhouse Eaves, it is still quite difficult to pick one which is of the correct format, and which also embodies the true spirit of our club and all it stands for.

It is with this in mind that I have instigated a competition for you to submit front cover pictures (*see page 9*). Cynics may claim that this is to obtain *Chat* content on the cheap, but (*continued on Page 38*)

*Wanda Groomend*

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### **ON THE FRONT COVER**

*Just a few of the eighteen club cars which attended the NG Rally to which Peter Willmot had negotiated the club's entry. Our picture editor was at a loss regarding the ZR nearest to the camera. Is it a club car? If it is, the editor would love an update. The rally was one of the highlights of the club weekend in the Cotswolds, where, as Ian reports elsewhere in this issue, there are "many splendid cottages to admire". This presumably does not include the ones which are depicted in the background of this picture!*

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# CLUB PAIR STEP UP TO A CHARITY CHALLENGE

On Saturday October 13th, our events co-ordinator Ian Cox and one of our members, Jillian Pawlyn, are going to abseil down Derby Cathedral's tower, to raise funds for Rainbows Hospice.

### **LOUGHBOROUGH**

Based in Loughborough, Rainbows is one of our club's nominated charities, and will benefit from the proceeds of our next Charnwood Caper Run. The hospice is the only one in the East Midlands which is specifically for children and young people, providing care and support to them and their families.

### **LONDON**

The cathedral tower is the second highest in England, and dates back to the 16th century. At 212 feet high, it is the equivalent of 15 London buses piled on top of one another. The plucky pair will abseil down it at around 2:00 pm, after climbing up the 189 steps to get up to the top, the equivalent of 12 football pitches. They are hoping to do the descent in North Leicester MG Club tops. Why not come along and see this spectacle live, in real time, as it happens?

Sponsorship forms will be available at the September club meeting for those wishing to contribute. All donations will be split equally between Jillian and Ian's fund-raising totals.

Ian told our reporter, "The suspense is beginning to get to me as we try to rope in as many sponsors as possible to support us as we take part in this abseil challenge."

### **LOWER DOWN (SHROPS.)**

"Just add your name to our sponsorship list," he urged. "Please don't keep us hanging around, banging our heads on a (*continued on Page 38*)



*A picture from our vast archive, of a tower in Belgium which is not Derby Cathedral's.*