

OCTAGONAL NEWS

October 2024

STILL ENJOYING MG FUN!





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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

| OCTOBER | | | | | |
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| Thursday 3 | Thursday 3 From 7.30pm Club Night - Malcolm's MG Centenary quiz | | | | |
| Thursday 10 | 12.15pm | Lunchtime Natter at The Black Horse, 93 West Street, Reigate RH2 9JZ contact Nigel Taylor | | | |
| Friday 18 | 7pm | Evening Natter at The Duke's Head, Tadworth KT20 5SL contact Nigel Taylor | | | |
| Sunday 27 | 10am | Autumn Leaves Run from The Pheasant Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to The Plough at Leigh RH2 8NK contact Malcolm Childs | | | |

| NOVEMBER | | | | | |
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| Saturday 2 | 6 for 6.30pm | Darts Night at Wallington Bowling Club, 13 Grosvenor Road, Wallington SM6 0EN contact Margaret Billinge | | | |
| Thursday 7 | Thursday 7 From 7.30pm Club Night – - Falklands Talk by Roger Bennet | | | | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | |
| Thursday 5 | Thursday 5 From 7.30pm Club Night – - Mulled wine and mince pies Christmas social evening | | | | |
| Thursday 19 | TBA | Christmas Natter at The Star contact Nigel Taylor | | | |

2025 EVENTS

| UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS | |
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| Thursday 2 January | Club Night – Kim's News of 2024 quiz |
| Sunday 19 January | Mothballs Run |
| Saturday 25 January | Dinner Dance and Annual Awards – details <u>here</u> |
| Sunday 16 February | Hunt the Valentine |
| Weekend 16-19 May | Spring weekend to Jersey contact Nigel Taylor |

| OTHER MG EVENTS | | | |
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| Sunday 7 September | South Downs Run | | |
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MONTHLY MEETING DATES 2025 (first Thursday in the month at SUFC)

| January 2 | February 6 | March 6 | April 3 | May 1 | June 5 |
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| July 3 | August 7 | September 4 | October 2 | November 6 | December 4 |

All events are undertaken at Members' own risk

CUT-OFF FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 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.

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EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Hello everyone

Our September slowed down a bit, but we enjoyed the Race Night at our monthly meeting – thanks to Paul for organising. We also had a great time at the Skimmington Castle and look forward to the Natters in coming months.

I may or may not see you at the October monthly meeting, depending on whether Tom can fix the brakes in our caravan so whether we are away or not!

Nothing much else from me this month!

Kim

2025 Charity Donations

At this time of year, we invite member to nominate a local charity to be considered for a small donation from the Club/
Simply drop an email to our Secretary, Richard Cordle, on ZZRJC@hotmail.com giving details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. Nominations must be with Richard, by the close of the January 2025 monthly meeting.

SOCIAL SCENE

Saturday 2nd November - Darts Night at Wallington Bowling Club, 13 Grosvenor Road, Wallington SM6 0EN

Meet at 6 for 6.30pm start. Ham and Cheese Ploughman's will be served. You may have either just ham or just cheese if preferred, please advise any dietary needs. Cost per head is £10 and there is a maximum number of places of 30. As I will not be at the October meeting, Jane has very kindly agreed to collect names and monies for those members who wish to attend.

Future events

Possible visit and guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral in November with Guide John Morgan. John is to advise me on possible dates for this tour. If the dates are to be in November, I will need to collect names and monies at the November meeting. There is a minimum number of 15 persons and a maximum of 20 persons per tour. Cost approximately £20.

I will follow up on other suggestions I have received for other possible trips and arrange another Skittles evening with supper in the New year.

Happy socialising, Margaret.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

It is good to be back in circulation after my surgery in May. I am feeling well but need to replace some of the weight loss.

Thanks are due to Paul and Rita for organising and running the race night. At the October monthly meeting, we will have a quiz night prepared and presented by Malcolm Childs on 100years of MG.

This is the first month you will find the details of January's Dinner Dance and Annual Awards – you can book as early as you like, and all the details are in the entry in this newsletter. Don't forget that we also annuance our charity donations to local charities that are proposed by the members at this event and if you would like to nominate a local charity to be considered for a donation from the club, please email Richard Cordle.

Keep safe and well. Eric

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2024 has now reached 108 paid- up members, adding our 26 Life Memberships the Club remains in a very healthy position and long may that continue.

We welcome new members this month, Mike and Jackie Lawes from Tadworth who own a 1971 MGB Roadster in White in excellent condition - welcome to you both.

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

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

At the beginning of September, on Sunday 1st there was the South Downs Run. We saw around 10 of our members on this enjoyable run alongside the South Downs. The new venue for starting was better than the last venue and the weather was kind all day. Some 210 Cars were on the Run, however, very few older cars attended, and my TD was number 7 in age! Next year's event will be on 7th September 2025.

I know those members who went to The Isle of Wight enjoyed their trip in early September. I understand 8 cars and 15 people were on the trip. It was, however, a tour with very mixed weather! Whilst Epsom Members were on that tour, Marlene and I and Chris and Dave Gill were on the MG T Register Gathering in Mid-Wales. I am pleased to say that both our cars were fine and the weather in Wales remained dry. We drove over 600 miles over the four days.

On Saturday 14th September, the Club provided a TD, TF and MGB for the 30th Anniversary Celebrations for The Holly Lodge Centre in Richmond Park and many members went to The Diamond Centre Autumn Fair on Sunday 29th.

Our final club run of the year, the annual Autumn Leaves Run will be on Sunday 27th October. The route includes a Garden Centre Coffee stop on the way around, if required. The route is around 30 miles and will take 1¼ hours. Start will be from 10am at The Pheasant at Buckland RH17 7BG and we finish at The Plough at Leigh RH2 8NK. Lunches will be available. Please let me know at the October Meeting or by email if you are coming.

Finally, The Mothballs Run is pencilled in for 19th January 2025 and Hunt the Valentine for 16th February.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

September started with horse racing at our club night. It was a fairly quiet night, partly due to missing the members who had already departed for the Isle of Wight weekend. Linda and I were out on the IOW attending the IOW Classic Car Show, so we couldn't join the Epsom MG crowd, but it was nice to have some Epsom MG members visit us while parked on the front at Ryde and at Newport. I also had a problem free trip with the 'B' as well, which is always a bonus. The weather was a bit disappointing, but altogether it was still a good weekend.

Linda and I actually got a great long weekend break deal through The Sun newspaper. We have done this for several years now. We buy The Sun when they have a holiday offer and choose a holiday caravan site, with Park Dene static holiday homes, usually on the IOW. We get the ferry crossing with Red Funnel from Southampton and three nights stay Friday, Saturday, Sunday at Thorness Bay on IOW for a total of £83 for a lovely caravan and ferry £58 return.

Members enjoyed the club stand and display at The Diamond Centre on the 29th but we missed the lunchtime natter at The Pheasant on the 19th Sept as I had a dentist appointment, and there was also an evening natter at Skimmington Castle Friday 20th.

October brings our final car event of the year, the Autumn Leaves Run. This is always a very popular event. Also, Nigel has two natters organised, I must try and get to one of those.

Thanks again to all who took part in the Cordles' Run in August, we hope you enjoyed the run and congratulations to the winners, Simon & Sandy Higgs. As promised, here are the answers to our quiz

| 1 | Occasions | 2 | 32 |
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| 3 | Lone Oak | 4 | Christmas Cottage |
| 5 | A tree | 6 | Whitehall Lane |
| 7 | Clothing Bank | 8 | The Beehive |
| 9 | 39 Steps | 10 | Langford |
| 11 | Cambridge House | 12 | Oakfield Court |
| 13 | Honeycrock Farm | 14 | Wasp Green Lane |
| 15 | Outwood Butchers Shop | 16 | Sheila Thomas |
| 17 | A Mermaid | 18 | Mole End |
| 19 | Rough Beech Farm | 20 | Brookside |
| 21 | Dellside | 22 | Lockets farm |
| 23 | On the Lake | 24 | The Circus/ Escape Rooms |
| 25 | Wine Press | 26 | 999 |
| 27 | Drain Cover | 28 | About 60' |
| 29 | St Leonards Church | 30 | East Lodge (Worth Estate) |
| 31 | Tuesday 27th August | 32 | Little Cooper Corner Farm |
| 33 | Eavesdrop | Tiebreak | How long was the piece of string? 79.5 inches /220cms |

There were 4 teams with only one wrong answer, Harry & Jan, Hugh Maxwell & friend, Margaret & Gina and Tom & Kim (Team Teddy). There were three teams that got all the answers correct Jane & Dave, Lyn & Natalie (last year's winners) and first-time participants Simon & Sandy. The winners, by being closest in the tie-break were, as mentioned, Simon & Sandy Higgs. The sweets were awarded to Kevln Watson who was closest to the length of string.

Our January 2025 club night will be on the 2nd January. All our 2025 Club Nights for 2025 are confirmed as the first Thursday of each month and the dates are in the listing of events on the second page of the newsletter:

Happy Motoring, Richard

Charity Donations

Every year Epsom MGOC makes donations to local charities that are proposed by the members. If any member wishes to nominate a local charity to be considered for a donation from the club, please email Richard Cordle, with details of the charity and how a donation would be used if they were successful. You can contact Richard as soon as you like, but by the close of the January monthly meeting at the absolute latest

NATTERS NEWS

Following a much busier start to September where a group of members got together at the annual West Sussex MGOC South Downs Run, and then 15 of us took part in our much-vaunted Summer Weekend on the Isle of Wight, which was sadly subjected to loads of foul weather, (but we still enjoyed ourselves immensely), we enjoyed two Natters at The Pheasant and at The Skimmington Castle

Into October we have plans for a

Lunchtime Natter on Thursday 10th October at The Black Horse, 93 West Street, Reigate RH2 9JZ at 12.15pm and then an

Evening Natter on Friday 18th October at The Duke's Head, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5SL at 7pm.

I have made a booking for our Christmas natter at The Star on 19th December. The menu is attached to the email that sent this newsletter. Places are limited to 30 so let me know as soon as you can if you would like to book.

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.

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Spring Weekend Friday 16th to Monday 19th May 2025

This trip is to St Helier, Jersey. The price for the 3-night package at <a href="https://example.com/hele-to-stable-reserved-night-n

- ⇒ Half board in ensuite room with flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, toiletries, tea & coffee making facilities
- Free limited on-site parking
- ⇒ Wine reception
- Aquadome with outdoor and indoor pools
- Island Club run

^{*}Supplements payable for both trips can be found on booking forms



I am arranging this trip for May 2025. Contact me, Nigel Taylor, on 07584 575 695 or <u>nigetaylor39@gmail.com</u> and I will send you a booking form with details of how to pay for the weekend.

DINNER DANCE & ANNUAL AWARDS Saturday 25 January

The Dinner Dance and Annual Awards will again be held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club on Saturday 25th January 2025 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 £42 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

Smoked salmon and crème fraiche terrine with mango chilli salsa, cider pepper dressing and garlic croute

Brie and avocado tart with quinoa salad and citrus herb cream

Main Courses

Smoke glazed braised beef in real ale served with caramelised onion mash potato and rosemary gravy

Baked cod tail with crushed root vegetables and plum tomato sauce

Mushroom Bourguignonne pie with crushed root vegetables and red wine sauce (v)

Desserts

White chocolate and raspberry tart with blood orange sorbet

Cherry Bakewell tart with clotted cream ice cream

Selection of cheese and biscuits

Freshly brewed tea and coffee

Please make your menu choices on the below slip. Payment of £42 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 20-24-61 putting Dinner/Dance as the reference.

| Hand the slip to Paul Colman at a monthly meeting | g, email your choices to | o <u>paaablo@talktalk.net</u> oi | send to 126 Ockford Ridge |
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I/we wish to attend the Annual Awards Dinner Dance. Details and choices are as follows:

| Name | Terrine/Tart | Beef/Cod/Vegetarian | Chocolate/Cherry/Cheese |
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REGALIA

Tony Pearse 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

(mid-green), Kelly (light green), orange, sunflower (yellow) or white. purple, red, royal blue, sky blue, sunflower

LADIES (SS86)

Sizes 8/10/12/14/16/18

Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, Colours: Black, bottle green, burgundy, heather grey, bottle green, burgundy, deep navy, emerald purple, red, navy, deep navy, royal blue, sky blue,



MENS TSHIRTS

FRUIT OF THE LOOM (SS10) £12.50

RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50

Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL/5XL bottle green, burgundy, classic olive, deep French navy, light Oxford, orange, white navy, light graphite, red, royal Blue, zinc,

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

Colours: Black, heather grey, navy, white, ash, Colours: Black, bottle green, bright royal, classic red,



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

heather grey, light graphite, red, royal blue

LADIES (SS82)

Size: 8/10/12/14/16/18 (XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL)

Colours: Black, burgundy, olive, deep navy, 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- Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL or chest 34-36/36-40/41-43/44-46/47-49

Blue, White

RUSSELL (762M) (thicker version)

38/38-40/40-42/42-44/44-46, 46-48/48-50 Colours: Azure, black, bottle, burgundy, Deep Colours: Bottle green, bright royal blue, French navy, Navy, Fuchsia, Heather Grey, Kelly (green), black, bright red, burgundy, classic red, light Oxford Light Graphite, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal (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:

- 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 Plastic credit card holder with Epsom Club Logo 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

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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 MG TF ON 53 PLATE



ULEZ compliant
great runner in original condition
Only 36.000 miles on clock.
Forced sale as moving and won't have room.

Make an offer!

Contact Chris 07971089862



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.

Body No 488 and engine no 828 -this is a very early MGTD in good condition. Car has toured Europe on many occasions. Has Rol I 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

Local viewing

Around £10,000 is sought by the late owner's widow

FOR SALE MG TF160 2003



80,000 Miles, grey with blue Hood and interior in very good condition.

New MOT and special engine parts (Lotus).ULEZ compliant

£3000 ONO

Contact Helen Wenham helenwenman1@sky.com



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