

OCTAGONAL NEWS

December 2021



HAPPY MG CHRISTMAS!

Here are some photos of our MGs (and their owners) enjoying days out in 2021



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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

DECEMBER		
Thursday 2	7.30pm	Club Night – Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
		* Don't forget to get your St Raphael's Hospice Christmas cards! *
Sunday 5	Seats by 5.45 pm	Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks,
		Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ - Contact Margaret Billinge
Wednesday 8	12.30pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Skimmington Castle, Bonnys Road, Reigate, RH2 8RL
		BOOKING NEEDED Contact <u>Nigel Taylor</u>
Thursday 16	7pm	Christmas Natter at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead, SM7 2NZ
		BOOKING ESSENTIAL Contact <u>Nigel Taylor</u>
JANUARY		
Saturday 1		Brooklands Classic Car day
Thursday 6	7.30pm	Club Night – Auction
Sunday 22	6.45 for 7.15pm	Dinner/Dance and Annual Awards at Kingswood Golf Club – details in this
		newsletter
Sunday 23		MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford International Centre – <u>click here</u> for
		details
Sunday 30		Mothballs Run

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

Wednesday 3 February Monthly meeting – Film Night
Sunday 13 February Hunt the Valentine (provisional event)

Saturday 19 February Skittles and buffet at Royal British Legion, Grub St, Limpsfield RH8 OSJ

Sunday 17 July Surrey Run

Sunday 4 September WSMGOC South Downs Run

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 18th December 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

THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTOS

On the cover you will see some fabulous photos sent to me by members – thank you all for them and I will use more next month. Keep any photos taken at MG events or of you and your MGs out and about coming to me at kimshros@gmail.com

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Happy Christmas everyone! I won't see you at this month's meeting but look forward to raising a glass or two to the season at the Christmas natter at the Woolpack – well done to Nigel T for his ever-efficient arrangement of this. For those of you at the meeting, don't forget that Linda will again be selling Christmas Cards for St Raphael's Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos over the last few weeks – they are great. If I haven't yet used your photo, be assured I will and please everyone keep them coming!

I have joined the ranks of all you retired folk – well more or less! My last job finished at the end of October and I am now only doing the odd bit here and there – how marvellous! We are looking forward to going out all day on the Sunday of the Guards Chapel service and not having to worry about being tired for work the next day.

May I shamelessly promote a non-MG event but one that I will have a stall at to raise funds for Epsom Canine Rescue – the Langley Vale Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December from 11am-3pm in the village hall in Rosebery Road (KT18 6AF). There will be lots of stalls with gifts and goodies and, most importantly, mine with dog Christmas treats and lots of other doggie related items.

On the subject of Christmas, as many of you know Tom and I don't "do" Christmas cards, preferring instead to make donations to charities we support but this will not stop us wishing everyone a lovely, peaceful Christmas and here's to a much better 2022. With love to all members and their families. Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

Sunday 5th December at 6pm Festival Service of Lessons and Carols at the Royal Military Chapel (The Guards Chapel), Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk London SW1E6HQ. Meet at 5.30pm. Toilets are available at the venue. My contact numbers are 01892 610117 and mobile 0778 301 7905. I am hoping to attend but have a leg injury which might prevent this and Nigel Taylor has very kindly agreed to host if I am unable to come – his contact details are home: 020 8661 1172 and mobile 07584 575695.

Saturday 19th February - Skittles and buffet at the Royal British Legion, Grub St, Limpsfield RH8 OSJ. Cost is £15 per person and includes a hot and cold buffet. Start time is 6 for 6.30pm and the buffet is served at 8pm. There is only space for a maximum of 30 people so don't miss out! I will need to collect the monies and a few more names, ideally at the January meeting.

March 2022 (date TBA) - Visit to the RAF Museum Hendon, hosted by Terry Smith

Happy socialising and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Margaret

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We will be donating to the charity PAPYRUS - Prevention of Young Suicide instead of sending Christmas cards.

We would like to wish everyone at the MG Club a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes, Ted and Sue

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

2022 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 Malcolm Childs, Area Secretary, by the close of the January monthly meeting.

2022 Dinner Dance and Annual Awards

This will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday, 22 January 2022 at 7.30pm. The price is again being held at £35 per person. There will be choices for each course from the menu and dress will be black tie or lounge suit. J A Sounds Disco will provide the music for dancing.

Paul Coleman will be taking your booking, meal choices and seating preferences. This is always a popular event, so do please book early to avoid disappointment. Menu choices, booking form and payment details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Overnight accommodation is available in The Lodge, which is on-site, and anyone interested in staying overnight should contact The Lodge on 01737 832 188 and say that you are attending the Dinner Dance to receive a discount on your room hire.

Wishing all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. That's all from me this month, keep well and keep safe, Eric.

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

As we come to the end of 2021, I am delighted to tell Members that our net membership has risen in 2021 by 3. We have received 13 new memberships in the year and have only lost 10 memberships, which, taking into account how 2021 has been, is remarkable and it is good to welcome so many new members during a difficult year.

The Membership Form is in this month's Newsletter to allow Members to renew for 2022 and the fee for the year will be £10. Do remember that you can now pay your membership direct to the Club's bank account and all I need is confirmation that you have done this. Should your details remain unchanged it is not necessary to send me the Application but do let me know so that I can balance the books. My contact details are in the Committee Listings at the end of the newsletter!

As stated previously, I will have blank forms with me on Club Nights, should you not wish to use the form in the Newsletter.

Malcolm

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Club Nights

Our thanks to Kim Shrosbree for the excellent quiz she put together for our November Club Night where some 61 people enjoyed trying to get as near as possible to the 65 marks.

At tonight's meeting, the Club will be providing mulled wine and mince pies for members to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. I know that this night goes down well with the members as it allows everyone to catch up and have a good chat.

I understand that sales of tickets for the Dinner/Dance and Annual Awards have been going well and is an event not to be missed - the application form is available elsewhere in the Newsletter.

The details of Committee roles for 2022 are again in the Newsletter this month and do please step forward if you think you can assist the Club in the year ahead. Your present Committee have, in the main, been doing their roles for many years and it is always good to get fresh blood and ideas into the Club's structure so we can be sure we are operating the Club as members wish.

As many of you know, I look after the free Minibus Service in Richmond Park RP1, which runs every Wednesday from Easter until the end of October. The Club have been helpful over the last 7 years with various members being involved as Volunteer Drivers. I am on the lookout for 2 new drivers for 2022, so if anybody is interested please contact me. Full training is paid for by The Royal Parks.

On a personal level, I would like to thank everyone for bearing with us during 2020/21 ensuring that Epsom Area MGOC continues to thrive, and I trust that 2022 will be a good year for everyone.

Malcolm (Acting Secretary)

CAR EVENTS

Although the New Year's Day Event at Brooklands is not specifically a Club event, I know that many members enjoy attending this day out when some hundreds of classic cars make their way to the Museum site. As this year it falls on a Saturday, I am sure this will help some attendees.

Club 2022 Events:

Mothballs Run Sunday 30th January

This event will start our 2022 programme of Runs and as mentioned last month, will be around 35 miles through the western part of Surrey and into West Sussex. Full details will be available in the January Newsletter.

Hunt the Valentine Sunday 13th February:

Following on from my note last month, I was able to ask some members to look at doing the clues for this event and I hope to be in a position tonight to let you know whether it will go ahead in 2022. I have asked the members concerned to look at reduced stopping points at 2 locations, as well as ensuring there is a reasonable run for our cars. This will allow Members to reach the finish by 1pm at the latest.

Surrey Run Sunday 17th July:

This date is now confirmed for our 2022 Run and Nigel Swann has been working hard to ensure that we have our usual good event. We will announce where we are going in January.

South Downs Run Sunday 4th September:

This event is a favourite with many of our members and is confirmed for this Sunday in early September. The finish will be at Eastbourne but there may be a variation on the start – you will find more details on WSMGOC's website here. Members should note that the event will not clash with the Goodwood Revival which will be held later in September on 16th-18th of the month.

NATTERS NEWS

Natters are a great way for members to get together for a chat and a bite to eat at a local pub. New members are especially welcome, do come and join us and meet some of your fellow MGers. We rarely talk about cars but enjoy lots of other chat!

As Natters are a meal and drink at a local pub, these are always booked with the venue in advance. If there is no interest in a particular date, I cancel the booking about 5 days before so, if you would like to come along, contact me to book your place and make sure the pub has room for us rather than just turning up. My number is 07584 575 695 and my email is nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com

Christmas Natter

Our Christmas natter will be on Thursday 16 December at 7pm at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead, SM7 2NZ. The cost is £26.95 for a 3-course meal. Menu choices must be made in advance, together with a £10 non-refundable deposit per person paid. The deadline for booking will be the Club Night on Thursday 2nd December.

The menu is on The Woolpack's website – <u>click here</u> and click the **Christmas Festive 3 courses** tab. I will also have menus with me at the monthly meeting. You can either hand me your choices and deposit at the monthly meeting or drop me an email to <u>nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com</u>

2022 Natters

There is no Natter planned in January as we have the Dinner/Dance in the middle of the month, but I am busy planning a schedule for 2022 and will put this in the January newsletter.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy nattering in 2022! Nige T

EPSOM MGOC WHATSAPP GROUP

I also run our WhatsApp group which members use to keep in touch and to share information or funnies. Members of the group sometimes even meet up for coffee at a local garden centre or cafe.

If you want to join the WhatsApp Group, please text me on 07584 575695, giving your name(s) email-address and phone number, so I can add you to the group.

Nige T

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS Saturday 22 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 22nd January 2022 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 remains at £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

Sundried tomato tapenade with prawns, pearl couscous and lime yogurt dressing

Roasted root vegetable soup with pesto drizzle

Main Courses

Tender beef brisket with horseradish mash, roasted carrots, fine beans, and confit of onion sauce

Lemon and garlic roasted salmon with dauphinoise potatoes, baby carrots, fine beans, and tomato basil sauce

Cauliflower and chickpea roulade with gratin potato, baby carrots and tomato basil sauce (v)

Desserts

Chocolate and caramel tart with vanilla ice cream

Apple and frangipane tart with strawberry ice cream

Cheese and biscuits

Freshly brewed tea and coffee

Please make your menu choices on the below slip. Payment of £35 per person can be made by cash, cheque payable to Epsom Area MGOC or bank transfer to:

Sort Code	Account number	Account name
20-24-61	20466565	Epsom Area MGOC

Hand the slip to Paul Colman at a monthly meeting	, email your choices to	paaablo@talktalk.net or	send to 126 Ockfo	ord
Ridge, Godalming GU7 2NQ				

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

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



COMMITTEE ROLES & ELECTIONS 2022

Members are elected to the Committee at our January Club meeting with roles decided at that time. Committee meetings are normally on the Wednesday following the Monthly Meeting from 7.30pm at the same venue.

If you feel able to give time and support Club affairs by serving on the 2022 Committee, please give your name to either the Chairman or Membership Secretary by the end of December 2021.

Here is a short summary of the Committee roles and full details can be found on the club website www.epsommgoc.org.uk

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. Producing Committee Meeting Minutes.		
Membership Secretary	Registering and maintaining the members' list and advising new members of 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 promotion, ordering and sales of Club regalia.		
Social Secretary	Organising and collating members' attendance for events and taking deposits.		
Natters Secretary	Responsible for the organisation of regular Natters for members.		
Car Events Secretary	Responsible for organising a programme of car events, excluding car displays.		
Club Stand Secretary	Responsible for the organisation of the Club stand at events/displays.		
Special Events	To organise, manage and co-ordinate all matters relating to special events		
Newsletter Editor	Responsible for the production of The Octagonal News (Monthly Newsletter).		
Communications	Responsible for updating, the Club website.		
Details of all present Committee Members are on the last page of the Newsletter.			

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

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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

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.





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: 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

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

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!



PENS £1

Wow your friends and family when you sign your autograph with a stylish club pen!

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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 kimshros@gmail.com 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** cars

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





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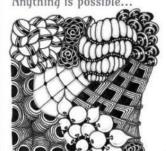
For more information please contact Alison & Caroline

www.hillbrowholidays.co.uk

WANTED - any old fountain pens and related Items as I collect them. Mike 07976 204560 or 020 8942 0554

HOLIDAY APARTMENT IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS

Modern 2 bedroomed apartment in a small, very quiet complex (30 apartments) with a communal swimming pool and jacuzzi. For photos & info. see www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/19981868 To book, with MGOC Epsom discount, or for further information please contact Ian Robinson on 07973 409 175 or ian.iwr@mail.com



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