



OCTAGONAL NEWS

September 2017

ANOTHER GREAT 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	Talk by Keith Weston
9:45pm	Raffle
Any time until 11pm	Goodnight, drivesafely

WHAT'S PLANNED

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

SEPTEMBER		
Thursday 7	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting - Talk by Keith Weston
Saturday 16	10.45 for 11am	Docklands Walk - meet in exit foyer of Tower Hill Tube station <i>Contact Margaret Billinge</i>
Sunday 24		MGCC Autumn Gathering – Chiddingstone Castle
Thursday 28	From 7.30pm	Natter at The Amato Inn (Grumpy Mole), Chalk Lane Epsom KT18 7AS <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>
OCTOBER		
Thursday 5	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Hobbies Night
Sunday 15	10.30 for 11am	Autumn Leaves Run meet at The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG <i>Contact Derek Edwards</i>

Saturday 18 November Darts night at Wallington Bowling Club

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Please note early cut off as Editor will be on holiday

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.

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

As usual, no time to write anything – except thanks to Margaret for a great Wey & Arun trip and to everyone who helped Mum get on and off the boat! Also, congratulations to Richard and Linda for another fantastic treasure hunt – Teddy and his family had a great time!



Also, thanks to everyone for collecting jam jars but, sadly, Teddy's Auntie Shirley has retired so won't be making Dog's Trust jam any more ☹️

I will see you all at the meeting, fingers crossed!

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Pride of Ownership Competition

Although the number of MGs turning out for this year's Annual Pride of Ownership competition for the Penny Broughton memorial Trophy was down this year, some excellent examples of the MG marque were on display.

The weather had been wet all day but the rain had stopped in time for members to arrive for the competition but was probably a contributing factor to the lower number of entries. Thanks are due to John 'Foggy' Brooke for the administration of the event and to Bryan Young, Malcolm Childs and Mick Loynes for the marshalling duties. "Sorry about the hat Mike". The winner of the competition will be announced this evening.

September Monthly Meeting

Tonight, we welcome Keith Weston, a supporter of the charity "CRY" (Cardiac Risk in the Young) to give us a talk on sausages. Some members have already heard him speak and said that he is very funny.

October monthly meeting

We are holding another hobbies night at the October monthly meeting. So, if you have a specific hobby why not share it with the members. You may be a coin collector, book collector, model collector as well as many, many other forms of hobbies. This is your opportunity to tell members about your hobby, so please let me know if you would like to take part.

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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

I would like to thank all of you who brought your MGs to the Pride of Ownership competition last month. I would also like to thank Mick Loynes and Malcolm Childs who did a great job in helping to arrange the 34 MGs into a nice orderly display. I was surprised, however, that some members didn't bring their MGs as they considered them not good enough to enter the competition. Thanks also go to Foggy for producing the numerous entry and voting forms and for giving these to owners as they arrived. Many congratulations to the worthy winner (I really don't know the name) who will be announced at this month's meeting and presented with the Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy.

We had another great joint Club Stand at the Cranleigh Lions Classic Car Show on Sunday 13th August in conjunction with East Surrey MGOC. As we didn't have our club stand there, we were invited by East Surrey to share their facilities, including their lovely freshly cooked bacon rolls. I would like to thank Nigel and Sue Swann for arriving very early and claiming our part of the joint double pitch and, together with Adam, assisting with the MG parking. We jointly displayed 40 superb MGs, comprising MGAs, MGBs, GTs, Midgets, RV8, Fs & TFs and Karl's Dad's stunning Rover 400 convertible. We also had an immaculate supercharged J2 Midget join us as he was unable to find his allocated space. I personally thought that Mark Evans of "An MG is Born" fame, provided a far better presentation during the day than Mike Brewer had in the past. Mark's love of MGs seriously helped Epsom member Mark Brown to sell his F at the show, for the asking price, without any haggling.

Richard and Linda Cordle had a superb turnout for their annual run on Sunday 20th August to the Lavender Line Railway. They arranged an excellent route through some lovely Surrey countryside and a very nice relaxing finish venue. "How long is a piece of string" was the tie breaker question again this year. Congratulations to the winner.

I will be marshalling again at the MGCC Autumn Gathering on Sunday 24th September at Chiddingstone Castle, near Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 7AD and hope to see many Epsom members there. There is no need for anyone to pre-book, so just turn up and pay on the day. The event commences at 10.30am and finishes at 5pm.

I have a really scary story this month, at least I thought so, and thank you to the source. It's titled "Google Pizza". How far off is this phone conversation?.....Scary!

Hello! Gordon's Pizza? No sir, it is Google Pizza.

So, I have the wrong number? No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza.

OK. Take my order please. - Well sir, you want the usual?

The usual? How do you know me? According to your caller ID, the last 12 times, you ordered pizza with cheese, sausage, thick crust ... OK! OK! That's it.

Sir, may I suggest to you have, this time ricotta cheese, arugula with sun-dried tomatoes? - No, I hate vegetables. - But your cholesterol is high! - How do you know?

Through the Lab subscriber's guide. We have the results of your blood tests for the last 7 years. - Okay, but I want my regular pizza, I already take medicine.

But sir, you have not taken your medicine regularly. Four months ago, you only purchased a box with 30 tablets at Costco Pharmacy. I bought more from another pharmacy. It is not showing on your credit card - I paid in cash.

But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your bank statement. I have other sources of cash - This is not showing on your last Income-Tax return, unless you got it from an undeclared source.

WHAT THE HELL? Enough! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp. I'm going to an Island without Wi-Fi or internet. Where there are no mobile phones or satellites to spy on me. - I understand sir, but you will need to renew your passport, it expired 5 weeks ago!

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

CAR EVENTS

MGCC Summer Gathering – 30 July

A number of Epsom members attended this year's event organised by the MG Car Club South East Centre at Penshurst Place, where the usual Concours and Pride of Ownership competitions were organised. A good time was had by all.

MGCC Autumn Gathering – 24 September

The MGCC SE Centre Autumn Gathering will be held this year at Chiddingstone Castle, TN8 7AD where Concours and Pride of Ownership competitions plus much more will be organised. Further information is available from me, or on the following website

www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccse/

Autumn Leaves Run – Sunday 15 October

This year's event will once again take place through the leafy Surrey countryside and will be approximately 35 miles. The start will be at 'The Pheasant' at Buckland, RH3 7BG, on the A25 west of Reigate at 10.30am for departure at 11am. Tea, coffee and toilets will be available. The run will end at The Plough, Leigh, near Reigate, which we have visited many times before. Those going direct to The Plough should arrive from 12 noon onwards when lunch will be served. Names and numbers for lunch to Derek Edwards on 01737 765891 prior to the start of the event please.

European Event of the Year 2018 – Flims, Switzerland – 8-12 August 2018

Next year's European Event of the Year is being organised by the Swiss MG Car Club and will be held in Flims, Switzerland. Applications will be available from 1st September along with full programme information. Website information can be found at www.mgcc.ch

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am pleased to say that numbers keep growing and as of now we have 109 members paid-up for 2017 plus 22 Life Members. Bryan Young and I have business cards printed and if anybody needs a very small supply please speak to either of us.

One new member in August, Mike Morley of Walton on the Hill who owns a 2005 MG TF 135 in Black in Very Good condition. Welcome Mike.

SOCIAL SCENE

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

Cost £8ph. Meet at Tower Hill Tube station at 10.45 for 11am start. Please meet in the exit foyer of the tube station. The walk lasts 2 hours and finishes at the 'The Prospect of Whitby Pub.'

Possible venues for refreshments are the 'The Prospect of Whitby' [tel. no. 020 7481 1095] or the 'The Captain Kidd Pub'[tel. 020 7480 5759]. I have booked for 'The Prospect of Whitby' should anyone wish to join me but please make your own reservation.

Transport for the return journey may be made from Wapping station or Shadwell station. My contact numbers in case of need are 01892 610117 or mobile 07784 771562.

Possible future visit (Kim's brilliant suggestion) to 'the Big Cat Animal Sanctuary' at Smarden in Kent. The Sanctuary has 49 big cats of different species including Cheetahs and a Snow Leopard. I have made contact about a possible visit next year so will keep you updated.

That's it for now. Happy Socialising. Margaret.

NATTERS NEWS

I am pleased to report that approximately 20 people attended The Rubbing House on Thursday 24th August and the Pub were helpful in extending the original booking to include the increased numbers.

For September, we will be going to The Amato Inn, Chalk Lane, Epsom KT18 7AS Tel No 01372 721309 on Thursday 28th September with the table being available from 7pm. Please note that this is The Epsom "Grumpy Mole" and is recently opened. They cook all their food fresh so that is why the earlier start as food should be on the table by 7.30pm. Finally, this is where the Epsom MGOC met in the early days, so it is a reunion of sorts!



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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

WANTED

Any old fountain pens and related items
- I collect them

Mike 07976 204560 or 020 8942 0554

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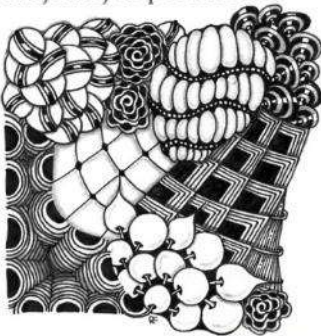
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