



OCTAGONAL NEWS

December 2023

HAPPY MG CHRISTMAS!



Here's to more out and about in 2024



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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

DECEMBER		
Thursday 2	From 7pm	Club Night – Mince pies and mulled wine (see note below about Derek and Fiona's honey being available at this meeting)
Thursday 14	6.30pm sharp	Christmas natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Malden Rushett, KT22 0DP Booking is essential contact Nigel Taylor
JANUARY		
Thursday 4	From 7pm	Club Night – 2022 News Quiz by Kim
Sunday 21	10am	Mothballs Run – contact Malcolm Childs
Saturday 27		Dinner Dance and Annual Awards – booking information here
UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS		
Thursday 1 February		Monthly meeting – talk about Richmond Park buses by Malcolm
Sunday 25 February		Hunt the Valentine – contact Malcolm Childs
Sunday 14 July		Surrey Run to Rural Life Centre
OTHER EVENTS		
Sunday 11 February 2024		MG & Triumph spares day at Stoneleigh more info here
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 DECEMBER

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

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Fiona and Derek will be bringing their **F&D Honey** along to the Club's December meeting for members to buy.

Ideal for the store cupboard at home or as Christmas gifts, a 454g (1lb) jar of honey will cost £6.

If you wish to reserve any jars please email Fiona on fidowle@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Ted and Sue would like to send their best wishes to all Club Members for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Our charity donation this year is Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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](#).

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello everyone

Firstly, and most importantly, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It will be a bit of different Christmas for us this year but I am looking forward to sharing the day with a huge bar of chocolate, a bottle of red wine and the Strictly Christmas special with two warm terriers beside me! Oh, and I suppose I shall share Christmas dinner with Tom!

As usual I will not be sending Christmas cards but will instead donate to three dog charities which I support – of course, Epsom Canine Rescue but also Hearing Dogs and Support Dogs both of which do fantastic work.

I hope to be able to make the December meeting but, as many of you know, 2024 has been a bit of year of it for me! I shall look forward to starting afresh in 2024 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kim

SOCIAL SCENE

A brief entry this month:

Future events with dates to be arranged in 2024:

- Guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral with guide John Morgan.
- Skittles with hot and cold buffet.
- Visit to and guided tour of Fulham Palace and Garden
- Visit to Churchill's War Rooms - I will select a date to visit and invite members who so wish to join me.

Please continue to let me have your suggestions for future events.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

At the year end memberships paid for 2023 are 140. This includes 26 Life Memberships.

In this month's Newsletter you will find a Membership Form for 2024, to allow those of you who wish to renew your membership in the year ahead. This form will remain in the Newsletter until end of March 2024.

It would help if members could complete these formalities as soon as possible to help the Club know where we are in the Year ahead. Should your details remain unchanged from 2023 all you need to do is pay your membership of £10.00 for the Year and advise me that you have done so. Please use the email on the last page of the newsletter to contact me.

Malcolm

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Derek Edwards

It is with much sadness that I have to tell members that Derek passed away on the 15th November. His obituary can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

December Monthly Meeting

Tonight is a social evening with the annual mulled wine and mince pies on offer.

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, or they can be emailed to Paul Coleman.

The event is again being held at Kingswood Golf and Country Club, our 23rd visit to this venue. If you book for the Dinner Dance and wish to stay at The Lodge overnight, you should ring 01737 832188 as soon as possible and tell them that you are attending the Dinner Dance and you will receive a discount.

2024 Committee Election

We have been a committee member short for the past 2 years. We are seeking a member to take over as the Car Events Secretary. Malcolm Childs has been filling this role and now wishes to step down and continue as Membership Secretary. If you feel that you would like to volunteer to join the 2024 Committee, please give your name to [Richard Cordle](#), Area Secretary, at the monthly meeting or drop him an email.

2024 Charity Donations

If any member wishes to nominate a local charity to be considered for a small donation from the Club, you should submit a written request giving details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. Nominations must be with [Richard Cordle](#), Area Secretary, by the close of the January 2024 monthly meeting.

Christmas and the New Year

The committee would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

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

CAR EVENTS

The Autumn Leaves Run took place on Sunday 29th October and some 52 people attended the day with 42 completing the run and 8 going direct for lunch. Unfortunately, due to very wet weather, it was necessary to reduce the 30-mile route through Surrey to The Plough at Leigh for lunch. We were delighted that Dave and Sue Cornwell were able to join us at the beginning of the Run for coffee, as they are not able to make our monthly meetings. In addition we were pleased to see Harry and Jan Cassars' recently acquired, special, MGC Roadster on the Run.

The Classic Car Show at Birmingham NEC took place over the weekend of 10th to 12th November and there are numerous YouTube Videos available should you wish to see some lovely cars.

Turning to 2024, I can now provide members with the dates for the Mothballs Run and "The Hunt the Valentine" events. These will be on Sundays 21st January and 25th February, respectively. It has been necessary to move the latter event back a week to assist our lunch venue.

The MG and Triumph Spares Day will be at Stoneleigh Arena, Warwickshire on 11th February and tickets are now on sale.

I have received further updates about the Centenary End of Year event on the weekend of 18th-19th May. This is a joint venture between The SE MG Car Club and SE MG Owners Clubs with a series of MG Runs on the Saturday to The Fairmile at Cobham and Brooklands display of MGs on the Sunday. I will be discussing this information with our Committee and will report further in January.

Finally, and importantly, I would like a member to step forward to take on the role of Car Events Secretary in the year ahead. The Committee Nominations and Elections (if required) will be at the January meeting, so if anybody wants to know what is involved please talk to me or contact me on the details at the back of the newsletter.

Malcolm, Membership Secretary

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

The November club night turned out to be very successful. Due to our temporary location in a smaller room, it was decided to hold a bingo night, which Malcolm Childs' skill as Caller turned into an excellent and light-hearted evening.

There were no car events in November, but there were two social events. Linda and I got to the lunchtime meet at The Pheasant in Buckland, and on the 23rd there was an evening natter at the Red Lion & Cellar rooms in Betchworth.

December starts with club night and our Mince Pies and Mulled Wine evening. This is always a popular evening, with a chance to also exchange cards and have a natter, while the committee serve you mulled wine and mince pies. Hope to see a lot of you there. We also have the Christmas natter at The Sta' in Malden Rushett to take us nicely up to Christmas.

Our January club night will be on 4th January; in fact all our Club Nights for 2024 are confirmed as the first Thursday of each month, dates are:

January 4th	February 1st	March 7th	April 4th	May 2nd	June 6th
July 4th	August 1st	September 5th	October 3rd	November 7th	December 5th

2024 Charity Donations - If any member wishes to nominate a local charity to be considered for a donation from the club, please submit a written request giving details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. Please notify me, with your nominations ASAP, but by the close of the January monthly meeting at the absolute latest.



I often mention the work of the committee in the magazine, and we would really love another member to join us. Malcolm would like to surrender one of his posts next year, so we are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to join the committee and look after 'Car Events', this excludes the 'Surrey Run' and Club Stands, which are very well looked after by Nigel Swann and Paul Coleman respectively. If you are interested and would like more information, please speak to me or one of the other committee members.

It's still not too late to attend the Annual Dinner/Dance and Awards evening at Kingswood, so if you haven't signed up already, why don't you come and join us? Details are later in this newsletter.

Happy motoring, Richard



OBITUARY

DEREK EDWARDS

1933-2023

It was with great sadness I received the news that Derek passed away on 15th November. He had recently celebrated his 90th birthday but contracted COVID 19 and could not fight off the pneumonia that followed.

Derek and Anne were amongst the longest-serving members of the Epsom Area MGOC and he served on the Committee as Car Events Secretary. He was also a member of the South-East Centre of the MG Car Club and, in latter years, their Chairman and became President after he suffered his stroke. He also was involved with the Austin Healey Car Club.

As Car Events Secretary of the Epsom Area, Derek established the annual Mothballs and Autumn Leaves runs and later added our Hunt the Valentine. He was also responsible for introducing us to the Isle of Wight Tour Company and Chris Backlund who had a beautiful MG YT Saloon and ran the Guernsey MG club and through them organised our regular trips to both islands.

Derek had a fine collection of MGs, including Twin Cam MGAs, a Frog Eye Sprite, his beloved MGC, an MGF and others, nearly all in red in colour and most now sold.

Derek was a quiet individual and kept his personal life to himself. Always eager to help when and where required, he regularly attended monthly meetings and supported Club Stands, the Southern National event held at Leatherhead and the Annual Dinner Dance.

His passing will leave a large void in the lives of his family and the MG fraternity at large and to his wife Anne and daughter Katie, we offer our deepest sympathy on his sad passing.

That he and his magnificent MGs will not grace our events again is a great sadness, for we have lost a good friend and loyal member and will remember him with much fondness.

Rest in Peace Derek. Eric Nicholls



Derek's funeral service will be held on Friday 15th December at 2.45pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead KT22 0AG.

It will be followed by a Celebration of Life at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club, The Drive, Leatherhead, KT22 8QP. This venue is located 3 miles from the crematorium.

Preferred dress is bright colours, especially red.

Flowers will be from the family only.

Donations received in memory of Derek will be given to the Macmillan cancer charity which he actively supported as a volunteer. Cheques should be made payable to 'Macmillan Cancer Support' with an accompanying letter. There will be a donations box at the service or they can be sent directly to Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, RH1 6AZ.

Please let Anne Edwards know by email to edwards.mgmadness@ntlworld.com as soon as possible if you are planning to attend the Celebration of Life and at the latest by Wednesday 6 December. Numbers are needed for catering purposes along with notification of any serious allergies or food intolerances.

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS

Saturday 27 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 6.45 for 7.15pm, with carriages at midnight. 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 is £40 per head.

For new members, we meet in the bar where you can purchase a pre-dinner drink if you wish and order wine to be delivered to your table. We move to the function room for a super 3-course meal and follow this with our awards, a raffle and then dancing to music played by a great DJ.

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 £40 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 20466565, 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 paaablo@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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 2024

MEMBER (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):	Address
First Name:	
Surname:	
PARTNER (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):	Postcode:
First Name:	Phone:
Surname:	Mobile:
Primary email address:	
Additional email address(es):	

We sometimes send out urgent and relevant information by email, so please include your email address(es) and add mrmrchilds9@gmail.com and, for receipt of the newsletter, kimshros@gmail.com to your safe senders list.

Newsletters are also distributed by email with a link to the file on our website. This keeps our distribution costs down and helps to keep the membership subscription low. If you do not wish to receive it this way, newsletters can be printed in black & white and posted. Tick here if you are unable to receive the newsletter by email.

Register of members' MGs - 2024				
Model	Type	Year	Colour	Condition*

Poor / Average / Excellent / Competition

Please tick if willing to be asked to join club displays or film / photographic work

I understand and agree that all the above information will be stored digitally.

Signed Date

Please submit cash; a cheque (payable to 'Epsom Area MGOC'); or make a bank transfer in the sum of £10 for membership. This covers the member and their partner.

Bank Details

Sort Code	Account number	Account name
20-24-61	20466565	Epsom Area MGOC
Please enter your name and "membership" as the reference, tick the bank transfer box the bottom of the form and email a copy of the bank payment.		

Hand your completed form to Malcolm Childs or send to mrmrchilds9@gmail.com or to 4 Elgin Road, Sutton, SM1 3SN.

For Membership Secretary use but please tick Bank Transfer if paying this way

Receipt sent Sub Paid Database Bank Transfer

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.

We have added a couple of items to keep you warm in winter, a fleece jacket, and a beanie.

CLOTHING



Why not treat yourself to a fleece jacket to keep you warm this winter, or 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



RESULT CORE POLARTHERM QUILTED FLEECE WINTER JACKET £44

Luxury soft feel fleece, Polartherm™ polyester quilted lining. Windproof. Full length zip, Two zip closing side pockets. Elasticated cuffs, Adjustable drawcord hem. 100% polyester, Super warm. Reference RS219X

Sizes: 38(S)/41(M)/44(L)/46(XL)/48(2XL)/50(3XL)/52(4XL)

Colours: Navy blue or black



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

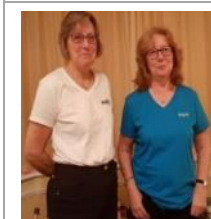
Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL

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 34-36/38/38-40/40-42/42-44/44-46, 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


	CAPS £12.50	
	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	

	BEECHFIELD CUFFED BEANIE £12	
	Colours: 57 – too many to show. Ask Tony for a colour chart! One size embroidered with our logo. Reference BB45	

	MUMBLES BEAR £15	
	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: <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 	

	METAL KEYRING £1.50	CREDIT CARD HOLDER £2
	Keyring with domed decal fob featuring the Epsom Club logo	Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo

	CAR WINDOW STICKERS 50p	
	Not just for the car – why not buy one for home, shed, caravan or camper!	

	PENS £1	
	Wow your friends and family when you sign your autograph with a stylish club pen!	

REGALIA ORDER FORM				
NAME:				
TELEPHONE:			EMAIL:	
ITEM	REFERENCE	SIZE	COLOUR	PRICE
TOTAL TO PAY				

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 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

MG TF 135 TROPHY BLUE
2003 in great condition



New head gasket, new water pump and new timing belt. Recent clutch slave cylinder. Fitted with rear parking sensors, glass rear heated screen in soft top. Driving lights and puddle lights. Current MOT

Lovely and very reliable car, I am only selling as it is sadly not ULEZ compliant and I have bought a replacement.

£800

Les Harvey lesdharvery@gmail.com 07958 686137



FOR SALE

MGB ROADSTER built 1973, first registered 1975

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CAR EVENTS

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