



OCTAGONAL NEWS

April 2017

AN HISTORIC DAY OUT



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TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Monthly meetings are on the first Thursday in the month from 7.30pm in
The Times Square Room, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY

7:30pm	Welcome
8:30pm	Famous Places Quiz
9:45pm	Raffle
Any time until 11pm	Goodnight, drive safely

WHAT'S PLANNED

If not given, contact details are in Committee Listings at the end of the newsletter

APRIL		
Sunday 2	From 10am	MG Era Day at Brooklands
Thursday 6	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Famous Places Quiz
Sunday 9		Arundel <i>Contact Bryan Young</i>
Thursday 20	From 7.30pm	Natter – The Pheasant at Buckland, Reigate Road (A25), Buckland RH3 7BG <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>
Friday 28-1 May		Jersey Tour
MAY		
Monday 1	On site by 10.30am	Beddington May Fayre – Club Stand <i>Contact Paul Coleman</i>
Thursday 4	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Talk by Surrey Search and Rescue
Saturday 13		Victor Seymour Infants School – Classic Car show <i>Contact Bryan Young</i>
Wednesday 17	7pm sharp	Gourmet Evening at Brooklands College Restaurant, Heath Road, Weybridge, KT13 8TT - <i>Contact Kim Shrosbree</i>

Weekend 17-18 June	MG Live at Silverstone
Saturday 24 June	Tower Bridge tour
Saturday 1 July	Green Lane Primary/Nursery School Club Stand, Worcester Park KT4 8AF (on-site from 10.30)
Sunday 23 July	Surrey Run 2017 to the Weald & Downland Living Museum.
Saturday 29 July	Provisional trip on Wey and Arun Canal
Sunday 30 July	MGCC Summer Gathering – Penshurst Place.

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 22 APRIL

CANINE PARTNERS STAMP APPEAL

Canine Partners is running an on-going Stamp Appeal to raise funds for the first year of puppy training (£5000 each). If Members would like to help them achieve their goals, Bryan will take any postage stamps and send them to Canine Partners on behalf of Epsom Area MGOC.

JAM JARS FOR KIM!

One of my lovely doggy friends makes jam and marmalade for the Dogs Trust. She donates all the ingredients and, of course, her time so all the profit goes to the Dogs Trust.

However, she is very short of jam jars so if members could keep empty jam jars and give them to me I can take them to her in Shoreham. If you'd like me to bring marmalade and/or jam back, it is very yummy and very reasonably priced. Oh, and every time we go in the shop she fills Teddy full of biscuits!

Thanks loads from me and from Teddy's Auntie Shirley! Kim

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello! Well. Spring is well and truly here. As usual, not too much to report from me but I would just like to thank Margaret for the brilliant organisation of the trip to the Houses of Parliament. What a fab day out; we really enjoyed it. It was so very interesting but so sad when recent events brought the visit flooding back by recognising the location only too well.

Quick question to members, does anyone have an architect they can recommend? I am sure someone told me their son/daughter was one, but I can't remember who it was.

I guess I must get my fingers crossed and get the hardtop off! As I drove to work this morning it was dark again but because the clocks changed yesterday, summer and lovely evening walks are definitely on their way!



BROOKLANDS COLLEGE GOURMET EVENING Wednesday 17 May

I still have a few spaces available for the Gourmet Evening at Brooklands College Restaurant on 17th May. I have been promised the menu (and I hope the exact price!) shortly. If you haven't received an email from me, I don't have your booking (except Dave C who is on the list but didn't give me an email).

Despite emailing again, I still don't have the menu and firm price yet. I am guessing there's no point now until after the Easter break but I hope members won't mind it being a bit of a voyage of discovery!

Do let me know if you'd still like to join us by seeing me this evening, giving me a call on 07831 427 515 or sending me an email kimshros@gmail.com.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Nothing of note or interest to report on this month, other than to repeat that we are looking for someone to take on the role of Auditor of the club accounts. Malcolm Childs has carried out the duties of auditing the Epsom Area MGOC accounts for some years, but as he is now a committee member both he and the committee feel he should not continue to do so.

We are seeking a member who would be prepared to take on the role of auditing the simple income and expenditure accounts commencing with the 2017 accounts. If you do have an interest, copies of the accounts can be made available and Malcolm would be very happy to assist and answer any questions that you may have. Please let me or any member of the committee know if you are interested in becoming our auditor.

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Most of the membership have now renewed for 2017 and my thanks for responding so promptly. 96 members in total so far with a few members outstanding at the end of March. If you still wish to join in 2017 and do not have the appropriate membership form do let me know at mrmrchild9@gmail.com.

No new members in March but three individuals have attended meetings in February and March so we hope they will return and join.

Malcolm

SOCIAL SCENE

Tower Bridge - Saturday 24th June

Visit to and Guided Tour of the Tower Bridge Exhibition with Guides (not audio systems). I have made a reservation for 48 persons in groups of 16. We will meet at 2.15pm with tours at 2.30pm, 2.45pm and 3pm. Tours last 1.5hrs. Cost per head £11.00. I will be collecting names and monies at the Meeting. This is the official description of the Tour:

In depth presentation and Tour of Tower Bridge (built 120 years ago). You will be taken into the top of the Towers (stairs or lifts) and be guided through presentations and interesting facts. Walk across the top of the Bridge past the glass floor experience from South end to North end. Down to the Engine Rooms in which the original Victorian machinery is on display.

Saturday 29th July - Wey and Arun Canal

I have made a provisional booking and will gauge the level of interest in a visit to and guided trip on the Wey and Arun Canal by the Onslow Arms, High Street, Loxwood RH14 0RD on a canal boat. Cost per head is £11.50 to include tea/coffee. The Canal Boat with which the booking is made takes 27 persons. We would meet at 11.45am for boarding. The trip is for 2 hours from 12 noon until 2pm. You may also take your own refreshments on board this vessel. If there is greater interest, the next sized boat takes 50 persons but another date will have to be chosen as the bigger boat is doing public trips on this day. I will be asking for the level of interest at the Meeting.

Possible future events:

Guided London Walk with Blue Badge Guide Marion Clarke and colleague, John. I am in discussion with Marion. One member has made a suggestion for a walk, please let me have your preferences. I was thinking about a walk ending by the Thames or a London Canal so if you chose you could take to the water. Hiring a boat on the Thames has proved to be too complicated and expensive; I have explored this option

Blitz Night with live music and supper or wartime food. My local contact and I are in discussion re venues, costings etc.

Happy Socialising and please continue to let me have your great ideas - the suggestion of Tower Bridge came from a Member.

Margaret

CLUB STAND

Monday 1st May – Mayday Bank Holiday - Beddington Park May Fayre

We need to be on-site as usual by 10.30am as the Fayre opens to the public at 11 (movement of cars will be limited after this time, i.e. gate will be shut) and closes at 4pm. Entry will be in Church Road just off the Croydon Road close to the Carew Manor. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available but if you wish more substantial food, either buy at the Fayre or bring your own picnic.

Saturday 13th May - Victor Seymour Infants School Classic Car Show

Another event we support. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Bryan Young as he has taken it under his wing to manage

Saturday 1st July - Green Lane Primary/Nursery School, Worcester Park

We have once again been requested to attend as the main feature of the School Fête, so please keep your day free. The fête takes place from 11am till 2pm so please arrive no later than 10.30, allowing time to be positioned on the stand. Bring your own food although there should be a barbeque running. Tea and essentials will once again be available.

If you would like to attend any of the above events please contact me on a Club Night, email me paaablo@talktalk.net or phone 01483 423169

Paul Coleman

MEMBER FUNDRAISING

Jan Cassar (you will remember her fantastic Members' Response at the Dinner) is going to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on the 30th April for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The Hospice looked after her late younger sister, Joanne.

If any of you would like to support the event, you can donate online by visiting www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jan-Cassar

The tower is 560 feet high so you will easily hear her from Epsom!

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

I If you are thinking of coming to the Arundel Gathering on Sunday 9th April would you let me know so I can confirm the pre-arranged area for all Epsom cars to park together. We will meet as normal in the Bury Hill car park from 9am onwards for bacon butties and coffee, leaving at 10.15 sharp to travel in convoy to the Castle. If you prefer to go straight there, the gates do not open until 10am and the Castle entry fee will be £8 per person. When you get there, ask for the Epsom parking area on the top lawns. This gathering is always well attended and is a good day out; I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

It was good to see many Epsom members at the MG & Triumph show at Stoneleigh last month. It was a very successful show and the continuing doubts about mixing the two marques were unfounded - everyone blended well and the attendance of 14,000 was exceptional.

Another event which may be of interest to Epsom members, which is being organised by Chichester MGOC, is the MG Showcase Gala on 7th May. Team GB double Olympic gold medallist, Joanna Rowsell Shand, will be the sports celebrity special guest greeting attendees at this fabulous new charity event in the grounds of Cowdray House, Midhurst, West Sussex. This vintage gala event, celebrating our British Motor Heritage, will feature live music, with stalls, raffle, food, refreshments, games, and the chance for your MG to be awarded prizes by our Olympic Champion. Prices for this unique event start from just £25 per car for early bird tickets. To book go to www.showcase-classic-cars.events. This is likely to be a popular event, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Chichester MGOC have asked if any Epsom members would be willing to volunteer their time on the day (minimum 3 hours) to join the marshalling team. Rotas in 1.5 hour shifts will be arranged to ensure that all volunteers have time to enjoy the event. Marshalls will be given FREE entry to the event, including their classic; full briefing and instructions; water and welfare and covered marshal's stations with seats. I can provide an application form, or you can contact the Chichester Area Secretary directly at andy.harris@computer-assets.co.uk.

I have 8 spaces reserved at the Victor Seymour School Classic Car show on Saturday 13th May in Carshalton. I just need to find five more willing volunteers to fill the remaining spaces.

The Oxford MG Owners Club have invited Epsom members to again attend their annual MGs in The Park gathering at the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Sunday 4th June, between 10am and 4pm. It is free to enter and advance booking is not required. This is always a very popular event and they are expecting more than the 600 MGs that attended last year.

I have now received confirmation that the Westbourne Primary School Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday 1st July (the same day as the Green Lane School in Worcester Park). I have advised the organiser that Epsom are already committed to the Green Lane School, however, if anyone wishes to attend the Westbourne show, I can give you an application form.

Now is the time for the monthly joke and thank you to the source:

The local Radio Station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just got married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about how it felt to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. He's a Funeral Director, she answered.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly: she said she first married a Banker when she was in her Twenties, then a Circus Ringmaster when she was in her Forties and a Preacher when she was in her Sixties, and now – in her Eighties – a Funeral Director.

The interviewer looked at her quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained: I MARRIED ONE FOR THE MONEY, TWO FOR THE SHOW, THREE TO GET READY, AND FOUR TO GO MAN GO.

I think that is quite enough from me for this month! Kind regards, Bryan and Piggy

CAR EVENTS

Jersey Tour – Friday 28th April – Monday 1st May

There has been a cancelled booking for the above event. Anybody interested please contact me as soon as possible. Seventy people are currently booked. Our last recce to the island is 7th/8th April and upon our return all ferry tickets etc. will be forwarded to all participants. If you have any queries whatsoever please contact me on 01737 765891.

European Event of the Year 2017 – Porto, Portugal – 3rd – 6th August

This year's European Event of the Year is being organised by the Porto MG Club, and will be held in Porto and the north. Applications can still be made. Website information can be found at: <http://www.portomgclube.pt/en/mg-event-2017>

If you are interested in participating early registration is recommended.

Safe motoring. Derek Edwards

NATTERS NEWS

Some 19 members enjoyed an excellent evening at The Wheatsheaf at Esher Green on 15th March and thanks to Ted Oughton for this introduction.

On Thursday 20th April, we will be going to The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG (this is on the A25 between Reigate and Betchworth) and will be meeting for 7.30pm. Many members will know this venue as the start for some of our events.

As always, full details of our Natters can be found by visiting the Natters page on our website at www.epsommgoc.co.uk/Natters.htm where it will tell you how to book your place.

As you know, there will be no natter in May as we are going to Brooklands College Restaurant. Kim can still take a few more bookings so do let her know if you would like to come along.

Malcolm



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Having received the April edition of "Enjoying MG", some of you may have noticed that we have just launched the first of our half page adverts for the Epsom Area 2017 SURREY RUN. We also have a number of flyers that will be given out at all the major MG gatherings taking place between now and July. I can still report that we seem to be well ahead with enthusiasts registering for this popular annual charity event. I always feel very grateful that there always seem to be a number of dedicated followers that give us their support each year. As I stated last month, we seem to have more participants registered at this stage compared to the same time last year.



The meeting that I had at the Weald and Downland Museum a couple of weeks ago was very constructive. We did have a slight panic when it came to light that there had been a minor change to the museum logo and they were keen on us updating our advertising material. I must say that the museum staff seem to be looking forward to our visit and walked us round the site to show us the Event Arena, placed centrally within the complex where all the MGs will be parked. The route to this parking area is via the main entrance and past their new and exciting GATEWAY PROJECT. This consists of an impressive reception area and new restaurant facilities that I am sure we will make full use of on the day. This is all funded by a very significant lottery grant. Progress for this development is on time and will be operational ready for our visit.

I will keep you informed as time goes on but, as you know, details and a booking form can also be found on our Epsom webpage. I have added a booking form at the end of this article for members as I am sure it will be a great day.

NIGEL

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20 February 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of £400.00...

Please convey our thanks to Marilyn for nominating CRY, and to your members for their kind support. It means a great deal to us and will help us to continue our campaign to reduce the number of young sudden cardiac deaths and the heartbreak that follows such a tragedy.

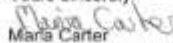
Keith Weston is indeed a loyal supporter of CRY, donating his fee from his many talks.

It is only through the generosity of our supporters that CRY is able to offer its various services and to pursue important campaign aims and objectives. Every single contribution to CRY is greatly appreciated.

We are always grateful to supporters who send us photographs and a short write-up of their event / fundraising for the CRY website and CRY Update magazine. If this is something you would like to do, please visit www.c-r-y.org.uk/upload to submit your write-up and any accompanying photos via the CRY website. Alternatively, you may email your photographs and write-up to james@c-r-y.org.uk. Whichever method you use, please quote the reference number at the top of this letter, so that we can match the photos / text with the donation they relate to.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt.

Yours sincerely


Maria Carter
Senior Executive Administrator



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23rd February, 2017

Dear Members of Epsom Area M G Owners Club

On behalf of Hounds for Heroes, I would like to express our gratitude for the very much appreciated cheque donation of £400.00. This money will assist us in our aims of placing assistance dogs with injured veterans and emergency service personnel.

Your support really does send such a positive message to those serving Queen and Country that folk at home really do care about them. At this stage, let us assure you that every single penny received makes such a huge impact on and difference to our work.

We are a service orientated organisation that is privileged to have the support of both serving and ex service personnel. However, we do recognise that without the phenomenal level of support we receive from Clubs such as yours, we would not be in the position to be able to place life enhancing dogs with our brave members of both the armed and emergency services.

We have to date placed ten dogs and currently have six working partnerships and hearing how the Endal effect is changing other people's lives makes our job so very fulfilling – but we couldn't do it without you!

Our Fourth Squadron have progressed well in their basic training and are due to commence their advanced training imminently and will then be well on the way to adding to those benefitting from the Endal effect.

The Centre is buzzing with excitement and the sound of puppy paws, as not only did our final recruit of Squadron Four join us just prior to Christmas, our first two recruits of Squadron Five joined us in the first week of January at the cute fluffy age of eight weeks, they will shortly be joined by another two recruits thus completing Squadron Five.

The sound of puppy paws running around the centre re-enforces our aim to improve and enhance the quality of our partners' lives.

Once again thank you for supporting Hounds for Heroes.

Warmest regards


Liz Rann
Administration Assistant

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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. Please note that inclusion of an advert does not indicate endorsement by the Club.

WANTED - Any unwanted OS maps

Tom and I are trying to build up a whole set of both the pink and the orange covers before paper copies finish. We will donate £1 to charity for each map

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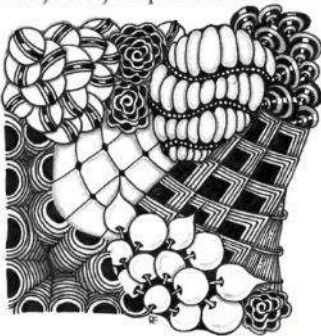
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