



# OCTAGONAL NEWS

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# EVENTS

Click a name or link for more information.

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

SEPTEMBER		
Thursday 7	From 7pm	Club Night – Tabletop Rally
Thursday 14	From 12.15pm	Lunchtime Natter at The Onslow Arms, West Clandon, GU4 7TE <a href="#">Contact Nigel Taylor</a>
Thursday 21	From 7.30pm	Evening natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP
Saturday 24		Club stand - The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton SM5 4DT <a href="#">contact Paul Coleman</a>
Wednesday 27	11am	Visit to Brooklands Museum meet outside entrance ticket office. Contact Tony Briant on 07836 294 245 or email <a href="mailto:tgb.ashcroft@yahoo.co.uk">tgb.ashcroft@yahoo.co.uk</a>
OCTOBER		
Thursday 5	From 7pm	Club Night
Saturday 14	10.45 for 11am	Bloomsbury Walk meet at High Holborn exit from Holborn tube <a href="#">contact Margaret Billinge</a>
Saturday 14		MGOC 50 <sup>th</sup> celebration at Swavesey <a href="#">click here for info</a>
Sunday 29		Autumn Leaves Run
UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS		
Monthly meetings	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> and December 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday 29 October	Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant at Buckland RH3 7BG to the Plough at Leigh RH2 8NJ	
OTHER EVENTS		
Weekend 8-10 Sept	Goodwood Revival	
Saturday 30 September	MG100 at Beaulieu – the Big Birthday Bash <a href="#">click here for info</a>	
Weekend 10-12 November	Classic Car Show at Birmingham NEC. <a href="#">Click for more info</a>	
18-19 May 2024	Car Club MG Centenary Event at Brooklands	

*All events are undertaken at Members' own risk*

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER (early as the Ed is going on holiday!)

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# EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello everyone

Another super-testing set of clues for the Cordles' Run and a great café at the endpoint! Some of you may remember that there was the small matter of a World Cup Final to sort out during the run. Tom and I managed to combine both by getting up early enough to do the run and the clues and then take a sideways diversion to our friend just north of Littlehampton to watch the match accompanied by 6 dogs who seemed strangely disinterested! Quelling our disappointment, we met everyone at Denmans Gardens for a conciliatory walk round and a nice cuppa and cake!

Thank you to everyone who ordered photos, I have done them all and you should have received them. If you haven't, give me a yell.

As I write this (on 29<sup>th</sup> August) the dreaded ULEZ has come into force today. Eric has written a reminder of what you need to do to check if your vehicle, particularly those with historic taxation class, is ULZ compliant or not.

Kim

## SOCIAL SCENE

### **Wednesday 27th September - Visit to Brooklands Museum guided by Tony Briant.**

We will meet outside the entrance ticket office at 11am. Payment to be made AFTER the trip when the numbers are known, and member/volunteer benefits can be applied across the group. Members and volunteers of Brooklands do not need to pay. You are invited to bring your classic MG and park inside the Museum in the Outer Paddock (use the Campbell Gate off Brooklands Rd), but I need to know in advance how many MGs are likely. For non-MG arrivals, use the public car park (via Mercedes Benz World) in the usual way. For anyone wishing to do the "Concorde Experience" (½ hour) there is an additional charge of £6 and you should pre-book a time slot with Brooklands. Food and refreshments are available in the café, or you can bring your own. Any queries, please contact Tony Briant on 07836 294 245 or email: [tgb.ashcroft@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tgb.ashcroft@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Saturday 14th October – 'A stroll through Bloomsbury' Walk with guides Marion and John.**

Cost £15pp. Meet at 10.45 for 11am start at Holborn Tube Station by the High Holborn exit. The route will be in two parts either side of a coffee break.

The Tour will end close to Russell Square Tube Station. For those planning lunch at the end of the walk there are several restaurants in Marchmont Street or the adjacent Brunswick Centre..

### **Other events**

Guided tours of St Paul's Cathedral with guide John Morgan. I will be arranging these tours later in the Autumn, am awaiting dates from John.

I will arrange visits to Charterhouse and also Fulham Palace and the gardens next year.

Please continue to let me have your suggestions for outings. Thank you.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

## MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

I am delighted to report that 2 previous members have rejoined the Club since the last newsletter. They have both had cars off the road and are working to get them running again. Membership has now risen to 111 paid memberships and 26 life memberships.

The Committee have agreed to issue business cards to members as required to highlight the Club and we are working to produce these for those who want them.

Malcolm

# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

## Events

23 cars were on the Cordles Run and everyone seemed to have had a good time and the winners will be announced this evening.

It has been a very busy year to date. The summer has been filled with car and social events and turning into autumn we have the last Club Stand at the Diamond Riding Centre and the forthcoming Autumn Leaves Run.

## New MG Dealership

Dees of Croydon, situated on the Purley Way near to the old airport, have for many years been the largest Ford Dealership in the South. They have now terminated their association with Ford and have become a MG dealership offering sales and servicing. So those members who have bought the new MGs may find that they are nearer to them for all their spares, servicing and new car sales.

## ULEZ

As you will know, the extended ULEZ came into force on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Don't forget that to be exempt, a vehicle over 40 years old must have Historic Vehicle Taxation class. You need to do this via the DVLA.

Further, to make sure that your vehicle is being recognised as ULEZ exempt, you need to set up an account with TFL Autopay. Using the initial checking link on the TFL website may not show your vehicle as being ULEZ exempt. This is the link to do this <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/auto-pay>

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

# SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

We have had a really busy summer, and it isn't over yet. August started with our club night when Malcolm Childs put together an excellent music quiz. My favourite questions were when he played a piece of music that had to be identified, as you could see all the members singing the song to themselves, brains whirring as they tried to cast their minds back a few years.

The club had its first BBQ for a while, organised by Paul & Rita Coleman at Gatwick Aviation Museum. The weather was good to us, and there was a terrific turnout of members. A great day, with plenty of time to chat to other members.

I was unable to attend Cranleigh, although, I have heard we had a lot of members in attendance for an always popular event.

We, of course, had our own Cordles' Run on the 20th to Denmans Gardens. It didn't start too well for us, with Linda unable to attend because of dog sitting, and the MGB letting me down for the second time this year. However, when I turned up at the Pheasant in the ZT, there was a brilliant turn out, especially considering that we clashed with the Womens' World Cup final. Thank you to everyone who attended, a total of 23 cars in all and we hope you enjoyed the route and questions. Winners and answers will be given at the September meeting and will be published in the newsletter next month.

Our September club night is a Tabletop Rally, all the fun of a rally but without the traffic congestion, weather and of course no petrol costs. Our only club stand this month is at The Diamond Riding for the Disabled centre in Carshalton. There are, however, two other big events for September, the Goodwood Revival and MG100 at Beaulieu.

Nigel Taylor has arranged another two natters for the month, one in the evening and one at lunchtime. If you have never been to a Natter, it is worth considering a visit. There is normally a good turnout, although it would be fair to say the lunchtime ones have the bigger attendance. It is a great time to catch up with members, both new and old friends.

Happy Motoring, Richard

# NATTERS NEWS

I'd like to start with a report on the two Natters we had in August, which were the Lunchtime Natter on Thursday 17th at The Mint in Banstead where we had 9 participants get together for a Very Good Natter; and then, on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> we were at The Sportsman in Mogador where we enjoyed an Excellent Natter. We will definitely plan to revisit The Sportsman again very soon.

And now we look forward to our offerings for September with

Lunchtime Natter on Thursday 14th September at The Onslow Arms, West Clandon, GU4 7TE from 12.15pm

and then

Evening Natter on Thursday 21st September at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP commencing at 7.30pm.

Contact me to book on either.

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## EPSOM MGOCS WHATSAPP GROUP

I also run our WhatsApp group which members use to keep in touch and to share information or funnies. Members of the group sometimes even meet up for coffee at a local garden centre or cafe.

If you want to join the WhatsApp Group, please text me on 07584 575695, giving your name(s) email-address and phone number, and I can add you to the group.

# CLUB STAND

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders, Woodmansterne Road SM5 4DT.**

Special note despite the fact I said tea and coffee would be available, it will not be as the proceeds from buying on the day go directly to the Centre (sorry).

We you need to arrive no later than 10.30am as the event is open to the public from 11am-5pm

Please let me know if you wish to attend as space is limited.

Paul

# CAR EVENTS

Following on from a busy July, August has been similar. The first weekend saw the Club hold its barbecue at Gatwick Aircraft Museum and thanks to Paul and his family for their efforts. Weather was kind and a great turnout of Club cars.

Although Marlene and I were away in Spain I know that Cranleigh Car Show had good weather, so I am sure those who went enjoyed the day.

On the 20th the Cordles' Run to Denmans Gardens near Bognor Regis took place and again the weather Gods were smiling. Our thanks to Richard and Linda for another good day out and again a good turnout of cars.

Some of you will have/will be starting September joining West Sussex MGOC on their South Downs Run and the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> sees The Goodwood Revival which is a must for those looking to remember the glory days of the 50s and 60s.

On Sunday 17th the MG Car Club SE Centre are holding their Autumn Meeting at Peshurst Place, near Tonbridge. A booking form is attached to the email with this newsletter and, if you wish to attend, this event is open to Car Club members and non-members.

On Sunday 24th there will be a Club Stand at The Diamond Riding Centre's Autumn Fair at Carshalton Beeches and it will be interesting to see if this is affected by ULEZ.

Lastly, on the 30th the Southern MGOC Clubs Centenary event is at Beaulieu.

In October, our car events start to quieten down as the nights draw-in but the route for the Autumn Leaves Run on Sunday 29th has now been tested and booked with full details available in next month's newsletter. The Run will start from The Pheasant at Buckland RH3 7BG and end at the Plough at Leigh RH2 8NJ for those who wish to enjoy lunch. The route will be around 30 miles. Coffee will be available at the start from 10am and we must be at The Plough, if having lunch, by 1.15pm at the latest.

On 14th October, the MG Owners' Club will be celebrating 50 years of the Club with a 50<sup>th</sup> event, details are below.

In November, the Classic Car Show is on at Birmingham NEC over the weekend of 10th to 12th.

Whatever you are doing in your cars do enjoy them and I hope that ULEZ does not become too much of a burden to our membership.

Malcolm, Membership Secretary

# MGOC 50th EVENT

The MG Owners' Club will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by offering a road run and throwing open the doors of Octagon House, Swavesey on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

This is a free of charge event and you can register your interest in attending on their website. More details can be found by [clicking here](#).



# 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.

## CLOTHING



Now that summer is upon us and we're out and about driving our MGs, why not treat yourself to a cap adorned with our Club logo to keep the sun off your head and keep glare out of your eyes. Great value at only £12.50. Caps come in a range of 8 colours – see the details on the next page.

Our most popular items are still the excellent quality polo shirts in both men's and ladies' fits. Apart from the usual colours these look great in red and orange as you can see here.

**See below for more details**

### 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

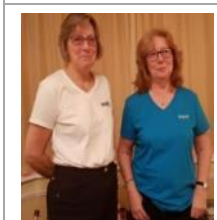
Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, ash, bottle green, burgundy, classic olive, deep navy, light graphite, red, royal blue, zinc, chocolate

#### 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 £25



#### 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

	<b>CAPS £12.50</b>	
<p>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</p>		
	<b>MUMBLES BEAR £15</b>	
<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"> <li>• Jumper: Cream, baby pink, baby blue, navy, white, red</li> <li>• Hoodie: Fuchsia, navy, red, white</li> <li>• T-shirt: Fuchsia, navy, red, white, sublimation white, baby blue, bottle green, burgundy, pink</li> </ul>		
	<b>METAL KEYRING £1.50</b>	<b>CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2</b>
<p>Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo</p> <p>Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo</p>		
	<b>CAR WINDOW STICKERS 50p</b>	
<p>Not just for the car – why not buy one for home, shed, caravan or camper!</p>		
	<b>PENS £1</b>	
<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
<b>TOTAL TO PAY</b>				



# 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](mailto:kimshros@gmail.com) for entry in the next issue. Inclusion of an advert does not indicate Club endorsement

## FOR SALE

Derek Edward's MGA Twin Cam



Complete recommission and now for sale through Stone Cold Classics

[Click here for full details](#)



## FOR SALE

2009 MG TF LE 500 in Intense Blue

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## 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](#).

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