



OCTAGONAL NEWS

July 2025

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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

JULY

Thursday 3	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Pride of Ownership – bring your shiny MGs along and be proud of them!
Tuesday 8 July	10.45 for 11am	Kings Cross walk - contact Margaret Billinge
Sunday 13 July		Surrey Run to Gatwick Aviation Museum
Saturday 26 July	10.30am (no later)	Whiteley Village club stand - contact Paul Coleman

AUGUST

Thursday 7	From 7.30pm	Club Night – summer social, come along and chat to members
Sunday 10		Cranleigh Classic Car Show Club Stand - contact Paul Coleman to book place on Club Stand
Sunday 17		Cordles' Run to Ramster Gardens, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold GU8 4SN contact Richard Cordle

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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
<i>For the 2026 diary:</i>	
<i>Sunday 24 January</i>	<i>Mothballs Run</i>
<i>Saturday 31 January</i>	<i>Dinner Dance & Annual Awards</i>

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 27 July	Bromley Pageant at Ardingly Showground
Sunday 17 August	MGCCSE Summer Gathering at Chiddingstone Castle click for info
Monday 25 August	Bexhill 100 Classic and Custom Car Show click for info
Sunday 7 September	South Downs Run click for info
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 26 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!

I won't be with you all at club night – it was Pride of Ownership v free tickets to Hampton Court Flower Festival; I think you can guess which won!

I would just like to shamelessly promote a quiz I am running to raise funds for Epsom Canine Rescue – Saturday 12th July in Langley Vale village hall. Only £7 per ticket and bring your own booze and nibbles so nothing more to pay (unless you'd like a raffle ticket)! Let me know if you would like to come along.

Will see you at events through the summer though so looking forward to being at them.

See you out and about MGing during the summer! 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, [click here](#) and let [Kim](#) know if you have any problems joining the group

SOCIAL SCENE

Tuesday 8th July - London Walk around King's Cross with guide Marian, cost £15. Meet at 10.45 for 11am start. The meeting point is by the underground sign in Battle Bridge Place just outside the King's Cross main station concourse.

King's Cross is not just a station but one of the largest and most successful redevelopments in London. Over the past 20 years from what was an underused industrial site has been rejuvenated in the most imaginative way by the repurposing of old heritage buildings to the creation of new areas. Its Regent canal side location has also been opened up and is now a very popular place for relaxation.

My mobile number is 0751 788 4402.

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

There are three events in July involving our MGs: the first is the Pride of Ownership being held at the July Monthly Meeting, then the Annual Surrey Run, which this year will finish at Gatwick Aviation Museum. Lastly in July, we will have a Club Stand at Whiteley Village Summer Fair. You will need to book for the Surrey Run and Whiteley Village, details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am delighted to report that our membership has now broken through the 100 mark and risen to 101 paid for 2025, plus 26 Life Members.

We gained 2 new memberships in June. David Bateman from New Malden who has a 1979 MGB GT in green, in average condition and Alan and Carole Clover from Redhill who have a MGB GT 1967, Tartan Red, in excellent condition. Welcome to you both.

I have received a request from Steve Blake, who is looking to purchase an MGB, MGBGT or Midget and has, between, £6k-£10k. He wishes to get a nice one! He can be reached on steve1954blake@outlook.com or on 07585658560.

If any member requires information to handout to any prospective members please see me as I have some information that you can give out.

I will be re-visiting the three MG dealerships in July to ensure they are still on board!

Malcolm

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

Our June diary started with our monthly meeting featuring an excellent and well supported 'race night'. Due to holiday arrangements Linda and I were both unavailable for the other two June events, so missed the Brookes lunchtime natter and the visit to Farley House. We did have another minor MG event, flying back to Jersey to collect the repaired MGB. We flew out early morning and got the night boat back, so made the most of the day out there visiting a few favourite places.

July is busy, starting with our Pride of Ownership at club night, so time to give your cars a polish and bring them out. The following week we have the Kings Cross guided walk, and, of course, on the 13th of July, our own Surrey Run, ending up at Gatwick Aviation Museum. There is also a club stand at Whiteley Village on Saturday 26th. It took just a few seconds to type this paragraph, but there are countless hours incurred by the committee and members who make these events happen. Thanks to you all.

We have been looking at our run for the 17th of August and will probably do a similar start as last year. We will be starting at The Pheasant in Buckland as usual but will probably exclude any questions for the first few miles to get us out to slightly less used roads. Full details will be in next month's newsletter.

We have a bit more personal car news. Most of you know that as well as the MGB, we have had a trophy blue MGZT for many years, and we both loved it. After a major engine blow up at the end of last year and being unable to find anyone willing and able to repair it, we replaced it with a grey ZT. The company we bought the replacement ZT from took it in part exchange for spares as they specialise in MG ZTs/Rovers. A couple of weeks back we received an email from them showing the car fitted with a replacement engine, refurbished wheels etc etc etc, so we bought it back. So, we once again have our lovely ZT back on the road.

Happy Motoring, Richard

CLUB STAND

Whiteley Village Saturday 26 July –this event will go ahead this year. We need to be there no later than 10.30am and the event is open to the public from 11am till 3pm. We will be behind the Clubhouse/Village Hall.

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

CAR EVENTS

Our Club Night on Thursday 3rd July is our Pride of Ownership night and members are welcome to bring their MG cars so we, the members, can decide which car will win the Penny Broughton Memorial Trophy. This is an important night for the Club so the more the merrier!

Congratulations to Harry and Jan Cassar for winning an award at the Ashted Village Show, on Saturday 14th June, in their striking MGC Roadster – you can see a photo of Harry with his cup on the front cover of this newsletter.

Our Surrey Run is on 13th July and on August 17th the Club has our Cordles' Run to Ramster Gardens and the MG SE Centre Car Club Summer Event to Chiddingstone Castle is also on the same day. Details for this on their [website here](#). Bromley Pageant has been resurrected at Ardingly Showground in West Sussex on Sunday 27th July.

On Sunday 3rd August, the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Motor Show is at the home of famous car collectors Robert and Tanya Lewis, in Churt in Surrey. Their collection includes both old and modern and is well worth a visit. Registration is £25 per car and full details can be found on their [website here](#). The event is in support of the Hospice at Farnham in Surrey.

The Bexhill Car Show takes place on August Bank Holiday Monday and full details can be found at www.bexhill100mc.co.uk. The South Downs Run will be on 7th September and commences from Storrington Glider Club as it did in 2024 and goes to Eastbourne. The West Sussex MGOC website has further information for booking and is open for registration [by clicking here](#)

Arundel Castle makes a welcome return on 21st September and can be booked [by clicking here](#). This page opened on 17th March for non-Chichester Members and is limited to 100 cars. At the time of writing spaces are still available. Entry is £18 for Grounds, or, to include Castle, £28. Please note arrival by 9.45am and Cars must stay until 5.30pm!

Our Autumn Leaves Run will be on Sunday 26th October, with a route organised by Tony Briant. My thanks to him for agreeing to do this for the Club. So far 3 cars have already booked for this event!

Finally, do look at our Club Stands report to find out where the Club will be at events this summer and autumn.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

NATTERS NEWS

I am hoping to schedule local natters again soon and am looking to slot in a coffee morning meeting up soon (keep your eye on the WhatsApp group for details).

On Sunday 22nd June, John and Alexis Brooke invited us to a Lunchtime Natter where a good time was had by all.

Happy nattering Nige T

SURREY RUN 2025

Well, here we are with just a few days to go before our biggest special event of the year, the "Surrey Run 2025" taking place on Sunday 13th 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 had given us the go ahead and declared that he is happy with his route design from Bocketts Farm to the Gatwick Aviation Museum. We have tested our picturesque country route taking about two hours to complete and declared that once again John has done an excellent job. On this basis, the rally plates and route maps have now all gone to print. As usual Kevin will be the first away at about 8am on the morning for a final check. The route includes a selection of pubs and garden centres on the way for those requiring a lunch stop. On arrival at Gatwick you will be greeted by our marshals. Do not forget to hand in your special Prize Draw ticket as you reach the finish line for inclusion in the Draw that may win you store vouchers worth a total of £50.

Most participants take a picnic lunch that can be enjoyed in the huge field that we have been allocated for parking very close to the museum building. There is also a snack bar on site with a range of teas, coffee, ices, sandwiches and cream teas for those wishing to partake during the afternoon. I am also informed that there may be special tours that you can book of the huge war time Shackleton Bomber that you will notice parked outside the main hanger and in dire need of some care and attention. For those interested, they do make a charge of £5 per person for this tour which goes towards the restoration fund. During the afternoon we will also have the pleasure of listening to a range of music from the 1930s onwards, sung by The Angel Delights, a close harmony vintage trio based in West Sussex. Brought together through their love of singing in harmony, they found each other in a local competition choir.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members involved in the planning and implementation of this event and all of you that have 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. 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 your convenience, contact Pat directly. I am sure we will all have a great day on the 13th .

My very best regards to you all 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 25







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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 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

2007 MG TF (57 PLATE)



ULEZ compliant in Trophy Blue with 61,800 miles
Upgraded 4 Pot front brakes. * 12 months MOT
All wheels very good with Falken Tyres
Day running lights (safety feature) HRW
Kenwood stereo and comes with hard top
REDUCED TO £1,995

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 nickmears@outlook.com 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