



OCTAGONAL NEWS

June 2021

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Monthly meetings are normally 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

AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH
FINGERS CROSSED FOR JULY

WHAT'S PLANNED

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

JUNE		
Thursday 3	Cancelled	Club Night
JULY		
Thursday 1	TBC – but looking hopeful!	Club Night
Sunday 11		Cotswold Caper info here
Sunday 19 July		Surrey Run to Leonardslee click here to book
Weekend 24-25 July		MGF 25 at British Motor Museum info here
Weekend 30 July		Silverstone Classic www.silverstoneclassic.com
Sunday 22 August		

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNMISSABLE EPSOM MGOE OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE IN RED!

Weekend 13-15 August	MG & Triumph weekend at Malvern info here
Sunday 22 August	Cordles' Run to https://highdowngardens.co.uk/
Sunday 22 August	MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford info here
Sunday 5 September	South Downs Run – West Sussex MGOE book here
Weekend 17-19 September	Goodwood Revival info here
Sunday 26 September	Club Stand at Diamond Riding Centre, Carshalton Beeches. This will be limited to 10 cars – contact Paul Coleman if you would like to attend.
Sunday 17 October	Autumn Leaves Run – this will only take place if able to be safely run
Sunday 5 December	Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY 20 JUNE

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello! I've finally been out all on my own and drove there too! How exciting that we can now meet up and not freeze to death, albeit in limited numbers. Actually, we've had more dogs in the house than people so far! We have also had the excitement of our second jab which was brought forward. There is anecdotal evidence, which is being researched more at the moment, that having your Covid jab eases the effects of Long Covid. It certainly seems to be helping me and I am having more good days than bad now – hurrah. I would like to offer another huge thank you to the NHS and to the Mary Frances Trust for all the amazing support and resources I have been lucky enough to benefit from.

You will see from What's Planned that there is the very exciting news that Richard and Linda Cordle are planning their annual run from The Pheasant at Buckland to Highdown Gardens near Worthing. We have been there before, but the gardens have been much improved and, of course, the run is one of the highlights of our Calendar. I will put in more next month when we have a better idea about the lifting of restrictions.

I can't wait for the weather to improve. According to BBC Weather up until the time of writing this there has been only a single day in May where the temperature has been over 20° as opposed to 2020 when there had been 20 days! I said to Tom the other night "this must be what it's like living in Greenock". His answer was an affirmative!! So, on to the summer and hoping we can all meet up soon.



SOCIAL SCENE

I hope you are all well and that we can meet up before too long, but I do finally have an event to pencil in:

I wondered if members would be interested in attending the Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel on 5th December at 6pm. The Royal Military Chapel, or the Guards Chapel as it is generally known, stands in Birdcage Walk, London, and is the spiritual home of the Household Division. The original chapel was destroyed by a flying bomb in 1944 so the chapel was rebuilt in 1963. Inside, you may see the commemorations to service staff from different regiments who lost their lives in past battles, you can also view their Colours; those used for Ceremonial purposes; and those which have seen active service.

The Carol Service lasts about an hour and will be followed by the Band of the Household Division playing music outside. Tickets are limited and cost £2 per person. Please [email me](#) or ring and if I am out leave a message ASAP if you would like to come. I will collect the monies when we meet (hopefully soon).

I will also be planning a London guided walk, as soon as we can hold this.

Thank you for continuing to send me your excellent ideas for possible future outings, I will be following these up as the venues open up and I hope I can arrange some events in the near future.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Covid 19

We held a committee meeting on 19 May, our first since March 2020. If the further easing of Covid 19 restrictions is confirmed on 21 June, and subject to Sutton United Football being geared up to re-open, it is, therefore, hopeful that we could hold our first monthly meeting since lockdown in March 2020 on Thursday, 1 July. Until then we have not planned any meetings, natters or events before the Annual Surry Run on Sunday 18 July, when we could have over 200 MGs taking part.

With the hope that the further easing of restrictions is confirmed we can start to make plans for a programme of meetings, natters and events but, to do that, we wish to fill the current vacancies on the Committee, Area Secretary, Car Events Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter. Please do give consideration to serving on the Committee so that we are able to organise the wide range of events members have been used to and get our MGs back on the road.

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

We continue to make progress on 2021 membership, even at this late stage, and at the time of writing 98 renewals have been received. Only 13 memberships have not renewed from 2020. Our Life membership continues at 25 and, therefore, taking into account Joint memberships, our total numbers are around 250. These figures continue to show the support for our Club and thank you to all our Members for their continued support.

Application forms for renewals or new memberships can be found on the club website www.epsommgoc.org.uk or by contacting me at mrmrchilds9@gmail.com to obtain a form.

Malcolm

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

2021 Committee

Following on from my note last month asking for support to your 9 present members, we have had no takers as yet! However, do come forward if you think you can help the Committee as it will be welcome. The Committee held its first proper Meeting on Wednesday 19th May at Sutton United FC and let us hope that now we have started again these continue.

Club Nights

As advised previously we are not yet in a position to commence our regular Club Nights, but we are hopeful that Thursday 1st July remains a possible starting date. We will have a further Committee Meeting in mid-June and will await the Government review on Monday 21st June with interest. We are, of course, dependent on what regulations are laid down by Sutton United FC but as I am the nominated Covid-19 Officer for links to them, I hope that the use of the Main Lounge will be satisfactory, for our Members and for the SUFC staff.

Our July Newsletters will reach Members before 1st July with detailed information and our website will be updated.

Club Events/Runs

The Committee have decided to cancel this year's Mothballs Run, but as we hope The Surrey Run will go ahead on 18th July we will soon be back into a programme of events. Richard and Linda Cordle have booked provisionally, for their Annual Fun Run to take place on Sunday 22nd August to Highdown Gardens and The Autumn Leaves Run is pencilled in for Sunday 17th October.

As many Members will attend The South Downs Run on Sunday 5th September, there are a number of good outings for cars coming up.

Concerning the Surrey Run please note this will be a pre-booked event and as numbers of entrants are already high please complete your booking as soon as possible. Details are further on in the newsletter.

It is hoped we will be able to have a Club Stand at the Diamond Riding Centre, Carshalton Beeches, on Sunday 26th September. We can only take 10 cars on the day and if you would like to attend, please contact Paul Coleman.

Other Information

Do remember that if any Members need to borrow one of the Club Flags these are held by myself or Paul Coleman, so do contact us if you wish to promote the Club.

As the scribe for "Enjoying MG" I will be highlighting for the July issue that The Surrey Run is a pre-booked event and we will request people to bring Masks for this event, just in case!

Finally, I hope some of you will already have seen the great news that Sutton United FC have achieved their goal of reaching the Football League and are Champions of the National League. They will go up into Division Two next season for the first time in their 123 year history. In case you missed the news you can read about it [here](#).

Malcolm (Membership Secretary) and acting Area Secretary

SURREY RUN 2021

Well, here we are at the beginning of June with just a few weeks to go before our first major event of the year, the 20th anniversary of our **SURREY RUN** due to take place on the **18th JULY** with the finish venue at **LEONARDSLEE LAKES and GARDENS** near Horsham in West Sussex.

Due to COVID, the journey since our last Run in 2019 has certainly been a challenge, but fortunately we have continued to promote the event. If all goes well with the Government plans on 21st June, and everyone having been so restricted in the use of their MGs for over a year, we are well positioned for a successful day. As I explained in previous articles, at the point last year when we unfortunately had to postpone the Run, we already had 91 enthusiasts registered to take part. With our event still on the horizon, the recent activity in interest and registrations has been amazing to such an extent that I am now having to consider a cut off in the numbers as we will soon be overwhelmed. So my urgent message to you all is that if you are thinking of taking part and have not yet booked then use the form below and send it in quickly as the last thing in the world I want to do is to turn away our own members.



The next point that I would like to make is that, if the new Indian B1617.2 variant of the virus does not change the Government plans for a significant relaxation in COVID precautions, I still feel that we should all act responsibly. Most of what you will see at Leonardslee is outside but I suggest that you all take a mask as there is a building containing the dolls house and it would be a shame to miss this if there were still a few restrictions. We will be continuing with all precautions including parking, providing surface cleaning material, hand sanitisers and face masks (full face for registration helpers) for all the marshals involved on the day. We are even giving away a free 20th anniversary Epsom Area pen to all participants to be used when signing the indemnity form at the beginning.

The other good news is that I have is that we have a new Official Sponsor for this event. The main dealer RICHMOND MG at Guildford will be in attendance at Leonardslee with a display of their exciting new range of cars including both hybrid and fully electric versions.

I will give you a final update next month but in the meantime details of all our Club activities can be found on our website www.epsommgoc.org.uk.

Do all keep safe NIGEL.

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SURREY RUN BOOKING FORM

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Email

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REGALIA

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CLOTHING		
	FRUIT OF THE LOOM HOODIES £25	
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	WOMENS GILDAN V-NECK TSHIRTS £12.50	
	V-neck premium (GD91) Size: 8-10/12-14/14-16/16-18 (S/M/L/XL/XXL) Colours: Azalea, black, Cornsilk, Heliconia, light blue, navy, red, royal blue, sapphire blue, sport grey, white	
	CAPS £12.50	
	BEECHFIELD (BB58) heavy cotton drill with stitched ventilation eyelets, pre-curved peak, fabric strap with tri-glide buckle. Colour: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red, French navy, light grey, natural and white	

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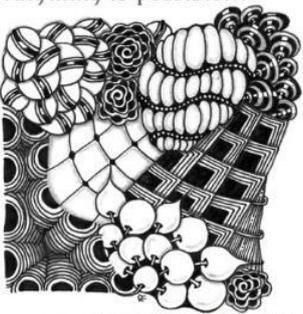
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They can also be sent directly to Canine Partners – there is more information here:

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

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