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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

HELLO! ...well, for those of you who haven't heard, I start this month with some rather bad news. Della has been very badly damaged on her adventure by, believe it or not, the most terrible storm. Sadly, I think she'll probably be written off as every panel is damaged. It's as if someone dropped a bag of golf balls from 20 feet up.

The storm was the most amazing and terrifying thing. Pfäffikon was the epicentre of what was reported as a hurricane force storm. The whole sky went black with the most horrendous swirling winds and then all hell broke loose with hailstones the size of golf balls, literally. The village was devastated with every building and every car being damaged, blinds ripped away from the buildings, leaves ripped of shrubs and trees, plants, gardens and allotments destroyed and many fallen trees. Even the posters were ripped off the boards in the centre of the village and the front of the office looks like it has been machine-gunned.

I will share the photos with everyone when I get home and am, of course, devastated about the damage to Della but it must be put in proportion, 2 people died in the storm and at least I wasn't involved in an accident and she is driveable home. Thanks go to my little sister for getting me two rear lights from eBay and express delivering them out here; the lights were completely smashed which, of course, rendered Della illegal.

I am trying hard for it not to taint what has been a fantastic summer. The weather has been great, although not so good at the moment with cool temperatures and lots of rain. I have a great tan and the work has gone very well. As I write I have 2 more weeks of work but as you read this I'll be leaving Switzerland this week!

I can understand why people love to live here, it's a great, laid back, way of life and if you earn the money to compensate for the cost of living it's a nice place to be. I do miss home though, there are many rules here and easy to break them (leaving your bike in the wrong place, riding your bike under the station and crossing the road not on a crossing to name a few)!

I have been up mountains and swum in lakes, have been to Austria to spend long weekends with my friends and seen amazing buildings and beautiful scenery. Since the beginning of July I've had an apartment just outside of the village which has made it feel much more like home and way better than staying in a hotel.

The village is right on the edge of Lake Zurich and it's lovely to swim after work and feed the very tame ducks. They are so funny, they make themselves all slinky and run very fast across the grass towards you. They will then take bread from out of your hand and are very competent at looking extremely hungry and extremely cute so you wouldn't dare throw your stale bread away!

As I write, I'm not sure exactly when I'll be back. I am hoping to make the Cordles' Run but am not 100% sure as, although I should be back, I have a bit of a Mummy-type conflict on the day which I'm trying to work round. If not, I'll try and make the natter or, at worst, the September monthly, although I'm sure I'll see at least some of you before then.

As usual, it can be lonely stuck on-site on your own and thanks go to those of you who have kept in touch, it's very much appreciated.

I will keep my fingers crossed for Della's future but am not very confident so will probably have to start another long search for a decent TF.

If anyone has a spare set of wheels which I could borrow just to get her insurance assessed (without the fancy wheels she has – I don't really want them to be written off with her) I would be very grateful, let me know.

Della's hood still works and is still down (although it's covered with hair as one of the local cats seems to find it a great place to spend its day. See you all soon.



ABINGDON MUSEUM FUND RUN

Just in case you don't know about it, I thought I'd put a little bit in about the Abingdon Museum Fund Run on Sunday 11 September. The fund run is a multi-start road run fundraiser, organised jointly by the MG Owners' Club and MG Car Club in aid of the Abingdon County Hall Museum which is one of Abingdon's oldest and most beautiful buildings. It was built between 1678 and 1684 and is now being completely renovated and will feature a permanent MG display as the MG factory played such a significant part in Abingdon's historic past.

Our starting point for the scenic run is Bocketts Farm. On arrival in Abingdon, participants will park their MGs in a reserved parking area alongside the River Thames and then walk up to the town centre to engage in other entertainment. A map guided stroll around the sights of Abingdon to include some of the MG points of interest is one option or attend a presentation of historic films and an entertaining talk by the veteran MG race driver Barry "Whizzo" Williams in the Abingdon School lecture theatre.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Barn Dance to celebrate our 30th Anniversary

We will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary with a Barn Dance at the Nork Community Centre, on Saturday, 29 October, at 7.30pm. The price, to include a fish and chip supper, will be £10 per person. This is always a great fun evening, so make a note in your diaries now. If you wish to invite family or friends to join you, they will be most welcome. Do try to support this celebratory event which is being subsidised by the club. I am confident that everyone will have an enjoyable evening.

The Children's Trust Fun Day

We had the largest club stand display of members' MGs, 20 in all, at The Children's Trust Fun Day and thanks are due to all the members attending this event. Whilst we were able to enjoy a picnic and cook our food on 'Chernobyl' if required, I thought that this year's event was lacking in the number and variety of stalls, although the younger generation were well catered for. With such a large number of MGs, our site had severe limitations to display them to best effect and we were not very visible to the general public, which we will try and remedy for another year.

Surrey Run 2011

Once again the run started from Bocketts Farm and this year finished at Painshill Park Trust, Cobham. The weather for Sunday 17 July was not too favourable, with heavy rain showers forecast. 208 MGs had booked for the event, but there were 39 no-shows, probably due to the expected showery weather.

The first entrants arrived at 8.30am, the last at 11.15am. They had all left Bocketts Farm by 11.30am, many having had their photographs taken in Kim's absence by Kevin Watson, on their 75 mile run through the Surrey and Sussex countryside on route to Painshill Park. Fortunately everyone had got away before the first shower of the day arrived as we were packing up at the start.

Ray Reeves and his team were on hand at Painshill Park and displayed their usual efficiency in receiving and parking the run entrants. We had the added attraction at the finish where the Epsom Motor Company, a new MG dealership, displayed the new MG6, providing brochures, posters, advice and free gifts to potential buyers and later in the day SMC from Datchet, who also displayed a MG6 and offered a prize of a week's free use of the car in a draw of all the entrants, which was won by Epsom members Geoff and Lynn Trigger. Unfortunately we had to endure several heavy showers in the afternoon which limited peoples' ability to see all the exhibits and scenery in Painshill Park and caused many to leave early.

Nigel Swann was again in charge, managing and organising everything; John 'Foggy' Brooke conjured up another excellent route; Malcolm Childs checked the route; Pat Watson was in control of all the administration and registration; Paul Coleman was our scene shifter hauling and erecting all the equipment at the start point and Ray Reeves our supremo in charge at Painshill Park.

Last year's Surrey Run to The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, was always going to be a hard act to follow, but we received many favourable comments with regard to the organisation of the event, and high praise for the route and the friendly welcome at the start and finish from the Epsom members.

To Nigel and nearly 70 Epsom Area members involved in the planning, manning the start and finish, or taking part in the run itself, I offer my sincere thanks for your individual contributions and a job well done.

Chairman's Fun Day

The weather could not have been better for the annual Chairman's Fun Day held on Sunday, 24 July. Over 50 members attended the event hosted by Frank and Caroline Clemmey and their family. It was held on the lawn in front of the house and swimming pool overlooking the fields and woods which surround the property at Gotwick Farm, with the MGs parked in the drive.

Two 'Chernobyl's' were on hand on which everyone cooked their food, followed by a selection of desserts supplied by the club and tea and coffee available throughout the day.

It was a really nice social occasion with members sitting around in groups chatting away and enjoying the sunshine. Caroline took everyone on a tour of the property before we cleared up and left for home. Our thanks are due to the Clemmey Family for hosting the event and to the members who purchased or made the range of desserts and of course those who served them, not forgetting Paul who hauled all the kit to the event.

Pride of Ownership Competition

This will be held this evening at our monthly meeting, so I hope that many of you will arrive in your MGs and join in the light-hearted competition judged by the members.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS (CONTINUED)

Cordles' Run to Beaver Waterworld, Tatsfield

This annual event is not to be missed. It is a run where you are asked to answer questions to be found at various points on the route and guess the number of sweets or chocolates at the end, in case of a tie-breaker. Full details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

30th Anniversary Regalia

Sales of 30th Anniversary regalia have now reached £1,000. I will be taking orders this evening for delivery at the September monthly meeting. Just to remind members that the standard logo is still available to order and I have a catalogue for any special items or colours that members wish to select.

That's all from me this month. Safe motoring. Eric

SOCIAL SCENE

The Mill Toy & Pedal Car Museum

This attraction is quite small and only takes about an hour to see and I propose combining it with a trip on the Kent and East Sussex Steam Railway. The suggested date is 3rd or 4th September and the cost will be £16.50 per person. If there are 20+ people interested we will get a 10% discount.

Barn Dance

This has been booked for Saturday 29 October at Nork Park Social Club. As previously there will be live music and a fish and chip supper (veggie option will be available). The cost is £10 per person, so please bring yourselves, family and friends to celebrate 30 years of the Epsom Area MGOC.

River Wey Packet Boat

A trip on the River Wey Packet Boat, including a Ploughman's lunch, will now be postponed until next year as time is running out to arrange it for this summer.

Real Ale Train

A trip on the Watercress Line, Real Ale Train, will also be postponed until May or June next year.

Skittles

Again, we will take a show of hands to see who would be interested in another skittles night in the spring of next year.

I do hope you are enjoying all the Summer activities and please keep your ideas and suggestions coming in. Happy socialising. Margaret.

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MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I'm sorry to report that we are now well over halfway through the year and, on the day of the August monthly meeting, there are only 144 days till Christmas. I just thought you might like to know so that you can be well prepared this year. However, that doesn't prevent new members from joining the fold. Last month we welcomed 3 and they are:

Brian Mortlock & Fiona Little who have a Brown 1981 MGB GT

James Aylward who has a Black 1974 MGB GT

John & Alison Morgan who have an Old English White 1972 MGB Roadster.

A very warm welcome to everyone and I hope they will enjoy being a part of our little club.

In July, the Natter was at Ye Olde Windsor Castle, Little Bookham. There were an embarrassing 19 people there and I hope everyone enjoyed their meals.

The August natter will be from 7pm on Tuesday 23rd August at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 0DP. If you change your mind after the show of hands at the monthly meeting, please let me know by phone or email so that I can ensure that there are enough seats for everyone at the pub.

That's all for this month. Keep on enjoying those MGs and I look forward to seeing you out and about during the coming months. Foggy

WEBSITE WANDERINGS

Last month I asked for some photos of Epsom Members at MG events so that I could post some of them on the web site. Some of you have done just that and the resulting images are now available to be seen on the web site at www.epsommgoc.org.uk.

With your help, I have been able to update the photos pages for 2008, 2010, 2011, and add a new page for 2009. So a big thank you to everyone who has sent photos to me and please keep them coming for events as they happen. Foggy

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SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Hopefully by the time most of you are reading this, we will have a dazzling display of over 50 MGs parked on the grass outside the clubhouse for our fifth Pride of Ownership competition for the Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy. Yes, it is tonight and you should have brought your MG!! It will still be a great evening, however many of you come. I have it on good authority that Mark Barrett may be enticing some of you to cast your vote in favour of his lovely Aconite (a sort of purple) MGB GT V8.

We had a superb day at Loseley Park on Sunday 3 July with the club stand, 13 beautiful MGs and a lovely Harley Davidson. The food fair was very interesting, especially the wine and beer tasting sessions, and to cap it all the weather was glorious. The following Saturday saw us at The Children's Trust Fun Day at Tadworth Court. This was the largest Club Stand display of members' MGs we have had. I counted 20 in all, as did Eric, but Paul said that there were only 19. Although our location was a bit cramped to display the cars properly we had a lot of interest in the cars, especially Pat's new MG6 GT, which Kevin kindly cleaned following a brief shower of rain. Paul Coleman kindly organised a Guess the MG Registration Number sweepstake and the two Epsom winners, Rita Coleman & Tony Simmons, kindly donated their winnings to the Trust.

The following Sunday 17 July was our annual Surrey Run and I was part of Ray Reeves finishing team at Painshill Park. Malcolm & Marlene Childs were the first to arrive at the finish at 11am, having successfully completed the run in two and half hours and before the rain started! It was close to 1pm before the next MG on the run arrived due to the heavy rain en route and I don't think that all of the 169 starters actually finished the run. Although Eric has given a wonderful account of the day, and thanked everyone who was involved, I would also like to add my sincere thanks to all of you that have been involved in the organisation and administration of the whole day from the beginning and, of course, to the entrants, without whom it would not have been possible. I have received many favourable comments regarding the superb route, the overall organisation of the event and the very friendly welcome at the start and finish from the Epsom members. It was such a pity that the appalling weather precluded so many from seeing Painshill Park in all its glory.

I have asked Kim to reprint the thank you letter from Suzi Forland, the new events fundraiser at St Raphael's Hospice, for our continued support at their Summer Fete on 19 June. The monies raised on the Burgers, Dogs and Beers stall as shown does not include the Pimms sales which were kept separate when it was moved to our control, and sales shot up following Ray's combo deal. The overall net profit for the day was £6274.93, lower than last year, but good considering the reduced raffle ticket sales and a lower public attendance.

It is very rewarding to receive a thank you from The Royal Ballet School for our car parking skills for their Open Day in June, saying "We are very indebted to all because we know that this event couldn't take place without this significant support". The full letter is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Full details of the Cordles run on Sunday 21 August are in this newsletter. Richard & Linda's runs are always very popular with Epsom members. There is no need to pre-book either, just turn up and go, and there are always a lot of devious clues along the way, an interesting finish venue and intriguing tie-breaker.

The 30th Anniversary regalia is still selling like "hot cakes" and really looks good being worn by so many members at events. Eric will again be taking orders at tonight's meeting, for next month. Please don't forget the new key rings and we now have a new supply of windscreen stickers at £1 each.

Have you completed the FBHVC survey yet? You can find the on-line survey at www.fbhvc.co.uk/2011-survey. I will help anyone who does not have internet access to register their details.

I am reprinting the plea from Brian Heather, who happens to be the owner of the Green MGB GT featured on our Surrey Run advert, to say that he has a large collection of MG magazines that need a good home. They are: Enjoying MG, some 200 copies from 1984 to 2010 ~ Safety Fast, 25 No, 3 years from 1984/85/86 ~ MG Enthusiast, 72 No from Vol 1, No 1, plus 5 on going years ~ MG World, 5 No Vol 1, No 1 1997, plus 2000(1), + 2002 (2) and they have to be collected from Cranleigh, Surrey. If anyone is interested please contact me.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS (CONTINUED)

Now it is time for the joke and thank you to the source.

I understand that this is a real reply from the Inland Revenue which was printed in the Guardian. The funniest part of this is imagining the content of the letter sent to the Tax Office which prompted this reply!

Dear Mr Addison

I am writing to you to express our thanks for your more than prompt reply to our latest communication, and also to answer some of the points you raise. I will address them, as ever, in order.

Firstly, I must take issue with your description of our last as a "begging letter". It might perhaps more properly be referred to as a "tax demand". This is how we at the Inland Revenue have always, for reasons of accuracy, traditionally referred to such documents.

Secondly, your frustration at our adding to the "endless stream of crapulent whining and panhandling vomited daily through the letterbox on to the doormat" has been noted. However, whilst I have naturally not seen the other letters to which you refer I would cautiously suggest that their being from "pauper councils, Lombardy pirate banking houses and pissant gas-mongers" might indicate that your decision to "file them next to the toilet in case of emergencies" is at best a little ill-advised. In common with my own organisation, it is unlikely that the senders of these letters do see you as a "lackwit bumpkin" or, come to that, a "sodding charity". More likely they see you as a citizen of Great Britain, with a responsibility to contribute to the upkeep of the nation as a whole.

Which brings me to my next point. Whilst there may be some spirit of truth in your assertion that the taxes you pay "go to shore up the canker-blighted, toppling folly that is the Public Services", a moment's rudimentary calculation ought to disabuse you of the notion that the government in any way expects you to "stump up for the whole damned party" yourself. The estimates you provide for the Chancellor's disbursement of the funds levied by taxation, whilst colourful, are, in fairness, a little off the mark. Less than you seem to imagine is spent on "junkets for Bunterish lickspittles" and "dancing whores" whilst far more than you have accounted for is allocated to, for example, "that box-ticking facade of a university system."

A couple of technical points arising from direct queries:

1. The reason we don't simply write "Muggins" on the envelope has to do with the vagaries of the postal system.
2. You can rest assured that "sucking the very marrow of those with nothing else to give" has never been considered as a practice because, even if the Personal Allowance didn't render it irrelevant, the sheer medical logistics involved would make it financially unviable.

I trust this has helped. In the meantime, whilst I would not in any way wish to influence your decision one way or the other, I ought to point out that even if you did choose to "give the whole foul jamboree up and go and live in India" you would still owe us the money.

Please send it to us by Friday.

Yours sincerely,

H J Lee
Customer Relations
Inland Revenue

That's enough for this month, kind regards, BRYAN

SURREY RUN 2011 - 17 JULY

Having spent many months in preparation and with about 40 members involved in the planning and implementation of the Epsom Area MGOC SURREY RUN 2011, during the last few days my attention is always turned to that part of the event that we can't influence, the weather. As you know, we had chosen Painshill Park as the finishing venue and the wonderful landscapes certainly look their best on a fine sunny day. Saturday was forecast as wet, and Sunday the 17th, the day of our run, was expected to be "mixed".

We had just over 200 cars pre-registered with a few more arriving on the day. Once again the start point was hosted by Bocketts Farm near Leatherhead in Surrey where a trip to the restaurant for the legendary bacon bap was still a vital part of the preparation before departure. The registration team worked with their usual efficiency and were ready to hand out the route instructions and rally plates as the early cars started to arrive. With the sky slightly grey but with no rain, the cars assembled. This vast array ranged from the very new MG6 from the MG dealership SMC, to Dave Naylor's 1930's L2 Magna. We were also joined by Louise and Ray DeTournay from California, touring Europe in their 1954 MG TF. They had met, bought the car and married in France in the late 1950's. During the last month they had shipped the car from home to Le Havre, renewed their wedding vows and were on their way back to the USA via Dover having covered 3234 miles on this trip of a lifetime.

Malcolm Childs, our "Checker" was the first to leave at 8.30, well before the other participants, and to my relief reported that there were no holdups. As in previous years, every car had the opportunity of passing under the official start banner where Kevin was ready to capture the moment on camera before starting the Run. I asked Foggy and Alexis to select a convenient point on the route for those great shots that you see with cars coming at you, preferably round a bend in the road. Foggy did a great job and I am trying to choose a couple from at least 30 examples. The last car set off from Bocketts at about 11am. The rain then started just in time for us to decamp and meet Ray with his team of Epsom marshals, already in place at the finish.

The entry fee for the Surrey Run also included admission to Painshill Park. The gardens cover an area of 158 acres and were landscaped by Charles Hamilton. Hamilton started in 1738 and the project took him over 35 years to complete, resulting in financial ruin. With a number of follies and the lake as the central feature, visitors are able to see the remarkable restoration of this beautiful grade 2 landscape that started in 1981. After a journey of just over 70 miles, on arrival, our Epsom marshalling team had set up the welcoming arrangements for participants, leading to the dedicated MG parking within the Painshill grounds. This included a small group gathered around Eric's car, working out why his brake lights were not working. At this stage the weather turned to what may generously be described as "mixed". We had a range of brief flashes of quite warm sunshine to heavy down pours with thunder. This did not deter us, and many ventured away from a spectacular display of sports cars to discover the rather damp achievements of Charles Hamilton.

At the start of the Run, each driver was given a Prize Draw ticket containing their unique run number to be handed in as they passed the finish post. When everyone had arrived, Sarah Hallett, representing our host at Painshill, conducted a selection of winners. Three tickets were randomly chosen as follows. Entry number 72, Andrew Atkinson won First Prize, a store voucher for £25. Entry number 171, Will Hollingsworth won Second Prize, a voucher for £15, and entry number 184, Chris Cuss, won Third Prize, a voucher for £10. Sarah also added an extra prize of a return family entry ticket to Painshill Park that was won by entry number 154, Paul Phillips. This was not the end of the prizes. Zack Summer representing the MG dealership, SMC based at Windsor, had driven a new company MG6 on the run. He announced that he was also willing to select another random entry from the participants for yet another prize consisting of use of the new car for a week. Would you believe, this was won by Epsom members, Geoff and Lynne Trigger.

My thanks once again go to everyone for what I thought was a fantastic demonstration of support and teamwork at its best under difficult circumstances. Our friendliness and efficiency was noticed by the participants and once again there were many comments on how much they enjoyed the route. In a month or two I will start thinking about some ideas for 2012.

NIGEL

CORDLES' RUN

BEAVER WATER WORLD

On Sunday 21st August the Cordles' Run will be leading you through pretty lanes in Surrey, Sussex and Kent, on a circular tour ending up at Beaver Water World, near Tatsfield, Kent. The route manages to miss most of the main roads, using lanes and B-roads to take you down to Ashdown Forest and back through the Kent lanes to Beaver Water World.

There will be our normal 'fun quiz' for you to complete on route, and these will be handed out at the start of the route. Beaver Water World have provided us with a separate parking and picnic area for our cars so you will be able to enjoy the traditional picnic (weather permitting). Normally the entrance fee to Beaver Water World is (£4 per adult £3 children) we have arranged with the charity a reduced fee for our members of £5 a car, which does of course include admission to Beaver Water World. There are toilets and a cafe inside. We have been asked to collect the entrance money from club members as you arrive and hand it all in together, so we would ask you please to have this ready as you park.



Beaver Water World is a beaver zoological garden and reptile rescue centre. They are a registered charity and rescue reptiles and all the other animals in their care. They are not a zoo in the accepted sense however they do have to have a zoo license in order to rescue wild animals and also to allow people to visit. In the grounds there can be seen beavers and a variety of other animals. Plus there is the reptile house with numerous types of reptiles, all of which are rescued.



Beavers are not early risers, so the best time to see them is from lunchtime onwards. They are very popular with visitors. Some of the beavers have been adopted by local Beaver Scout groups.

The charge of £5 per car is more than our runs normally cost but we hope you will agree this is a worthwhile charity. The starting place of the run this year is again at the car park, top of Reigate Hill. Toilets and refreshments are available at the car park. We hope you will be able to join us; cars will be leaving Reigate from 9.30 am onwards.

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Dear Eric,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful help that your member volunteers provided at The Royal Ballet School Open Day on Saturday June 11th. Your team worked incredibly long hours and managed the car parking for our event so effectively. We are very indebted to all because we know that this event couldn't take place without this significant support.

Please could you convey our thanks to your fabulous team.

Kind regards

Pippa Hogg-Andrews
Pippa Hogg-Andrews
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22nd June 2011

Epsom MG Owners' Club
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Dear Eric,

St Raphael's Hospice Summer Fete 19th June 2011 £4279.93

I'm writing to thank you and those members of the Club for your help to organise and run the Fete this year.

I now have all the figures for the day and I can confirm that the BBQ Soft Drinks and Beer raised £662.95 which is up on last year; the Bric-a-Brac, £352.22, the Hook a Duck /Treasure Island jointly raised £49.00.

I've had lots of comments from people who attended saying how much their children loved the races that you ran in the arena.

Please pass on my thanks to all the members of the Club who helped on the day.

Thank you again

With best wishes

Suzi Forland
Events Fundraiser
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EMAIL TO NIGEL SWANN:

Dear Nigel

I am writing to thank you following your club visit to the Park last Sunday. Despite the weather it was a fine turn out by your members, a true reflection upon their enthusiasm.

I congratulate you and your members upon your event organisation, it was faultless and the contribution to our funds will be used towards the on-going restoration.

I do hope that you and your members visit us again.

Best wishes

Michael

Michael Gove
Chief Executive Officer
Painshill Park Trust Ltd.

THE STORY OF AN OLD MG

Pat Lelliott of Worcester Park visited our display at Ewell Court on the 22nd May, with this story of when he was in the RAF in 1959:

One of his friends (having a wealthier father than most of his fellow airmen!) bought a large old MG, and on some summer evenings, Pat, on his motorcycle, accompanied the MG on runs out to various hostelrys. The photos show such an outing.



Some years later Pat responded to an appeal in the Royal Air Force magazine from an MG magazine for any photos of MGs owned by anyone

in the RAF. The photos were published in the magazine and, after a few weeks, Pat had a letter from an MG historian/author. He had recognised the registration number of the MG. It was one which was still around and had been one of the MGs in the pre-war factory racing team! Apparently, the whole history of it had been recorded, but there was a frustrating gap from the late 'fifties/early 60s. Pat put the author in touch with his friend, and the gap was closed!



REGALIA

Welcome to our regalia page. We want you to be as proud of your club as you are of your cars and nothing looks better at an event or on a run than Epsom members wearing the club colours.

We are about to launch our new range and details and order forms will shortly be available

Don't forget that we can also offer you Castrol Valvemaster Plus - the MGOC approved additive for leaded engines at a price less than the high street retailers.








NEW REGALIA RANGE IS HERE!

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CLUB WEAR**

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FOR MORE DETAILS

DIARY OF EVENTS

AUGUST			<i>Unless stated, contact details are in Committee Listings</i>
Wednesday 3	7.30 for 8pm		Monthly Meeting – Pride of Ownership NESCOT Sports & Social, Banstead Road, Ewell KT17 3HG
Sunday 7			MGCCSE Summer Celebration, - Loseley Park <i>Contact Derek Edwards</i>
Sunday 21	9.30am		Cordles' Run to Beaver Waterworld, Tatsfield Meet Wray Lane Car Park <i>Contact Richard & Linda Cordle 0208 330 2159/ZZRJC@hotmail.com</i>
Tuesday 23	7pm on		Natter – The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, Surrey, KT22 ODP <i>Contact Foggy Brooke</i>
Sunday 28			Woodcote Nursery Classic Car Show <i>Contact Eric Nicholls/Paul Coleman</i>
SEPTEMBER			<i>Unless stated, contact details are in Committee Listings</i>
Wednesday 7	7.30 for 8pm		Monthly Meeting – Talk by Roger Parker MGOC (TBC) NESCOT Sports & Social, Banstead Road, Ewell KT17 3HG
Sunday 11			Abingdon Museum Fund Run <i>Contact Nigel Swann</i>
Thursday 22	7pm on		Natter, The Fairmile, Cobham <i>Contact Foggy Brooke</i>
Sunday 25			MGCC Autumn Gathering – Mickleham Priory <i>Contact Derek Edwards</i>

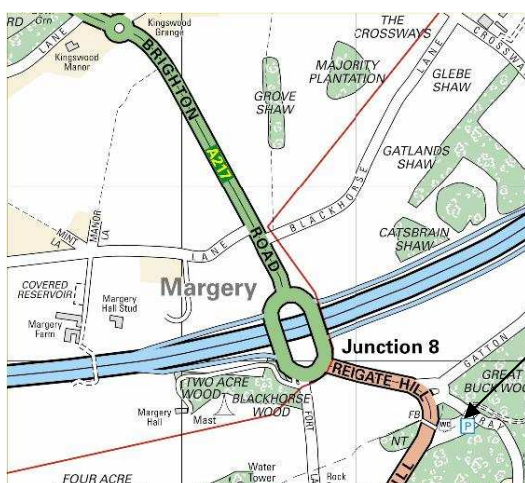
FOR THCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 5 October Monthly meeting – Auction Night
- Sunday 16 October Autumn Leaves Run , to The Plough at Leigh
- Saturday 29 October 30th Celebration Barn Dance, Nork

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

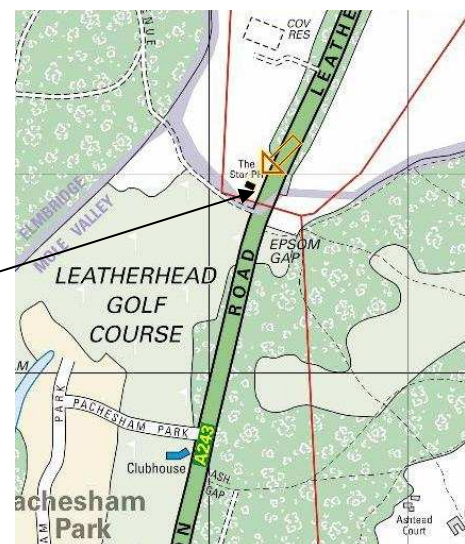
Events with the MG symbol are being officially supported or organised by Epsom Area

HOW TO GET THERE



Sunday 21
Cordles' Run
Meet Wray Lane Car Park

Tuesday 23
Natter
The Star



SMALL ADS

Private Ads are free to members and will stay in the newsletter for 3 issues unless you request an extension. Contact the Editor for entry in the next issue

FOR SALE

Flymo compact 4000 electric mower
 1600w motor/40inch cut
 Little used due to Arthur Rightus
 Cost £149, around £70 wanted

Contact Ron on 020 8641 0073

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FOR SALE

SIB 2.5HP spray unit with tools guns etc.
 Large capacity tank/twin gauges
 £80

Contact Ron on 020 8641 0073

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FOR SALE

Hard top storage bag
 (including hooks for wall-mounting)
 Suitable for MGF/TF
 Good condition
 £40 - no offers

Contact John on 020 8393 8966

2/3

FOR SALE

Suitable for MG TF
 Boot rack - used once
 Good overall condition but slight scuff, hence £50 ono

Contact John on 020 8393 8966

2/3

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