



OCTAGONAL NEWS

November 2025

LAST BIT OF SUMMER MGing!



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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

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

DECEMBER

Thursday 4	From 7.30pm	Club night – mulled wine & mince pies Christmas natters at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett KT22 0DP -
Thursday 11	12 noon	Lunch Christmas natter – FULLY BOOKED
Thursday 18	6.30pm	Evening Christmas natter - booking essential, please see details in Natters News

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Sunday 25 January	Mothballs Run
Saturday 31 January	Dinner Dance & Annual Awards
10 and 17 March	St Paul's tours
20 March	Skittles (note Friday not Saturday)
19 July	Surrey Run

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 8 th February	MG & Triumph Spares Day at The NAEC, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth CV8 2LZ Click here for info and tickets
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All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

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!

Haven't seen you for a couple of months as we were on holiday for the last meeting. We only took our caravan down to East Kent and basically walked, ate cake and drunk beer for a couple of weeks – ideal!

Quite excitingly it's 500th edition of this newsletter in January so I am planning a special celebration issue. If any of you have memories, anecdotes or photos you can share with me it would be brill – pop them over to kimshros@gmail.com

Not strictly MG-related but very definitely car-related, I had an amazing day out with my friend Angela who I know won't mind me telling you is 88 years young. A few months ago, she was telling me about her father's 1931 Lagonda which she drove once she'd very first passed her driving test. She had a small brass plate that belonged to it and some lovely old photos. She was musing about what happened to it when I suggested she contacted the Lagonda Owners Club and ask them. Fast forward a bit and they put her in touch with the current owner who asked if she would like to go and see it. It turns out it hadn't gone that far and lived not far from Horsham and Angela asked if I would like to go too – what do you think my answer was! She asked if we could go in the TF with the roof down – of course! Off we went and found the place in the middle of nowhere with the Lagonda parked proudly outside. The chap had been the one who had bought it from Angela's father in 1961 and even had the original logbook to prove it. You can also imagine what we said when he said "would you like to go for a ride in it"! What a fabulous day!



Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

Saturday 8th November 6 for 6.30pm –Darts evening with a ham and cheese Ploughman's (you can have either or) at Wallington Bowling Club, Grosvenor Road, SM6 0EN. Cost £15 max 30 people I need to collect the remaining monies at the November meeting.

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 on a Saturday.

Happy socialising, Margaret

2025 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 2025 monthly meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Thanks to Malcolm for an excellent DVD of the early racing at last month' meeting.

Latest on Doreen is that she has been discharged from the hospital – below is a photo of her in Lavender Oaks Care Home last month when some alpacas came to visit. She enjoyed meeting them and still talks about it.

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



One of our members, John Spaul, has asked if this could be inserted in the newsletter. He writes:

I have a 1983 classic mini that I want to renovate and I have MIG welding equipment.

Some 6 years ago the motor mechanic that did work on my regular car gave me a 4-hour lesson at regular hourly cost at my house on how to use the MIG telling me I had it set up all wrong. With him doing most of the welding we fixed up the rear of the car which concerned the spare wheel and battery recesses in the boot. I have now forgotten everything he taught me.

I am looking for a similar individual that can teach me at my house in Sutton how to do the rest of the car which has minor holes on the sills and possibly having to replace the driver's side floor pan. If any member can recommend someone it would be much appreciated. I will not be starting the work until Spring 2026.

Thanks, John Spaul

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.

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

Linda and I got to Arundel at the end of September for what turned out to be a really nice day. Not as many cars as there used to be, but a great turn out by Epsom MG Owners with 13 cars in attendance. It was very good weather and a lovely venue, the formal gardens were stunning. We were in the MG3, with the ZT still in the garage, now having another engine fitted, and I wasn't happy with the brakes on the 'B'. I have redone the brakes with new pads, shims, callipers and discs, and they are working fine, and I'm hoping the brake squeal I get when it is really hot will also be cured.

I am writing this having just completed the Autumn Leaves run in the 'B' and all seems well. We had a great turn out for the run to The Plough in Leigh, and with the sun shining in the morning the autumn leaves were seen at their best. A great run, and as always we were well looked after at The Plough. A special thanks to Tony Briant who compiled the scenic route.

There are pictures of both these events in our Facebook page, search 'Epsom MGOC members only'

Happy Motoring, Richard

Charity Donations

Every year Epsom MGOC makes donations to local charities that are proposed by the members. If any member wishes to nominate a local charity to be considered for a donation from the club, please email [Richard Cordle](#), with details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. You can contact Richard as soon as you like, but by the close of the January monthly meeting at the absolute latest.

NATTERS NEWS

CHRISTMAS NATTERS

This year there will be a lunchtime and an evening Christmas natter, both will be at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett KT22 0DP. The lunchtime natter is on 11th December at 12 noon but this is now fully booked.

However, there are still places on the evening natter at 6.30pm on Thursday 18th the cost is £26.95 for two courses or £33.95 for three. The menu is attached to the email that sent this newsletter. You will, please, need to book your place as soon as possible and at the latest by Sunday 2nd December. This is always a great night out with lovely food and super company at an excellent pub. Bookings cannot be confirmed with The Star without your £10 deposit and menu choices which need to be given to Nigel Taylor. If you are not able to attend the monthly meeting, contact kimshros@gmail.com and she will take deposits by bank transfer and will pass them on to me.

My contact details are nigetaylor39@gmail.com or 07584575695 for booking or see you at the monthly meeting.

CLUB TRIPS 2026

I am hoping to arrange two trips away next year - 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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

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

In next month's Newsletter I will be placing a blank 2026 Membership Form for Members to renew for the year ahead. If your details are not changed, I am happy to receive your £10 annual membership fee direct, in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer. The latter details will be on the form, together with my address.

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

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

Our Autumn Leaves Run took place on Sunday 26th October, with a route organised by Tony Briant. My personal thanks to him for doing this for the Club and I would welcome assistance from any other members prepared to help with any of our 3 regular Runs. On the day some 54 members participated on a route of around 30.5 miles followed by lunch at The Plough at Leigh.

This ended our programme of events for 2025 but please note that our Mothballs Run will be on Sunday 25th January and our Hunt the Valentine Run on Sunday 15th February.

The MG & Triumph Spares Day is now confirmed as Sunday 8th February 2026 at The NAEC, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth CV8 2LZ. Tickets are now available for this event on their website www.mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk.

I will look to keep Members informed of MG Runs and Events as they come in during 2026.

Lastly, should any member be looking to take on the role of Car Events Secretary for 2026 and wishes to know more, please [contact me](#) so I can help you settle in to this important part of our Club programme.

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 mrurchilds9@gmail.com to help at this worthwhile event.

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

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: - 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

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

1973 MGB GT Teal Blue

1800 manual with overdrive

53,000 miles in good working order

This is a tidy car with a black leather interior.

New clutch in 2024. 3-1 Stainless steel manifold and exhaust.

Recent head gasket and exhaust manifold Gasket.

Minator (minilight rep) wheels. Changed front valance.

There are a couple of electrical quirks and the bonnet could use a little paint as age is showing

£7000 ONO

Any questions please ask and contact Jamie on

07725991452/jamie.vance.jv12@gmail.com

(car is local)



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