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OCTAGONAL NEWS

LATE SUMMER ACTION!









Events

November

Thursday 5	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Funky Fiddler at Sutton United FC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY
Thursday 12	From 10.30am	Coffee meeting at The Olive Tree Cafe, in Ashtead Park Garden Centre, 6 Pleasure Pit Road, Ashtead KT21 1HU contact Nigel Taylor
Friday 13	From 7pm	Evening natter at the Chalk Hare, Boxhill Road, Tadworth KT20 7PS contact Nigel Taylor
Saturday 14	6 for 6.30pm	Darts with Ploughman's at Wallington Bowling Club, 13 Grosvenor Rd, Wallington SM6 0EN contact Margaret Billinge
Thursday 26	12 noon	Lunchtime Natter at The Onslow Arms, The Street, West Clandon GU4 7TE contact Nigel Taylor

December

Thursday 3	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at Sutton United FC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY
Thursday 17	12 noon	**Fully booked** - Lunchtime Natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett KT22 0DP contact Nigel Taylor
Thursday 17	6.30 for 7pm	Christmas meal at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett KT22 0DP Contact Kim Shrosbree

January

Thursday 7	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Kim's What Made the Headlines in 2026 quiz at Sutton United FC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY
Sunday 24	10am	Mothballs Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to The Plough contact Malcolm Childs
Saturday 30	6.45 for 7.15pm	Dinner/Dance & Annual Awards at Kingswood Golf & Country Club, Sandy Ln, Kingswood, Tadworth KT20 6NE contact Paul Coleman

Other Club events

Friday 16 April	Skittles

Other Events

Weekend 14/15 November	Classic Motor Show at Birmingham NEC click for more info
Sunday 7 February	MG and Triumph Spares Day click for more info

Member Information

Cut-off for the next newsletter is Saturday 21 November - send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

All events are undertaken at members' own risk

We have a private Facebook group for Club members where you can 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

We have an informal supplier directory for your personal recommendations of suppliers of MG bits and services such as parts, servicing, or bodywork. There is a form which you can access by clicking here – this will allow Harry to add your recommendations.

2026 Charity Donations

At this time of year, we invite member to nominate a local charity to be considered for a small donation from the Club/

Simply drop an email to our Secretary, Richard Cordle, on ZZRJC@hotmail.com giving details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. Nominations must be with Richard, by the close of the January monthly meeting.

Editor's Etchings

Hello everyone

We had a super trip to Kent last month, for those of you who haven't seen our Facebook posts, the highlight was a dog show at Dreamland in Margate where not only did Teddy win first prize in the Scruffiest Dog class but Tom and Cleo won a first-place rosette in Dog who looks most like it's Owner!! Oh, and the beer was pretty good too!

We won't see you this month either as we are again away, it's tough being retired! We are up in the Lake District celebrating my best friend's 70th. (obviously we both look 21 so no-one will know the real reason we are getting together)!

Thanks to those of you who made the evening at Brookes Restaurant such a success, what a meal in their lovely new space served by lovely young people who I was very happy to see included those with learning differences.

Annabel Kiely has asked me to pass on to those of you who know him that Jon had femoral bypass surgery at the end of last month. He spent 24 hours in intensive care then moved to a ward and is progressing well. She thanks everyone who was asking about him.

Kim

Social Scene

Saturday 14th November- Darts Night at Wallington Bowling Club, 13 Grosvenor Rd, Wallington SM6 0EN cost £15. Meet at 6 for 6.30pm start (max 30 persons). This event includes a Cheese and Ham Ploughman's Supper but if members would prefer to have just ham or just cheese, please would you let me know for catering purposes.

Tribute Nights - If there is sufficient interest, I will try and arrange for us to join one of the Tribute Nights to be held at Reigate Manor Hotel in Spring next year when the better weather will be here. They seem to constitute a three-course meal, followed by the Tribute Act, after which there is a disco until midnight. People can stay the night if preferred at reduced rates. When the list of Tribute acts is available I will let you and the Committee know so there can be some discussion as to which act to choose.

Next London Walk(s) - Just to let you know I met up with Marian and John recently to discuss possibilities for these and also repeating the King's Cross and Paddington Walks, if desired. Marian will let me have suggestions and also possible dates.

Friday 16th April Skittles Night - with hot and cold supper to be held at the Royal British Legion in Limpsfield

Other 2027 events Tribute Night to be arranged at the Reigate Manor Hotel during spring and a London Walk later in the year

Happy socialising, Margaret

Chairman's Chatterings

Rita Coleman is progressing well following her move to the Fox Unit at East Surrey Hospital where I know one or two members have visited her and report she is making progress and receiving the best possible care

You will see details of both our Christmas events in this newsletter and don't forget to book your place at the Annual Dinner Dance and Awards in January which will take a slightly different format with a live singer to entertain us and dance floor to all in the same room as the dinner.

Eric

Club Stands

Club stands this year were very successful. If you have any ideas for events we can attend with our cars in 2027, let either Malcolm or Kim know.

Membership Musings

Our membership for 2026 stands at 111 paid, plus 27 Life Members.

We are pleased to welcome, Ian and Lisa Falconer from Epsom who have a 1961 MGA Roadster Mark II in Iris Blue in excellent condition.

This month you will find the 2027 Membership Form in the newsletter for those who want to settle their payment early. I am pleased to report that our membership fee remains unchanged at £10.

Malcolm

Car Events

Firstly, I just want to thank those members who dipped into their pockets and added a further £152 to the Club donation of £100 to Trevor Sayer of SERV Kent who spoke at our last Club Night.

The last of our 2026 car runs, the Autumn Leaves Run, took place on Sunday 25th October. The route was around 28 miles starting at The Pheasant at Buckland and finishing at The Plough at Leigh where lunch was available. Thanks to all those members who turned out on the day.

The Classic Motor Show takes place on the weekend of 14th/15th November at Birmingham NEC. This is the largest show of its type in the UK with many of the Classic Car Clubs attending and I know that some of our members enjoy this event

Turning to 2027 we have our Mothballs Run on Sunday 24th January and the MG and Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh will be on Sunday 7th February. There are links to the above in the Events section of this newsletter. I will let you have the date of our "Hunt the Valentine" Run in next month's newsletter.

Malcolm Childs, Membership Secretary

Light up a Life - The Club have been asked by St Raphaels Hospice to provide marshalling for their Light up a Life services on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th December at their hospice in London Road, North Cheam.

Last year we did this with 4 marshals on both evenings for around 1½ hours. Malcolm will be doing this and is looking for 3 other helpers on both days. Please contact him if you are happy to help.

Natters & Meals out

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the New Forest where we stayed at the Crown Manor House Hotel in Lyndhurst from 21st to 24th September. A group of 26 happy participants had a relaxing few days viewing the sights of the area in that part of the country, especially Beaulieu, Lyndhurst, Buckler's Hard and Lymington and also Exbury Gardens. The hotel staff looked after us all wonderfully well during our stay and I suspect that we will revisit again before too long.

On 15th October we enjoyed another coffee meeting at The Olive Tree, in Ashtead Park Garden centre, which was much quieter than usual, with only 6 participants attending. 46 members also enjoyed our excellent gourmet meal at Brooklands College Restaurant, on 22nd October.

Moving onto this month, we have plans for another coffee meeting at our favourite location: The Olive Tree, Ashtead Park Garden Centre, Pleasure Pit Road, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1HU, on Thursday 12th November from 10.30am onwards and, very shortly thereafter, an Evening Natter on Friday 13th November, at the Chalk Hare, Boxhill Road, Tadworth KT20 7PS from 7pm. We will then have a Lunchtime Natter at The Onslow Arms, The Street, West Clandon, Surrey GU4 7TE, on Thursday 26th November at 12 noon.

There are two upcoming Christmas evenings – on 17th December we have a Christmas Lunchtime Natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP at 12 noon and, on the same evening, from 7pm our Club Christmas Meal will take place in the same venue. Both these events are now fully booked but let Nigel know if you would like to be added to the waiting list for the lunchtime meal or Kim for the evening meal (just a note that if you want to book for the evening meal, it would be possible to join us but the table would not be in the same room.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

It has been a quiet month for Linda and me, having only come back from a two-week holiday last weekend, but suddenly there was a lot going on. On Wednesday 21st Linda and I did the first of our Moorgate walks when, on a miserable wet and windy day, 8 brave members endured the conditions to join us for a stroll round Moorgate, looking at the history of the area over the last 2000 years.

The next day Kim had organised a Gourmet meal at Brooks, the restaurant located within and staffed by the Brooklands College students. They have a new restaurant since we were last there, and Epsom members managed to fill the restaurant and were rewarded with a magnificent meal. Thanks to all the students and staff and to Kim for organising.

On Sunday 25th, the Club had our Autumn Leaves run from the Pheasant at Buckland to The Plough at Leigh, brilliantly organised by Malcolm, we had about 45 members taking part, with a great company and a very tasty meal. After a few days of gales and winds, the day was sunny with blue skies and a reasonable temperature.

I am trying to update the Facebook page on a regular basis, but I don't get to many of the events. If you go to an event please take a few pictures and put it on Facebook (Epsom MGOC members only). This doesn't have to be a car show; it could be anything connected to our MGs. It was nice to see pictures of Russell Thorne's recent acquisition, his delightful MGB on there. Alternatively, send the photos to me with a brief report and I will put it on.

I am really looking forward to club night this month, with the funky fiddler returning to entertain us. He was terrific last time he performed for us, amusing and very talented. This is one not to miss.

Talking about entertainment, we have changed the Annual dinner dance this year, and instead of a disco, we have booked live singer. A lot of the members, Including Linda and I, have seen him perform, and it was felt it would make a nice variation from the normal disco. There will also be a smaller dance floor in the main hall to make the event more intimate. If you haven't attended before, or not for a few years, why not give it a go. We would love to see you. All details, including menus and how to book are in this magazine.

There is still plenty going on in November. Margaret Billings has arranged a darts night, and Nigel Tayor both lunchtime and evening natters, and a coffee morning. Don't forget to put the December Club Night in your diary, when the committee will be delighted to serve you with mulled wine and mince pies.

Charity Donations

At the end of each year Epsom MGOC makes donations to local charities working in our area. Each year we ask you, the members, to nominate a charity that you think may be worthy of a donation. If you would like to propose a charity please email me zzrjc@hotmail.com giving me details of the charity, what the money would be used for, and perhaps a link to their website or page. Please get these to me ASAP. We will consider proposals up to the January meeting, but would prefer them far sooner than that if possible.

Hope to see you at any forthcoming events and Happy Motoring, Richard

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS
Saturday 30 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at Kingswood Golf & Country Club, Sandy Ln, Kingswood, Tadworth KT20 6NE on Saturday 30th January 2027 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 – new for this year – live entertainment from singer and musician James Austin who will be performing in amongst us. Again new, Kingswood will be setting up a dance floor in the same room where the tables will be so we can dance the night away without having to move rooms.

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

Duck, pork and orange pâté with fried brioche, stone fruits chutney, piccalilli puree and Braeburn salad

Baked burrata pomodoro tart with wilted roquette and shallots dressing

Main Courses

Chicken sauté chasseur with cheesy gratin potato, wild mushrooms and pancetta sauce

Soy and ginger salmon steak with Hasselback potatoes and lemon butter garlic sauce (gf)

Celeriac steaks topped with sweet potato mash, confit kale and butternut squash served with red wine jus (gf) (vg)

Desserts

Blueberry and pear crumble with crème Anglaise

White chocolate, raspberry and peach brûlée tart with toffee fudge 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	Pate/Tart	Chicken/Salmon/Celeriac	Crumble/Tart/Cheese

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 2027

MEMBER (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):	**Address**
First Name:	
Surname:	
PARTNER (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):	**Postcode:**
First Name:	**Phone:**
Surname:	**Mobile:**
Primary email address:	
Additional email address(es):	

We sometimes send out urgent and relevant information by email, so please include your email address(es) and add mrmrchilds9@gmail.com and, for receipt of the newsletter, kimshros@gmail.com to your safe senders list.

Newsletters are usually sent by email containing a link to the file on our website. This keeps our distribution costs down and helps to keep the membership subscription low. If you do not wish to receive it this way, newsletters can be printed in black & white and posted. Tick here if you are unable to receive the newsletter by email. ☐

Register of members' MGs - 2027				
Model	**Type**	**Year**	**Colour**	**Condition***

*Poor / Average / Excellent / Competition Please tick if you are willing to join club displays or be put forward for film/photographic work ☐

I understand and agree that all the above information will be stored digitally.

Signed ..... Date .....

Please submit cash; a cheque (payable to 'Epsom Area MGOC'); or make a bank transfer in the sum of £10 for membership. This covers the member and their partner.

Bank Details

Sort Code	**Account number**	**Account name**
20-24-61	20466565	Epsom Area MGOC
Please enter your name and "Membership" as the reference, tick the bank transfer box the bottom of the form and email a copy of the bank payment.		

Hand your completed form to Malcolm Childs or send to mrmrchilds9@gmail.com or 4 Elgin Road, Sutton, SM1 3SN.

For Membership Secretary use but please tick Bank Transfer if paying this way:

Receipt sent ☐ Sub Paid ☐ Database ☐ Bank Transfer ☐

Malcolm Childs 2nd October 2026

Epsom Area MG Owners Club **By email** mrmrchilds@gmail.com

Dear Malcolm,

I am writing to thank you and your members for your warm welcome and hospitality last night when I gave a talk about SERV Kent Bloodrunners. I enjoyed meeting you all and, as I have owned three MGs in the past, I was pleased to chat to your members about their cars.

I thank you for your group donation cheque for £100, and I am pleased to inform you that your members also put £152.33 into my collection pot, making a total amount of £252.33. This is an excellent amount, and it will certainly help our volunteers to continue providing our services to our local communities.

I was delighted also to meet Paul Leiberman, who had been one of the original members of the SERV Surrey South London Group. He is obviously still very passionate about his time with SERV Surrey South London, and it was my pleasure to speak to him.

I hope you will be able to show this letter and the enclosed certificate of thanks to everyone when you next meet so that they are aware of how very grateful we are.

Thank you all for a lovely evening; one I shall remember for a long time.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Sayer

Trevor D. Sayer
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Regalia

Tony Pearse is 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.

Clothing



LIGHTWEIGHT V NECK SWEATER £27

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 £17

MENS (SS11)	LADIES (SS86)
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	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) £14	RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50
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	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 £14

V-neck premium (GD92)
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)	LADIES (SS82)
Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL Colours: Black, burgundy, olive, deep navy, heather grey, light graphite, red, royal blue	Size: 8/10/12/14/16/18 (XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL) Colours: Azure, Black, deep navy, fuchsia, heather grey, red, white.



SWEATSHIRTS

FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS120) £19.50
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) £22
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 £14.50

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

Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo

CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2

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

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FOR SALE

1954 MGTF 1250 cc

Black with red interior. Soft top and full tonneau. 5 speed gear box. Electric fan

MOT and road tax exempt. Good all-round condition. Runs well and ready to go!

As seen at many club car events over the 23 years we have owned it.

Reluctant sale due to health issues.

£23,000

Please contact Dave/Chris on 07545428793



FOR SALE

1946 MG TC in Clipper Blue



The car had a recent full overhaul with a new engine block, pistons, full electrical rewire, reconditioned gear box etc. This work was carried out by Robin Lackford Motor engineering (Classic and sports car specialists)

£25,000 ONO

Contact Ian Robinson ian.iwr@mail.com

WANTED – Chris Redhead is looking for a drivers side MK1 seat frame if anyone has one lying about. He can be contacted on chris.redhead@btintenet.com or 07860 688062

FOR SALE

Lovely V reg, rubber bumper, MGB Roadster in very good condition, which was previously owned by Peter Clark, a former member)

Car has been valued by MG Specialist at around £8750

Contact Emma Clark on 07512 254481 or emma.clark2317@outlook.com





FOR SALE

1962 MGA 1622 Mark 2 Coupe
Iris Blue, restored by previous owner

Many new parts with receipts, including a very early 1800, 3 bearing block.

Good condition, but not concourse.

Price £14,500

Please contact Sarah on 07838793761



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Car Events
Currently vacant
Please contact Membership Secretary
If you could take on this role, please let us know