

OCTAGONAL NEWS

August 2021

THE LONG AWAITED SURREY RUN



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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

Despite the lifting of Covid restrictions, we are unable to hold our monthly meeting on 5th August as hoped. Sutton United cannot accommodate us as building work is still in progress prior to their first match on 14th August.

Here's to September!

WHAT'S PLANNED

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

UNMISSABLE EPSOM MGOC OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE IN RED!

AUGUST			
Thursday 5	Cancelled	Despite the lifting of restrictions, Sutton United cannot accommodate us this month as building work is still in progress prior to their first match on 14 th August.	
Weekend 13-15		MG & Triumph weekend at Malvern info here	
Sunday 22	Leave from 9.30 am	Cordles' Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to https://highdowngardens.co.uk/	
Sunday 22		MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford info here	
Monday 30th		Bexhill 100 Motoring Club Annual Show info here	

SEPTEMBER			
Thursday 2	7.30pm	Club Night	
Sunday 5		South Downs run – spaces still available book here	
Sunday 5		Cotswold Caper <u>info here</u>	
Weekend 17-19		Goodwood Revival <u>info here</u>	
Sunday 26 September		Club Stand at Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders, Carshalton Beeches. Some space possibly available, see info in Club Stand entry	

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Sunday 17 October	Autumn Leaves Run
Weekend 12-14 November	National Classic Motor Show at Birmingham NEC. <u>Info here</u>
Sunday 5 December	Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel – contact Margaret Billinge

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello! How fab to see everyone at the Surrey Run. Well done to Nigel Swann for his impeccable organisation under very difficult conditions, it was such a fun day out - even the weather Gods smiled on us and it's not every day you see a baby wallaby! I was taxing Noodle at 7.30 in the morning figuring that I would wait to see if it rained or not before taking it off SORN!

I also enjoyed a coffee natter at Ashtead Park Garden Centre, lovely to see those who came along there. Thanks to Nige T for arranging this and it was on my doorstep too, although I am surprised I managed to fit it in amid watching the Olympics!

Next on the agenda is the Cordles' run – see you all there if I can just figure a way to get Teddy and Cleo and both of us in the TF! I took Teddy and Cleo for a short run, both on the passenger seat – Cleo was not impressed and is clearly not a top down kind of gal, perhaps she was worried about ruining her hair!!

Finally, I hope no-one will mind me shamelessly promoting two fundraising events that Epsom Canine Rescue are involved in. We will be having a stall with bric-a-brac, dog paraphernalia and a tombola at Banstead Village Day on Saturday 7th August. It looks like being a great day – there is more information <u>here</u>. We will also be running the dog show at <u>Godstone Fete and Donkey Derby</u> on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August. Come along and support us and take Teddy or Cleo for a walk!

See you at the September meeting, if not before at one of our events.



SOCIAL SCENE

I still have a few tickets left for the Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel on 5th December at 6pm. The Carol Service lasts about an hour and will be followed by the Band of the Household Division playing music outside. Many members are already coming and tickets cost only £2 per person. Please email me or ring if you would like one of the remaining tickets.

Thank you for continuing to send me your excellent ideas for possible future outings, I will be following these up as the venues open up and I hope I can arrange some events in the near future.

I would like to thank all the Members who have kindly continue to send me great ideas for trips out. I look forward to arranging some of these as we ease back to mixing and getting out more. I am also in touch with our guide Marion Clarke about another London Walk in the Autumn.

I am willing to try and organise visits to the following exhibitions, if there is any interest. I hope to go and if any Member wishes to join me then please contact me. They are: The Van Gough Exhibition in Kensington Gardens; visit to Kensington Palace to see the exhibition and also to see the Diana Statue; visit to see the Turner Exhibition at Tate Britain and also to see the David Hockney Exhibition at the Royal Academy.

I look forward to seeing you soon. I regret I will miss the September monthly meeting as I will be in Devon seeing family.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

CLUB STAND

The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders Sunday 26 September

It is nice to be able announce we have an invitation to attend The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders' fete at their centre in Carshalton. At the moment there are some spaces available but these are a little limited, so you need to be quick if you would like to attend and let me know by 8th August as I have to let the organisers know by then. My contact details are 01483 423169 or paaablo@talktalk.net.

The gazebo will be there but <u>no tea or coffee</u>, the reason being the uncertain constraints we are under at the moment so <u>please bring your own refreshments or purchase them there.</u>

Hope to see some of you there, Paul

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Surrey Run 2021

The postponed Surrey Run from last year finally took place on Sunday, 18th July, with the arrival of 190 MGs at Bocketts Farm for the start of the Run to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens. Nigel Swann, our Special Events co-ordinator, spent many hours organising and refining all elements of the Run to meet the Covid rules and to ensure that Run entrants were kept appraised of what was happening. It was a monumental task and the excellent job he did deserves our sincere thanks for all his hard work which resulted in another very successful Surrey Run. He was ably supported by Pat Watson who managed all the administration in her usual efficient way, John 'Foggy' Brooke for an interesting route, Malcolm Childs for checking the route and Paul Coleman for signage and equipment.

The Bocketts Farm team, many from the Swann family, ensured a smooth operation receiving the MGs who had staggered start times and were divided into four different coloured reception signing-on stations, all of which enabled us to maintain social distancing. It was also helped by encouraging run entrants to leave on time to avoid a build-up of MGs which would have compromised social distancing. Ray Reeves' receiving team at Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens provided a friendly welcome and did an excellent job of parking run entrants on arrival so that social distancing was maintained at all times. We should also thank our main sponsor, Richmond MG Guildford, who thoroughly enjoyed their day with us.

Many complementary comments were received with regard to the overall organisation of the event, the route and the friendly reception at the start and finish, so my sincere thanks go to all the marshals and those members who were amongst the run entrants for a job well done.

That's all from me this month, keep safe. Eric

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership has risen by one since last month, with our numbers remaining well over 240 people with single or joint membership to our Club.

So, I would like to welcome our new membership: Charlie and Jane Moore from Carshalton who own a silver MGTF 2004 in in good condition.

Application forms for renewals or new memberships can be found on the Club Website or by contacting me at my email address. Application forms for renewals or new memberships can be found on the club website www.epsommgoc.org.uk or by contacting me at mrmrchilds9@gmail.com to obtain a form.

Malcolm

CANINE PARTNERS STAMP APPEAL

Canine Partners is running an ongoing 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 or they can also be sent directly to Canine Partners — there is more information on their website:

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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Club Nights

As you may already have seen at the beginning of this newsletter, our first Club Night at Sutton United FC cannot go ahead on Thursday 5th August. Although we are clear of formal Covid-19 regulations, the football ground is going to be closed from 26th July until the week of 9th August for completion of works ready for the Football League.

Our next Club Night will be on Thursday 2nd September and I am sure everyone will look forward to meeting up again after some 18 months apart.

Future meetings will continue on the first Thursday of each month as before. We will have a formal programme of events commencing from the October meeting but will use the September meeting to bring everyone up to speed and look at the way forward for the Club and allow Members to catch up with each other.

2021 Committee and beyond

The Club held two Committee Meetings in June in the run up to the Surrey Run (our Chairman's report highlights what a good day this was). At the present time, the Club is operating with two people short on the Committee and we will lose a further member at the end of the year when Alison Bromley will step down from running our website. Are there any Members who feel that running our website would appeal to them? Alison has agreed to be in the background but we felt it important to raise this situation now as the website is a key part of our offering to current, and prospective new, Members.

Club Events/Runs

- Many of you know about Richard and Linda Cordles' Run on Sunday 22nd August there is more information later in this newsletter.
- The Bexhill 100 Motoring Club are holding their Annual show at Polegrove Park, Brockley Road, Bexhill on Sea TN39
 3HA on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August. Limited to 500 cars on a first booked basis. The cost is £5 per car and you
 must be on site by 10 am Entry form at www.bexhill100mc.co.uk
- The South Downs Run on Sunday 5th September was shown as fully booked in last month's *Enjoying MG*, but I have been advised that there may be places available so contact http://www.wsmgoc.co.uk/south-downs-run if you are interested.
- The Club will be attending The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders Autumn Fair on Sunday 26th September. There
 are more details in the Club Stand section of the newsletter and please note you must let Paul Coleman know by 8th
 August if you would like to attend.
- The Autumn Leaves Run will be held on Sunday 17th October and full information will be available in next month's Newsletter.

Malcolm (Acting Secretary)

GOODBYE FROM US ALL



Sadly, we have a slightly different type of tribute to include in the newsletter this month.

Many of you met Icarus, the gorgeous Canine Partner dog owned by our member Eileen Reynolds and it was with great sadness that Eileen recently shared that Icarus went finally to sleep quietly in his garden.

She misses him greatly as he transformed her life in many, many, ways. As some of you know, he was present and played a major role in the presentations Eileen gave to the Club and in recent times joined us for monthly meetings when Eileen and John became members and we too will miss his being around.

So many of us know only too well the pain of losing a beloved pet and Icarus was so much more with the amazing assistance he gave Eileen. Members often bumped into Eileen and Icarus surrounded by adoring staff in shops in Epsom, he was certainly a well-known local face.

We send Eileen our thoughts on her sad loss but she is considering applying for another Canine Partner so we look forward to another member with four legs and to seeing both Eileen and John when we resume our meetings.

You can find out more about Canine Partners and the wonderful work they do at https://caninepartners.org.uk/.

SURREY RUN 2021

Having returned home, unpacked the car of gazebos, tables and all the other paraphernalia that we need for the SURREY RUN on 18th July, I am now writing a brief account in preparation for the full report that you will all be able to read when it is published in the September issue of "Enjoying MG".

I must first thank all those who were not only involved with the organisation of the proceedings on the day but also our Epsom members that joined the enthusiasts taking part. You have all helped to raise the vital charity funds that unfortunately have been lacking during the last 18 months. I was so proud of every one of you.



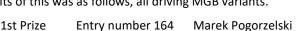
With so many other events being cancelled, we were fortunate that we simply postponed ours. We were lucky that the new proposed date coincided with a time that the Government restrictions were announced to soon be relaxed and everyone could see a light at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel. The result of this was that we were overwhelmed with applications and despite over 220 cars registering we had to declare that the event had been fully booked for over two months. As the days drew closer it was also obvious that the weather was going to be glorious.

With COVID precautions still in place, and in order to keep everyone safe, we did have to make some changes to the usual procedure for signing on at Bocketts Farm. The route had been planned and tested and Eric waved everyone off at the start for a two hour scenic journey of about 62 miles to then be received by our reception

team led by Ray Reeves at Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens, our end venue for this year. Our new sponsor, Ian Reynolds the Sales Manager from Richmond MG Guildford was also in attendance at both the beginning and end claiming that he had a most enjoyable day. I was also pleased that we were joined by Nigel Knowles, the Regional Secretary, responsible for all the Home Counties Areas including us at Epsom.

Following a phased start at Bocketts, it was great to see all the MG s assembled together, yet appropriately spaced, in our special parking area at Leonardslee. It was also good to see that everyone managed to find some grass and, more importantly, shade in order to enjoy their traditional picnic.

At the start of the Run, each driver was given a Prize Draw ticket containing their unique run number to be handed in as they passed the finish post. When the last of the cars had arrived, Wendy Mitchell, representing Leonardslee management, made the first, second, and third prize selection of these tickets in our Grand Draw for £50 worth of store vouchers. The results of this was as follows, all driving MGB variants.



2nd Prize Entry number 39 Allen Pratt3rd Prize Entry number 214 Bob Malston

We are grateful to Ian Reynolds of Richmond MG Guildford who kindly sponsored this event. We also thank Bocketts Farm and Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens for hosting the start and finish venues. Once again, I must thank the Owners Club at HQ for their continued support each year. By taking part in the Surrey Run, you have all helped us achieve our goals for yet another year to support deserving causes.

I do hope that you enjoyed the day. I will now find time to catch up with my allotment and then start planning for next July and the SURREY RUN 2022.

Well done to you all.

Nigel



CORDLES' RUN

On Sunday 22nd August our annual event will be leading you through the lanes of Surrey and Sussex. We will start from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG and end up at Highdown Chalk Gardens near Worthing. We visited these gardens in 2010, but unfortunately the weather was very poor, and we ended up picnicking under umbrellas.

There will be our regular fun quiz for you to complete en-route, if you so wish. On arrival there is a large grass overflow car park where we can have our traditional picnic, with views across the countryside towards Worthing and the channel. For the more energetic there is a lovely walk up to the Top of Highdown Hill, via the Millers Tomb, and the earthwork remains of a roman fort.



The 8.5 acres of Gardens were created out of an old chalk pit overlooking the South Downs, where there was little soil and very unfavourable conditions for plant growth. The Chalk Garden at Highdown is the achievement of Sir Frederick and Lady Stern who worked for 50 years to prove that plants would grow on chalk. This was during a period when many expeditions were going out to China and the Himalayan regions collecting rare and beautiful plants. Many of the original plants from the early collections can still be seen in the Gardens today, particularly plants collected by two pioneering botanists Reginald Farrer and Ernest Henry Wilson. The gardens were closed for 18 months to enable an extensive million pound project improving the gardens, walkways and visitors centre, and only reopened in May.

We are hopeful that the gardens will be fully opened by this date without any restrictions or requirement to book places, but even if there is limited access, subject to government advice we will still hold the run, as the facilities, tea rooms and picnic area are all outside the gardens.

There is no charge to enter the gardens, although they do greatly appreciate any donations you wish to make towards the upkeep

The starting point of the run is again at The Pheasant on the Reigate Road (A25) at Betchworth. Toilets, coffee and refreshments are available at the pub. We hope you will be able to join us. Cars will be leaving Reigate from 9.30 am onwards.







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Tony Pearse 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.

CLOTHING



FRUIT OF THE LOOM HOODIES £25

MENS (SS16)

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL

Colours: Black, burgundy, olive, deep navy, heather grey, light graphite, red, royal blue

LADIES (SS82)

Size: 8/10/12/14/16/18 (XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL)

Colours: Azure, black, deep navy, fuchsia, heather grey, red, white.



SWEATSHIRTS £17.50

FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS120)

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL and chest 35-37/38-40/41-43/44-46/47-49

Colours: Azure, black, bottle, burgundy, Deep Navy, Fuchsia, Heather Grey, Kelly (green), Light Graphite, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal Blue, White

RUSSELL (762M) (thicker version)

Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL or chest 34-36/36-38/38-40/40-42/42-44/44-46, 46-48/48-50

Colours: Bottle green, bright royal blue, French navy, black, bright red, burgundy, classic red, light Oxford (grey), purple, sky blue, winter emerald (green)



FRUIT OF THE LOOM POLO SHIRTS £15

MENS (SS11)

Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL

(mid-green), Kelly (light green), orange, sunflower (yellow) or white. purple, red, royal blue, sky blue, sunflower

LADIES (SS86)

Sizes 8/10/12/14/16/18

Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL

Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, Colours: Black, bottle green, burgundy, heather grey, bottle green, burgundy, deep navy, emerald purple, red, navy, deep navy, royal blue, sky blue,



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

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



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FOR SALE

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