



OCTAGONAL NEWS

October 2017

CONGRATULATIONS



Apart from being the worthy winner of the Cordles' Run, well done for being the best to get inside Richard's head!

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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	Hobbies 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

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>

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2	From 7.30pm	Monthly Meeting
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 <i>Contact Bryan Young</i>

Forthcoming Events

Thursday December 14	Christmas Natter at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead SM7 2NZ
Saturday January 20	Dinner Dance and Annual Awards

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

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, as usual too rushed to write too much. I shall be on holiday when you read this so have a good meeting!

Just to add that Jonathan Kiely sent me this which I thought other members might find interesting – it's about a J2 found buried on Sailsbury Plain! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-41265294>



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

2018 Committee Election

We select the Committee each January and elsewhere in this newsletter are brief details about each of the Committee Roles with more information about each role on the Club website. If you feel able to give some of your time to contribute to club affairs by serving on the 2018 Committee, please give your name to Bryan Young, Area Secretary, by the end of the November monthly 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. Please note that National Charities will not be considered. Nominations must be with Bryan Young, Area Secretary (contact details are on the back page 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, we have dropped the 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. The JA Sounds Disco will again provide the 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 can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Overnight accommodation is available in The Lodge which is 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 October 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

No change in our membership this month with some 131 Members being signed up for 2017, including Life Members.

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, both Bryan Young and I have some printed cards if anybody needs some for giving out to prospective members.

NATTERS NEWS

After a good turn-out last month to the Amato in Epsom there is no Natter in October as yours truly is away for two weeks in mid-October. However, I am pleased to let you know that Natters are arranged for both November and December 2017.

On Tuesday 14th November, we will be going to The Ramblers Rest, Outwood Lane, Coulsdon CR5 3NP and, for the Christmas Natter, we will be returning to The Woolpack in Banstead on Thursday 14th December. Full details will be placed on the website in due course.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

It's that time again! This is the month when we start thinking about the election of the 2018 Committee. Information about the various roles is published elsewhere in this newsletter and full details can be found on our website. If you fancy putting yourself forward for next year's Committee, your application must be given to me by the close of the November meeting at the latest. Becoming a committee member is very rewarding, great fun and brings fresh ideas to the club.

It is also the time for all members to think about nominating 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 me 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 in January.

St Raphael's Christmas cards and diaries will not be on sale at this month's meeting, but they will be available at the November and December meetings, so please dig deep and see if we can raise more money than we did last year. The St Raphael's fundraising team have advised me that they are planning many events next year and they would appreciate our help with a number of them; we should have details by the end of the year.

I have thanked Margaret Drake (WSMGOC Area Secretary) and her 'South Downs' team, on behalf of all the attending Epsom members, for an excellent run again this year. This was the 28th edition of this famous run; numbers were down a bit this year, however, over 160 MGs of various ages and types still made a fantastic spectacle on the Western Lawns at Eastbourne.

Please don't forget Derek Edward's Autumn Leaves run on Sunday 15th October, starting from The Pheasant at Buckland and finishing at the Plough in Leigh. This late autumn run is always very popular so make a note in your diary to come along.

I would like to congratulate Malcolm Childs in winning our Pride of Ownership competition for the Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy, with his lovely 1953 Left Hand Drive MGTD, a truly worthy winner.

I would also like to thank Richard and Linda Cordle for yet another great "Cordles' Run" to the Lavender Line Railway in East Sussex. The best ever turnout for this event, lovely peaceful venue and lovely company.

Not really a joke this month, more of a warning, thank you to the source who shall remain nameless.

Police are warning all men who frequent clubs, parties and local pubs to be alert and stay cautious when offered a drink from any woman. Many females use a date rape drug on the market called ...Beer. The drug is found in liquid form and available anywhere. It comes in bottles, cans, from taps and in large "kegs". Beer is used by female sexual predators at parties and bars to persuade their male victims to go home and have sex with them. A woman needs only to get a guy to consume a few units of Beer and then simply ask him home for no strings attached sex. Men are rendered helpless against this approach. After several Beers, men will often succumb to the desires to perform sexual acts on horrific looking women whom they would never normally be attracted. After drinking Beer, men often awaken with only hazy memories of exactly what happened to them the night before, often with just a vague feeling that "something bad" occurred. At other times these unfortunate men are swindled out of their life's savings, in a familiar scam known as a "relationship". In extreme cases, the female may even be shrewd enough to entrap the unsuspecting male into a longer-term form of servitude and punishment referred to as "marriage". Men are much more susceptible to this scam after Beer is administered and sex is offered by the predatory females. Please! Forward this warning to every male you know. If you fall victim to this beer and the women administering it..... There are male support groups where you can discuss the details of your shocking encounter with similarly affected like-minded guys. For the support group nearest you, just look up "Golf Courses" in the phone book.

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

CAR EVENTS

MGCC Autumn Gathering – 24 September

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

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.

Isle of Wight Tour – 4-7 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 – 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 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

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



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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 MGO**C, 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

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](http://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
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Mike 07976 204560 or 020 8942 0554

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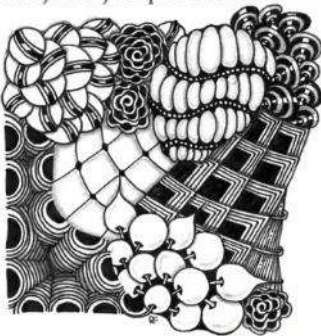
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