



OCTAGONAL NEWS

October 2021

OUT AND ABOUT AT LAST



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EVENTS

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 monthly meetings and events resume, please do not feel any pressure to attend - there will be a packed programme to look forward to in 2022! At the moment, we know that some members will choose to wear masks, particularly indoors, and we would ask that if members feel comfortable taking a lateral flow test on the day of any event this would be appreciated.

WHAT'S PLANNED

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

OCTOBER		
Thursday 7	7.30pm	Club Night – Climate Change talk by Nigel Swann
Wednesday 13	From 6.30pm	Natter at The Blue Ball, Walton-on-the-Hill, KT20 7UE <i>To book contact Nigel Taylor</i>
Wednesday 20	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Cock Inn, Church Lane, Headley, KT18 6LE <i>To book contact Nigel Taylor</i>
Sunday 17	Leave from 9.30 am	Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to The Plough, Church Road, Leigh RH2 8NJ <i>Book lunch on day or contact Malcolm Childs</i>
NOVEMBER		
Thursday 4	7.30pm	Club Night – Photo Quiz
Saturday 6	10.45 for 11am	London Walk from Trafalgar Square. Meet at Nelsons Column <i>To book contact Margaret Billinge</i>
Thursday 11	From 6.30pm	Natter at The Red Lion & Cellar Room, Old Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DS <i>To book contact Nigel Taylor</i>
Weekend 12-14		National Classic Motor Show at Birmingham NEC. Info here
Wednesday 17	12.30pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7BG <i>To book contact Nigel Taylor</i>
DECEMBER		
Thursday 2	7.30pm	Club Night – Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Sunday 5	Seats by 5.45 pm	Household Division Carol Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ - <i>Contact Margaret Billinge</i>
Wednesday 8	12.30pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Skimmington Castle, Bonnys Road, Reigate, RH2 8RL <i>Contact Nigel Taylor</i>
Thursday 16	7pm	Christmas Natter at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead, SM7 2NZ <i>Contact Nigel Taylor</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

Saturday 22 January	Dinner/Dance and Annual Awards at Kingswood Golf Club
Sunday 23 January	MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford International Centre – click here for details
Sunday 30 January	Mothballs Run
Sunday 4 September	South Downs Run

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello from our caravan somewhere in the countryside! Tom, Teddy, Cleo and I have escaped for a couple of weeks of sitting in a field, combined with long walks and, hopefully, the odd pub or two. We are looking forward to our first trip away since restrictions have been relaxed and have fingers crossed for not too much autumn rain!

I had a busy last few weeks, some of you may have read that Epsom Canine Rescue were having a stall and dog show and we raised over £3,000 – amazing!

Something which might interest followers of the history of our club: our early meetings were in the Amato in Epsom and some of you may know, the Amato was named after the winner of the 1883 Derby. As part of Heritage Open Days this year, Tom and I visited Durdans Riding Stables in Epsom. We were able to see inside the Grade II* listed Indoor Riding School which was built in 1881 and is possibly the last one still in equestrian use and would, no doubt, have been trodden by Amato. We were also able to walk in the grounds to view the graves of several previous Derby winners, including Amato's. You can read more about Amato [here](#) with the interesting note that Amato had little success as a stud – so no baby Amatos then!



See you in November!

SOCIAL SCENE

Saturday 6th November - Epsom MGOCLondon Walk with guides Marion Clarke and John Morgan. We will meet at Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square at 10.45 for 11am start and the walk lasts about 2 hours. The cost is £10 per person. The walk will take in some of the surrounding areas and relevant history near the Guard's Chapel and Birdcage Walk.

Sunday 5th December - visit to the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk London SW1E6HQ and attendance at the Household Division Carol Service which starts at 6pm (please be seated by 5.45pm). The cost is only £2 per person. Seating is unallocated. I will be there at 5.30pm.

2022 Future events (dates to be advised)

- February - Skittles and buffet at the Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart
- March - Visit to the RAF Museum, Hendon
- April - Sunday lunch and live music at the Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart

Happy socialising, Margaret

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

It was good to be back after 18 months and see so many of you at the September Monthly Meeting.

Dinner Dance and Annual Awards

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of the Dinner Dance and Annual Awards with a slip to be filled out with your menu choices. The event is again being held at Kingswood Golf and Country Club and, if you book for the Dinner Dance and wish to stay at The Lodge overnight, you should ring 01737 832188 as soon as possible, tell them that you are attending the Dinner Dance and you will receive a discount.

Regalia

We produced some Club pens for the Surrey run and members can now buy these from the Regalia pages in this newsletter for only £1 each.

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Following on from our first Club Night, I am pleased to report that our total membership has now risen to 131 subscriptions for 2021. Welcome back to the Boxalls and 2 new memberships.

Firstly, welcome to Alan and Sue Izod from Epsom who have a 1971 MGB Roadster in green in very good condition. Alan is fitting a V8 into this car. Secondly, Andrew Guest from SW15 who has a Stage 2 engine in his 1971 MGB Roadster in Bedouin in excellent condition. Welcome to you all.

The Committee has decided to reinstate the £10 Membership Fee for 2022 and I will place a 2022 membership application form in the December Newsletter and then through until March 2022. Application forms for renewals or new memberships can also 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

Club Nights

It was so good to see 67 Members at our first Club Night for 18 months and thanks to all those who came and allowing the Committee to bring people up to date and how we hope to go forward. Our follow-up Committee Meeting has allowed us to look at our programme of events and you can read about these in this Newsletter and over the coming months.

Tonight, we are having a talk on Climate Change and this will include much about cars. Nigel Swann, who has worked in this area for many years will be presenting the talk.

In November Kim has kindly agreed to do a Photo Quiz and December will see the return of our Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Evening.

We do understand that some Members are wary of returning to the Club but the procedures laid down by Sutton United FC and ourselves seemed to work well.

2021 Committee

I am delighted that Adam Domaingue has stepped forward to take on the role of Website Coordinator and Facebook Champion and we were pleased that he could join us for our September Committee Meeting. I am aware that, although no other members have stepped forward to the other Committee roles, some members are kindly assisting with upcoming events, so my thanks go to them.

Club Events/Runs

- Congratulations to Allan and Diane Pratt on winning the Cordles' Run Treasure Hunt in August.
- September has been a busy month with members attending both the South Downs Run on Sunday 5th and the MCCC SE Autumn Gathering at Lullingstone Castle on Sunday 19th.
- On Sunday 17th October, we will be holding our Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG to The Plough at Church Road, Leigh RH2 8NJ. The route of around 35 miles will take us through the Surrey lanes and a pub lunch will await those who wish to join us at the end point of The Plough. Please let me know before the event (if possible) or on the day if you are having lunch as I need to advise The Plough in advance how many will attend. The start point of The Pheasant will be open for coffee, bacon rolls and other breakfast items from 9.15am and we have to leave there at the latest by 10.45am to allow the ideal length of time for a leisurely run!
- Weekend 12/14 November is the National Classic Car Show at Birmingham International, the biggest in the UK.
- Our Chairman will have covered off our Dinner/Dance on Saturday 22nd January 2022 and the following day, 23rd January, is the MG & Triumph Spares Day at Telford International in Shropshire.
- Sunday 30th January will be our first run of 2022 with a gentle trip out to a pub for lunch, starting at The Pheasant at Buckland.

Finally, our MG TD has enjoyed a lovely September with its owners having undertaken, The South Downs Run, A 4 Day "T" Register weekend in the Malvern Hills, Goodwood Revival, Lullingstone Castle and the Club Stand at the Diamond Riding Centre. Well done that car over 850 Miles in one month!

Malcolm (Acting Secretary)

NATTERS NEWS

It is great to be able to restart our Natters now restrictions have eased. If you've never attended a Natter before, they are simply an informal way for us to get together for a chat and a bite to eat at a local pub. You do need, please, to book either by calling me on 07584 575 695 or emailing nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com.

Here is a list of planned Natters for the rest of 2021, I have scheduled both lunchtime and evening natters, please feel free to join us on any (or all!) of the dates.

Wednesday 13 October – from 6.30pm at The Blue Ball, Walton-on-the-Hill, KT20 7UE

Wednesday 20 October - 12.30pm at The Cock Inn, Church Lane, Headley, KT18 6LE

Thursday 11 November – from 6.30pm at The Red Lion & Cellar Room, Old Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DS

Wednesday 17 November - 12.30pm at The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland, Betchworth, RH3 7BG

Wednesday 8 December - 12.30pm at The Skimmington Castle, Bonnys Road, Reigate, RH2 8RL

Christmas Natter

This will be on Thursday 16 December at 7pm at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead, SM7 2NZ. Menu choices must be made in advance, together with a £10 non-refundable deposit per person being paid. Please let me know by the 4th December if you wish to attend.

We also have a WhatsApp group for impromptu natters, when we get together for a coffee at a local garden centre or cafe. If any member is interested in joining the group, email me on nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com and I will add you to the group.

Happy nattering! Nigel T

FUEL CHANGES

We wrote last month about fuel changes. Not sure what is happening where you are but the E5 fuel does not appear to be a "little bit" more expensive where the Editor lives in Langley Vale 😊

Kevin Watson messaged us to tell us he has found a "definitive" E10 compatibility table for modern MGs (built from 2007) at <https://mg.co.uk/owners/tips/fuel-oil/>.

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](#).

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS

Saturday 22 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 6.45 for 7.15pm, with carriages at midnight. Members, 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 remains at £35 per head.

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
Sundried tomato tapenade with prawns, pearl couscous and lime yogurt dressing
Roasted root vegetable soup with pesto drizzle
Main Courses
Tender beef brisket with horseradish mash, roasted carrots, fine beans, and confit of onion sauce
Lemon and garlic roasted salmon with dauphinoise potatoes, baby carrots, fine beans and tomato basil sauce
Cauliflower and chickpea roulade with gratin potato, baby carrots and tomato basil sauce (v)
Desserts
Chocolate and caramel tart with vanilla ice cream
Apple and frangipane tart with strawberry ice cream
Cheese and biscuits
Freshly brewed tea and coffee

Please make your menu choices on the below slip. Payment of £35 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 2046656, Sort code Sort Code 20-24-61 and put Dinner/Dance as the reference.

Hand the slip to Paul Colman at a monthly meeting, email your choices to paablo@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	Prawns/Soup	Beef/Salmon/Vegetarian	Chocolate/Apple/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.

CLOTHING

FRUIT OF THE LOOM HOODIES £25	
	<p>MENS (SS16) Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL Colours: Black, burgundy, olive, deep navy, heather grey, light graphite, red, royal blue</p>
	<p>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.</p>
SWEATSHIRTS £17.50	
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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)</p>
FRUIT OF THE LOOM POLO SHIRTS £15	
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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.</p>
MENS TSHIRTS	
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
WOMENS GILDAN V-NECK TSHIRTS £12.50	
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	

OTHER ITEMS

	MUMBLES BEAR £15	
	METAL KEYRING £1.50	CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo</p> <p>Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo</p>	
	CAR WINDOW STICKERS 50p	
	<p>Not just for the car – why not buy one for home, shed, caravan or camper!</p>	
	PENS £1	
	<p>Wow your friends and family when you sign your autograph with a stylish club pen!</p>	



REGALIA ORDER FORM

NAME:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

ITEM	REFERENCE	SIZE	COLOUR	PRICE
TOTAL TO PAY				

ADS

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FOR SALE

2003 MG TF 135 2003

Monogram Black Olive, Champagne Oxford Leather trim. Colour coded hard top and only one of 16 in this colour in the UK.

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It's a unique car as there were only 38 TFs painted in Monogram Black Olive, 20 of these went to Australia, two were exported to Germany and the remaining 16 were UK cars

Reluctant sale as one of 4 MGs and garage space is needed.

Price £4,150

Contact Dave on 07510 260235 020 8393 4614
davidgi75@icloud.com gills75@talktalk.net



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FOR SALE

Hardtop for MG TF (2004), Nightfire Red in Excellent condition

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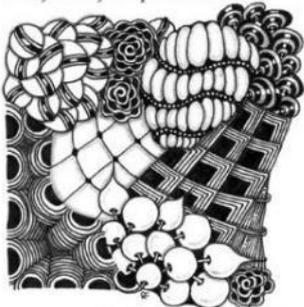
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WANTED - any old fountain pens and related items as I collect them. Mike 07976 204560 or 020 8942 0554

HOLIDAY APARTMENT IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS

Modern 2 bedroomed apartment in a small, very quiet complex (30 apartments) with a communal swimming pool and jacuzzi. For photos & info. see www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/19981868 To book, with MGOE Epsom discount, or for further information please contact **Ian Robinson** on 07973 409 175 or ian.iwr@mail.com

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