

# OCTAGONAL NEWS

September 2021

# **ANOTHER SUPER CORDLES' RUN**







# **EVENTS**

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 monthly meetings and events resume, please do not feel any pressure to attend - there will be a packed programme to look forward to in 2022! At the moment, we know that some members will choose to wear masks, particularly indoors, and we would ask that if members feel comfortable taking a lateral flow test on the day of any event this would be appreciated.

# WHAT'S PLANNED

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

- members catchup  vns run – spaces still available book here  Canadiafo bore
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Caper <u>info here</u>
Revival <u>info here</u>
event at Lullingstone Castle Gardens & World Garden,
ord, Kent DA4 0JA – flyer with details in this newsletter
at Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders, Carshalton Beeches. Some ibly available, contact Paul Coleman 01483 423169 or

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Thursday 7	7.30pm	Club Night
Sunday 17	Leave from	Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to
	9.30 am	The Plough at Leigh

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday 6 November London Walk

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

2022

Saturday 22 January Dinner/Dance and Annual Awards at Kingswood Golf Club

Sunday 23 January MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford International Centre – <u>click here</u> for details

Sunday 30 January Mothballs Run

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

## CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

(please note this is earlier than usual as Ed will be on hols)!

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

Copies of this newsletter and back issues can be download from the Newsletters section of the website

#### **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 — you can find more information on their website by clicking here.

# **EDITOR'S ETCHINGS**

Hello from a dog-filled Langley Vale. Holiday season seems to mean everyone around me going away and leaving their furry babies with me! Teddy and Cleo are being very tolerant of Luna the Schnauzer-poo, Banjo the Jack Russell, Herbie the Yorkiepoo, Mabel the Labradoodle and Fonzie the Miniature Pincher!

It is very busy for me with Epsom Canine Rescue events being able to restart – what a relief, although the pouring rain at Banstead Village Day was not quite so well-received! This newsletter will be put to bed before the dog show at <u>Godstone</u> <u>Fete and Donkey Derby</u> on Bank Holiday Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August and we may see some of you at the Terrier racing on Epsom Downs on Sunday 19th.

Just a note, if anyone has any entries for the October newsletter, can you get them to me by the 19<sup>th</sup> September as I will be on holiday at the end of the month – hurrah!

See you all soon

# **SOCIAL SCENE**

A couple of social events are booked in for the rest of this year:

Saturday 6th November - London Walk with Guides Marion Clarke and John Morgan. Meet at 10.45 for 11am start and walks last about 2 hours. More details will be given when they are finalised.

Sunday 5th December 2021 - Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel London. Service commences at 6pm, seated by 5.45pm. The cost is £2 per ticket and only 15 tickets remain. Please contact me if you wish to attend.

Happy socialising, Margaret

# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Hello everyone, it is 18 months since our last monthly meeting in March 2020. I do hope that it will be possible for us to hold the monthly meeting planned for Thursday, 2nd September at Sutton United Football Club and be able to start to organise a program of events for members to enjoy.

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



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to members Alan and Noleen Foot who, after suffering withdrawal systems from not taking their MG Metro to shows, drove 70 miles in outrageous weather conditions to the Queen Victoria Car Show at Breamore House last month.

Around 150 cars attended, mostly MGs, and their little Metro came up trumps again winning Best in Class against some very nice MGBs and Cs.

This made their day very enjoyable and they met up with some very nice people from another region.

# MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am delighted to report that we have gained a further new member since last month. Paid up membership is now 128 memberships.

The new members are Terry and Fiona Creswick from Byfleet who have a MGTF 135 2004 in Blue in good condition, welcome to you both.

Application forms for renewals or new memberships can be found on the club website <a href="www.epsommgoc.org.uk">www.epsommgoc.org.uk</a> or by contacting me at <a href="mailto:mrmrchilds9@gmail.com">mrmrchilds9@gmail.com</a> to obtain a form.

Malcolm

# SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

### **Club Nights**

As you will know, we have been waiting for some months to return to Sutton United FC's ground and I am pleased to tell members that we will be meeting on Thursday 2nd September in the Main Lounge at Gander Green Lane. I appreciate it has been 18 months since we were able to meet up as a Club and it will be good to catch up with existing members and new members on the night.

This first meeting will give your Committee the chance to bring everybody up to speed as to where the Club is, its health and the way forward.

### 2021 Committee and beyond:

Taking forward my last point under Club Nights there is a need for thought by all of the Membership as your Committee remains three/four short and your present holders are all getting older by the day!

So, if any member feels able to discuss any opportunities with the running of the Club do speak to Eric or myself as we would welcome support.

#### Club Events/Runs:

- We hope the Cordles' Run went well on Sunday 22nd August and our thanks to Richard and Linda for arranging this during difficult times.
- The South Downs Run takes place this Sunday, 5th September and good luck to all of our members who have entered this run.
- Sunday 19th September: The MG Car Club SE Centre are holding their Autumn Gathering at Lullingstone Castle, nr. Eynsford in Kent and information on this event can be found in the Newsletter.
- Sunday 26th September: Club Stand at the Diamond Riding Centre Autumn Fair at Carshalton Beeches. Places are limited for this event but if you wish to attend do speak to Paul Coleman, our Club Stand Organiser.
- Sunday 17th October: Autumn Leaves Run. This event will start from The Pheasant at Buckland and follow a route of around 35 Miles to The Plough at Leigh in Surrey. If you wish to attend do let me know, but at this stage I have booked both the Start and Finish with Lunch numbers based AROUND 50 PEOPLE. Cars will need to leave The Pheasant by 10.40 am at the latest and Lunch will be available from 12.00 Noon at The Plough. Lunch is not mandatory and I hope to have a good turnout for this Run which will take around 1.5 Hours to complete. Coffee and Bacon Rolls etc. Available at The Pheasant from 9.15am.
- Saturday 22nd January 2022: Annual Dinner and Dance at Kingswood Golf Club for Members and their partners and friends. Full details to be available next month.
- Sunday 23rd January 2022: MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford International Centre in Shropshire.
- Sunday 30th January 2022; Mothballs Run to celebrate start of 2022 to a local Surrey Pub starting at the Pheasant at Buckland.

Malcolm (Acting Secretary)

# **SURREY RUN REPORT**

Following the report on our Surrey Run event, although we have not finalised the figures, we do have a rough idea of the profit available for our charity donations. I am pleased to say that once again, with all your help, we are in an excellent position to support the deserving causes that you the membership will propose towards the end of this year.

In addition to this, I should mention that we will also be continuing with the £175 donation to the "Kids for Kids" charity. As you may know, this is supported by Bocketts Farm who for over 20 years have hosted the start of our Surrey Run event and in return we have always offered this donation. The charity, based in Dorking was set up some years ago by Patricia Parker with the intention of supplying goats to villages in Darfur in the Sudan. This area is plagued by civil unrest and famine. Rather than just sending money into the area, the goats provide milk, vital nourishment for the starving children. The goats seem to survive quite well on the poor quality scrub grass that is the only thing available to eat. The goats then breed and adults are then passed on to another family building up the stock. This scheme has now spread to many other villages. Over the years we at Epsom must have bought quite a few goats. If you wish to find out more about this charity then you can visit their website www.kidsforkids.org.uk.

Good news is that Bocketts Farm have already asked us back next year.

Best wishes to you all, Nigel

## **FUEL CHANGES**

As many of you will know the standard 95 octane petrol supplied at petrol stations will move to the newer E10 formulation, starting this month. E10 fuel contains twice as much Ethanol as the 5% in E5 (this applies to petrol only not to diesel fuel).

Petrol pumps will be converted to dispense E10, but many older vehicles, particularly those owned by club members, will not be able to use the new fuel. Cars up to 10 years old should be able to use E10 and, whilst members should research their specific models, it could be assumed that all UK built MGs from MG Rover before the Chinese takeover must use E5.

E5 will continue to be available in many petrol stations meaning motorists whose cars are not compatible with E10 will still be able to refill with standard 95 octane – this will be in super-unleaded form so these are the pumps to look out for. The DfT confirm the UK will maintain a supply of this fuel.

The BBC has an informative article – <u>click here</u>.

There is information on the Government website – click here

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs has also put together comprehensive information – click here



# South East Centre AUTUMN MEETING

# (including an optional DRIVING TOUR TO EVENT) SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

# Lullingstone Castle Gardens & World Garden,

Nr. Eynesford, Kent DA4 0JA

Our Venue, this year, is Lullingstone Castle Gardens with its 120 acres within the beautiful Kent countryside and which the MGCCSE last visited back in September 2007. Lullingstone Castle is one of England's oldest family estates, dating back to the time of Domesday. The present Manor House and Gatehouse, which overlook a stunning 15-acre lake, were built in 1497 and have been home to the same family ever since. Both Henry VIII and Queen Anne are known to have been regular visitors.

There will be an initial reservation of 50% entry number for MG Car Club members, with all entries being managed electronically by completion of registration forms and receipt, by the club, of entry fees.

# What to See & Do all included in the amazing entry fee :-

- Numerous walks to explore throughout the 120-acres Gardens, parkland, lawns and forest areas, with an abundance of fascinating fauna and flora.
- Lullingstone Castle is home to Tom Hart Dyke's World Garden of Plants, as seen on TV.
- Close to the Manor House is also St Botolph's Parish Church of Norman origin, which contains some of the oldest stained glass windows in England.
- · Refreshments available But your own Picnics are encouraged & welcome.
- Free entry into our usual MGCC Concours and Pride of Ownership (PoO) including Pre-1956 Class & Post 1956 Class to enter & prizes.
- Choice of Scenic tours into Lullingstone castle.
- PLEASE NOTE :- DOGS NOT PERMITTED

Just £15
Per Car!!



## To Enter:-

Simply register your interest in attending this event, so we can start processing your registration by emailing either:- **Andrew Mitchell 07703 138419** <a href="mailto:andrewmgfvvc@gmail.com">andrewmgfvvc@gmail.com</a> OR **John Morgan 07802 770025** <a href="mailto:johnv.morgan@btinternet.com">johnv.morgan@btinternet.com</a> with:-

Your Name; Phone Number; Email Address & MGCC Membership number (If you are a member)

NB:- This event is limited to the first <u>175 Cars</u>, so an early response/reservation is strongly advised!

The MGCC Event admission inclusive of a Tour, Concours/Pride of Ownership and Venue is <u>just £15 per car</u> including full entry to the Gardens at a considerably discounted price.

Event opens at 11:00, Gardens close at 17.00, For more information on the gardens, please visit: https://www.lullingstonecastle.co.uk/the-castle

# **REGALIA**

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

LADIES (SS82)

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

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

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

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

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

Colours: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red, French navy, light Oxford, orange, white

RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50



### **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**

BEECHFIELD (BB58) heavy cotton drill with stitched ventilation eyelets, pre-curved peak, fabric strap with tri-glide buckle.

Colour: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red, French navy, light grey, natural and white

# **OTHER ITEMS**



# **MUMBLES BEAR £15**

Bears (MM016) are light brown and 30cm (12") tall. They can be ordered beautifully dressed in a coloured jumper, hoodie or t-shirt, embroidered with the famous Epsom MGOC logo. Choose from:

- Jumper: Cream, baby pink, baby blue, navy, white, red
- Hoodie: Fuchsia, navy, red, white
- T-shirt: Fuchsia, navy, red, white, sublimation white, baby blue, bottle green, burgundy, pink

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METAL KEYRING £1.50	CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2
Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo	Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo



# **CAR WINDOW STICKERS 50p**

Not just for the car – why not buy one for home, shed, caravan or camper!

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# **ADS**

Private Ads are free to members and will stay in the newsletter for 3 issues unless you request an extension. Contact the Editor - email <a href="mailto:kimshros@gmail.com">kimshros@gmail.com</a> for entry in the next issue. Inclusion of an advert does not indicate Club endorsement

### **FOR SALE**

#### 2003 MG TF 135 2003

Monogram Black Olive, Champagne Oxford Leather trim. Colour coded hard top and only one of 16 in this colour in the UK.

Mileage 62,275. One careful owner from new. Excellent condition, serviced regularly.

MOT October 2021.

It's a unique car as there were only 38 TFs painted in Monogram Black Olive, 20 of these went to Australia, two were exported to Germany and the remaining 16 were UK

Reluctant sale as one of 4 MGs and garage space is needed.

Price £4,150

Contact Dave on 07510 260235 020 8393 4614 davidgi75@icloud.com gills75@talktalk.net



#### **FOR SALE**

Hardtop for MG TF (2004), Nightfire Red in Excellent condition

Black boot rack, with locks

££ sensible offers

Contact: Stefan Lukatschat in Fetcham stefan19812011@gmail.com or 07796 928899

HOLIDAY HOME TO LET!

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