MAY YOUR MG BRING YOU JOY THIS VALENTINES DAY

ROLL ON SPRING!

www.epsommgoc.org.uk
info@epsommgoc.org.uk
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

7:30pm Welcome
8:30pm Talk by Justine John, author of “Gilding the Lily”
9:45pm Raffle
Any time until 11pm Goodnight, drive safely

If not given, contact details are in Committee Listings at the end of the newsletter

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All events are undertaken at Members’ own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

CANINE PARTNERS STAMP APPEAL

Canine Partners is running an on-going Stamp Appeal to raise funds for the first year of puppy training (£5000 each). If Members would like to help them achieve their goals, Bryan will take any postage stamps and send them to Canine Partners on behalf of Epsom Area MGOC.
Welcome to my first attempt at editing the Club Newsletter. I am looking forward to providing the members with what I hope will be an interesting read each month. January was quite a month for the Club with the Annual Dinner Dance and the launch of our new website at www.epsommgoc.org.uk I am hoping that we will continue to develop this publication so that it gives club members both information and enjoyment in 2018. Please note some items have been moved around.

For those who may be interested The London Classic Car Show is on Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th February 2018 at The Excel Centre in Docklands. The MG Owners Club are attending and full information can be found at www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk

It is quite right for me to thank Kim for all she did during her time as Editor and let us hope I can do half as well!

Dinner Dance & Annual Awards
81 Members and guests attended this year’s Dinner Dance & Annual Awards at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club. We enjoyed excellent food, good wine, service and great company. One of the best to date.

I wish to thank Paul Coleman for all his help in organising the event, to John “Foggy” Brooke our Master of Ceremonies and to Adam Domaingue for the members reply. Shirley Brian was the winner of the Lucky Draw

ANNUAL AWARDS

The Trevor Taylor Memorial Trophy
MG Midget KPK 374C
Owned by Nigel Swann

The Tony Cox Memorial Trophy
Alison Bromley

The Chairman’s Cup
Frank & Jacqueline Fairclough

Many congratulations to all the winners.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

RASASC-Guildford
Sponsored by Marion Rose
www.rasasc-guidford.org

Heathrow Special Needs Centre
Sponsored by Sue Oughton
www.heathrowspecialneedscentre.org/

Reverse Rett
Sponsored by Ted Law
www.reverserett.org.uk

4th Worcester Park Scout Group
Sponsored by Mark Brown
www.4wp.org.uk

Surrey Search & Rescue
Sponsored by Kim Shrosbree
www.sursar.org.uk

The above charities each received a cheque for £300

February Monthly Meeting
Talk by Justine John author of “Gilding the Lily” on how she wrote and self-published this novel.

March Monthly Meeting
We will be holding an Auction Night at the March monthly meeting.

That’s all for this month. Safe motoring. Eric
Saturday 24th March – Royal Albert Hall

Epsom MGOC Visit and guided grand tour giving the history of the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AP. Meet at 11.15am outside the front of the Hall for tour commencing 11.30am. Tour lasts about an hour. Cost per head £10. Refreshments are available at the venue or in nearby cafes.

I will need to collect payments from those Members who have signed up for this event tonight. If any other Members who were not at the January meeting wish to attend, that is fine, but I regret I need payment at the Meeting. A deposit has had to be paid and final settlement is due shortly.

Saturday 19th May Visit and Guided Tour of the Langham Brewery

Langham Brewery is an independent craft brewer in Lodsworth, West Sussex GU28 9BU. Meet 1.45pm at venue for Tour commencing 2pm. Tour lasts 1½ - 2 hours. Cost per head £12. There will be a chance to sample, and also purchase, some of the beers. Venue is ‘dog friendly’. Soft drinks can be provided for those members who will not be sampling the beers.

Members who were not at the January meeting but who wish to join this tour, may add their names to those already signed up for this visit. Again, I will need to collect payment tonight as this venue requires a sizeable portion of the Tour costs to be paid in advance to secure this reservation.

Guided Postal Walk and Visit to Postal Museum

Provisional dates are Saturday 9th June or Saturday 16th June with guides John Morgan and Marion Clarke for Epsom MGOC’s Guided London Postal Walk and visit to the London Postal Museum plus ride on the Mail Train. Cost for the London Walk is £7pp and the walk lasts approximately 2 hours. Meet at 10.45am for 11am start - venue to be confirmed. There will be a lunch break in Farringdon and possible suggestion for refreshments is ‘The Sir John Old Castle’ as the costs are reasonable and the service is usually fairly quick.

At 3pm we will hopefully visit the London Postal Museum and Mail Train Ride. The visit to the Museum is unguided and takes approximately 45mins. The Mail Train Ride lasts 20mins. Cost for Museum and Mail Train ride is £12.50pp. I have registered the visit to the Museum and mail train ride, but bookings are not yet currently being taken. Members may do either or both of these events.

Guided visit to the Architectural Plant Centre

Epsom MGOC’s guided visit to the Architectural Plant Centre at North Heath near Pulborough, West Sussex,RH20 1DJ will take place on Saturday 1st September 2017. Café on site and venue is ‘dog friendly’. I found this venue most interesting, it specialises in garden design, garden sculpting, evergreens and topiary. There are 8 plant tunnels to explore.

Happy Socialising in 2018 and please let me have any future suggestions.

Margaret

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The start of 2018 has gone well with some 84 annual members having already completed their membership forms for 2018. Members, who have not yet re-joined will receive reminders in February and then March to decide whether they wish to continue for the year ahead. Any member needing an application form can find one on the web page or ask/email me for an application form.

Following a request from Belmont Garage Ltd (MG Motors Dealership at Tattenham Corner) we now have a dedicated poster in their showroom offering the chance for new MG Owners to join Epsom MGOC. Thanks to Nigel Swann for producing this A4 poster so quickly and further copies can be obtained from me if Members wish to promote the Club. A copy is included within the Newsletter for all to see!

Since the beginning of the year we have seen 4 new members join the Club as follows:-
Alan and Noreen Foot from Egham who have a Black MG Metro from 1990
Michael and Joy Hill from East Ewell who have a White MG 3 from 2017
John Dorrington and Betty Hicks from Wallington who have an XPower Grey MGTF 160 from 2003
Aaron and Paul Leiberman from Epsom who have a Black MGB Roadster from 1979

Welcome to one and all and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events. Malcolm
Our next Natter is at The Greyhound, 2 High Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PE on **Thursday, 22nd February** at 7pm (food ready by 7.30pm). This is a new venue for the Club. Full details can be found on the website.

At the time of writing this newsletter I have not had any requests to come to this event so please do let me know as soon as possible should you wish to attend. At the moment I have provisionally booked for 16 persons!

In March, we will be returning to The Wheatsheaf, 40 Esher Green, Esher, Surrey KT10 8AG on **Thursday, 22nd March** and full details will follow in due course, but information is on the website.

If any member has any suggestions for future venues would they please let me know as we are always on the lookout for new adventures on our monthly gatherings.

Finally, I thought you would like a picture of a group of revellers at our recent Christmas Natter at the Woolpack in Banstead.

Malcolm
I am pleased to say that we now have the final plans for our SURREY RUN, which this year is taking place on Sunday 15th July. The finishing point will be at Chiddingstone Castle, Edenbridge in Kent.

We have negotiated a good deal, and I am pleased to say that the “all in price” will remain fixed at just £20 for the 2018 Run package including entry for driver and passenger to the Castle.

Although we change the finish venue of the Run in order to give an element of variety each year, we always start at Bocketts Farm near Leatherhead. As you all know, this arrangement is very convenient because Bocketts provide all the essential facilities that we require such as ample parking space, loos and the vital breakfast. I am pleased to say that this arrangement is in place for 2018. The route will once again be planned by Foggy and will cover a distance of about 65 miles.

You may have noticed that this event is already mentioned in last months “Enjoying MG” under the “NEWS BEAT” section and currently in “Forthcoming Events”. Details and a booking form can also be found on our Epsom web page. I have added a booking form at the end of this article for members as I am sure it will be a great day.

NIGEL

SURREY RUN BOOKING FORM
Return with stamped addressed envelope to;
Pat Watson 47 Newlands Way, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2RW.
Tel 020 8397 2008  email patricia@watsonkt9.f9.co.uk

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I have provisionally reserved 25 spaces for Epsom members on the top lawns at Arundel Castle for the annual gathering on Sunday 15th April 2018. I would be pleased to know which members are planning to come so I can confirm these spaces. Speaking recently with Andy Harris, Area Secretary at Chichester who organises this event, he anticipates the same number of MGs again this year, possibly more, so even more reason to allocate the spaces.

Advertising has commenced for our SURREY RUN 2018 which is taking place on Sunday 15th July starting at Bocketts Farm, Leatherhead, and finishing at Chiddingstone Castle, Edenbridge, Kent. Members are advised to book early, there is an application form on our website, in this newsletter, or from Nigel Swann or myself.

I have been asked by Marion Rose to inform all members about a Charity Classic Car Run on Sunday 22nd April, which is being organised by the Rotary Club of Croydon Jubilee, the run starts at Denbies Wine Estate and finishes at Goodwood Motor Circuit, cost is £45 per car. Contact Dhiraj@dsandco.com or croydonjubilee@virginmedia.com for an application form.

There are many other car events for members to take part in. Briefly, these are:

Sunday 11th February 2018 - MG and Triumph Show, Stoneleigh.
Sunday 18th February 2018 - Valentines Treasure Hunt.
Sunday 8th April 2018 – MG ERA DAY – Brooklands Museum.
Monday 7th May 2018 – Beddington Park May Fayre – Club Stand.
Saturday 12th May 2018 – Victor Seymour Infants School – Classic Car Show.
Sunday 24th June 2018 – Hanworth Classic Car Show – Bushy Park – Club Stand

I was able to find a suitable joke this month, so here go:-

A farmer goes out to his field one morning only to find his entire herd of cows frozen solid. As far as the eye can see are cows, motionless like statues. It had been a bitterly cold night, but he'd never thought anything like this would happen. The realization of the situation then dawned on him. With his entire livestock gone, how would he make ends meet? How would he feed his wife and kids? How would he pay the mortgage? He sat with his head in his hands, trying to come to terms with his impending poverty. Just then, an elderly woman walked by, 'What's the matter?' asked the old lady. The farmer gestured toward the frozen cows and explained his predicament to the woman. Without hesitation, the old woman smiled and began to rub one of the cows' noses. After a few seconds, the cow began to twitch and was soon back to normal and chewing the cud. One by one, the old woman defrosted the cows until the whole field was full of healthy animals. The farmer was delighted and asked the woman what she wanted as a repayment for her deed. She declined his offer and walked off across the field. A passer-by who had witnessed the whole thing approached the farmer. 'You know who that was don't you?' asked the passer-by.

No' said the farmer 'who is she?' (Wait for it)

That was Thora Hurd.'

That is more than enough for this month!

Kind regards Bryan and Piggy
MG & Triumph Show at Stoneleigh Exhibition Centre Warwickshire – Sunday 11th February 2018

This event is a good opportunity to meet old friends and to find those elusive spare parts from various club stands along with specialist traders and cars for sale etc.

Hunt the Valentine Run – Sunday 18 February 2018

This year once again we are joining forces with the SE Centre of the MG Car Club. This is a good opportunity to dust down your car and partake with your valentine in some light-hearted fun in and around Surrey. The run will start this year at “The Pheasant” Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7BG on the A25 west of Reigate at 10.00am for departure at 10.30am. Coffee and toilets are available. The run will finish at “The Plough” at Leigh, Reigate, Surrey RH2 8NJ where lunch will be available from 12.15pm onwards. Tin tops acceptable on this event! Names and lunch numbers to me, Derek Edwards, prior to the event please – 01737 765 891

Isle of Wight Tour – 4th – 7th May 2018

Looking further ahead to this year’s events it is planned to visit the Isle of Wight over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend. This has proved to be very popular. Entry forms are available. Those interested should speak to me, Derek Edwards, at the next meeting or by phone on 01737 765 891.

European Event of the Year 2018 – Flims, Switzerland – 8th – 12th August 2018

This year’s European Event of the Year is being organised by the Swiss MG Car Club and will be held in Flims, Switzerland. Some of our members are taking part in this event which is now fully subscribed. However, if interested in joining, there is a potential reserve list, website information can be found at www.mgcc.ch.

Happy Motoring
Derek Edwards
So what does ‘Regalia’ mean to you?

Is it something you’ll be wearing to Harry and Meghan’s wedding (if invited) or then again, is it something to bring you closer to the club you love?

And if it’s the latter, what sort of items would appeal to you?

I’m Tony Pearse and I recently volunteered to take over the Regalia Secretary role. I’ve been a member of Epsom MGOC since 2013 and like many of you, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed meeting fellow MG’ers on club nights as well as taking part in club runs and weekends away - when my car allowed me – but that’s another story!

Thinking about Regalia – the club in the past have offered clothing items like fleece jackets, tee-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, gilets, sweaters, caps, mascot bears (all of course with the distinctive Epsom MGOC logo) but are there other things the club could offer that you’d be interested in purchasing?

What about hoodies, rugby shirts, scarves and hats (not just the standard baseball cap)? Away from clothing – we could offer mugs, egg cups, pens, bottle openers, small MG notepads …..

If members would be interested in any of the above (or have any other suggestions) please feel free to speak to me at a club meeting or get in touch with me by e-mail at: anthony2444@tiscali.co.uk and I’ll be pleased to research sources and get an idea of cost.

I am currently looking at suppliers to see what sort of club regalia items are available out there and hope to report back on this in due course.

In conclusion I would add that I have inherited some regalia stock – namely:

- 250 ml bottles Castrol Valvemaster Plus lead replacement petrol additive (£10 each)
- Key rings (£2)
- Batteries (size 2032) for car remote controls & clocks (£1.50)
- Epsom MGOC car windsreen stickers (free)

If anybody is interested in purchasing any of the above, please let me know.

Tony Pearse
THANK YOU LETTER

St Raphael's HOSPICE

Mr E Michaels - Chairman
Epsom Area MG Owner’s Club
Farnham
Rectory Lane
Wokingah
Surrey
SM6 8DX

18 January 2018
Our Ref: 177109

Dear Eric and all the members of the MG Club,

Happy New Year to you all!

I wanted to write to you to say thank you so much for your kind support in helping to raise £2470.00 during the sale of Hospice Christmas cards. The Hospice could not provide the specialist care and support to its patients and their loved ones without the support of clubs like yours. Please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone involved in your fundraising.

St Raphael’s has been there for those with a terminal diagnosis in Sutton and Merton since 1987. We provide end of life care and specialist support to over 1,000 patients and their loved ones each year through our many important services, free of charge. Thank you for enabling us to continue to offer our vital medical and emotional support.

It costs £5.50 to provide a specialist nurse on our In-Patient Ward for one hour. Your gift could provide medical care for someone who needs us.

Because of your generous support, St Raphael’s can continue to be there for our local community. From all the patients, families, staff and volunteers, we thank you for allowing us to be there for those who need our care. It really does mean so much.

Kind regards

Lelia Heard
Community and Events fundraiser
Direct Line: 020 8254 2465
Email: lheard@straphaels.org.uk

St Raphael’s Hospice relies on public support through charitable donations, fundraising and legacies.
For more information about how to support us please visit www.straphaels.org.uk or ring our Fundraising Office on 020 8254 2465.
COME AND MEET US
On the first Thursday of each month, 7.30pm
Times Square Room, Sutton United Football Club
Gander Green Lane, Sutton SM1 2EY

EPSOM AREA MG OWNERS’ CLUB

Not just a car club! We enjoy a varied and interesting social life. Any opportunity to get together to enjoy good food and great company, is the order of the day. The annual membership fee is just £10 per couple.

About us We are a rich mix of over 240 people from many walks of life, all of whom have more than a passing interest in the MG marque. Many of them own superb examples ranging from the late 1920’s to the most recent models on sale today.

Events A full and varied programme of events means that most weeks of the year there is something to do or somewhere to go and members can select the ones that most interest them.

Supporting local Charities Over the years more than £130,000 has been raised by our members. Throughout the Summer, we visit many fêtes and fayres putting on a display of members cars.

Surrey Run Our own major fundraising event that we host in July of each year. This is open to many other MG enthusiasts, involving over 200 cars taking part in a road run through the picturesque areas of Surrey and Sussex, finishing at a place of interest.

Come and join us and share the Epsom experience!

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HOLIDAY HOMES
HUNMANBY, 3 MILES NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST

Grade II listed Cottage: Period features (exposed beams, chalk walls)
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Roger and Helen Bennett – 07818 077258 or mg190plus@aol.com

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION TO LET IN SWANAGE, DORSET

Modern 3 bedroom house near sandy beach and with views of the Purbeck Hills for ideal family holiday.

For more information contact
Sue Swann on 01932 247140 or sueni15@yahoo.co.uk
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