



OCTAGONAL NEWS

August 2025

THE SURREY RUN SAW BOTH OLD & NEW!



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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

AUGUST

Thursday 7	From 7.30pm	Club Night – summer social, come along and chat to your fellow members
Sunday 10		Cranleigh Classic Car Show Club Stand - contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 17	10am	Cordles' Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Buckland RH3 7BG to Ramster Gardens, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold GU8 4SN contact Richard Cordle

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Bingo with Kim and Tom
Sunday 28		Club Stand at Diamond Riding Centre Autumn Fair - contact Paul Coleman

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Thursday 2 October	Club Night – Film night with Malcolm
Sunday 26 October	Autumn Leaves Run contact - Malcolm Childs
Saturday 8 November	Darts night at Wallington Bowling Club, Grosvenor Road, SM6 0EN
Note date change	Contact Margaret Billinge
Thursday 6 November	Club night – Peter Stammers talk “Those Magnificent Women in their Flying Machines”
Thursday 4 December	Club night – mulled wine & mince pies
<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 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 23 AUGUST

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!

What a glorious day for the Surrey Run, perhaps a bit hot and the Scotsman and the terriers used the heat as an excuse to stay at home and let me melt in the field alone! A big thank you to Jan and Harry Cassar for feeding me as my picnic was at home with Tom! Nigel, Paul and I did a recce on the Thursday before as the stand that the banner used to hang from had finally expired so we had a new layout this year which I think worked reasonably well. It's a very good thing, though, that Bocketts kindly mowed the field before the Run – this is my car on the Friday, the photos might have looked more like they were taken at the Chelsea Flower Show!

We're looking forward to our bacon rolls at Cranleigh and will probably pop along to the Capel Show if only for the excellent beer! The Cordles' Run will test our brains and get us ready for the bank holiday weekend!

Will see you at some of these events through the summer and 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

Saturday 8th November – Wallington Bowling Club have asked us to change the date of our Darts Night from 1st to 8th November. All other details remain the same, we will enjoy several darts matches against other members and enjoy either a ham and/or a cheese Ploughman's at Wallington Bowling Club, Grosvenor Road, SM6 0EN. Cost £15 max 30 people (time TBA but it will be in the evening).

Future events - I am in touch with guide John for dates for guided tours of St. Pauls Cathedral. Approximate cost is £24 and there will be a maximum number of 20 persons. When I have finalised dates for the tours, I will let you know.

Happy socialising, Margaret

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

It was great to see so many cars leaving Bocketts Farm in glorious sunshine at the Surrey Run – I hear everyone had a great time.

This month, members will gather at our summer social club night and at Cranleigh. They will, I am sure, also enjoy the clues posed by Richard and Linda Cordle.

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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

What a cracking July Epsom MGOC members have had. We started out with a nice sunny club night for our Pride of Ownership. It gets very difficult to pick a winner because, in many ways, they are all winners. It is great the members have the vote because everyone looks for different things in their decision. The age, the condition, amount of use, originality, work done by owner etc etc are all things that can earn votes. Congratulations to all of you who turned up in your cars, those who voted, and of course the winner, who will be announced at club night.

The following week we had one of our walks, this time walking around the regenerated area of Kings Cross. Another lovely day and our guided tour led us through the old, restored buildings, the amazing architecture of many of the new buildings, and along the canal pathways. If you haven't done any of these London walks, I can thoroughly recommend them.

The following weekend was our little event called The Surrey Run. The turnout for this event was spectacular, and the staff at Gatwick Aviation Museum did all they could to make it a great day and support us. Members, friends and other MG Owners made it a great day. It was extremely HOT, and a lot of time was spent hiding under the trees to keep out of the shade. I suspect Nigel Swann needs a rest now. Have you started on 2026 yet Nigel?

Our final event was our return to Whiteley Village, an event that hasn't happened for a few years. A different event to previous years but there was a good turnout of MGs in a different location by the club house. There were not as many stalls/traders, but Whiteley is hoping to do it again next year and build the show up again. All in all, a very pleasant day.

August starts with a summer social on Thursday 7th August. Club nights are normally very busy, and the social evening gives us all a chance to circulate and chat to members that aren't in our normal 'group', as well as chatting with our regular friends.

Sunday 10th will see a large turnout of Epsom MG Owners attending the ever-popular Cranleigh Classic car show. I have never managed to get to this show, although I hear it is a really good one.

The following week is our own Cordles' run, details of which are given elsewhere in this newsletter, and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Happy Motoring, Richard

CLUB STAND

Cranleigh Car Show 10 August - pre-booking is now closed for Cranleigh but you can still book if you wish to go from [their website here](#). This is a great day out with displays and stalls to enjoy. There are lots of food outlets or you can bring a picnic and gather under the Club gazebo where tea and coffee will be available.

Diamond Riding Centre Autumn Fair Sunday 28 September

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

Paul

NATTERS NEWS

I am hoping to schedule local natters again soon and am looking to slot in another coffee morning meeting up soon - keep your eye on the WhatsApp group for details ([contact me](#) if you would like to be added to the group).

Happy nattering Nige T

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Firstly, an apology to Christine Clover, who I called Carole in last month's Newsletter - I put it down to old age!

I am delighted to report that our membership has now risen to 106 paid for 2025, plus 26 Life Members. We gained 5 new members in July. Welcome back, after 4 years, to Marcus and Louise Watts, from West Wimbledon who have a MGB Roadster 1974, Brown in good order. Welcome to Rob Westhead from Morden who has a MGB GT 1974 in Gold in good condition. Then to, Mervyn and Wilma McCall from Richmond who have a MG TF 1500 from 1954 in Black in Excellent order and also welcome to John Chapman from Sutton, who has a 1974 MG Midget, white in average condition. Lastly, John and Carla Landless from Banstead who have 2 MGs - an MGB Roadster from 1969, Green in average condition and a MG ZR 160 from 2005, Black in poor condition. Welcome to you all! 4 of the above came to the Pride of Ownership In early July.

If any member requires information to handout to any prospective members please contact me as I have some information that you can give out. I have visited the three MG dealerships in July to ensure they are still on board!

Malcolm (Please note I will not be at Autumn or September Club Nights)

CAR EVENTS

Our Club Night on Thursday 3rd July was our Pride of Ownership Night and 27 members brought along their MG Cars so we, the members, could decide which car would win the Penny Broughton Trophy. My thanks to all those who entered to make it such an enjoyable evening.

I am sure many members enjoyed the Surrey Run on Sunday 13th July and a big thank you to all those from the Club who organised, ran and supported this excellent event. Interestingly, the week after our event, Charlwood was the wettest place in England with 58mm of rain. This being more than one month's rainfall.

This month, the Club will be at the Cranleigh Classic Car Show on the 10th then, on the 17th we have our Cordles' Run to Ramster Gardens. The MG SE Centre Car Club's Summer Event to Chiddingstone Castle is on the same day (details on their website).

This 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 at www.pth.org.uk under News and Events. 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, starting from Storrington Glider Club, as it did in 2024 and going to Eastbourne [click here for info](#). Arundel Castle makes a welcome return on 21st September – [click for info](#) - 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!

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

Sunshine, Songs and Stunning Cars: SURREY RUN 2025

Our annual Surrey Run charity event rolled out in style on Sunday, 13th July, and what a scorcher it was! Starting from the ever-welcoming Bocketts Farm Park near Leatherhead, our route was designed to meander through the beautiful leafy lanes and charming villages of Surrey, finishing at the historic Gatwick Aviation Museum in Charlwood.

Spirits were high at Bocketts and with over 160 MGs prebooked we were on site ready to set up by 8am. By 8.30 the cars started to arrive including one containing our youngest participant wearing his MG hat. Everyone signed in under the glorious sunshine and our marshals were kept busy organising the parking of an amazing gathering of gleaming cars. In the lineup were a number of current models together with early T-types, MGAs, Midgets and a Magnette. With over 80 MGBs and variants, these are still the most popular entrants with the second being the MGFs and TFs. An eye-catching red MG Cyberster, driven by Michael Earle, with its futuristic gullwing doors, certainly turned heads. This is the present flagship model in the MG range and proved that the MG spirit is alive and well into the 21st century.



With many taking the opportunity to enjoy a bacon buttie before setting off on the two-hour journey, as in previous years there was the option to have a photo taken by the start banner before being waved off by Eric. If you have not already ordered a copy of your special photo, then it is not too late. Please email Kim Shrosbree at surreyrun@epsommgoc.org.uk.



On arrival at the Gatwick Aviation Museum, drivers were welcomed by our second cheerful team of marshals where all the cars were parked forming an impressive display for other visitors to admire. Quite soon everyone started arranging their tables and chairs in preparation for a relaxing picnic lunch. The museum offered a treasure trove of aviation history, including a peek inside a first-class Virgin Atlantic cabin. Visitors explored a number of iconic British aircraft and hundreds of model displays. They could venture into the cockpit of an Islander aircraft and climb inside a Canberra nose section. They even took a tour aboard the Avro Shackleton parked outside near the MGs. During the afternoon we were entertained by a trio called The Angel

Delights, whose wartime songs brought a nostalgic touch to our visit. Many also strolled in the 30-acre grounds and enjoyed views of Gatwick's active runway from the observation area.

At the start of the run each driver was given a prize draw ticket containing their unique run number to be handed in as they passed the finish line. When everyone had arrived, Karen Tibbs, representing the Gatwick Aviation Museum announced a selection of winners. Three tickets were randomly chosen as follows; Entry number 47, Stuart Gendall who won first prize, a store voucher for £25. Entry number 57, David Farncombe won second prize, a voucher for £15, and Entry number 108, Martin Bond won third prize, a voucher for £10.



I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the day. The volunteers worked so hard for hours on a very warm day and I am also very grateful to all the members who supported the event by taking part in the Run. Without your input each year this undertaking would be impossible. A full report of this event will be published in a future copy of Enjoying MG

I do hope that you enjoyed your day, and I look forward to next July for Surrey Run 2026.

Nigel

CORDLES' RUN TO RAMSTER GARDENS

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

The Cordles' Run this year will take place on Sunday 17th August, starting at our normal place, The Pheasant at Buckland RH3 7BG and ending at Ramster Gardens Petworth Road, Chiddingfold GU8 4SN. We will try to find the prettiest route we can keeping off the main roads as much as possible and should cover around 40 miles.

On arriving at the gardens please follow the instructions that will lead you through the gravel car park to a grassed area at the rear where we will all be able to park together and make a display. This grassed area is classed as their picnic area, so anyone wishing to partake of the traditional picnic amongst the cars is welcome to do so. There is a cafe about 100 yards from where we park for those who want coffee and cakes as well as toilet facilities.

As in previous years we will be doing our normal fun quiz enroute. Most of these are simple places or things to spot but look out for the odd 'sneaky' question. If you don't wish to do the quiz you are still very welcome to just do the run.



Ramster is a stunning woodland garden of over 25 acres renowned for its captivating beauty and tranquillity. Ramster Hall and Garden's history goes back to the 17th century. Rams Nest, as it was then called, continued a peaceful farming existence with the house being variously modernised and updated over the centuries. In 1900 it was bought by Sir Harry Waechter who converted the farmhouse into an Edwardian country house. In 1922 the house was purchased by Sir Henry Norman, and the house still belongs to the same family. The

gardens first opened to the public in 1927 as part of the National Garden Scheme. 97 years on, the family is still open for this special day but also shares their much-loved garden, which is now famous for its different varieties of rhododendrons, with visitors during spring, summer, and autumn. Explore the natural winding paths at Ramster Gardens, whose features include a wooded area and water features. Find out more about Ramster [here](#).










Please note the starting place of the run this year is again at The Pheasant PH on the Reigate Road (A25), Buckland RH3 7BG. Toilets, coffee and refreshments are available at the pub. We hope you will be able to join us. Cars will be leaving Reigate from 10.30 am onwards. Please note the pub doesn't open until 10 am.

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, Polartharm™ 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				
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ADS

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FOR SALE



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

REDUCED TO £30

Contact Les 020 8393 3229/07958 686137

FOR SALE



White MGBGT Automatic 1971 90,000 miles
in excellent condition

Fully serviced in great condition. Looked after and cared for body and interior (black leather and red carpet).

Complete top loom rewire, new alternator and starter motor, new Kenlowe cooling fan, fitted new K&N air filters, new ignition switch with fitted electric power steering and central locking, stainless steel exhaust.



Starts every time and kept in my garage. I have owned this vehicle since 2022 and don't get the use I had hoped, selling so someone can use the vehicle more regularly. Original documentation and a box full of paperwork and photographs relating to restoration from previous owner. Everything about the history of this car is with it.

£7,500 ovno

Keith Mellor: 07889 083153 keith.mellor1@outlook.com

FOR SALE

MGTF 135 2002 Trophy Blue, black hood "limited edition" includes Sport pack, sports brakes

MOT May 2026 50,000 miles

Includes spare alloy wheel and new tyre

One lady owner since new

£3,000 ono

07976 327249 Norma Hermolle

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

FREE!

2004 MG TF hardtop in Nightfire red and a boot rack

We're moving hopefully to Wales and don't really want to take it with us and just want it to go to a good home.

Stefan (Fetcham KT22) stefan19812011@gmail.com

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Currently vacant

Please contact Membership Secretary

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