



OCTAGONAL NEWS

June 2017

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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	Wine tasting
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

JUNE		
Thursday 1	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Wine tasting
Sunday 11	From 12 noon	Lunch at The Peacock Country Inn, Henton, Chinnor OX39 4AH with desserts and tea at The Brookes' - <i>Contact John Brooke via website or 07760 256564</i>
Weekend 17-18		MG Live at Silverstone
Saturday 24	Meet at 2.15pm Ticket Office- North side	Tower Bridge tour Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2UP <i>Contact Margaret Billinge</i>
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.

Thursday 3 August	Monthly meeting – Pride of Ownership
Sunday 13 August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show – Club Stand
Sunday 20 August	Cordles' Run
Sunday 3 September	South Downs Run.
Thursday 7 September	Monthly Meeting – Talk by Keith Weston
Sunday 24 September	MGCC Autumn Gathering – Chiddingstone Castle

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 24 JUNE

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 the good news is I've had the retirement conversation with work so it's looking good for later in the year. The bad news is that work still prohibits me from doing too much but we enjoyed the lovely evening at Brooklands College Restaurant. 35 members and their families joined us for a yummy meal served by smiling young things and I'd like to thank those of you who took the trouble to email your thanks. I'm glad everyone enjoyed it. All you lot need to do is watch out for when I find out who stole my trout!!

Tom changed the alternator belt on Noodle so I can now drive her without a screaming from the rear end - hers not mine! Tom had enormous problems trying to get the bloody locking wheel nuts off - what a disaster they are! Thanks go to Tadworth Tyres for managing to get them off and to Nigel T for coming up with four spare wheel nuts so Tom didn't have to continue to drive with only 3 on each wheel! Yes, I know - but he was driving two roads up in the village!

As I write, I have a short-sleeved t-shirt on for work for the first time this year; bring on the summer!



CLUB STANDS

Saturday 1st July - Green Lane Primary/Nursery School Worcester Park KT4 8AF

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.

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.

Saturday 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

April Monthly Meeting

Members favourably commented about the talk given by Rosie from Surrey Search and Rescue. They found it interesting and informative as to how they are organised and the level of success they achieve through their search and rescue call-outs. The club made a donation to the charity as well as members supporting the can collection.

July Monthly Meeting

Many current members will not have been around when we organised the Southern National Events at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre. They ran from midday on Friday until Sunday evening. There was camping down by the river from Friday onwards and on Saturday there was a Surrey Run in the morning, followed by games in the afternoon, rounding the day off with a disco. On Sunday, there were driving tests and the Concours and Pride of Ownership Competitions ending the day off with the prize-giving. Many traders were present from Saturday onwards.

These events took a great deal of organisation and were expensive to run, with the last one taking place in 2001. At the July Monthly Meeting we are going to show a video that was made at one of these events.

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

SOCIAL SCENE

Tower Bridge - Saturday 24th June

Visit to and Guided Tour of the Tower Bridge Exhibition with Guides (not audio systems) - Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2UP (020 7403 3761). There are a few spaces if anyone else wishes to come. Cost £11 per head.

Meet at 2.15pm at the Glass Ticket office building. This is the part of the bridge on the north side of the river. The nearest underground station is Tower Hill. The DLR is also nearby.

Tours last 1.5hrs and are timed at 2.30pm, 2.45pm and 3pm. There are toilets at the Bridge but, I regret, no refreshment facilities. I will give individual tour times at the Meeting. My numbers in case of need are 01892 610117 or 07784 771562.

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.

I regret this trip is full and I have a small waiting list in case of cancellations but the Wey and Arun Trust are running public canal trips on this day if this is of interest.

Possible future events:

Other events planned include a guided London walk with our Blue Badge Guide Marion Clarke. Date not fixed yet.

That is all from me for now, Happy Socialising. Margaret

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

I would like to thank Les, Peter, Adam, Nigel, Terry, Dave and David Naylor for bringing a lovely selection of MGs and to Sue and Rob for bringing their stunning TVR to the Victor Seymour Classic Car Show on Saturday 13th May, all making an excellent mixed display. Our support is always greatly appreciated by the school and I received a big thank you from Cheryl De Benedictis, Assistant Head Teacher and Show Organiser. I am not yet aware of the total monies taken on the day, but I do know that a record number of parents and children attended the show again this year, despite the weather. David Naylor narrowly missed winning the 'Car of the Show' with his L2 Magna by a single point. I have reserved space for us at next year's show, which is on Saturday 12th May 2018.

We also had a good day at the Beddington Park May Fayre on Monday 1st May, with a good selection of models amongst the 13 MGs that came, mainly MGBs, Adam's stunning GT, three Fs, Les & Sue Harvey's TF, MG6, MG3, Eric's Magnette Varitone with David Naylor's L2 Magna and Dave Gill's TF taking centre stage.

Ed Prothero has advised me that his eighteenth Classic Car Show at Westbourne Primary School on Saturday 1st July is virtually fully booked even though he has increased the capacity to 60 cars again this year. Anyone not going to Green Lane School and thinking of going to this show really needs to make a booking now.

West Sussex MGOC will be holding their annual classic car show at Worthing Rugby Club on Monday 12th June, commencing at 8 pm. I will be going again this year to fly the flag for Epsom and hand out yet more Surrey Run flyers.

If anyone is interested in joining me at the Hanworth Classic Car show in Bushy Park, Hampton Court on Sunday 25th June, there are a couple of spaces still available on the MG Worldwide Club Stand; there is not an entry charge but you do need a pre-booked pass to attend. I need to know in the next few days so that I can obtain a pass for anyone coming. Entry is between 8.30 and 9am; the show opens to the public at 11am and closes at 4pm.

I understand that the spaces for the South Downs Run on Sunday 3rd September are rapidly disappearing and, when full, entries on the day will not be accepted. By popular request the route continues to start 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 application forms can be obtained from their website or online bookings made at www.wsmgoc.co.uk.

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 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.

Now is time for the monthly joke, thank you to the source.

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with five young mothers & their small children. "You all have obsessions", he stated. "I am concerned that these individual obsessions are going to impact your children.

To the first mother, Mary, he said: "You are obsessed with eating. You have even named your daughter Candy."

He turned to the second Mum, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. It manifests itself in your children's names, Penny, Goldie and Frank."

He turned to the third Mum, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your children's names: Brandy and Sherry. You even called the cat, Whisky."

He then turned to the fourth Mum June: "Your obsession is with flowers. Your girls are called Rose, Daphne & Poppy".

At this point, the fifth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand and whispered: "Come on Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about, grab Fanny and Willy, we're going".

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

Well what a good and interesting event this was with 36 MG cars taking part, being members and friends from Epsom MGOC and the South East Centre MG Car Club, held over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The first two days we had warm balmy weather which suited our open top cars really well. Runs were organised for these days taking in Gorey Castle, St. Catherine's and Jersey Zoo with a good lunch at The Portelet Inn with stunning sea views. The afternoon run visited Corbiere Lighthouse, St. Brelade's Bay, St. Ouen's beach finishing at Jersey Pearl which the ladies really appreciated.

On Sunday morning, a Pride of Ownership was held but the weather had changed for the worse with high winds and rain. However, it was the same for everyone. The event went ahead and the winners were Tony and Sally Simmons in their smart MGC GT, closely followed in second place by Malcolm and Marlene Childs in their TD.

This was followed on Sunday evening by a drinks reception and Gala dinner which we all enjoyed. However, we were advised half an hour before the reception that the weather would not be good enough for departure on the Monday. Nearly seven metre wave heights meant no ferry sailings – we had to stay in Jersey for two more days! What a shame!

The weather turned warm once again and plenty of places to visit. Subsequently we departed on time on Wednesday for Guernsey and Poole. However, things certainly went with a bang – as we entered St. Peter Port, Guernsey, the ferry unfortunately hit a glancing blow on a pontoon to which two vessels were attached. A voice on the ship's loudspeaker advised we would be delayed because of a 'technical fault'. It turned out that a diver had to inspect the ferry's hull before sailing to Poole could take place.

All in all, a well-organised event and members are asking already where we are going next year.

MG Live – 17-18 June– Silverstone Circuit

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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. Information from Porto MG Club, European Event of the Year, Contact: Rua Gonçalves Zarco (+351) 913 825 051 or geral@portomgclube.pt

If you are interested in participating early registration is recommended.

Safe motoring. Derek Edwards

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2017 now stands at 103 plus 22 life members. There have been no additional new members in May 2017. Existing members can help the club by talking to MG Owners they meet locally to see if they could be interested in joining. If you need help please contact me on mrmrchilds9@gmail.com

The website is a great way of promoting the club and is full of detailed information to assist existing members and interested MG Owners of what the Club is about.

Malcolm

NATTERS NEWS

Thanks to Kim for organising an excellent evening at Brooklands College on 17th May.

The Natter in June is to The Peacock Country Inn at Henton, Chinnor, OX39 4AH from 12 noon, on Sunday 11th June. Desserts, tea and coffee will be available at John (Foggy) and Alexis Brooke's home after lunch and Foggy will be providing maps to those attending the lunch, to ensure you get to their home. Games and socialising in the afternoon at their delightful home will ensure a great day out.

Following a recent Committee Meeting it has been agreed that we will look to give 4 days' notice to future venues to ensure we allow members to mix at these events when arranging bookings. This will come into effect from the July Natter onwards.

In July, we are intending to go to the Fox Revived at Norwood Hill, Horley, Surrey RH6 0ET on 11th July, which is a Tuesday.

Details of all our Natters are found on the website at www.epsommgoc.org.uk



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Well, at this point in time we have only about seven weeks to go until the SURREY RUN 2017 is due to take place on Sunday the 23rd of July. I am still able to report that we continue to be well ahead with our entries so far. It would seem that we are about 25% up at this time by comparison with previous years. I am sure that some of this is a result of the hard work that many of you have put in by distributing our leaflets at all the major MG gatherings that have taken place during the last couple of months. I did have a call from a chap the other day who was checking up on the start time of the Run from Bocketts Farm. He was singing the praises of the Weald and Downland Museum where we are terminating the Run this year and it turned out that he lives in the next village and knows it well. I took that as a good recommendation.



As I said last month, Foggy is preparing the route. Once this is finished we will then send out our testers once again to ensure that it has no hidden surprises to confuse the participants. When we are happy it will then pass to the printing stage using the traditional Tulip diagrams for the navigators to follow.

Ray and Joyce Reeves will once again be responsible for the marshaling at the Museum. Ray has already been in contact with their management in order to check the final details. This will ensure that receiving the cars will go smoothly on the day. I am sure that Ray and Joyce will be in touch with their usual team members, but it may be worthwhile just confirming with them in plenty of time that you are free for the 23rd July.

I will keep you informed of progress but as you know details and a booking form can also be found on our Epsom web page and have added a booking form below for members, as I am confident it will be 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

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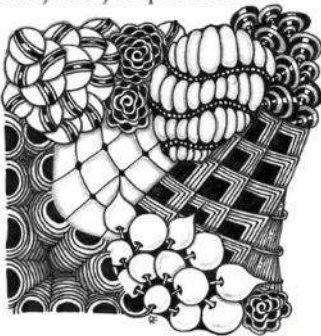
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