



OCTAGONAL NEWS

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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

OCTOBER		
Thursday 2	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Film night with Malcolm
Thursday 9	From 12 noon	Lunchtime Natter from The Pheasant (see address below) contact Nige T
Sunday 26	10am	Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Buckland RH3 7BG to The Plough at Leigh contact - Malcolm Childs

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 6	From 7.30pm	Peter Stammers talk “Those Magnificent Women in their Flying Machines”
Saturday 8	6 for 6.30pm	Darts night at Wallington Bowling Club, Grosvenor Road, SM6 0EN Details in Social Scene and contact Margaret Billinge

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS	
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>
<i>10 and 17 March</i>	<i>St Paul’s tours</i>
<i>20 March</i>	<i>Skittles (note Friday not Saturday)</i>

OTHER EVENTS	
None at present – watch this space!	

All events are undertaken at Members’ own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

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



JOIN OUR MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

We 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

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!

Not much to write this month, you will be pleased to read but just a note that Harry Cassar has volunteered to create a supplier directory for the club. He's written a bit about which is later on in this newsletter!

We're on holiday in the caravan but will see you at the Autumn Leaves run

Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

Saturday 8th November 6 for 6.30pm –Darts evening with a ham and/or a cheese Ploughman's at Wallington Bowling Club, Grosvenor Road, SM6 0EN. Cost £15 max 30 people I won't be at the October meeting, but Richard will take bookings on the evening.

10 & 17 March 2026 Visit to, and tour of St Pauls Cathedral cost will be between £20 and £25 approx (costs not yet out) meeting point and time TBA. Tours are for a min of 10 persons and max 16 persons. Already many are booked on these tours but please do not panic we can arrange more dates to accommodate all.

Friday 20th March 2026 - Skittles Night with hot and cold buffet at the Royal British Legion, Grub St, Limpsfield RH8 0SJ. Cost £20, maximum number 30 persons. Note, the club has stopped doing skittles at the weekend.

Happy socialising, Margaret

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Thanks are due to Kim and Tom for organising and running the Bingo evening.

This is the first month you will find the details of January's Dinner Dance and Annual Awards. You can book as early as you like, and all details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Tonight, we have a film night presented by Malcolm Childs.

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

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

We're looking for members to join our club's committee! This is a great opportunity to get more involved, help shape the future of our activities, and bring your ideas to life.

Being on the committee is a rewarding way to:

- Contribute to the club's growth and success
- Connect with other passionate members
- Have fun while making a difference!

No prior experience is required—just a willingness to contribute and collaborate. We have different roles available - if you are interested (or even just curious), we'd love to hear from you!

To learn more or express your interest, please contact our secretary, Richard Cordle. [Click here](#) for his details.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR CLUB STRONGER THAN EVER

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

The full list of winners and answers for the 'Cordles' Run' are attached to the email that delivered you this newsletter and thanks again to you all those who attended. Particular congratulations go to our winners this year, John Chapman and Graeme Chapman, especially for getting all the questions correct on their first run with us.

After a few very busy months for Epsom MGOC, things are quietening down a little as we go into the autumn. September Club Night saw a very entertaining Bingo session. It was probably not a game for the Bingo enthusiasts, but the banter and humour made for a really fun evening, thanks to Kim and Tom.

As I am writing this, we still have two September events to come, with several members already booked to attend both the Arundel Picnic and the Diamond Riding Centre for the disabled. We are booked into Arundel, but not sure what car we will be taking at present, but probably not the ZT. (see below).

Malcolm is sorting out some films for the October Club night, and we have the last car run of the year this month with the Autumn Leaves run to The Plough at Leigh.

Linda and I were really pleased when we got our MGZT back fitted with a replacement engine. Unfortunately, it has been all downhill since then. We had an engine management light come on, and a check with a local garage suggested a misfire. We also felt the car was vibrating, so it went back to the garage in Kings Lynn. Last week we went up to collect it, drove it 60 plus miles to Great Yarmouth with the engine management light flicking on and off at high revs. The car was still vibrating, and I was having problems getting the car into reverse gear. The outcome was we drove it back to the garage and came home by train. Now we are just waiting to collect the car and hope they will sort out the issues this time. What fun cars are!!!!.

Happy Motoring, Richard

NATTERS NEWS

Natters will restart with a lunchtime meetup at The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Buckland RH3 7BG from 12 noon on Thursday 9th October. I also post details of coffee meetups in the WhatsApp group so do let me know if you would like to be added to this.

I am hoping to arrange two trips away in 2026. A Spring visit to Torquay and a September weekend in the New Forest. If anyone is interested let me know either at a Club night or by [email](#).

Happy nattering Nige T

EPSOM MGOC SUPPLIER DIRECTORY

Whilst we all enjoy driving our MGs, keeping them well maintained and looking their best can be a challenge. Finding the right supplier—whether for parts, servicing, or bodywork—can sometimes feel like a bit of a minefield.

With this in mind, Harry Cassar is proposing that we create and maintain an informal supplier directory, made up of personal recommendations from Epsom members. This should be especially useful for new members and those who are new to MG ownership. Harry will be maintaining and publishing the directory and, to get us started, he has created a simple form – [click here to add your recommendation](#).

The form is straightforward: it asks for your name, the supplier's name, what you bought from them (and when), and why you'd recommend them.

The form may need a little fine-tuning as we go, but the more recommendations we receive, the more valuable the directory will become. So, if you have suppliers you know and trust, please take a moment to share them with the membership.

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Our membership remains at 108 paid for 2025, plus 26 Life Members.

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 visited the three MG Motors, dealerships, in late July. Dees of Croydon, Wilsons of Epsom and Richmond at Guildford and I was pleased to see that they were keen to continue the relationship we have built up. Our Newsletters were on display in the Customer waiting areas.

My thanks to Tony Briant for presenting my report in September and I will be at the October Club Night!

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

Firstly, congratulations to member Adrian Malthouse on winning the MG Car Club Surrey/West Sussex Area Pride of Ownership series in 2025 in his lovely MGA.

Marlene and I, along with the Gills and the Hempsteds, enjoyed the MG Car Club "T" Register Autumn Tour event, in Hampshire, Sussex and Wiltshire. Unfortunately, Dave and Chris lost their brakes in their TF and had to use the RAC and David and Heather suffered a puncture in their TF 1500. However, the runs were enjoyable.

The South Downs Run on 7th September saw 8 members' cars go to Eastbourne. Organised by the West Sussex MGOC, some 195 cars were on the run but very few old cars. The weather was lovely! This is a run I would recommend to members as the scenery is so good.

On Sunday 21st September we had a good number of members on the Chichester MGOC meeting at Arundel Castle, I am sure members enjoyed the Diamond Riding School Autumn Fair Club Stand on Sunday 28th whilst others joined the MG Car Club SE Centre going to Newhaven Fort for their Autumn Gathering, on the same day.

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. Please can you let me know on Club Night whether you will be on the run or email me at mrmrchids9@gmail.com as I need to have an idea of numbers for The Plough at Leigh, where we finish. Tony has devised a route of around 30 miles on behalf of the Club.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

Light Up a Life - St Raphael's Hospice

Epsom MGOC has been approached by Ali Linwood, Memory Giving Manager, at St Raphael's Hospice to see if we could assist with car parking at their Light Up a Life events on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. This would be from 5 to 6.30pm each day and they require 6 people over the 2 days. Tea/coffee and snacks will be provided.

I have agreed to help and the Club will receive recognition and if any other members are interested in helping please contact Malcolm on mrmrchids9@gmail.com to help at this worthwhile event.

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS

Saturday 31 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 31st January 2025 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 £43 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

Smoked salmon and crème fraiche terrine with mango chilli salsa,
cider pepper dressing and garlic croute

Brie and avocado tart with quinoa salad and citrus herb cream

Main Courses

Smoke glazed braised beef in real ale served with
caramelised onion mash potato and rosemary gravy

Baked cod tail with crushed root vegetables and plum tomato sauce

Mushroom Bourguignonne pie with crushed root vegetables and red wine sauce (v)

Desserts

White chocolate and raspberry tart with blood orange sorbet

Cherry Bakewell tart with clotted cream ice cream

Selection of cheese and biscuits

Freshly brewed tea and coffee

Please make your menu choices on the below slip. Payment of £43 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 20-24-61 putting 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	Terrine/Tart	Beef/Cod/Vegetarian	Chocolate/Cherry/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 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

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

REDUCED TO £30

4 x rare design 5 Forked Spoke wheels in silver
2 size 185 x 55 x r15 and 2 size 205 x 50 x r15
All wheels have good tread tyres

£200

(might swap for an anti roll bar)

Contact Les on 07958686137/0208 393 3229 for both above items



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

FOR SALE



2 x match tickets for Jacksonville Jaguars v LA Rams

NFL International Series 2025

Wembley Stadium Sunday, 19 October 2025, 14:30

2 tickets available @ £205 per digital ticket (to be forwarded by email)

Available to members, friends, or anyone you may know

Contact - Kevin Watson on 01252 725310

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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CAR EVENTS

Currently vacant

Please contact Membership Secretary

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