



OCTAGONAL NEWS

November 2017

AUTUMN LEAVES FELL



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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	Race Night
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

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 2	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting – Race Night
Sunday 12	10 for 10.30am	Ted's Ramble with lunch after meet at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett KT22 0DP – <i>contact Ted Oughton</i>
Tuesday 14	7.30pm	Natter - The Ramblers Rest, Outwood Lane, Coulsdon CR5 3 NP <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>
Saturday 18	7.30pm	Darts Night – Wallington Bowling Club 13 Grosvenor Road, Wallington, SM6 0EN. <i>Contact Bryan Young</i>
DECEMBER		
Sunday 3	Onsite from 2.45pm	Light up a Life – St Raphael's Hospice <i>Contact Eric Nicholls</i>
Thursday 7	From 7.30pm	Monthly meeting – mulled wine and mince pies
Thursday 14	7 pm	Christmas Natter at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead SM72NZ <i>Contact Malcolm Childs</i>

Forthcoming Events

Saturday January 20 Dinner Dance and Annual Awards
Weekend 4-7 May 2018 Isle of Wight trip

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

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

Hello everyone!

Autumn is really here, but I'm still driving Noodle to work and have even managed to have the lid down!

As some of you know, we finally had a holiday recently – south Devon in the caravan, what a success! We were walking around in shorts and t-shirts despite it being the first week in October; the weather was fantastic! I can't wait for retirement and being able to get out in the caravan even more!



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

WARNING

Members should be aware that the A217 from the Banstead cross roads traffic lights to the M25 junction at Reigate has a 40mph speed limit and the whole of this section of the road is now controlled by AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS. Be warned.

November events

A busy month ahead. We have a race night at the monthly meeting, a ramble and lunch at The Star pub, organised by Ted Oughton, natter at The Ramblers Rest, culminating with the annual Darts Night at Wallington Bowls Club, organised by Bryan Young.

St Raphael's Hospice - Light up a Life Service

I will be seeking volunteers for this annual event which will take place in the Hospice grounds on Sunday 3rd December at 4.30pm. We need to be onsite by 2.45pm and, as usual, park up behind the Old Nurses Home. We will cover our usual duties, our ladies manning the merchandise and raffle stalls, the men on car parking duties. As parking spaces are at a premium, only disabled permit holders will be able to park onsite.

2018 Committee Election

We elect the committee each January and elsewhere in this newsletter are brief details about each of the Committee Roles with more information on the Club website. Kim and Tom will not be standing for re-election so we are looking for others to give of their time to serve on the 2018 committee. If you feel able to give some of your time to contribute to club affairs, please give your name to Bryan Young, Area Secretary, by the close of tonight's meeting.

2017 Charity Donations

If any member wishes to nominate a local charity to be considered for a small donation from the club, you should submit a written request giving details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. Nominations must be with Bryan Young, Area Secretary, (contact details are on the back of this newsletter) by the close of the December monthly meeting.

2017 Dinner Dance and Annual Awards

This will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday, 20 January 2018. There has been an increase in the cost of the meals but, as last year, there will be no reception drink so the ticket price to members and guests will remain at £35 per person. There will be the usual choices for each course from the menu and dress will be black tie or lounge suit. J A Sounds Disco will again provide music for dancing.

Paul Coleman will be taking your booking, meal choices and seating arrangements. Please make payment with your booking in cash or by cheque made payable to Epsom area MGOC and make known your seating preferences. This is always a popular event, so do please book early to avoid disappointment. The menu choices and booking form and a wine list order form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Overnight accommodation is available in The Lodge onsite. Anyone interested in staying overnight should contact The Lodge on 01737 832188.

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

SOCIAL SCENE

Ted's Ramble Sunday 12th November

Meet at 'The Star' at 10am for a 10.30 start for the guided ramble, returning to the pub about 12 for lunch. I will be taking names of those Members who wish to join the Ramble and also names of the Members who would like to book for Lunch at 'The Star' at the November meeting as Ted will be on holiday.

Possible Future Events

- Visit to 'the Big Cat Sanctuary'
- Visit to the Postal Museum and Train Ride
- Guided Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Albert Hall
- The Age of Jazz Exhibition

I would like to thank you for your excellent suggestions

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am pleased to welcome three new members to the Club in October 2017. They are as follows:

- Richard and Alison Arman from Ewell who own a MGB GT V8 1973 in white
- Joan Goodwin from Old Basing in Hampshire who does not own a MG but is returning to the Club after some years. Welcome back Joan!
- John Gibbons and Bethany Tucker who own a Midget 1500 1978 in yellow plus a Frogeye Sprite

Welcome to you all and any members joining from now will be for 2018 membership

NATTERS NEWS

As advised in October's Newsletter we will be going to The Ramblers Rest, Outwood Lane, Coulsdon CR5 3NP on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm and I need to know names and your menu choices by Saturday 11th November. Menus for the Pub are on the Natters Page on the website so please ensure you advise me on booking.

I hope to have details of the Christmas Menu for The Woolpack High Street Banstead SM7 2NZ for Thursday 14th December with me at our meeting in November and details will be placed onto the "Natters" page on the website. The Christmas Natter normally sees a high turnout so please keep an eye open for details on our website www.epsommgoc.org.uk

Malcolm

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

If anyone would like to become a member of the 2018 Committee, your application must be given to me by the close of tonight's meeting. Full information about the various roles has been published on our website. Becoming a committee member is very rewarding, can be great fun, and brings fresh ideas to the club.

This is a further request for members to nominate a local charity for a donation from the club. I need to receive your nominations, in writing, by the close of the December monthly meeting. You should give some information about the charity, how you are involved with it and how it might use a small donation from the club. The charitable awards will be made at the annual Dinner Dance & Awards night on 20th January.

I would like to thank Derek & Anne Edwards for another superb Autumn Leaves run on Sunday 15th October. The weather was dry but not as warm or sunny as the weather forecasters predicted; there was a massive turnout of MGs and Austin Healeys, ending up with 50 cars and 71 people booked in to The Plough for lunch. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed themselves and had great praise for the run and the finishing venue, although quite a few were thrown by the diversion route and got a little lost!

I would like to thank Malcolm Childs for assisting me with the parking of 95 MGs at the MGCC South East Autumn Gathering at Chiddingstone Castle on Sunday 25th September. The weather was hot and sunny and everyone had a most enjoyable day. It was somewhat unusual for me to have to keep the local marathon runners separate from the MGs as they entered their parking area, but fortunately no one was injured in the process!

Full details of our annual darts night are published elsewhere in the newsletter and I will be taking names tonight. Would anyone not at the meeting and wishing to come please email or phone me (details in the listings) and I will include you on the list.

Linda will be selling the St Raphael's Christmas cards tonight along with diaries and maybe some seasonal toys, so please dig deep and see if we can raise more money than we did last year.

A group of five Epsom members have each contributed £10 to sponsor a 'Match Ball' for Sutton United Football Club and have chosen their National League home match against FC Halifax Town on Saturday 18th November. I am aware that some members are against this form of sponsorship from club funds, hence the reason why we decided again to do an individual sponsorship.

Now it is time for this month's joke entitled 'An Irish Miracle'; thank you to the source.

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-side-down.

He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened round at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Father Flanagan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Father Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that."

"Well," Father Flanagan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc."

An investigation of some rigor is conducted, not only by priests of the archdiocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however. It reads:

"It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of most phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we have declared no miracle. For it possibly resulted from Murphy having buttered the toast on the wrong side."

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

CAR EVENTS

Autumn Leaves Run – Sunday 15 October

This year's event was, once again, very well supported with 52 cars taking part although next year we should really call it 'The Diversion Run'! Despite these challenges 87 people made it to the finish at The Plough, Leigh and enjoyed a good lunch in a heaving pub. An event not to be missed next year.

London to Brighton 'Old Crocks' Race – Sunday 5th November

Another event not to be missed. The starting point is at Hyde Park and the finish at Marina Drive, Brighton with many good viewing points to see the competitors on route.

Isle of Wight Tour – 4th – 7th May 2018

Looking further ahead to next year's events it is planned to visit the Isle of Wight over the early May Bank Holiday weekend. Further details will be available shortly. Those interested should speak to me at the next meeting or by phone on 01737 765891.

European Event of the Year 2018 – Flims, Switzerland – 8th – 12th 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 opened on 1st September along with full programme information. However, we understand that this event is possibly now fully subscribed. If interested in a potential reserve list website information can be found at www.mgcc.ch.

If you are interested in participating there is a waiting list in operation.

Happy Motoring, Derek Edwards

ANNUAL DARTS NIGHT SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

It is November and time for our annual Darts Night which is being organised again this year by Bryan Young. This will take place on Saturday 18th November at the Wallington Bowling Club, 13 Grosvenor Road, Wallington, SM6 0EN starting at 7.30pm. We need about 36 people to make up the teams – please give your name to Bryan or Linda tonight or telephone 020 8335 3267 or 07976 729102 if you wish to be included in this excellent night out.

A Ploughman's supper will be provided and a collection of £3 per person will be made to cover the venue cost. Please remember to bring your own darts if you have them; lots of people will share if not!

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS

Saturday 20 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 20 January 2018 at 6.45 for 7.15pm, with carriages at midnight. Members, please note that dinner will start at 7.15pm SHARP. Whilst the majority choose black tie, jacket and tie is quite OK if preferred. The ticket price is £35 per head.

Paul Coleman will be taking bookings, menu selection and, most importantly, your preferred seating arrangements. Whilst it is possible to have tables to seat 12, it is much more comfortable to keep tables to 8 or 10. It also makes life a lot easier if one of your party jots the names down and passes this on to Paul (his contact details are below).

MENU
Starters
Sesame and fried basil dressed king prawns served with avocado puree, pepper cocktail, olive bread stick, lemon balm and mango vinaigrette
Winter vegetable soup
Main Courses
Grilled medallion of beef fillet with gratin dauphinoise potato, carrot hash, broccoli and confit onion sauce
Pepper and maple glazed salmon supreme with pommes Anna roasted courgette, pancetta & borliti casserole and seafood veloute
Mexican vegetable pithivier with chestnut cream béchamel sauce (V)
Desserts
Sea salted caramel and nutty milk chocolate tart with berries and green tea ice cream
Warm Granny Smith apples and frangipane tart with clotted cream ice cream and tropical fruit puree
A selection of British and continental cheese, served with a selection of biscuits and crackers, dried fruits and chutney
Freshly brewed tea/coffee and dark chocolate

Please make your menu choices on the following slip, and pass it to Paul. For those receiving the newsletter through the post, please forward the slip, together with your cheque for £35 per person made payable to **Epsom Area MGOC**, to Paul Coleman, 126, Ockford Ridge, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2NQ, or email your choices to paaablo@talktalk.net

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I/we wish to attend the Annual Awards Dinner Dance. Details and choices are as follows:

Name	Prawns/Soup	Beef/Salmon/Vegetarian	Chocolate/Apple Tart/Cheese

PRE-ORDER WINE LIST
Dinner Dance and Annual Awards - 20 January

Kingswood Golf and Country Club would appreciate it if you are able to pre-order your wines for the Dinner Dance. This will help them give you the best possible service.

Although you are pre-ordering, you still pay on the evening at the dedicated ordering table. Although you can still order at the bar on the evening, we are hoping that pre-ordering will speed up the process.

You can give your pre-order form to Eric Nicholls at either the December or January monthly meetings or email either the form or your choices to him at w.ericnicholls@btinternet.com.

NAME:-

TABLE (to be completed by Eric)

WINE SELECTION	PRICE	QUANTITY
Please note that all wines are subject to availability and the right is reserved to change prices where necessary		
WHITE		
Ca Luca Pinot Grigio - Italy	18.75	
Los Caminos Sauvignon Blanc - Chile	17.95	
Los Caminos Chardonnay (unoaked) - Chile	18.75	
Backsberg Estate Chenin Blanc – South Africa	19.95	
ROSÉ		
San Antini Pinot Grigio Blush - Italy	18.95	
RED		
Rioja Azabahe - Spain	17.50	
Los Caminos Merlot - Chile	17.95	
Tulbagh Shiraz Pinotage – South Africa	18.75	
Wilderness Valley Shiraz - Australia	19.95	



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22 September 2017

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Dear Epsom Area MG Owners Club

ETHAN JONES MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you so much for your kind donation of £80 in memory of Ethan. We are very grateful to you for choosing CRY as the charity to benefit from your generosity.

Please convey our thanks to all 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.

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.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt.

Yours sincerely

Beth Cox
Community Fundraising Assistant

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Mr N Swann
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9th October 2017

Dear Mr Swann,

Becky at Bocketts Farm Park has sent us the cheque for £175 received from the event your Club held at their farm. Thank you so much for making this donation once again. Receiving support such as this helps us in making a real difference in Darfur.

Following meetings with our small team in Darfur and the village leaders, I am delighted to let you know that we have adopted five new villages this year where we will introduce a whole package of help, plus we will be building five kindergartens in older villages. Additionally, we will be funding the installation of 10 new hand pumps during the year.

In fact, while writing, I wanted to let you know more of our latest news, so am enclosing items from our recent Christmas mailing. Perhaps you would be able to share it with the Members, for them to see how your donation is helping? I can email these to you if you would be kind enough to give me your email as this may be the easiest way for you to pass it on?

If you, or any of the Club members are able to join us at our Christmas Concert in London, and at our Art Auction, we would love to see you.

Once again, our thanks to you and everyone at the MG Owners' Club for all your support. I really do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Parker MBE
Founder - Kids for Kids
CEO & Chairman of Trustees

2018 COMMITTEE ELECTION

Every year, we have an election process for our Committee. The titles and primary roles are:

Chairman	Acts as the focal point for all matters relating to the Club, both externally and internally.
Area Secretary	Acts as a link between various external and internal parties, providing information and communication as required.
Membership Secretary	Responsible for registering and maintaining the members list and giving new members the background to club activities.
Treasurer	Responsible for all financial matters to do with the club and the provision of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet.
Regalia Secretary	Responsible for the ordering, promotion and sale of club regalia.
Social Secretary	Responsible for collating members' attendance for events and taking deposits.
Car Events Secretary	Responsible for organising a programme of car events, excluding car displays.
Newsletter Editor	Responsible for the notes of the committee meetings, production of the Octagonal News.
Club Stand Secretary	Responsible for the organisation of the club stand at events.
Special Events Coordinator	To organise, manage and coordinate all matters relating to special events, particularly the Surrey Run, on behalf of the Epsom Area.
Communications	Responsible for updating the Club Website.

Full details of the duties for each of the roles are on our website at www.epsommgoc.org.uk/Committee_Elections.htm
If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Kim Shrosbree and she will happily send you a printed copy.

Members are elected to the Committee at the January monthly meeting and roles decided at the first committee meeting after that. Committee Meetings take place on the Wednesday following the monthly meeting at the same venue as the monthly meetings. If you feel that you would like to give some time to club affairs and would like to serve on the 2018 Committee, please give your name to Bryan Young, Area Secretary, by the end of the November monthly meeting.

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

WANTED

Any old fountain pens and related items
- I collect them

Mike 07976 204560 or 020 8942 0554

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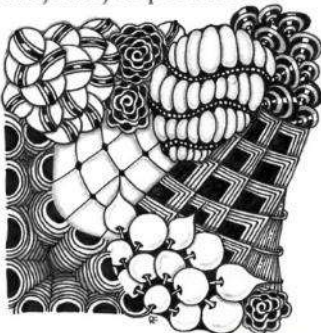
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