

## OCTAGONAL NEWS

May 2025



# MONTHLY MEETING MOVED TO WEDS 7 MAY

(details inside)



A museum full of MGs (more in Editors Etchings)

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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



MAY				
Club night From 7.30pm		Club Night – 80 years since VE day quiz		
moved to		As Sutton United need the room on the scheduled monthly meeting date we have		
Wednesday 7		moved club night to Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		
Weekend 15-19		Spring weekend to Jersey contact Nigel Taylor		

JUNE		
Thursday 5	From 7.30pm	Club Night – race night
Sunday 29 June		Tour of Farleys House & Gallery, Muddles Green, Chiddingly, East Sussex BN8 6HW (details in Social Scene) contact Margaret Billinge

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS	
Wednesday 3 July	Club Night – Pride of Ownership
Tuesday 8 July	Kings Cross walk - contact Margaret Billinge
Sunday 13 July	Surrey Run to Gatwick Aviation Museum
Saturday 26 July	Whiteley Village club stand - contact Paul Coleman (TBC)
Sunday 27 July	Bromley Pageant at Ardingly Showground
Sunday 10 August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show Club Stand - contact <u>Paul Coleman</u> to book place on Club Stand Booking information for event entry in Club Stand section
Sunday 17 August (TBC)	Cordles' Run to Ramster Gardens, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold GU8 4SN contact Richard Cordle
Sunday 28 September	Club Stand at Diamond Riding Centre Autumn Fair – contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 26 October	Autumn Leaves Run contact - Malcolm Childs
Saturday 1 November	Darts night at Wallington Bowling Club - contact Margaret Billinge
For the 2026 diary:	
Sunday 24 January	Mothballs Run
Saturday 31 January	Dinner Dance & Annual Awards

OTHER EVENTS	
Sunday 18 May	MGSECC run – from Denbies to Bewl Water
Sunday 26 May	British Car Day at Brooklands
Monday 25 August	Bexhill 100 Classic and Custom Car Show <u>click for info</u>
Sunday 7 September	South Downs Run <u>click for info</u>
Sunday 21 September	Chichester MGOC Arundel picnic click for info

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 24 MAY Send any entries or photos to <a href="mailto:kimshros@gmail.com">kimshros@gmail.com</a>

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

Just in case you read this and not the front cover or the events listing (!) we will not see you until WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY NOT Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May as, following a request from Sutton United, the date for the May Club Night has been moved. At the meeting I will be running a quiz covering news events from the last 80 years to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. I will be also directing my thoughts to VJ Day later in the year as my dad was a Dakota navigator posted to India delivering supplies to the front line in Burma.

Team Teddy are fresh back from an amazing holiday in the definitely not freezing north! I have never experienced conditions like it in Scotland, we basked in what was possibly the best spring weather they have ever seen. The best bit was the sun well and truly shined on those who deserved it most and the wedding we went to was absolutely amazing.

Having spent 10 days in Scotland, we decided to move down to the Lake District to catch up with some old (very in many



cases!) skiing buddies. We were able to further our enjoyment of heritage railways on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite railway connecting up with the Lake Windermere boat which was captained by a good friend so was not only free, but we also spent the cruise up on the bridge as you do! Unbelievably, we were away over 2 weeks and only needed raincoats one – the rainy day being spent at the lovely Lakeside Motor Museum



which boasted an impressive array of MGs, seen on the cover of this newsletter and including these lovely old adverts. It was a lovely place to explore although Ted and Cleo may beg to differ!

We are all looking forward to a summer of MGing!

Kim



#### **MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP**

We now have a private Facebook group which is restricted to members of the Club. Feel free to post thoughts, requests, photos and anything else you think might be of interest.

To join the group, <u>click here</u> and let <u>Kim</u> know if you have any problems joining the group

### SOCIAL SCENE

Sunday 29th June - Visit to and tours of Farleys House and Gallery, Muddles Green, Chiddingly, East Sussex BN8 6HW, tours booked for 2pm and 2.30pm for which the cost is £25. I regret maximum numbers are 24 people and 12 cars (reserved parking). I do need payment promptly for the tours to be reserved. Farleys House was the former home Lee Miller and her husband Richard Penrose. Lee Miller was the famous American World War II correspondent and photographer whose life was featured in the film 'Lee' starring Kate Winslet. Her photographs and other war memorabilia are on display in the galleries. In the gardens are some lovely sculptures to be enjoyed, as are the grounds. The Surrealists visited as did Picasso. To find out more about Farleys House click here

**Tuesday 8th July** - London Walk with guide Marian around the recently redeveloped Kings Cross area of London and the neighbouring canal. Meet at 10.45 for 11am start, cost is £15. There will be a coffee stop midway through the walk.

Saturday 1st November - Darts Night with ham and/or cheese Ploughman's at Wallington Bowling Club, cost TBA

**Future events** - I have been in touch with guide John and will arrange some dates for the guided visit and tour of St. Pauls Cathedral.

Happy socialising, Margaret

### CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

It was with much sadness that we received the news that Alec Adams had passed away. An Obituary can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are now moving into the busy period of events and runs, so ensure you book for those that you wish to attend as sometimes the numbers are limited.

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

### **CLUB STAND**

We are hoping that this summer will include lots of MG events and Club Stands.

**Victor Seymour School Club Stand Saturday 17 May** - Bryan Young has booked ten places so if you would like to attend, please let him or myself know - there are still places but don't miss out. My details can be found <u>here</u>.

**Cranleigh Classic Car Show Sunday 10 August** –booking is now open for this show. You need to book tickets on their website and let me know if you are coming so I can add you to the space reserved for our Club Stand.

The tickets for club cars are £15 each if you book in advance but they go up to £30 if bought on the day. Tickets have to be booked via Eventbrite by following these steps:

- o Click here for the booking site and click **Get tickets** on the right
- o Choose 1 x Exhibit and Car Club Admission (this includes car and two occupants) and click Check out
- o Put in your payment details and click Place Order (you have to do this before you can specify which Club you belong to)
- Once your details have processed, you can then enter your phone number, reg number and choose MG Owners Club V
   (Epsom Area) from the list no, I don't know why there is a V there either!
- o Complete the details of your car and click Complete Order

Whiteley Village Saturday 26 July –I am hoping this event will go ahead this year but am still waiting confirmation, I will give you more details once I have them.

**Diamond Riding Centre Autumn Fair Sunday 28 September** —we have again been invited to attend this event so pop it in your diaries and again I will give you more details once I have them.

Paul

### MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am delighted to report that our membership has now risen to 98 paid for 2025, plus 26 Life Members.

No new Members in April, however if any member requires information to handout to any prospective members, please see me as I have some information that you can give out.

With the 3 MG Motors Dealerships, Dees of Croydon, Wilsons of Epsom and the Richmond Group at Guildford, having leaflets, using a double-sided sheet explaining the Club and providing a Membership Form, we hope that we will gain further new members from more modern MGs in the year ahead. With a fee of only £10 per annum we remain a great Club to join.

Malcolm

### SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

Club night was a film night in April with two films arranged by Malcolm Childs. One was an amusing look at vintage racing, and the other showed Britain in the past. The only other event for April was when some members celebrated 'Drive it Day' with a trip to Pashley Manor on the 27th.

Club night this month is a VE day quiz by Kim. We also have a stand at Victor Seymour and the Jersey spring break to look forward to. Linda and I are off to Jersey but, as it clashes with Victor Seymour, we will miss that this year. There have been a lot of problems getting to Jersey, as the new ferry operators are currently running a limited service. Nigel has dealt with it well, and we now go out a day earlier. Linda and I are going out on the slow boat from Portsmouth, which takes all day, we have done this in previous years and quite enjoy the leisurely journey with the boat arriving in Jersey about the same time as the fast boat from Poole.

I can confirm that the Cordles; Run this year will be on Sunday 17th August. We will start at our normal venue of The Pheasant at Buckland and will end up at Ramster Gardens, just south of Chiddingfold in Surrey. We have our own designated grass parking area for those who like to picnic around the cars although there is a café.

Happy Motoring, Richard

### **CAR EVENTS**

National Classic Car Driving Day was on Sunday 27th April and a number of Epsom members joined the MG Car Club North East Surrey Natter by going to Pashley Manor Tulip Festival at Wadhurst on the East Sussex/Kent border. I am sure other members were out and about on the day.

This month, a good number of members will be enjoying our Club weekend away in Jersey from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and Brooklands hosts its British Classic Car Day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The South East Centre of the MG Car Club will be doing a May Run from Denbigh's at Dorking to Bewl Water in East Sussex on Sunday 18th May which is £20 per car for Car Club Members and £23 for non-Car Club Members. Rally plates are included, and arrival is by 12 noon. Full details can be found here on the MG Car Club SE Centre website.

Do remember that in summer there are many MG Owners Club runs available to participate in. Our famous Surrey Run on Sunday 13th July is covered elsewhere in this newsletter and the Cordles' Run will take place on Sunday17th August, more details will be in future newsletters. Bromley Pageant has been resurrected at Ardingly Showground in West Sussex on Sunday 27th July, the Bexhill Car Show takes place on August Bank Holiday Monday and full details can be found at <a href="https://www.bexhill100mc.co.uk">www.bexhill100mc.co.uk</a>. The South Downs Run will be on 7th September, starting at Storrington Glider Club, as it did in 2024, going to Eastbourne. The West Sussex MGOC website has further information for booking and is now open for registration <a href="here">here</a>. Arundel Castle makes a welcome return on 21st September, there is more on the Chichester MGOC booking page <a href="here">here</a>. This page opened on 17th March for non-Chichester members and is limited to 100 cars (at the time of writing 40 places had been taken). Entry is £18 for grounds, or, to include Castle £28. Please note arrival is by 9.45am and cars must stay until 5.30pm!

Our Autumn Leaves Run will be on Sunday 26th October.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

### **NATTERS NEWS**

There are no natters scheduled at present but do join our WhatsApp group to keep in touch and to share information or funnies and members of the group 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

#### Spring Weekend Thursday 15th to Monday 19th May 2025

This trip will be coming up this month starting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May and contact me, Nigel Taylor, on 07584 575 695 or <a href="mailto:nigetaylor39@gmail.com">nigetaylor39@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

### THANK YOU TO MEMBERS

6 May 2025 Janet Ongejekwe 65 cprisprookt RD To Halcolm MITCHAM l hope you a your whe are keeping EVERFUL CRY LAF 07941144789 Well. Following your a Adrian
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parts, Please accept next wonth at the meet up. Kendest Regards Janet from the proceeds I made for the Epson Area Myor club. e hope to see you

### **SURREY RUN 2025**

As you are all aware, our Surrey Run is due to take place on the 13th July and we are finishing at the Gatwick Aviation Museum. There you will not only see a private collection of aircraft but also displays related to the adjacent airport that has a very interesting history. Traces of this go back to the 1920s when an area between Gatwick Racec

ourse and Lowfield Heath in the parish of Charlwood was acquired to establish the Surrey Aero Club, a small flyers club for enthusiasts. In 1934 a public aerodrome licence was granted allowing the first scheduled flights to Paris. A year later in 1935 the railway station (initially Tinsley Green, later Gatwick Airport) was opened and connected to the first airport terminal called "The Beehive". (See photo).

During the war Gatwick was requisitioned by the RAF and used as a base. In 1952 the government decided to develop Gatwick as London's second airport. Major development took place between 1956 and 1958 when the new Gatwick was officially opened by the Queen featuring a new terminal now called the South Terminal. The North Terminal; was added in the 1980s along with a new control tower.



Gatwick has grown into a major international airport, handling many millions of passengers annually and managing about 900 aircraft movements each day. Being so close, the Aviation Museum has its own dedicated observation area where during our visit we will be able to appreciate firsthand the high level of airport activity constantly taking place. You will be able to find out much more information during our visit and I am sure we will have a most interesting day.

More details can be found on the Epsom website <a href="www.epsommgoc.org.uk">www.epsommgoc.org.uk</a>, together with information regarding the 2025 SURREY RUN. For your convenience, the Epsom Club booking form below can be used by members to fill in and then send directly to Pat Watson.

My very best regards to you all Nigel

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Return with stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Reference

Pat Watson, 47 Newlands Way, Chessington KT9 2RW

Surrey Run 25

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

# OBITUARY ALEC ADAMS

It was with much sadness that I received the news that Alec Adams had passed away on the 9th of April, aged 91 after a long period of ill health.

Alec and Sue became members of the Epsom Area MGOC in March 1993. Following his retirement from work, initially he did not own an MG, so treated himself to a1500 MG Midget. Alec soon became involved in all the club activities, particularly those supporting charities and car displays which helped raise funds for local deserving causes. They also enjoyed the short weekend breaks to the Isle of Wight in a caravan and at Warners Holiday Camp.

Over a number of years, we organised the MG Southern National Event at Leatherhead, which provided camping facilities, car parking, trade stands, MG competition. A major element was marking out the boundaries of the site with a white line marking machine. Once this was completed, Alec had more white mixture on him than there was on the field!

Alec made many friends in the club and, although he traded his MG Midget for a Mazda MX5 as it was more comfortable for him to drive, this did not stop him continuing to give his support to all our fundraising charity events such as The Children's Trust and Saint Raphael's Hospice. He also had a hobby sailing his own boat and, due to his ill health missed this year's Dinner Dance and Annual Awards for the first time.

Alec will be greatly missed, and we are the poorer for his passing. We send our deepest sympathy to Sue, Paul, family and friends for their sad loss and hope that the many fond memories they have of their life together will ease the pain of his passing.

Rest in peace Alec

**Eric Nicholls** 





### 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.

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

(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 bottle green, burgundy, classic olive, deep French navy, light Oxford, orange, white navy, light graphite, red, royal Blue, zinc,

Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, ash, Colours: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red,

**RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50** 



#### **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

heather grey, light graphite, red, royal blue

#### LADIES (SS82)

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

Colours: Black, burgundy, olive, deep navy, Colours: Azure, Black, deep navy, fuchsia, heather grey, red, white.

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#### **SWEATSHIRTS £17.50**



#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS120)

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL and chest 35-37/38- Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL or chest 34-36/36-40/41-43/44-46/47-49

Blue, White

#### RUSSELL (762M) (thicker version)

38/38-40/40-42/42-44/44-46, 46-48/48-50 Colours: Azure, black, bottle, burgundy, Deep Colours: Bottle green, bright royal blue, French navy, Navy, Fuchsia, Heather Grey, Kelly (green), black, bright red, burgundy, classic red, light Oxford Light Graphite, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal (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:

- 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 Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo 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

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**TELEPHONE: EMAIL:** 

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			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 2007 MG TF (57 PLATE)



ULEZ compliant in Trophy Blue with 61,800 miles Uprated 4 Pot front brakes. All wheels very good with Falken Tyres

Day running lights (safety feature) HRW Comes with hard top (needs attention)

#### **REDUCED TO £2,000**

Contact Les 020 8393 3229/07958 686137



#### **FOR SALE**



Two brown headrests from MGB (probably!) in very good condition

#### **REDUCED TO £30**

Contact Les 020 8393 3229/07958 686137

### FOR SALE MG TF ON 53 PLATE



ULEZ compliant, great runner in original condition Only 36,000 miles on clock.

Forced sale as moving and won't have room - make an offer!

Contact Chris 07971089862



#### FOR SALE MG TF160 2003



80,000 Miles, grey with blue Hood and interior in very good condition.

New MOT and special engine parts (Lotus) ULEZ compliant

#### £3000 ONO

Contact Helen Wenham helenwenman1@sky.com



#### FREE!

I am a former member of the MGOC when I owned a 1968 MGB GT for fifteen years until about six years ago when I sold it at auction. I have a number of parts relating to this car which should have gone with the car but the dealer who bought it wasn't interested. Since then, they have languished in my garage, but they must go now as I am moving house soon.

The parts include original prop-shaft (refurbished) to fit cars with overdrive, the original exhaust manifold stamped MG which I replaced with a three-branch manifold, throttle pedal, and other bits and pieces. Free to anyone who would like to collect from me in Thames Ditton.

Stephen Ennis 07981794888

#### **MAGAZINES WANTING NEW HOME**

Nick Mears has about 200 motor magazines from current to back a few years including Enjoying MG, MG Enthusiast and Safety Fast which he would like to pass on to another enthusiast. All the mags are like new. If anyone is interested, Nick can be contacted by email on <a href="mailto:nickmears@outlook.com">nickmears@outlook.com</a> or by text on 0777 599 5100.

The magazines can be collected from him in Banstead, or he is happy to deliver locally.



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**CAR EVENTS** 

Currently vacant

Please contact Membership Secretary

If you would like to take on this role, please let us

know