



# OCTAGONAL NEWS

July 2021

## THE NEXT GENERATION OF PETROL HEADS!



This is member John Spaul and his lovely grandchildren

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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

JULY		
Thursday 1	Cancelled	Club Night
Sunday 11		Cotswold Caper <a href="#">info here</a>
Sunday 19 July		Surrey Run to Leonardslee – sold out
Weekend 24-25 July		MGF 25 at British Motor Museum <a href="#">info here</a>
Weekend 30 July		Silverstone Classic <a href="http://www.silverstoneclassic.com">www.silverstoneclassic.com</a>
AUGUST		
Thursday 5	7.30pm	TBC but fingers crossed! Club Night
Weekend 13-15		MG & Triumph weekend at Malvern <a href="#">info here</a>
Sunday 22	Leave from 9.30 am	Cordles' Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG at Buckland to <a href="https://highdowngardens.co.uk/">https://highdowngardens.co.uk/</a>
Sunday 22		MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford <a href="#">info here</a>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5 September	<b>UNMISSABLE EPSOM MGOE OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE IN RED!</b>
Weekend 17-19 September	South Downs Run – West Sussex MGOE <a href="#">book here</a>
Sunday 26 September	Goodwood Revival <a href="#">info here</a>
<b>Sunday 17 October</b>	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 5 December	<b>Autumn Leaves Run – this will only take place if able to be safely run</b>
	Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel

*All events are undertaken at Members' own risk*

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY 25 JULY

Send any entries or photos to [kimshros@gmail.com](mailto:kimshros@gmail.com)

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# EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello! Disappointing news, although not unsurprising, that the current restrictions have been extended until July 19<sup>th</sup>. To be honest, it doesn't seem to have affected us much, things do feel slightly more free now and Tom and I actually had a coffee out in Epsom at the weekend and I'm off to Wisley this week.

As you will see later in the newsletter, the July meeting is, naturally, cancelled but we are looking forward to August. More importantly, the Surrey Run will go ahead with Covid precautions in place but these will mean there will be no photo-taking this year, although it won't make that much difference as most of you are way too mean to actually buy a photo!!

As I write this, England have just gone through the final 16 of the delayed Euros and Scotland have been knocked out so there is grumpiness in our house! I have been loving the football – I so don't get the people moaning about it on Facebook, my TV has over 100 channels and the football is only on 2 – what a shame there's don't have the same!!!

Anyway, it will be fab to see you all at the Surrey Run and introduce you to the bonkers Cleo as Leonardslee is dog friendly!



## SOCIAL SCENE

Nothing to add this week so I will just repeat last month's entry – don't miss out as I am selling Carol Service tickets already!

I wondered if members would be interested in attending the Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel on 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monthly Meetings

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions being put back by four weeks, the resumption of monthly meetings planned for the 1st July has had to be cancelled. It is hoped that restrictions will be lifted so that we can meet on Thursday, 5th August.

### Surrey Run 2021

The one bit of good news is that the postponed Surrey Run to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens will go ahead on Sunday 18th July, leaving from Bocketts Farm. Nigel Swann, our special events organiser, has done an excellent job in his detailed planning of the event by writing a comprehensive risk assessment document covering all areas of the Covid 19 rules which meet the MGOC Public Liability Insurance for the event. There are 200 MGs participating in the event, so let us hope that the weather behaves itself and we have a fine day.

### 2021 Committee

As yet, there have been no volunteers putting themselves forward to serve on the 2021 committee. We do need fill the current vacancies, as it will be very difficult to organise the wide range of events members are used to experience throughout the year.

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

# MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am pleased to report that we have broken the 100 barrier for renewals in 2021 as we now have 101 renewals. Thank you to all those who have renewed, and we appear to have lost only 12 Memberships in this Covid-19 period.

I am pleased to welcome John Moody as a new member, this month, he is the proud owner of two MGB GT V8s in good condition and he lives in Sanderstead.

Application forms for renewals or new memberships can be found on the club website [www.epsommgoc.org.uk](http://www.epsommgoc.org.uk) or by contacting me at [mrmrchilds9@gmail.com](mailto:mrmrchilds9@gmail.com) to obtain a form.

Malcolm

# SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

## Club Nights

Regrettably, following the extension of Government restrictions, the Club will not be able to meet on Thursday 1st July at Gander Green Lane. We hope that the further review on 19th July will allow the August Meeting on Thursday 5th August to proceed but do keep an eye on the Club website [www.epsommgoc.org.uk](http://www.epsommgoc.org.uk) to keep up to date on the situation. The August Newsletter should get to you in time to check on this date.

## 2021 Committee

As things stand, we have still not received any members offering to assist the Committee and, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, members should understand the excellent work that is being undertaken by your Committee to ensure we keep going to the best of our ability. However, should you feel able to provide support to the Committee please contact me to find out more.

## Club Events/Runs

The Club has decided to proceed with the Surrey Run on Sunday 18th July, with the event operating under Covid-19 restrictions. It is due to the intense work carried out by Nigel Swann that we are able to proceed and I am sure all members will wish me to thank Nigel for his efforts. Nigel will explain more in his piece on the Run. Please note this event is now fully booked but if any Members feel they can assist the Club on the day do contact Nigel to discuss.

In addition to this event we still have the Cordles' Run to look forward to on Sunday 22nd August and we are aiming to hold our Autumn Leaves Run on Sunday 17th October.

Spaces for our stand at the Diamond Riding Centre are filling up fast, so do let Paul Coleman know if you want to come. This event is on 26th September.

All events are subject to whatever restrictions that may be in place due to Covid-19.

## Other Information

Following a request from Sam Dawson of Classic Car Magazine, the Club was pleased to assist by providing a MGF car for a photo shoot on "1990 Sports Cars" Thursday 10th June. We were approached late on the previous Monday and my thanks go to all 6 Members who responded to my request for assistance. Frank Clemmey and Mark Brown were able to help.

Ground improvements continue at Gander Green Lane for Sutton United's entrance into Division 2 of the Football League and I will keep Members abreast of the situation if there is a need to review our Club dates in the future.

Malcolm (Acting Secretary)

# SURREY RUN 2021

Following a number of challenges during the past year, we are now just days away from our major charity fund raising event SURREY RUN 2021 on the 18th July. We have had a very positive response from MG enthusiasts such that, with over 200 cars registered, the event is now fully booked to those outside our own Epsom Club. I did have a forlorn hope that by the 21st June the COVID-19 restrictions would have eased - although my intention has always been to protect everyone in our care, an official easement would have made life simpler. As you are all aware, as a result of the new and dreaded Delta variant, Boris has now announced a delay to the Roadmap plans until the 19th, the very day after our event. I do believe that he has made the correct decision, so we now have to work within the present guidelines. The plans that we have at Leonardslee are fine, but we will have to modify arrangements at Bocketts Farm with particular reference to the distancing of groups to keep within the guideline numbers at the registration points.



By now you should have received an email or letter explaining how the registration procedure will operate. This document will contain two important sections: the first section has all the usual motoring indemnity details that you have signed in past years, but it will also contain a section relating to all the COVID precautions that we are all used to by now and which will apply during this event. Please ensure that you read this prior to arriving on the morning of 18th July to sign in. You will also be given a half hour band of arrival time at Bocketts Farm, which is important. The second section will contain a tear off area to be displayed in your windscreen on arrival at Bocketts Farm indicating your unique entry number and the colour of your registration point (RED, GREEN, BLUE or WHITE GAZEBO). These plans will assist our marshals to guide you efficiently on the day.

Foggy has, once again, planned a picturesque route of about 62 miles to Leonardslee which should take you about 2½ hours. Once you have registered and made yourselves comfortable, we ask that you leave promptly in order to limit congestion for others following in the next time slot.

We have been planning this event for almost two years and I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during these difficult times. I look forward to life returning to something near normal in the not too far distant future. In the mean time I am sure that we will have a great day on the 18th July.

My very best regards to you all

Nigel

# CORDLES' RUN

On Sunday 22nd August our annual event will be leading you through the lanes of Surrey and Sussex. We will start from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG and end up at Highdown Chalk Gardens near Worthing. We visited these gardens in 2010, but unfortunately the weather was very poor, and we ended up picnicking under umbrellas.



There will be our regular fun quiz for you to complete en-route, if you so wish. On arrival there is a large grass overflow car park where we can have our traditional picnic, with views across the countryside towards Worthing and the channel. For the more energetic there is a lovely walk up to the Top of Highdown Hill, via the Millers Tomb, and the earthwork remains of a roman fort.

The 8.5 acres of Gardens were created out of an old chalk pit overlooking the South Downs, where there was little soil and very unfavourable conditions for plant growth. The Chalk Garden at Highdown is the achievement of Sir Frederick and Lady Stern who worked for 50 years to prove that plants would grow on chalk. This was during a period when many expeditions were going out to China and the Himalayan regions collecting rare and beautiful plants. Many of the original plants from the early collections can still be seen in the Gardens today, particularly plants collected by two pioneering botanists Reginald Farrer and Ernest Henry Wilson. The gardens were closed for 18 months to enable an extensive million pound project improving the gardens, walkways and visitors centre, and only reopened in May.

We are hopeful that the gardens will be fully opened by this date without any restrictions or requirement to book places, but even if there is limited access, subject to government advice we will still hold the run, as the facilities, tea rooms and picnic area are all outside the gardens.

There is no charge to enter the gardens, although they do greatly appreciate any donations you wish to make towards the upkeep

The starting point of the run is again at The Pheasant on the Reigate Road (A25) at Betchworth. Toilets, coffee and refreshments are available at the pub. We hope you will be able to join us. Cars will be leaving Reigate from 9.30 am onwards.

<https://www.highdowngardens.co.uk>



# 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](mailto:anthony2444@tiscali.co.uk) or hand it to Tony at a Club Nights.

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	<b>FRUIT OF THE LOOM HOODIES £25</b>	
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	<b>FRUIT OF THE LOOM POLO SHIRTS £15</b>	
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	<b>WOMENS GILDAN V-NECK TSHIRTS £12.50</b>	
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	<b>CAPS £12.50</b>	
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# ADS

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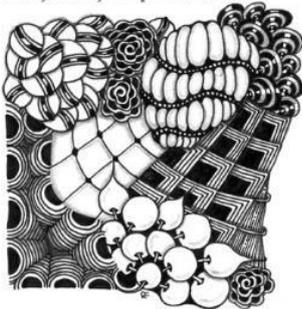
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<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

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