



OCTAGONAL NEWS

April 2021

THE OLD ED RETURNS!



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TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Monthly meetings are normally 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

AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE NO MEETINGS AT PRESENT
LET'S HOPE WE CAN MEET AGAIN VERY SOON

WHAT'S PLANNED

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

APRIL		
Thursday 1	Cancelled	Club Night
Sunday 11	Postponed	Chichester MGOC day at Weald & Downland - it is hoped this will be rearranged for later in the year
Sunday 18	Postponed	MG & Triumph Spares Day - rescheduled for 22 August
MAY		
Thursday 6	Cancelled	Club Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNMISSABLE EPSOM MGOC OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE IN RED!

Weekend 25-27 Jun	London Classic Car Show, Syon Park info here
Sunday 11 Jul	Cotswold Caper info here
Sunday 19 Jul	Surrey Run to Leonardslee click here to book
Weekend 24-25 Jul	MGF 25 at British Motor Museum info here
Weekend 30 Jul	Silverstone Classic www.silverstoneclassic.com
Weekend 13-15 Aug	MG & Triumph weekend at Malvern info here
Sunday 22 Aug	MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford info here
Sunday 5 Sep	South Downs Run – West Sussex MGOC book here
Weekend 17-19 Sep	Goodwood Revival
Sunday 17 October	Autumn Leaves Run

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 24 APRIL

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

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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, Eric will take any postage stamps and send them to Canine Partners on behalf of Epsom Area MGOC – there are details in his Chairman's Chatterings.

They can also be sent directly to Canine Partners – there is more information here:

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

I'm back! Bet you thought you'd read the last from me!

Not one to miss an opportunity to play with the computer and talk about me and, of course, the dogs, I am delighted to take over the temporary reins as Editor. I would like to thank Malcolm Childs for the great job he has been doing since my last newsletter which was, believe it or not, at the end of 2017, more than 3 years ago, where has that time gone!

What a tricky time we've all been through. It's an odd time to be doing the Calendar of Events again and having to type "cancelled" against most events. Fingers crossed we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and meet up very soon, personally, visiting Leonardslee without shoving mum up and down the paths in her wheelchair will be great!

Since I last saw most of you, I contracted what I thought was a cold in mid-March. Fast forward a year through what it now seems was Covid-19 followed by pneumonia and a subsequent diagnosis of Long Covid, I am rather breathlessly and croakily looking forward to the Spring. Fortunately, I wasn't hospitalised (mainly due to my not realising how serious it was) but I have to give my highest praise to the wonderful NHS, not least, of course, because of the amazing job they've been doing but personally for a succession of virtual appointments, antibiotics and now ENT and physio treatment all without making me feel in the least bit like I was wasting anybody's time or being a nuisance, we are so very lucky. Tom was brilliant as a nurse throughout and either didn't catch it or was completely asymptomatic. I have been fortunate enough to be able to work all the way through, they have been great when I've had to take to my bed nearly every afternoon but with Tom losing more or less all his work, including being sent home from Holland, it was good to have an income.

I know you are all dying to know about the dogs! Many of you know we lost our beautiful Katie at the age of 15½ years in February 2020 and were heartbroken. Poor Teddy completely lost his mojo when we lost the cat and then Katie, compounded by Tom going off to work in Holland – poor chap was left with just me and must have wondered if it would be him next! However, at the beginning of March, Cleo, a 3 year old Bedlington terrier/Jack Russell cross, was handed in to Epsom Canine Rescue when her family wasn't able to keep her. With lockdown looming, we needed to find a home for her very quickly to save her being stuck in kennels. Our intention was (as it was with Katie!) to foster her until we could rehome her and we were worried how Teddy would be. Her first introduction to him was in ECR's secure field in Redhill. Fortunately, he copiously ignored her, so she came for a visit the next day and has, of course, never left! She had a very bad skin problem and was very quiet and withdrawn – for the first few weeks! After changing her food and treating her skin, she is now a very lively terrier girl who spends much of her time working out where the next mischief is coming from! Teddy spent the first couple of weeks teaching her his numerous rules: where she should sit; where she should eat; how she should behave when she gets her harness on; how the sharing of the back seat of the car works; which toys she is allowed to play with and which bed she is allowed to use in the sun! Needless to say, she now walks past his nose with one of his balls in her mouth sticking two paws up at him!



Finally, for those of you who often ask me, Mum has stayed safe and is now 92. She hasn't really gone anywhere for a year, of course, but seems in very good spirits although driving me mad when her internet goes down!

The MG is SORNed at the moment, but I am hoping to get the hardtop off! She sailed through her MOT having only done 300 miles since the last one! Along with many of you, Tom and I have had our first vaccine and are really hoping we can get out and about in the not too distant future.



SOCIAL SCENE

I hope you are keeping well, and I look forward to meeting up when we are able.

Thank you for the excellent suggestions I have received and please continue to let me have them. I also have some ideas for outings - I will explore possible venues when able and I am eager that we can get out in the cars as soon as permitted.

Stay well and safe, Margaret.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Covid 19

With lockdown continuing, it is unlikely that we will get any confirmation on the way forward for meetings and events until the May review by the Government, which means that the July monthly meeting on the 1st July is likely to be the earliest we can hold a monthly meeting subject to Sutton United Football Club being geared up to do so.

Committee Vacancies

With Kim Shrosbree taking over as Editor of the newsletter, Malcolm Childs has now taken on the role of Area Secretary, as Bryan Young is indisposed. Malcolm will continue as Membership Secretary.

This leaves us with three vacancies on the Committee. We are looking for an Area Secretary, a Car Events Secretary and an Editor for the newsletter. Can I ask all members to give some thought to joining the Committee, so that we can maintain the range of meetings and events we have come to expect in the future.

Canine Partners

I am taking over from Bryan the collection of postage stamps for Canine Partners. It would be helpful if all stamps were trimmed 3mm all round before sending them to me at Franklyn, Rectory Lane, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 8DX, or at monthly meetings when they resume. They can also be sent directly to Canine Partners, there is more information here:

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am delighted to report that, at mid-March, our membership numbers were running at the same level as 2020. This is excellent news and, so far, 6 new members have joined us for 2021. Membership now stands at 89 renewals and 25 Life Memberships.

A blank membership form is at the end of this newsletter, however, this is the last month the form will be included. I would request that any members who have not re-signed for 2021, but wish to do so, complete the form and return to me by the end of April. If you do not do this, you will no longer remain members after 30th April 2021 so will not receive further information or Newsletters from the Club.

The Membership Form can be found also on the Club website <http://www.epsommgoc.org.uk> and do remember that the fee is reduced for 2021, but a donation can be made to remain at the 2020 figure of £10 to assist the Club in the longer term. Do remember it is very easy to pay direct by bank transfer and, with the prospect of no meetings until July 2020, I do hope those who have not renewed will consider doing this.

I am pleased to report that there has been 1 new member since last Month, John Oliver and Carol Pettet, from Ewell. John is looking to purchase a MGB Roadster in 2021, so if anyone has a Roadster for sale do let me know so I can pass the information to John!

I look forward to the day when we can meet up again and to meet our new Members.

Malcolm

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

2021 Committee

Following the advice last month that no members had come forward to fill the vacant Committee positions, I am sorry to have to tell you that Bryan Young will no longer be the Area Secretary for Epsom MGOOC owing to ill health, and I will be picking up this role for the immediate future. One of the reasons for my taking on this role, as well as being Membership Secretary, is that I am the point of contact on the Club website and it is, therefore, sensible that I combine both roles for 2021. Hopefully a member or two might step forward to help the Committee as we are now three members light on this important area of the running of the Club.

Dates for your diaries

Please remember to diarise dates of all events for 2021, from the various pages of the Newsletter and Monthly News Sheet, the latter is only sent by e-mail, which gives dates of other MG and Classic Car related events. Listed below are the dates for Club Nights and events proposed for the Club in 2021:

Club Nights

All Club Nights are held on the first Thursday of each month at Sutton United FC Ground in Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY, commencing at 7.30pm. The dates are subject to Covid-19 regulations at the time and the Club will re-assess the situation in mid-April after the Government's review on the 12th April.

1st April (cancelled)	2 nd September
6th May	7 th October
3rd June	4 th November
1st July	2 nd December
5th August	

It is more than likely that both May and June Club Nights will not be held as the present guidance from the Government does not allow meetings for the Club before 17th June. In addition, once that date arrives, we will be subject to the guidance of Sutton United FC on when we can restart our monthly meetings.

Club Events/Runs

We have combined all upcoming events in the Upcoming Events section on page 2 so you have everything in one place. Official Club events are in red and other events are added in case you are interested. One thing to note is that the New Forest Run and the Bromley Pageant of Motoring have both been cancelled. We will hope to be able to hold the Mothballs Run at some stage in 2021 and Richard and Linda are hoping to be able to schedule the Cordles' Run in late Summer

I hope this keeps Members abreast of where we are at and we hope to hold our first Committee Meeting together, in late June 2021 (subject to Government guidance).

Malcolm (Membership Secretary)

CHRISTINE SPAUL

You may have seen the obituary for the lovely Christine Spaul in last month's newsletter and her family have invited any Club members to attend the streaming of her funeral on Tuesday 30th March at 1:15pm.

The link is <https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Order ID: 87047

Password: qmzuezwh

If anyone would like to make a donation in Christine's memory, the family have set up a [JustGiving page](#) for donations to the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Money raised will be directed through to [Dr Ring's](#) research fund. Dr Ring runs the Oncology Department at the Royal Marsden and took a special interest in Christine's case. Alternatively, you may prefer to make a donation to [UNICEF](#), a charity Christine supported.

The family have also put together an [online photo album](#) with some photos of Christine.

She will be sadly missed by us all.

SURREY RUN 2021

Well, who would believe that it is now over a year since we were all together. Although during this time our cars have had very little use, we have at least been able to keep in touch.

Back in the early part of 2020, our plans for the Surrey Run were already underway. The planning started in July 2019 just after our last Surrey event. By early March we had over 90 cars already booked when it became obvious that the COVID-19 situation was becoming so serious that drastic measures were having to be considered resulting in a country lockdown soon after on the 23rd. Trying to predict how long this would last was not clear, dealing with a completely new and unknown situation. This made me realise how difficult it was going to be for those responsible for the complete nation. It soon became obvious that, by negotiation with our start and final destination hosts, our only responsible option was to postpone the Surrey Run for a complete year while keeping all the details exactly the same. A new date was set for 18th July 2021. We contacted all the booked participants who were happy to go with this new plan.



As you know, as time has progressed the situation has been far worse than anyone could have imagined, with even our one year delay looking somewhat risky. Fortunately, with the wonderful success of a vaccine program and the recent Government announcements, an optimistic light has been seen at the end of a very long and dark tunnel. This has given us a boost with our Surrey Run 2021 in July as a viable proposition. Our MG friends are desperate to get their cars back on the road, this has been reflected by the number of recently registered participants, giving a total to date of about 120, and the many general enquiries I have on a regular basis.

With all this in mind, it is time to let you know where we are with our planning. During the last year I have been in constant touch with the Owners' Club at HQ regarding the COVID situation and events in general but more specifically, our advertising program. You may have noticed that for some while we have had a mention in the "Forthcoming Events" page in "Enjoying MG". The April edition will also have the first of our main adverts promoting the SURREY RUN for this year. I have recently contacted both Bocketts Farm, where we traditionally start the Run, and Leonardslee who are hosting the finish venue this year. Both have responded very positively. Leonardslee have included us on their own events page with links back to our Epsom Area website giving access to all aspects of our Club activities. Ray Reeves will once again be heading up the marshalling team at Leonardslee and we are planning a visit to discuss operational details relevant to the present situation. Foggy will once again be planning the route and has already made a start. We always receive favourable comments on this aspect of the day and I am sure this year will be no exception.

I do feel very positive and I am looking forward to us meeting again soon when hopefully we will all have had our second vaccinations. If everyone is sensible during the next few weeks, life should be a little easier even though it will not be quite as we remember. I will keep you updated as things progress.

Do all take care Nigel.







THANK YOU

We have received a thank you letter from the Princess Alice Hospice for a donation made by Nick Godfrey in memory of his late Father.

REGALIA

Tony Pearce is the Committee Member responsible for our fabulous Regalia. Sport your Club colours with pride or choose one of our lovely gifts for you, your family or friends. To buy any item, complete the order form below, including the reference number beside the item you want, and email it to anthony2444@tiscali.co.uk or hand it to Tony at a Club Nights.

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	SWEATSHIRTS £17.50	
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	FRUIT OF THE LOOM POLO SHIRTS £15	
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	MENS TSHIRTS	
	FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS10) £12.50 Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, ash, bottle green, burgundy, classic olive, deep navy, light graphite, red, royal Blue, zinc, chocolate	RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50 Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL Colours: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red, French navy, light Oxford, orange, white
	WOMENS GILDAN V-NECK TSHIRTS £12.50	
	V-neck premium (GD91) Size: 8-10/12-14/14-16/16-18 (S/M/L/XL/XXL) Colours: Azalea, black, Cornsilk, Heliconia, light blue, navy, red, royal blue, sapphire blue, sport grey, white	
	CAPS £12.50	
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- T-shirt: Fuchsia, navy, red, white, sublimation white, baby blue, bottle green, burgundy, pink



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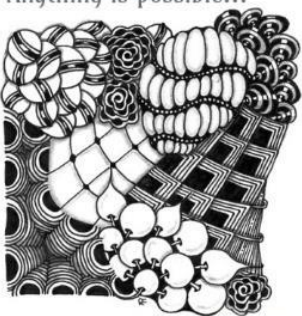
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Please tick if willing to be asked to join club displays or film / photographic work

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