



OCTAGONAL NEWS

November 2023

A SUMMER OF OUT AND ABOUT!



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EVENTS

Click a name or link for more information.

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

*****NOTE DIFFERENT ROOM AND DATE BELOW FOR NOVEMBER MEETING*****

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 9**	From 7pm	Club Night – Bingo ** NOTE AMENDED DATE We will also be in a different room - the 1898 room which is through the next door down from our usual entrance. The room is first door on the left.
Thursday 16	From 12.30pm	The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG
Thursday 23	From 7.30pm	The Red Lion & Cellar Room, Old Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DS
DECEMBER		
Thursday 2	From 7pm	Club Night – Mince pies and mulled wine
Thursday 14	6.30pm sharp	Christmas natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP Booking is essential contact Nigel Taylor
UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS		
Thursday 4 January		Monthly meeting – talk about Richmond Park buses
Sunday 21 January		Mothballs Run – contact Malcolm Childs
Saturday 27 January 2024		Dinner Dance and Annual Awards – booking information here
Sunday 18 February		Hunt the Valentine – contact Malcolm Childs
OTHER EVENTS		
Saturday 14 th October		MGOC 50 th birthday event more info here
Weekend 10-12 November		Classic Car Show at Birmingham NEC. Click for more info
Sunday 11 February 2024		MG & Triumph spares day at Stoneleigh more info here
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 25 NOVEMBER

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 everyone

Firstly, if anyone reads this (!) I hope you have seen that the November monthly meeting has been moved back by a week to Thursday 9th. I will not be able to be there as we will be clearing out my mum's bungalow – I am sure it will be emotional but a necessary job.

As I write I am feeling very refreshed after almost three weeks away at the end of September and beginning of October. We were planning a two-week holiday, but due to my very annoying sister (and her much less annoying dog!) we had to split our holiday into two separate weeks a week apart. Moral of this story, little sis, is "do not book a holiday and expect your big sister to look after your dog without first asking her"! However, it worked out very well, we had a week in Norman's Bay (in between Pevensey and Bexhill) in East Sussex on a caravan site literally 100m from the beach – Cleo was beside herself! We then had a second week close to Lymington in the south of the New Forest in a lovely quiet caravan site 5 minutes from both the beach and a fabulous micro pub – that's Cleo and us both very happy! Teddy is not that keen on holidays generally but grudgingly gets on with it!

While we were in the New Forest area we visited the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum. For anyone who has not been there, it is a fascinating visit with around 500 rare and exotic motorcycles collected by the ex-racer Sammy who is now in his 90s. He works there in the workshop everyday and both us and the dogs were delighted to meet him whilst we were wandering round. The only downside was realising that the bikes of our youth are now museum pieces! I was also very interested to read an issue of Motorcycle News dated two days before I was born! There is more info [here](#) and the museum is well worth a visit.



Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

A brief entry this month:

Future events with dates to be arranged in 2024:

- Guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral with guide John Morgan.
- Skittles with hot and cold buffet.
- Visit to and guided tour of Fulham Palace and Garden
- Visit to Churchill's War Rooms - I will select a date to visit and invite members who so wish to join me.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership increased this month with 140 memberships paid for 2023. This includes 26 Life Memberships. We received 1 new membership in October - Clive Barger from Purley who has an MGA Mk1 Roadster 1959 in Chariot Red in excellent condition. Welcome to you.

The Committee have agreed to issue Business Cards to members as required, to highlight the Club, and we are working to produce these for those who want them.

Finally, in December's Newsletter you will find a Membership Form for 2024, to allow those of you who wish to renew your membership in the year ahead. This form will remain in the Newsletter for early 2024 as well.

Malcolm

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

MG Owners' Club 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to the MG Owners Club on their 50th Anniversary and thanks to Paul and Rita Coleman for flying the Epsom Area flag at the celebration at Swavesey.

Dinner Dance & Annual Awards 27 January 2024

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of the Dinner Dance & Annual Awards with a slip to fill out with your menu choices or they can be emailed to Paul. The event is again being held at Kingswood Golf & Country Club, our 23rd time at this venue. If you book for the Dinner Dance and wish to stay at The Lodge overnight, you should ring 01737 832188 as soon as possible and tell them you are attending the Dinner Dance and you will receive a discount.

2024 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 [Richard Cordle](#), Area Secretary, by the close of the January 2024 monthly meeting.

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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Please note the club night has moved by a week and will now be on Thursday 9th November. It will also be in the 1898 lounge, a smaller bar. To find it, go past the normal entrance from the car park and use the next entrance on the left and the 1898 lounge is the first door on the left down the corridor. We apologise for this but SUFC have a fundraising event on the 2nd November.

Linda and I couldn't make the club night in October; we had a final short break in Kent, in the caravan, pulled by the ZT. We had a really nice few sunny days away, apart from a dead cell in the battery and a wait for the RAC to fit a new one. I understand club night was a competition on flags, I'm not at all sure I would have done very well on that but I am sure it was fun and very interesting.

Also in October, Nigel organised a midday natter at the Skimmington Castle, and on Saturday 14th we had a very interesting guided walk, organised by Margaret Billinge, around Bloomsbury. At the time of writing, the Evening Natter on the 26th and the ever-popular Autumn Leaves Run on the 29th, the final car event of the year, are still in the future.

The November meeting, in our temporary room, will be a bingo night. Nigel has also arranged two natters, details are in his entry. With Christmas approaching fast, don't forget to book our two Christmas events, our evening natter on 14th December at The Star, and our Annual Dinner, Dance and Awards at Kingswood in January. Both of these need booking, and a food choice selected.

I have picked up my first two £12.50 ULEZ charges for driving to the end of my road in our ZT but hopefully will be able to avoid most future ones. I do need to take the ZT car out once more for an MOT, but after that it will remain on the drive until next spring.

Happy motoring, Richard

NATTERS NEWS

I would like to start my report by saying that our Evening Natter on Thursday 21st September at The Star in Malden Rushett went VERY well. We received a very warm welcome from the staff and then enjoyed excellent service and delicious food with good drink.

We enjoyed two natters in October: a Lunchtime Natter at The Skimmington Castle in Reigate, which was excellent with good food and a very warm welcome, and an Evening Natter at The Woodman in Ashted which is yet to happen and I'll report on next month).

We now move on towards the end of the year, with:

a Lunchtime Natter on Thursday 16th November at The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG commencing at 12.30pm

and then

an Evening Natter on Thursday 23rd November at The Red Lion & Cellar Room, Old Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DS commencing at 7.30pm.

Christmas Natter - I have decided to book the Christmas Natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP this year as the price is much better than that at The Woolpack and the food is very good. Attached to the email that sent this newsletter is the menu and I need your bookings and menu choices ASAP, please. Note that we will need to arrive at 6.30pm and a £10 non-refundable deposit is required when booking with me. See me at the Club Night or you will find my contact details [here](#).

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.

CAR EVENTS

On 30th September the Southern MGOC Clubs' Centenary event, was held at Beaulieu, which was attended by three Club members. I understand 258 cars were parked up on the day.

In October, Car Events quietened down as the nights draw in. Paul and Rita Coleman represented the Club at the MG Owners 50th Anniversary Event at their Headquarters at Swavesey on 14th. Their car was the youngest on the scenic run around Cambridgeshire.

The Autumn Leaves Run took place on Sunday 29th and, from the bookings that we had prior to my report, this looked like being a good turnout for the 30-mile route through Surrey to The Plough at Leigh for lunch.

This month, The Classic Car Show is on at Birmingham NEC over the weekend of 10th to 12th and I am sure some of our members will look forward to this important Classic Car event.

Turning to 2024 I can now provide members with the dates for The Mothballs Run and the "Hunt the Valentine" events. These will be on Sunday 21st January and 18th February respectively.

The MG and Triumph Spares Day will be at Stoneleigh Arena, Warwickshire on 11th February and tickets are now on sale - [more info here](#).

Do remember that the Centenary year for MG Cars runs through until May 2024 so keep an eye out for future events as advertised, with the SE MG Car Club bringing the year to an end on the weekend of 18th to 19th May with a MG run on the Saturday and Brooklands display of MGs on the Sunday..

Finally, and importantly, I would like a member to step forward to take on the role of Car Events Secretary in the year ahead. The Committee Nominations and Elections (if required) will be highlighted in the December Newsletter, so if anybody wants to know what is involved please talk to me or contact me using the details at the back of the newsletter.

Malcolm, Membership Secretary

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS

Saturday 27 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 6.45 for 7.15pm, with carriages at midnight. 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 is £40 per head.

For new members, we meet in the bar where you can purchase a pre-dinner drink if you wish and order wine to be delivered to your table. We move to the function room for a super 3-course meal and follow this with our awards, a raffle and then dancing to music played by a great DJ.

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 £40 per person can be made by cash, cheque payable to Epsom Area MGOC or bank transfer to Account name Epsom MG Owners' Club, Account number 20466565, Sort code Sort Code 20-24-61 and put Dinner/Dance as the reference.

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

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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

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.

We have added a couple of items to keep you warm in winter, a fleece jacket and a beanie.

CLOTHING



Why not treat yourself to a fleece jacket to keep you warm this winter, or a cap adorned with our Club logo to keep the sun off your head and keep glare out of your eyes. Great value at only £12.50. Caps come in a range of 8 colours – see the details on the next page.

Our most popular items are still 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



RESULT CORE POLARTHERM QUILTED FLEECE WINTER JACKET £44

Luxury soft feel fleece, Polartherm™ polyester quilted lining. Windproof. Full length zip, Two zip closing side pockets. Elasticated cuffs, Adjustable drawcord hem. 100% polyester, Super warm. Reference RS219X

Sizes: 38(S)/41(M)/44(L)/46(XL)/48(2XL)/50(3XL)/52(4XL)

Colours: Navy blue or black



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

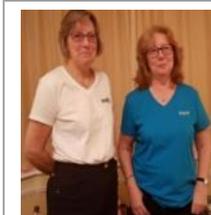
Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL

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 (S)/10-12 (M)/12-14 (L)/14-16 (XL)/16-18 (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	

	BEECHFIELD CUFFED BEANIE £12	
	Colours: 57 – too many to show. Ask Tony for a colour chart! One size embroidered with our logo. Reference BB45	

	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	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!	

REGALIA ORDER FORM				
NAME:				
TELEPHONE:			EMAIL:	
ITEM	REFERENCE	SIZE	COLOUR	PRICE
TOTAL TO PAY				

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

Derek Edward's MGA Twin Cam



Complete recommission and now for sale through Stone Cold Classics [Click here for full details](#)

FOR SALE

MG TF 135 TROPHY BLUE
2003 in great condition



New head gasket, new water pump and new timing belt. Recent clutch slave cylinder. Fitted with rear parking sensors, glass rear heated screen in soft top. Driving lights and puddle lights. Current MOT

Lovely and very reliable car, I am only selling as it is sadly not ULEZ compliant and I have bought a replacement.

£800

Les Harvey lesdharvery@gmail.com 07958 686137



FOR SALE

MGB ROADSTER built 1973, first registered 1975

Colour Bracken. Overdrive, 51337 miles.

Very original car. Owned by one family previous to me buying it in 2017. Hardtop, soft top and two tonneaux. Dry use only, garaged, condition 2,

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