



OCTAGONAL NEWS

July 2024

SUMMER FUN!



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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

JULY

Thursday 4	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Pride of Ownership
Sunday 14		Surrey Run to Rural Life Centre
Thursday 18	12.30pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Pheasant, Buckland RH3 7BG contact Nigel Taylor
Thursday 25	From 7pm	Evening natter at Fox & Hounds, Walton Street, Walton-on-the-Hill KT20 7RU contact Nigel Taylor

AUGUST

Thursday 1	From 7.30pm	Club night - summer social evening, come along and chat with your fellow members
Sunday 4		Club BBQ, Gatwick Aviation Museum, Vallance By Ways, Lowfield Heath Rd, Charlwood, RH6 0BT – contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 18		Cordles' Run from The Pheasant at Buckland to The Wings Museum near Balcombe, West Sussex click for info

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Thursday 5 th September	Club Night - Falklands Talk by Roger Bennet
Weekend 6-9 September	Summer weekend to Isle of Wight – booking form attached to the email accompanying this newsletter. For more information contact Nigel Taylor
Sunday 29 September	Club stand at Autumn Fair at The Diamond Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton SM5 4DT
Sunday 27 October	Autumn Leaves Run
Weekend 16-19 May 2025	Spring weekend to Jersey. Booking form attached to the email accompanying this newsletter contact Nigel Taylor

OTHER MG EVENTS

Sunday July 7	Cotswolds Caper click for info
Sunday 11 August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show – bookings now open , details in Club Stand entry
Monday 26 August	Bexhill 100 click for info
Sunday 1 September	South Downs Run click for info

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 20 JULY

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

You'll be please to know I can't think of much to say this month. Thanks to everyone who have asked after Tom, it's still a slow old process looking like it will take the best part of a year to get him back to 85%. Very annoying!

This time of year, it is mostly gardening and a bit of sitting and looking at it, although, as I type, I have 4 terriers helping me out - thankfully they are doing that in a sleeping on the job kind of way!

I won't be able to join you all for Pride of Ownership. No, not because my TF doesn't have a hope of winning, but it was either Pride of Ownership or a free ticket to the Hampton Court Flower Show - I trust you think I've gone with the right choice!



Just wanted to repeat that the dad of one of my old friends has just inherited this! I feel a little restoration may be necessary! Does anyone have any ideas or recommendations?

Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

Little to report this month apart from updates on future events planned but currently no dates arranged:

- November - Darts Night with Ploughman's Supper at Wallington Bowling Club
- December - Guided Tour of St. Paul's Cathedral with Guide John Morgan
- The possible games afternoon at the British Legion Limsfield Chart has been shelved for now but I will look at it in early 2025 if there seems to be interest.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

My recent surgery was a great success, and I am now back at home recovering. Thank you again to those of you who have passed on their good wishes, and I hope to see you all very soon.

Keep well and keep safe. Eric

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2024 has now reached 103 paid- up members, plus our 26 Life Members so the Club remains in a very healthy position and long may that continue.

We welcomed Philip Bacon and Helen Wimmer from Addlestone as new members this month and they have a green MGF from 2001 in excellent condition. In addition, I hope to bring you news of a further new member, who showed interest at our June Club Night, next month.

With our cost remaining a highly attractive £10 for membership, please spread the word about joining Epsom Area MGOC, wherever you can.

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

Firstly, July is an important month for our Club with our Pride of Ownership Club Night on Thursday 4th at Gander Green Lane and the Surrey Run on Sunday 14th.

Please do bring your MGs to support the Pride of Ownership and, if you haven't booked for the Surrey Run, it's not too late! In respect of the latter the M25 will be shut between Junction 10 and 11 over that weekend but it will not affect our planned route.

Last month, I am sure some of our members will have enjoyed The New Forest Run and MGs In the Park, as well as our Natter at The Peacock at Henton with desserts at the Brookes afterwards - at least the end of June saw some better weather.

Returning to the MG Centenary weekend of the 18th /19th May, which saw the Club involved heavily in marshalling at both The Fairmile at Cobham on the Saturday and Brooklands on the Sunday, it appears that some form of financial reward may be forthcoming to the Club and, once again, my thanks to all involved. In addition, I have been asked to do an article for the MG Owners Club magazine "Enjoying MG" which should appear in the August copy.

The full season of MG Events coming up are included in [Other MG Events](#) in this newsletter, In particular the South

Downs Run at the beginning of September is a favourite with our members. Our own [Club Events](#) include Club barbecue at Gatwick Aircraft Museum on Sunday 4th August, Club Stand at Cranleigh Car Show on Sunday 11th August, the Cordles' Run on Sunday 18th August.

An advance date for your diaries is our annual Autumn Leaves run on Sunday 27th October.

Do check our Club Stand report for further information on our Club Stands in 2024.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

CLUB STAND

4 August - Gatwick Aviation Museum - Vallance By Ways, Lowfield Heath Rd, Charlwood, Gatwick RH6 0BT.

The day will kick off at 12 noon with Chernobyl due to be ready to cook at around 1pm. BRING YOUR OWN BBQ ITEMS or a picnic if so desired

around 1pm. You may arrive any time from museum opening time 10am. Due to the fact we are required to hire the field there will be a charge of £5 per person to attend. You can visit the Museum interior while you are there, see Paul on the day for any charges around this.

11 August - Cranleigh Car Show.

You should receive this newsletter just before the cut-off date for Club Registration and payment of £10 for Cranleigh which closes on 30th June, so, if you wish to go, [click this link](#) and, on the right-hand side click Checkout. Complete your details making sure you choose our Club in the Car Club field - **MG Owners Club V (Epsom Area)** – I have no idea what the V is either! Do not choose the Fast Track Public Booking but you can still book using this option up to the date of the show.

29 September - The Diamond Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton SM5 4DT

As confirmed last month, we will have our usual Club stand at The Diamond Centre for Disabled People's Autumn Fair. This is always a very enjoyable event with lots to see and do.

For more information or to tell me you are coming to any Club Stand, either see me at a Club night or email me on paaablo@talktalk.net

Looking forward to seeing lots of members at Club Stands through the summer, Paul

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

Our June events started with our Club night, this month's being a Bingo night. Thanks to Kim and Tom for all their efforts making it fun evening. On the 8th, I believe a few members attended the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings at RBL Limpsfield Chart.

On the 15th, about a dozen of us joined Margaret for another London Walk. This was a wonderful day walking around the Paddington Basin and Little Venice. It never fails to surprise me how much you don't see when you're in cars or on public transport. We met in a hotel foyer, crossed over one road, walked through an archway and entered a different world. We had a wonderful walk along the canal looking at bridges, monuments and buildings. With an excellent guide who explained what we were looking at, and a complete absence of traffic, it was a very leisurely afternoon. We had a lovely coffee stop, conveniently when the skies opened and it poured down, and some of us went for lunch at Zizzi's.

Friday 21st saw another evening natter, this one at the Duke's Head in Tadworth. At the time of writing this our last June event, the lunchtime natter at The Peacock in Henton, is still a few days away, but there are several members already signed up to this.

July always has two major events in the Epsom MG's calendar, starting with the Pride of Ownership on our Club night. Let us hope we see a lot of highly polished MGs on display on Thursday 4th. Sunday 14th is, of course, our major event - the Surrey Run. This is our major fundraiser of the year to raise money to donate to charities.

There are two natters for July, a lunchtime Natter at The Pheasant in Buckland and an evening Natter at The Fox & Hounds in Walton-on-the-Hill.

We have put our ZT back on the road again for the summer, so will obviously pick up some ULEZ charges. I have taken it out once to a garage recently, but didn't get picked up by any cameras, so that one was a freebie. It appears getting into the zone is the difficult bit, once you're inside there are very few cameras, and it is possible to drive without getting caught on camera. There is one, however, outside Sutton United where we hold our monthly meetings, so the ZT won't be getting there.

Happy Motoring, Richard

NATTERS NEWS

I have a small update for the upcoming September Club Trip, which is to remind those people who are either still considering booking or have already booked, that the full/final payment date is Friday 26th July.

Now I can get on with the Natters updates entry.

Following our Club Night on 6th June, where members were entertained with Bingo, Pam Pead, Margaret Coxon and I visited The Old Moat Garden Centre and Cafe to check its suitability as an alternative venue for our coffee days. Our combined view is that whilst the place is quaint and the prices are economical for good food and coffee, they don't allow booking of their only one large table and their facilities are compact so we have decided to continue to use The Olive Tree at Ashted Park Garden Centre but will decline the "Service Charge" and instead put money in their Staff Gratuities Box.

The evening natter at the Duke's Head, Tadworth saw 9 members enjoy a very pleasant evening and, by the time you read this we will either be going to or will have had the lunchtime natter at The Peacock, Henton which has 23 members booked for the 30th June. I am sure this will be very successful and enjoyable for everyone.

Now I can move onward to describing my plans for July, being:

Lunchtime Natter at The Pheasant, Buckland RH3 7BG on Thursday 18th July at 12.30pm
and

Evening Natter at The Fox & Hounds, Walton Street, Walton-on-the-Hill, KT20 7RU on Thursday 25th July at 7.30pm

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.

Happy nattering Nige T

CLUB TRIPS

Nige T is arranging two trips for September this year and May 2025. The booking forms for both events are attached to the email that sent this newsletter, or contact Nigel Taylor on 07584 575 695 or nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com he will send you a booking form with details of how to pay for your weekend.

Summer Weekend Friday 6th to Monday 9th September

This trip is to Shanklin, Isle of Wight. The price for the 3-night package at [The Brunswick Hotel](#) is £355* and includes:

- 🍷 Half board in ensuite room with flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, toiletries, tea & coffee making facilities
- 🚗 Free on-site parking
- 🍷 Wine reception
- 🏊 Outdoor and indoor pool and sauna
- 🐴 Island Club run and Donkey Sanctuary Cream Tea



Spring Weekend Friday 16th to Monday 19th May 2025

This trip is to St Helier, Jersey. The price for the 3-night package at [The Merton Hotel](#) is £489* and includes:

- 🍷 Half board in ensuite room with flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, toiletries, tea & coffee making facilities
- 🚗 Free limited on-site parking
- 🍷 Wine reception
- 🏊 Fitness Centre
- 🏊 Aquadome with outdoor and indoor pools
- 🐴 Island Club run



**Supplements payable for both trips can be found on their booking forms*

SURREY RUN

Well, here we are with just a few days to go before our biggest special event of the year, the "Surrey Run 2024" taking place on Sunday 14th July. I thought that I would give you the last update on progress before we go into action.

Final meetings have taken place with both the start and end venue hosts. John "Foggy" Brooke, our very own Route Master has given us the go ahead and declared that he is happy with his route design from Bocketts Farm to the Rural Life Living Museum, Farnham. The route has been designed to avoid the major M25 roadworks that we are all well aware of. Unfortunately, the public are only informed of specific dates near to the time of closure and would you believe it our weekend is one of them. We have done our best, keeping clear of the specific affected areas, especially as there may well be more than the usual traffic on feed roads at the A3 Cobham/M25 junction. With all this in mind I have to report that Malcolm and I have tested our picturesque, country route of about 60 miles and declared that once again John has done an excellent job. On this basis the route maps have now gone to print, and Kevin will be the first away on the morning for a final test. The route includes plenty of pubs on the way for that important lunch stop, but there is also a restaurant and various picnic areas available at the Rural Life Museum. As usual, our team of marshals will be there to receive you when you arrive. They will be parking all MG cars inside the museum complex where they can be admired by other visitors. Do not forget to hand in your special entry ticket as you reach the finish line for inclusion in the Prize Draw that may win you store vouchers worth £50.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the planning and implementation of this event and all of you that registered to take part. As you all know, this is the main Epsom event that produces funds for us to donate to charity at the end of each year. I am confident that we will be able to match previous sums again this year. Time is marching on, but bookings can still be made by following our Surrey Run page on the Epsom website www.epsommgoc.org.uk. Epsom members can also use the booking form below and, for convenience contact Pat directly.

I am sure we will all have a great day.

Nigel

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SURREY RUN BOOKING FORM

Name Telephone

Address

..... Postcode

MG Type Reg No

Email

Cheque for £24 enclosed payable to EPSOM AREA MGOC

Paid £24 by bank transfer to:

Account Name	Epsom Area MG Owners Club
Account number	20466565
Sort code	20 24 61
Reference	Surrey Run 24

Return with stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Pat Watson, 47 Newlands Way, Chessington KT9 2RW

Tel: 020 8397 2008 Email: patricia@watsonkt9.f9.co.uk

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 sweater to our range offered – the details are just below.

CLOTHING



LIGHTWEIGHT V NECK SWEATER £24.50

Henbury H720 made of cotton/acrylic with ribbed neck, cuffs and hem

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL

Colours: Black, Dark Grey, Navy, Purple



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 £27.50

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 MGO 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

1961 MGA 1600 MK 11 Coupe



Owned since 2002. Originally an LHD export to the USA. UK registered in 1989. RHD conversion. Full bodywork and mechanical restoration. Engine fully reconditioned 2015. Wire wheels conversion. Brand new interior – seats (black leather with red piping), trim, carpet and dash top. Very low mileage.

BMIHT certificate.

£16,500

Contact Anne Edwards on 07850 410830

edwards.mgmadness@ntlworld.com

FOR SALE

1971 MGB GT



This is a beautiful BGT with a rare automatic gearbox which is reluctantly being sold by one of our members.

The mileage is only 49056

Price is £4,500

Contact Carole Beckett on 07981 913 433

FOR SALE

Early 1950 MG TD



Laystall Head fitted 2000 and much work carried out between 2002-2015 including 5 speed gearbox. New battery and fuel pump fitted 2023.

Car has toured Europe on many occasions. Has Roll Bar, Rally Seat belts and Clocks for timing.

The owner recently passed away and any enquiry should be made through Malcolm Childs at mrmrchilds9@gmail.com

The Car is based in Putney around £10,000 is sought by the late owner's widow

FOR SALE

RARE MGA HARDTOP

Works-style fibreglass

Black with white painted interior in very good condition. Enjoy your MGA throughout the whole year!

Located near Guildford (near J10 of M25) can assist with transport by negotiation)

Price £390

(bargain compared to new price of over £1900)



Contact Rory Smith on 07710905521 or roryjimsmith@btinternet.com

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