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July 2017

IT'S OUR 400TH ISSUE!



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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	Look back
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

JULY

Saturday 1	On site by 10.30am	Green Lane Primary/Nursery School Club Stand, Worcester Park KT4 8AF <i>Contact Paul Coleman</i>
Thursday 6	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting - "Look Back"
Tuesday 11	From 7.30pm	Natter - Fox Revived, Norwood Hill, Horley RH6 0ET <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>
Saturday 15	On-site by 11.30	Whiteley Village Club Stand - see entry in newsletter for details <i>Contact Paul Coleman</i>
Sunday 23		Surrey Run 2017 to the Weald & Downland Living Museum <i>See article in newsletter</i>
Saturday 29 July	11:45am	Trip on Wey and Arun Canal - meet Onslow Arms pub High Street, Loxwood RH14 ORD <i>Contact Margaret Billinge</i>
Sunday 30		MGCC Summer Gathering – Penshurst Place.

AUGUST

Thursday 3	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Pride of Ownership
Sunday 13	From 12 noon	Cranleigh Classic Car Show - Club Stand <i>Contact Paul Coleman</i>
Sunday 20		Cordles' Run to the Lavender Line near Uckfield
Thursday 24	From 7.30pm	Natter at The Rubbing House, 34 Langley Vale Road, Epsom Downs KT18 5LJ <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>

Sunday 3 September	South Downs Run.
Thursday 7 September	Monthly Meeting – Talk by Keith Weston
Saturday 16 September	London Docklands Walk
Sunday 24 September	MGCC Autumn Gathering – Chiddingstone Castle

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 22 JULY

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! Firstly, huge thanks to Margaret for arranging the brilliant tour of the Tower of London, what a fascinating experience and amazing to watch Tower Bridge lift from the glass viewing platform overhead - the timing of the tour was impeccable!

We have been asked to give a reminder to members that it is not too late to go to Harrogate MG Club's Harrogate MG/Northern National at Pateley Bridge on 6th August. They have a full evening of entertainment on Saturday night and a BBQ. They have camping and, possibly, glamping is also available (details also on the flyer) why not make a weekend of it? If anyone wants more information, drop me an email as I have a flyer.

You will be pleased to know that I have no time to write more but I have had the lid down on Noodle!



CLUB STANDS

Saturday 15th July - Whiteley Village Fete

Once again we are attending this very popular event. We do need to be on site no later than 11 30am, thus allowing time to set up. The Public are allowed entry at 12.30 and movement becomes restricted, finishing at 4pm. As most of you know it is a very good day out.

Directions are down the A3 to Cobham then to Seven Hills road traffic lights turn right up to first roundabout (St Georges Hill). Right to Hersham past car park entrance, to main entrance to Whiteley Village, turn into and you will be directed to us hopefully. At first right turn, turn right follow road past church Bearing left until you come to exit road(closed) on right. You will find us on the left hand side where you need to crossover grass verge to reach the stand.

Sunday 13th August - Cranleigh Classic Car Show

I now have a code for booking in; if you would like to attend please see or contact me and I will pass the code on to you. Booking must be done before Saturday 1st July. I have once again requested a block booking for the club but seems unlikely at this stage. I am awaiting response so you will probably have to book online and pay individually, but be on the Club Stand, hopefully combined with East Surrey. Should this change I will make it known ASAP.

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.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Honorary Auditor

As reported a while back, since Malcolm Childs has become a Committee member, he has felt that he should not continue to audit the club accounts and we were seeking someone to replace him. I am therefore pleased to confirm that new member Ianthe Cox has agreed to take on the role of Honorary Auditor. The Committee wish to thank her for her kind offer and Malcolm has offered to give her assistance in any way he can.

July Monthly Meeting

Tonight, Nigel, Paul and myself are going to give a presentation entitled "Looking Back" which will show what the Epsom Area were doing a few years ago with excerpts from some videos and the use of photographs. I do hope members will find it interesting, particularly those of you who have joined the Epsom Area in more recent years.

Future Events

July is probably the busiest month in the Club calendar. We have two club stands, one at Green Lane School, the other at Whiteley Village; the Surrey Run to the Weald & Downland Living Museum, our major event of the year the profits from which are donated to local charities nominated by members each year; and a trip on the Wey & Arun Canal.

The August monthly meeting will feature the annual Pride of Ownership Competition for The Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy; the club stand at the Cranleigh Classic Show and the ever popular annual Cordle's Run.

Much to do and I hope that as many members as possible will try to support some of these events. It gives everyone the opportunity to meet and get to know other members in a social atmosphere.

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

SOCIAL SCENE

Epsom MGOC Boat Trip, Wey and Arun Canal - Saturday 29th July

Visit to, and guided two-hour canal ride along the Wey and Arun Canal. Meet at 11.45am to board the 'Zachariah Keppel' 27 seater canal boat. Trip is from 12 noon to 2pm. Tea and coffee included.

Meet at the wharveside by the Canal Centre in Loxwood, on the B2133 (post code RH14 ORD). Parking can be found through the Onslow Arms car park in the Wey and Arun Canal Trust parking area. You may bring your own refreshments to have on the boat. As the seats are not padded you may wish to bring a cushion to sit on. My contact numbers in case of need are;- 01892 610117 or 07784 771562.

Saturday 16th September - Docklands Walk from Tower Bridge to Wapping and Shadwell Basin

Guided London Walk with Blue Badge Guide Marion Clarke. Cost per head £8. I will be collecting names and monies at the July meeting as I regret I will not be at the August meeting. I also need to let Marion have some indication of how many Members would like to join this event so she has time to arrange a fellow guide to join her.

We will meet at Tower Hill station at 11am, ending at Shadwell Basin which is within walking distance of either Wapping or Shadwell stations and is also near the 'Prospect of Whitby' pub, a possible lunch spot (booking advised).

This is a very interesting part of London and this section of the Thames. The area still has some historical sites that are tucked away that have survived the Blitz of WW2 and modern development demolition and that make a direct link to the dockland heritage.

Please continue to let me have your great ideas. Happy Socialising, Margaret.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

I have personally thanked all the Epsom members that came to the Victor Seymour Classic car show on Saturday 13th May and helped to raise the fantastic amount of £3,666 for school funds. This is the highest amount of money that this show has generated in all the years it has been running.

I had a great day at the recent Oxfordshire MGOC event, MGs in the Park, on Sunday 4th June, at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. Although 600 MGs attended this event, I was surprised that there were so few Epsom members there – only Karl Foot and myself. Maybe this was because it clashed with the New Forest Run.

I would like to give everyone plenty of notice that our Pride of Ownership competition for the Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy will be held at our next monthly meeting on Thursday 3rd August at 7.30 pm. I do hope that many of you will bring your MGs to this meeting and join in with the spirit of the event.

Does anyone fancy displaying their MG on the Epsom Club Stand at the Cranleigh Classic Car Show on Sunday 13th August, as there are a few spaces left. Full details of the booking arrangements are on our website at www.epsommgoc.org.uk. There is a closing deadline of 15th July for our stand, but you need to obtain a special booking code from Paul Coleman first. Could you let Paul know if you make a booking as we do not get any feedback from Cranleigh.

I have been reminded by WSMGOC about their South Downs Run on Sunday 3rd September; the applications have already reached the 150 mark and when full, they will not be able to accept any entries on the day. The route will start again from Bury Hill car park between 8.30 and 11 am and tulip-style route instructions will be provided. The entry fee is £22 and entry forms can be obtained, or an on-line booking made at <http://www.wsmgoc.co.uk>

I have a really funny joke this month, I thought it was classic, and thank you to the source.

Hillary Clinton phoned the president's office shortly after midnight. "I need to talk to the president, it's an emergency!", exclaimed Hillary. After some cajoling, the president's assistant agreed to wake him up.

"So, what is it that's so important that it can't wait until morning?", grumbled Trump. "A Supreme Court Judge just died, and I want to take his place.", begged Hillary.

"Well, it's OK with me if it's OK with the undertaker", replied President Trump.

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

CAR EVENTS

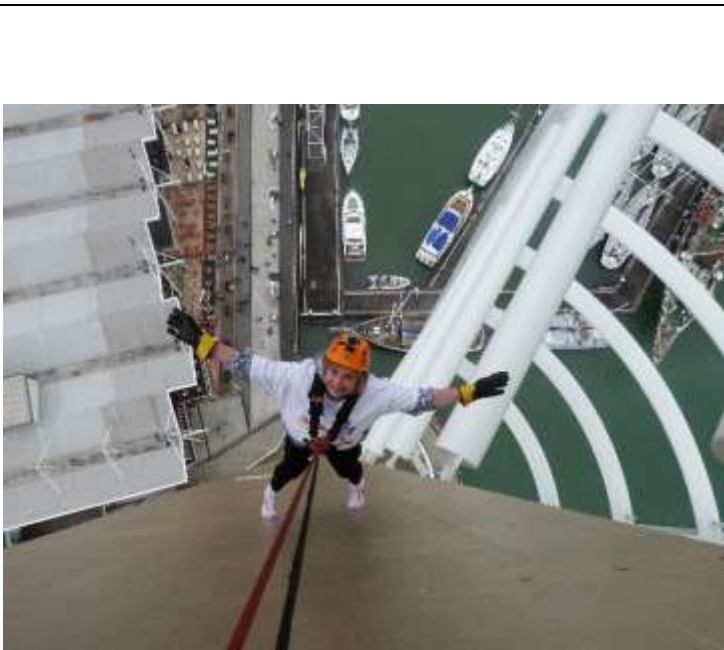
MG Live – 17-18 June– Silverstone Circuit

Nice to see so many Epsom members enjoying the Silverstone event over a hot weekend up to 35 degrees – phew!

MGCC Summer Gathering – 30 July – Penshurst Place – TN11 8DG

The MGCC SE Centre Summer Gathering this year will take place at a familiar venue, namely Penshurst Place. The usual Concours, Pride of Ownership and driving test competitions will be organised. Further information and entry forms are available from me. Further information can be found on the SE Centre website - www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccse/

That's all from me this month, happy Motoring, Derek Edwards



ABSEILING THE SPINNAKER TOWER

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me in my abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. I really appreciate it.

Twice when I got to Portsmouth they cancelled my jump, once 5 minutes before I jumped.

Finally, on Bank Holiday Monday, they said I could jump - I was so excited. When I got to the top of the tower it started to rain and I was frightened they were going to cancel it again. He asked who was going first, I shouted "me"!

I have to say I loved it. I was fed up when I got to the bottom and I asked if I could do it again. I think they thought I was nuts!

I was trying to raise £500 but thanks to everyone's generosity I raised over £1300.

Thanks again to all members who were kind enough to sponsor me.

Jan Cassar

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2017 now stands at 104 plus 22 life members. There have been no new members this month.

The Club are looking to produce business cards and when these become available I will be happy to provide limited numbers to members if they feel able to introduce members in the months ahead.

Malcolm

NATTERS NEWS

July's Natter is on Tuesday 11th July at The Fox Revived Norwood Hill, Horley, RH6 0ET and I will be advising the Pub that the table will be available from 7pm so that people arriving can order when they arrive or for 7.30pm which is the booking time. Please note that I need to advise the pub by Saturday 8th July of numbers.

Thanks to everyone who went to The Peacock at Henton and then on to the Brookes' in June and I understand the weather was fine and the hospitality excellent!

In August we will be going to The Rubbing House on Epsom Downs on 24th of that month.



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Well, here we are with just a few days to go before our biggest special event of the year, the "SURREY RUN 2017", taking place on Sunday 23 July. I thought that I would give you the final update on progress before we go into action.

I mentioned last month that Foggy has given us the go-ahead and declared that he is happy with the route from Bocketts Farm to the Weald and Downland Museum at Singleton in West Sussex. The route this year has been targeted at about 60 miles. The Run is always claimed to



be through some of the most picturesque countryside in Surrey. Once the route has been set, our practice is then for other members of the Club to also check the Run, and I can report that Malcolm Childs and Eric have now done this. I have to congratulate Foggy, as the route is superb and once again he has done an excellent job. On this basis, the route maps are now going to print. The route passes a garden centre with facilities for a comfort stop if required and there are also plenty of pubs on the way for those wishing to stop for lunch. In the dedicated parking area at Singleton there is plenty of room for a picnic but there is also a snack bar within the museum buildings.

As usual, Ray Reeves and our team of marshals will be there to receive you on arrival. The marshals will be parking the MGs in a dedicated "Event Arena" central to the museum, where all the cars can be admired by other visitors. For those on the Run, do not forget to give in your special entry ticket as you reach the finish line for inclusion in the Prize Draw that may win you store vouchers worth 50 pounds.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the planning of this event and especially those of you taking part. I have been very pleased once again with the response that we have had from the many MG enthusiasts that enjoy our SURREY RUN. I am confident that this year we will be able to match previous sums that we donate to those many deserving causes. If you still wish to join us you will find an entry form below. Please fill it in and give the form to Pat. I am sure that you will have a great day.

NIGEL

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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

kimshros@gmail.com or 07831 427 515

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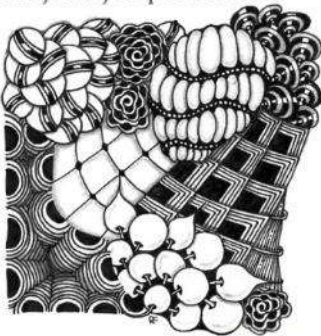
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