



OCTAGONAL NEWS

June 2024

A MONTH FULL OF MGing



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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

JUNE

Thursday 6	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Bingo with Kim and Tom
Saturday 8		80th Anniversary Celebrations of the D Day Landings at Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart RH8 0SJ contact Margaret Billinge
Saturday 15	10.45 for 11am	London Walk around the Paddington Basin and Little Venice areas of London. Meet in foyer or Hilton Metropole Hotel, 225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU. Contact Margaret Billinge
Friday 21	From 7.30pm	Evening natter at Duke's Head, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5SL contact Nigel Taylor
Sunday 30	12 noon	Lunchtime natter at The Brookes' – booking essential contact Nigel Taylor

JULY

Thursday 4	From 7.30pm	Club Night – Pride of Ownership
Sunday 14		Surrey Run to Rural Life Centre

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Thursday 1 August	Club night – summer social evening
Sunday 4 August	Club BBQ, Gatwick Aviation Museum, Vallance By Ways, Lowfield Heath Rd, Charlwood, RH6 0BT – contact Paul Coleman
Sunday 18 August	Cordles' Run from The Pheasant at Buckland to The Wings Museum near Balcombe, West Sussex click for info
Weekend 6-9 September	Summer weekend to Isle of Wight – booking form attached to the email accompanying this newsletter. For more information contact Nigel Taylor
Sunday 29 September	Club stand at Autumn Fair at The Diamond Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton SM5 4DT
Sunday 27 October	Autumn Leaves Run
Weekend 16-19 May 2025	Spring weekend to Jersey. Booking form attached to the email accompanying this newsletter contact Nigel Taylor

OTHER MG EVENTS

Sunday 2 June	New Forest Run click for info
Sunday 9 June	MGs in Park click for info
Weekend 28-30 June	MG/Triumph show at Malvern click for info
Sunday July 7	Cotswolds Caper click for info
Sunday 11 August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show – bookings now open , details in Club Stand entry
Monday 26 August	Bexhill 100 click for info
Sunday 1 September	South Downs Run click for info

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 22 JUNE

Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

Copies of this newsletter and back issues can be download from the [Newsletters section](#) of the website

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

I hear the club weekend went very well, I am glad everyone had fun. Perhaps we'll have to find a dog-friendly place nearby and gatecrash the next one!

I wanted to give members an update that Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance successfully raised enough money to buy their existing helicopter. This frees up resources for them to be able to run a second one. Thank you if anyone donated.

Despite having to shove Hopalong round in his wheelchair, I very much enjoyed the MG Centenary celebrations at Brooklands - MGs as far as the eye could see, although the Lego McLaren caught my eye too!



The dad of one of my old friends has just inherited this! I feel a little restoration may be necessary! Does anyone have any ideas or recommendations?

Kim



SOCIAL SCENE

Saturday 8th June - Celebration of 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings at Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart. Food served from 2pm with music between 4 and 6 and a fancy dress competition at 5. Note, as there is a cricket match scheduled, we will not be having a Club Stand as well as the visit.

Saturday 15th June - London Walk around the Paddington Basin and Little Venice areas of London with guide Marian Clarke. Cost £15. We meet at 10.45 for an 11am start in the foyer of the Hilton Metropole Hotel, 225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU. The hotel is on the corner of Edgware Road and Praed Street. The walk will end by platform 1A of Paddington Station. A coffee break will be included. The walk, which sounds lovely, is a stroll along Paddington Basin, taking in the remarkable Paddington Waterside development and Little Venice which marks the joining up of the Great Union and Regents Canals. There is also Camden Market to visit in the area.

Other social events

- Possible games afternoon during the summer months at the Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart, if there is interest
- Darts Night with refreshments to be held at Wallington Bowling Club in November (date not finalised yet).
- Guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral will be arranged for the Winter - hopefully to coincide with seeing its Christmas tree and some local Christmas lights.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

As many of you know, I am currently out of action but making a good recovery. Thank you to those of you who have passed on their good wishes, and I hope to see you all very soon.

I know that many of you attended the Centenary celebration at Brooklands, thanks to all those members who were involved with the organisation and marshalling - I am told we received much praise for our efforts, well done to everyone.

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

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2024 has now reached 101 paid-up members so, adding our 26 Life Memberships the Club remains in a very healthy position and long may that continue.

We welcomed Roy and Ann De Boise from Wallington as new members this month and they have a Red NG TA from 1967 in Average condition. In addition, I hope to bring you news of a further new member, who showed interest at the Brooklands Event, next month.

With our cost remaining a highly attractive £10 for membership, please spread the word about joining Epsom Area MGOC, wherever you can.

Please note I will be away for the June meeting on holiday, so please keep an eye out for any prospective members who come on 6th June.

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

Last Month, the Club enjoyed its Spring Weekend in Gloucester and the Forest of Dean and 31 people were on the trip. In addition, we were joined by 2 Life Members on our Sunday outing. I hope everyone had an enjoyable weekend away.

The weekend of the 18th/19th May saw the Club involved heavily in Marshalling at both The Fairmile at Cobham on the Saturday and Brooklands on the Sunday. As well as marshalling at these important events to close off the MG Centenary Year, many of our members turned up on both days to what turned out to be an excellent finale to the celebrations. In particular I would like to thank all the marshals involved on both days, you did Epsom MGOC proud, and I have received a significant number of emails thanking the Club for its efforts. Some 170 cars attended the Saturday event and between 700/800 on the Sunday.

June provides MG Owners with numerous runs and events, and I know a number of members are involved in a variety of these days. Although classified as a Natter, the 30th June event to The Peacock at Henton and then on to the Brookes' is a great day out for many members.

Please note that July's Club Night is our Pride of Ownership at Gander Green Lane when we invite members to bring along their MGs so that they can be voted on to see who wins this Club Trophy. I know it clashes with the General Election, but I hope members can support this important evening for the Club.

The full season of MG events coming up are include in Other MG Events in our listings. Our own Club events include the Surrey Run on Sunday 14th July, Club barbeque at Gatwick Aircraft Museum on Sunday 4th August, Cranleigh Car Show on Sunday 11th August, the Cordles' Run on Sunday 18th August and, lastly, our annual Autumn Leaves Run will be on Sunday 27th October.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

CLUB STAND

4 August - Gatwick Aviation Museum - Vallance By Ways, Lowfield Heath Rd, Charlwood, Gatwick RH6 0BT.

The day will kick off at 12 noon with Chernobyl due to be ready to cook WITH YOUR OWN BURNABLES or picnic if so desired around 1pm. You may arrive any time from museum opening time 10am. Due to the fact we are required to hire the field there will be a charge of £5 per person to attend. You can visit the Museum interior while you are there, see Paul on the day for any charges around this.

11 August - Cranleigh Car Show.

The cut-off date for Club Registration and payment of £10 is 30th June, so, if you wish to go, [click this link](#) and, on the right-hand side click Checkout. Complete your details making sure you choose our Club in the Car Club field - **MG Owners Club V (Epsom Area)** – I have no idea what the V is either! Do not choose the Fast Track Public Booking.

29 September - The Diamond Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton SM5 4DT

I can confirm we will have our usual Club stand at The Diamond Centre for Disabled People's Autumn Fair. This is always a very enjoyable event with lots to see and do.

Just before I sign off, some of you may remember Sandra Buckley who used to run the Jersey Weekenders. Sadly, I have been informed that she recently died. I am sure some of our members will have fond memories of her and the trips she arranged.

Looking forward to seeing lots of members at Club Stands through the summer, Paul

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

What a month we have had in May, there really has been so much to choose from. We started with a very different Club night, when we had a guest appearance by the 'Funky Fiddler'. He is a classically trained musician who entertained us by playing a variety of entertaining and fun songs on an assortment of instruments. The vision of all the members waving their arms and singing along to 'Sweet Caroline' certainly made it a club night with a difference.

The day after club night was the beginning of our spring break in the Forest of Dean. A great weekend and great company that included couple of road runs, a cream tea aboard a steam train on the Forest of Dean Railway, and a couple of peaceful evenings playing games in the bar!!! We then had a well-attended lunchtime natter at the Red Lion and Cellar rooms, followed closely on the 19th by a large contingent from the club attending the final MG 100 event at Brooklands. Linda and I were unable to attend this event as we were up in Norfolk for a few days but have been told it was an excellent well-attended show. Several members had come forward to help Malcolm with the marshalling and parking the cars to make the event run smoothly. The last club event was a trip to Charterhouse in London, for a guided tour around this fascinating and historic site. We had a brilliant guide in John, who filled us in with the history of the events around the buildings and grounds. There was also a coffee morning on the 23rd.

I had a call last month from an MG Owner in Oxshott. He has owned his MG for many years, but 10 years ago moved to France and re-registered his car out there. He has now returned to the UK and wishes to register his car in the UK with its original number plate. Anyone wishing to reclaim a number, or to obtain an age-related number, has to do it through someone registered with the DVLA. This procedure can become a nightmare sometimes, as the DVLA are very strict on re-issuing the original number unless you can prove 100% that this was the original number for the car. It isn't difficult to obtain an age-related number as there are countless ways you can identify the age of a car, with model variations, lighting, even window glass having a date on it. I have been registered with the DVLA for over 40 years to assist owners get back their original number, and it normally goes fairly smoothly. I have, however, had a couple of applications that were completely false, so I can understand why DVLA are so strict.

We have no club stands in June, our stand at the British Legion, Limpsfield Chart being cancelled due to a cricket match. Members are still welcome to attend and park their MG or other car in the car park, but the grass area for displays is adjacent to the cricket pitch and is, obviously, unusable. There are some events from other local MG clubs, including the popular New Forest Run. We do have our club night, with Kim and Tom running a Bingo night, a London walk around Paddington Basin and Little Venice, and, on the last day of the month, the natter at The Peacock, followed by deserts and games at John and Alexis Brookes' home. This needs to be booked so we are aware of the numbers attending.

After the local elections, Khan has been returned as Mayor of London so it appears we will be stuck with ULEZ. All the guides and limitations at present come under Euro 6 regulations. Unfortunately, on the 12th April 2024 the EEC accepted Euro 7 regulations that may well be the next step to remove a further batch of vehicles from the road.

Happy Motoring, Richard

NATTERS NEWS

Following a busier May month, where we began with our planned Spring Weekend at the Robinswood Hotel in Gloucester (with a very wet drive to the hotel and better weather over the weekend). The weather markedly improved and we had an enjoyable lunchtime Natter at The Red Lion and Cellar Room, we now have plans for an evening Natter at The Duke's Head, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5SL on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm

We will then enjoy our annual lunchtime Natter at The Peacock, Henton, Chinnor OX39 4AH on Sunday 30th June commencing at 12 noon, where we can have a starter and/or main course - menu choices MUST be advised to me by the 20th June at the latest so that I can forward these to John Brooke (the menu is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter). After our meal at the pub, we follow instructions from John and Alexis to steer us the short drive distance to their home for desserts, tea/coffee etc and garden games, (Croquet, Jenga, Bowls and (red) Kite Flying.

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.

Happy nattering Nige T

CLUB TRIPS

Nige T is arranging two trips for September this year and May 2025. The booking forms for both events are attached to the email that sent this newsletter, or contact Nigel Taylor on 07584 575 695 or nigel.taylor1@btinternet.com he will send you a booking form with details of how to pay for your weekend.

Summer Weekend Friday 6th to Monday 9th September

This trip is to Shanklin, Isle of Wight. The price for the 3-night package at [The Brunswick Hotel](#) is £355* and includes:

- 🍽️ Half board in ensuite room with flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, toiletries, tea & coffee making facilities
- 🚗 Free on-site parking
- 🍷 Wine reception
- 🏊 Outdoor and indoor pool and sauna
- 🏃 Island Club run and Donkey Sanctuary Cream Tea



Spring Weekend Friday 16th to Monday 19th May 2025

This trip is to St Helier, Jersey. The price for the 3-night package at [The Merton Hotel](#) is £489* and includes:

- 🍽️ Half board in ensuite room with flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, toiletries, tea & coffee making facilities
- 🚗 Free limited on-site parking
- 🍷 Wine reception
- 🏋️ Fitness Centre
- 🏊 Aquadome with outdoor and indoor pools
- 🏃 Island Club run



**Supplements payable for both trips can be found on their booking forms*

SURREY RUN

As many of you all know, our 2024 Surrey Run event is due to take place in about six weeks' time on the 14th July and will finish at the Rural Life Museum at Tilford near Farnham. We are always very busy at the early planning stage of this event, deciding where to go and preparing the advertising campaign. We are also busy towards the end as the date gets gradually closer. At present we are at the mid phase when the die has been cast and we are monitoring how things are progressing. I am pleased to say that the registration numbers are looking promising, and the finances are on target. There are always a number of small issues that come up. An example at present is where one participant cannot remember if he has booked - in fact, he has not. Another is someone who thought he forgot to book, and we find that he already has. The classic is a chap who is so enthusiastic that he has booked twice. Fortunately, our efficient team can detect all these situations and quickly put them right.



We will soon be having our final meetings with both Bocketts Farm, where we always start the event, and at the Rural Life Museum, just to check any lastminute details. This is important to ensure that nothing has fallen through the cracks and that the day runs as smoothly as possible. John "Foggy" Brooke is once again our Route Master and is already planning a scenic journey of about 60 miles through the picturesque countryside that we fortunately have in our area. With the route finalised, Malcolm and I will independently test it and, when we are confident that nobody will get lost, we will then go to print. The rally plate is being designed for this year and an order will be placed when we have a more accurate idea of numbers. At the final destination there will be plenty for us to see during our visit and I am sure we will all have a great day.

Time is marching on, but bookings can still be made by visiting our Surrey Run page on the Epsom website, www.epsommgoc.org.uk but Epsom members can use the booking form below and for convenience contact Pat directly.

Nigel

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SURREY RUN BOOKING FORM

Name Telephone

Address

..... Postcode

MG Type Reg No

Email

Cheque for £24 enclosed payable to EPSOM AREA MGOC

Paid £24 by bank transfer to:

Account Name	Epsom Area MG Owners Club
Account number	20466565
Sort code	20 24 61
Reference	Surrey Run 24

Return with stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Pat Watson, 47 Newlands Way, Chessington KT9 2RW

Tel: 020 8397 2008 Email: patricia@watsonkt9.f9.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 or hand it to Tony at a Club Nights.

We have added a sweater to our range offered – the details are just below.

CLOTHING



LIGHTWEIGHT V NECK SWEATER £24.50

Henbury H720 made of cotton/acrylic with ribbed neck, cuffs and hem

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL

Colours: Black, Dark Grey, Navy, Purple



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 £27.50

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


	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 MGO 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

1961 MGA 1600 MK 11 Coupe



Owned since 2002. Originally an LHD export to the USA. UK registered in 1989. RHD conversion. Full bodywork and mechanical restoration. Engine fully reconditioned 2015. Wire wheels conversion. Brand new interior – seats (black leather with red piping), trim, carpet and dash top. Very low mileage.

BMIHT certificate.

£16,500

Contact Anne Edwards on 07850 410830

edwards.mgmadness@ntlworld.com

FOR SALE

1971 MGB GT



This is a beautiful BGT with a rare automatic gearbox which is reluctantly being sold by one of our members.

The mileage is only 49056

Price is £4,500

Contact Carole Beckett on 07981 913 433

FOR SALE

Early 1950 MG TD



Laystall Head fitted 2000 and much work carried out between 2002-2015 including 5 speed gearbox. New battery and fuel pump fitted 2023.

Car has toured Europe on many occasions. Has Roll Bar, Rally Seat belts and Clocks for timing.

The owner recently passed away and any enquiry should be made through Malcolm Childs at mrmrchilds9@gmail.com

The Car is based in Putney around £10,000 is sought by the late owner's widow

FOR SALE

RARE MGA HARDTOP

Works-style fibreglass

Black with white painted interior in very good condition.
Enjoy your MGA throughout the whole year!

Located near Guildford (near J10 of M25)
can assist with transport by negotiation)

Price £390

(bargain compared to new price of over £1900)



Contact Rory Smith on 07710905521 or roryjimsmith@btinternet.com

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