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EVENTS

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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

MAY		
Thursday 4	7.30pm	Club Night – Talk on Guernsey Occupation in WWII by Tony Briant
Monday 8	1pm	Coronation BBQ at Royal British Legion as above contact Margaret Billinge
Thursday 11	12.15pm	Lunchtime natter – The Fairmile, Portsmouth Rd, Fairmile Lane, Cobham KT11 1BW contact Nigel Taylor
Thursday 18	7 for 7.30pm	Evening natter – The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7BG contact Nigel Taylor
Fri 26-Mon 29		Spring weekend around the Centenary of MG cars contact Nigel Taylor
JUNE		
Thursday 1	7.30pm	Club Night - Auction
Saturday 10		Club Stand - Victor Seymour School contact Paul Coleman
Saturday 17	7pm	Elvis Tribute Night - Royal British Legion, Grub Street, Limsfield Chart RH80SJ contact Margaret Billinge
Wednesday 21	10.45 for 11am	London Walk in Belgravia contact Margaret Billinge
UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS		
Sunday 2 July		Lunchtime natter at Peacock, Henton, nr Chinnor OX39 4AH afterwards at the Brookes'
Saturday 15 July		Club stand - Whiteley Village contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 16 July		Surrey Run to Chiddingstone Castle
Sunday 23 July		Club Stand – Purley Sports Club contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 6 August		Club barbecue at Gatwick Aviation Museum contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 13 August		Club Stand – Cranleigh click here to booking contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 20 August		Cordles' Run to Denham Gardens
Saturday 24 September		Club stand – The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders, Carshalton
Sunday 29 October		Autumn Leaves Run
OTHER EVENTS		
Saturday 27 May		Centenary of MG cars at British Motor Museum at Gaydon – click for more info . Tickets from www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk .
Sunday 4 June		Oxfordshire MGOc MGs in the Park – more info here
Sunday 4 June		Southampton & New Forest MGOc New Forest Run
Sunday 11 June		Bromley Pageant members to enter individually if wished
Weekend 10-11 June		MG & Triumph 100 at Silverstone www.mgtriumph100.co.uk
Sunday 9 July		MGCC Summer Event to the Bluebell Railway click here for more info
Sunday 9 July		Sutton Green Community Fayre. Book through edward.protheroe@tiscali.co.uk
Sunday 6 August (TBC)		BBQ at the Gatwick Aviation Museum contact Paul Coleman
Weekend 25-27 August		Silverstone Festival click for more info
Sunday 3 September		WSMGOC South Downs Run – more info here
Weekend 8-10 Sept		Goodwood Revival
Saturday 30 September		MG100 at Beaulieu – the Big Birthday Bash click here for info
18-19 May 2024		Car Club MG Centenary Event at Brooklands

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 20 MAY

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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello everyone. I have been playing a bit of a low profile over the last month but enjoyed scoring for the skittles. The results are in the Social Scene section below. I will also attach a printout of the full results to the email this newsletter was attached to.

I am looking forward to a bit of relaxation over the Coronation weekend, there is lots going on in Langley Vale that we will throw ourselves into wholeheartedly. What a once-in-a-lifetime event for many of us, although I know there are current members who will remember the last Coronation and I am hoping I will still be around for the next one!!

Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

Skittles evening

I would like to express my appreciation to Kim and Tom for all their hard work for sorting out the teams for the evening, the playing format and also in managing the scores. 35 members met for the skittles matches and enjoyed a delicious hot and cold buffet during the break. The Members with the highest scores were Roger and Lindy. The winning team was Team E - Roger, Moya, Lindy, Stuart and Hugh. Congratulations to you all.

Scheduled Events

- Monday 8th May at 1pm - Coronation Event at Royal British Legion with live music - cost to be advised at meeting.
- Saturday 17th June at 7pm (to get a seat) – Elvis Tribute Night with live music. £8 pay on door (no food served only bar snacks of crisps, nuts and so on).
- Wednesday 21st June - Guided Walk around Belgravia lasting about 1½ to 2 hours with Guides Marion and John. Cost £12. Meet at 10.45 for 11.00am outside 4th entrance to Hyde Park Corner Tube Station. I have saved an interesting newspaper article about the area which I will photocopy to give to those interested.

Other events:

- Visit to Battersea Power Station to be kindly arranged by Nigel, date TBA
- Visit to the Post Office Museum and Postal Train Ride to be arranged by Annabel and Jon, date TBA
- Dates to be arranged visit to Fulham Palace and gardens to include a tour, cost £8

I will save organising a visit to Butser Ancient Park and Museum' for now in case it is used for another event next year.

At the Committee meeting, we discussed the issue of visits to the Rum Distillery and also doing a visit to a Steam Railway offering a Real Ale Train experience. It was decided not to pursue these suggestions because of the issues of driving.

I will be arranging another London Walk in the Autumn this time around the Bloomsbury area, also two guided visits to St Pauls Cathedral and, hopefully, Charter House.

I will try and arrange some more events but we have a very busy Calendar this year so I will have to see the viability of this.

Please though still let me have your exciting suggestions for outings, I do really appreciate this.

Happy socialising, Margaret





CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Things are really getting busy now for the summer. Make sure you look at the Club and Other events in the newsletter so you do not miss out.

I hope everyone enjoys the Coronation celebrations.

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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

We started April with a great turnout for Bingo for our club night at Sutton United. There were then two natters. Linda and I missed both, due to dog sitting and holidays, but the lunchtime natter at the Shy Horse was well-supported, as was the All you can Eat Curry evening at the Skimmington Castle - keep up the good work Nigel, these natters are excellent! In between these events was the ever-popular Skittles evening at the Royal British Legion at Lingsfield Chart that we did get to. 35 members turned up on the night for several games of skittles and a hot supper. Our thanks go to Margaret for organising and to Kim and Tom for the scoring.

May looks like being the beginning of a very busy summer, with increasing social and car events. The big one in May is the Spring Break weekend in Warwick, which also includes the Gaydon centenary event, but a look at future events show we are going to be very busy.

The Cordles' run-on Sunday 20th August will be going to Denham Gardens near the south coast. We are still playing with the route but have agreed the date and venue so please put it in your diary. The club is also holding a BBQ this year in August at the Gatwick Aircraft Museum and don't forget the Natter with John & Alexis, in Princes Risborough, always a brilliant day out.

There are lots of events in the diary, so hope to see a lot of you at some of them.

Happy Motoring, Richard





CLUB STAND

There are already a few Club Stands booked in already and more will follow:

Saturday 10th June Victor Seymour School - the Parent Teacher Association has been approached by the school to reinstate the Car Show. Bryan Young has booked ten places so if you would like to attend, please let him or myself know.

Saturday 15th July Whiteley Village Fete - once again, we are attending this very popular event. We do need to be on site no later than 11.30am and as most of you know it is a very good day out thus allowing time to set up. The public are allowed entry at 12.30pm and movement becomes restricted. The event finishes at 4pm. As many of you know it is a very good day out.

23rd July Purley Sports Club, The Ridge, off Farm Lane, Wallington in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital. We have been invited to attend along with the Jaguar Club. This is a new event so details are a little sketchy at the moment I will update as soon as possible.

13th August Cranleigh Classic Car Show – advance registration is £10 per vehicle for the driver and one passenger (additional passengers are £10 each) . Availability is limited and on a first-come first-served basis. You can book your advance tickets from their site by [clicking here](#).

Paul

NATTERS NEWS

Following an enjoyable April, when we had some glorious sunny weather over Easter, followed by a good Lunchtime Natter on the 13th and then by an excellent "All You Can Eat Curry" Evening Natter on the 21st, we may now look forward to:-

- Thursday 11th May - Lunchtime Natter at The Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW at/from 12.15pm
- Thursday 18th May - Evening Natter at The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7BG at 7 for 7.30pm.

Also remind you that we have another excellent Lunchtime Natter on Sunday 2nd July from 12 noon at The Peacock, Henton, near Chinnor OX39 4AH, where we have starter and/or main course before transferring to the home of John and Alexis Brooke who are our Hosts for the day to enjoy desserts followed by tea/coffee and various garden-games such as Bowls, Croquet, Jenga, Red-Kite flying amongst other pastimes. **PLEASE NOTE** booking with me is needed/required for this event in particular.

Happy nattering 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, and I can add you to the group.





MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am pleased to report that, following my chasing a few members who had not renewed, we are now standing at 104 memberships paid for 2023 plus 26 life memberships. As most of the memberships are for 2 people, we are around 250 individuals signed up to the Club. There are only 8 members who have not renewed for 2023.

Thanks to all those who responded and could I ask members to keep promoting our successful Club.

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

April has certainly seen the start of many and various events for Club members in our area. I know that at least 16 members were at the Brooklands Easter Classic Car Event and it was good to see so many Classic Cars in one place. On 23rd April, the MG Car Club SE Centre held their Spring Run and Event at Lullingstone Castle and I know that several cars went from the Club. Tony Pearce and I went to an evening meeting on 27th to hear David Whale, the Chairman of the FBHVC, speak and I will report on this further in next month's newsletter.

May has the delight of our Club Weekend away in Warwick linked to the MG Centenary at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon and I am sure this will be an exciting MG Gathering in 2023.

As you know the Club has various Club Stands arranged for this year and the first of these is the Victor Seymour School Show on Saturday 10th June. The same weekend is the MG and Triumph 100 Weekend at Silverstone organised by the MG Car Club and Triumph Owners Clubs. The New Forest Run is on Sunday 4th June and Bromley Pageant is also on Sunday 11th June.

July holds many events for our Club including Pride of Ownership at our July Club Night; Sutton Green Community Fair on Sunday 9th; the MG Car Club Summer Event to the Bluebell Railway on Sunday 9th; our Surrey Run on Sunday 16th and Club Stands at Whiteley Village on Saturday 15th and Purley Sports Club on Sunday 23rd. Many of these events are worth attending and supporting the Club especially the Surrey Run, so do get your bookings in as required.

A little further forward we have Cranleigh Show on Sunday 13th August and the "famous" Cordles' Run on Sunday 20th August. I have also just heard that entries can now be made for the South Downs Run on Sunday 3rd September.

All in all a busy summer so let us hope that the weather is kind to us all when we use our cars.

Finally, our June Club Night will be an Auction Night for members so do dig out any car or non-car related items that you think may find a suitable new home and assist Club funds.

Malcolm, Membership Secretary





SURREY RUN 2023



I am pleased to confirm that we are still on target with the planning for our Surrey Run event that is due to take place on 16th July this year where the finishing venue will be Chiddingstone Castle near Eden Bridge in Kent. We have now reached the required number of participants already registered such that our outgoing expenses are covered. We are now into profit, generating the needed finances to fund our charity donations for yet another year. As you are all aware, one of the objectives of this event is to raise charity funds to assist a range of deserving causes. For over twenty years we have been fortunate to have had the support and sponsorship of the management of Bocketts Farm in Fetcham. They have provided us with all the facilities that are vital at the start of our busy day. We have shown our appreciation in return by traditionally making a modest donation to their own chosen charity based locally in Dorking called "Kids for Kids". The recent news coverage of war in Sudan is highly relevant to this charity and I thought I would just let you know a little more about the work they do and also tell you about Patricia Parker, the rather remarkable person who founded the charity in 2001.



Patricia was in Sudan visiting her eldest son who had joined the Foreign Office when she had a chance meeting with a young boy called Ibrahim wandering in the desert. Initially they thought he was lost, but it was revealed that he was just on his daily 14 hour round route to reach and fetch clean water. At nine years old and with no father, this young lad had taken on this responsibility, collecting the water for his family and a goat. The goats milk provided the only goodness for his younger brothers and sisters in an area where all children are malnourished. Living in this very remote and inaccessible region, Darfur is also ravaged by civil war. Violence is a daily hazard causing these children unimaginable hardship with physical and mental damage. In 2005 Patricia Parker and her son were kidnapped by rebel forces. Since setting up the charity, Patricia has adopted over 500,000 people living in 92 remote villages. By providing goats to the families they can use the milk and also breed them for other families to use. She has also organised water supplies and schooling for children, together with a host of other facilities that were previously not possible. Unfortunately, the civil unrest has continued and life in that region is still difficult but I am please that we have been able to make a small contribution each year. On behalf of us all at Epsom, I would like to thank Becky Hildrey, the Director of Bocketts Farm, and all her staff for the support that we continue to receive.



Once again, those members wishing to register for this event using cash or cheque can send the booking form below to Pat Watson. Please remember to include a stamped addressed envelope for your reply. Those of you wishing to book directly can now do so via our Surrey Run page on the website www.epsommgoc.org.uk/epsom-mgoc-surrey-run/.

Nigel

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SURREY RUN BOOKING FORM

Return with stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Pat Watson, 47 Newlands Way, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2RW
Tel: 020 8397 2008 Email: patricia@watsonkt9.f9.co.uk

Name Telephone

Address

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Cheque for £22 enclosed payable to EPSOM AREA MGOC

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.

CLOTHING



Our most popular items are the excellent quality polo shirts in both men's and ladies fits.

Apart from the usual colours these look great in red and orange as you can see here.

See below for more details

FRUIT OF THE LOOM POLO SHIRTS £15



MENS (SS11)

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

Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, bottle green, burgundy, deep navy, emerald (mid-green), Kelly (light green), orange, purple, red, royal blue, sky blue, sunflower

LADIES (SS86)

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

Colours: Black, bottle green, burgundy, heather grey, purple, red, navy, deep navy, royal blue, sky blue, sunflower (yellow) or white.

MENS TSHIRTS



FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS10) £12.50

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

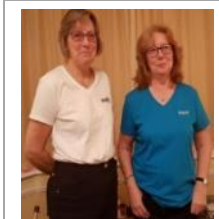
Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, ash, bottle green, burgundy, classic olive, deep navy, light graphite, red, royal blue, zinc, chocolate

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

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)

OTHER ITEMS

	CAPS £12.50 BEECHFIELD (BB58) heavy cotton drill with stitched ventilation eyelets, pre-curved peak, fabric strap with tri-glide buckle. Colours: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red, French navy, light grey, natural and white	
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	
	METAL KEYRING £1.50 Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo	CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2 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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NAME:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

ITEM	REFERENCE	SIZE	COLOUR	PRICE
TOTAL TO PAY				





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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](#).





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