

OCTAGONAL NEWS

December 2024

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



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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 5	From 7.30pm	Club Night – - Mulled wine and mince pies Christmas social evening
Thursday 19	7pm	Christmas Natter at The Star contact Nigel Taylor

JANUARY		
Thursday 2	From 7.30pm	Club Night - Kim's News of 2024 quiz
Sunday 19	10am	Mothballs Run from The Pheasant Reigate Rd, Betchworth RH3 7BG to The Plough at Leigh RH2 8NJ contact Malcolm Childs
Saturday 25	6.45 for 7.15pm	Dinner Dance and Annual Awards – details here

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS	
Sunday 16 February	Hunt the Valentine
Saturday 15 March	Skittles at Royal British Legion, Limpsfield Chart Margaret Billinge
Sunday 27th April	National Classic Car Driving Day
Weekend 16-19 May	Spring weekend to Jersey contact Nigel Taylor
Saturday 1 st November	Darts night at Wallington Bowling Club contact Margaret Billinge

OTHER EVENTS					
Sunday 9 February	MG and Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh click for info				
Sunday 7 September	South Downs Run				

MONTHLY MEETING DATES 2025 (first Thursday in the month at SUFC)

January 2	February 6	March 6	April 3	May 1	June 5
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 21 DECEMBER Send any entries or photos to kimshros@gmail.com

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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.

EDITOR'S ETCHINGS

Happy Christmas!

As I write that, it is 2 days before Tom's birthday and I am banned from anything Christmas until after that – fortunately by the time you read this, it will be a permitted greeting!

As some of you know, I was confined to base for most of November so don't have anything to report but would like to say a big thank you to those of you who sent good wishes. What with Tom's Achilles and my bits we will be glad to open a bottle of champagne on New Year's Eve and say goodbye to 2024 whilst turning the telly up very loudly so that Ted can't hear the fireworks!

As many of you know, I prefer to donate to charity rather than sending Christmas cards and will support Hearing Dogs, Support Dogs and, of course, Epsom Canine Rescue. Have a wonderful Christmas with special thoughts to those of you who have also not had the year you planned and here's to 2025.

With love Kim (and Tom, Teddy and Cleo)!

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 15th March - Skittles Night at Royal British Legion

Skittles will again be at the Royal British Legion, Grub St, Limpsfield Chart, Oxted RH8 0SJ, with hot and cold supper meeting at 6pm for 6.30 start. The cost is £18 and don't forget to book as there are only spaces for 30 members.

Saturday 1st November

Darts Night with ham and/or cheese Ploughman's at Wallington Bowling Club. Meet 6pm for 6 30pm start.

Visit to and guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral with guide John Morgan

John will discuss with me dates for this visit which will be early next year. Cost approx £22 with a minimum of 15 people per tour and a maximum of 20.

I have made a provisional reservation for our members to visit, and have guided tours of Farley Farmhouse, on Sunday 29th June. Tours can each have 12 persons at 12 noon, 2pm and 2.30pm at an approximate cost of £25 which also includes visits to the galleries and grounds to see the sculptures on display. There is a small cafe for light refreshments, but you may also bring your own. Hopefully we will have a designated parking area in which to display our cars. This booking can be amended depending on the level of interest shown.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, thank you for all your excellent ideas and also for supporting the events I have arranged.

Happy socialising, Margaret

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.

They will be making their usual charity donation rather than sending cards.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTERINGS

Peter Clark

It was with much sadness that we received news that Peter had passed away and - his Obituary is below.

November monthly meeting

Thanks are due to Roger Bennet for his excellent talk on the Falklands Conflict.

Committee vacancies

We have two committee posts to fill - car events and social secretary. To date we have not had any volunteers coming forward. If we do not fill these posts, it may lead to a reduction of events in these areas for members to enjoy.

Charity Donations

If you wish to nominate a local charity to receive a donation from the club, this must be with Richard Cordle, Area Secretary, by the January Monthly Meeting.

Dinner Dance and Annual awards 2025

If you wish to attend the Dinner Dance on Saturday 25th January. Please let Paul Coleman know as soon as possible. He will need your menu choice, seating preferences and £42 by cheque, bank transfer or cash.

That's all from me this month, keep safe and well. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Eric

OBITUARY

PETER CLARK

It is with much sadness that we received the news that Peter Clark had passed away after undergoing cancer treatment over the past 2 years. Joyce Herve became a member of the Epsom MGOC in February 2014 and met Peter at the sailing club in July 2018. They bought the yacht 'Alcine' in 2019, sailing as far as Ipswich and Plymouth and everywhere in between. Peter was a very experienced sailor having sailed the Fastnet Race and back and forth across the Atlantic several times. He was a joy to sail with and enjoyed imparting his knowledge to others.

Peter also enjoyed trips out with Epsom MGOC in Joyce's MG which made him decide to purchase his own MGB 3 years ago. He loved that car and used it on our annual runs and attended the Dinner Dance occasionally.

Peter bore his illness with courage and dignity, and we offer our deepest sympathy to Joyce and his family and friends. We are the poorer for his passing.

Rest in peace Peter

Eric Nicholls

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Membership for 2024 remains as 109 paid- up members for 2024. Plus our 26 Life Memberships the Club remains in a very healthy position and long may that continue. With our cost remaining a highly attractive £10 for annual membership, please spread the word about joining Epsom Area MGOC, wherever you can.

Please note you will find a blank membership form in this Newsletter for 2025, please renew for 2025. The form will remain in the Newsletter until the March 2025 edition. If your details have not changed, you can just let me know and I can process your renewal.

Malcolm

CAR EVENTS

Last month saw the National Classic Car Show at The Birmingham NEC on the weekend of 8th/10th. I know some of our members attended this important National Show.

Work has progressed on the Mothballs Run for 19th January, next year, and Marlene and I will be checking the proposed route shortly. Start and finish will be the same as for the last Autumn Leaves run and the route will remain around 30 miles and be different to last year! This will prepare us for Hunt the Valentine on 16th February!

The MG and Triumph Spares Day will be on Sunday 9th February at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire and the National Classic Car Driving Day will be on Sunday 27th April.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Committee role of Car Events, if you are interested in giving a small amount of your time to the Club, please let me or any Committee Member know.

Malcolm Childs Membership Secretary

NATTERS NEWS

Our Lunchtime Natter for the November was on the 21st and took place at The Royal Oak in North Holmwood where 7 participants got together for an excellent meal and great company. The venue has been noted for further visits. At time of writing, we have yet to enjoy our Evening Natter at The Black Horse, Hookwood (which was on the 29th).

Our natter offering for December will only be our Christmas Natter at The Star, Kingston Road, Leatherhead KT22 0DP, where we MUST BE SEATED BY 7pm. There are 33 participants booked for this event.

We will not be having a planned Lunchtime Natter but will instead only have one of our WhatsApp Group Coffee Meetings.

Please also note that my/our plans for our Spring Weekend Away at The Merton Hotel in Jersey, are continuing. We Currently have 15+ confirmed bookings for this and since the event is still over 5 months ahead, we have enough time to fill extra spaces on our group booking to join us for a fun weekend.

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

Spring Weekend Friday 16th to Monday 19th May 2025

- 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.

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
- Aquadome with outdoor and indoor pools
- 🖨 Island Club run



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

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Dear All

WE NEED

Club members enjoyed a Darts Night in Wallington to start the month, a good night and many thanks to Margaret for arranging the evening. Our club night was the rearranged talk about the Falklands given by Roger Bennett. This was greatly anticipated, with a good turnout of members, and the audience were enthralled by his presentation, complete with slides. Thank you, Roger, for an excellent talk, both informative and entertaining. There was a lunchtime natter at the Royal Oak in North Holmwood. The evening natter at the Black Horse on the 29th is too late to be included in this magazine, but Linda and I are planning to attend.

Epsom MG Owners Club are still looking for volunteers to assist in the running of the club. If it is something you have thought about, but haven't yet got around to doing, please speak to any of the committee members, details are on the last page of the newsletter.

December club night is our annual mulled wine and mince pie evening, an event that is normally very well attended. We would love to see you all there. Our Christmas natter is a Christmas event at The Star in Malden Rushett on Thursday 19th.

Below you will see a thank you letter to Nigel Swann from Kids for Kids <u>kidsforkids.org.uk</u> who are the charity supported by Bocketts Farm and to whom we make a donation for starting the Surrey Run there.

Wishing all our members a Happy Christmas, and all the best for 2025.

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.



Dear Nigel,

Thank you very much for the donation of £175 from the MG Owners Surrey Run 2024 at Bockett's Farm. We really appreciate all your support.

This year has been perhaps the hardest we have ever faced at Kids for Kids. As you know violence continues, thankfully all of our members of our Steering Committee have left the regional capital and are in their villages. However, some of these have neither internet nor mobile signals. We, of course, are relying on mobiles so it is making life even harder to deliver our emergency aid, but we are doing it! Having proved it is possible with our Pilot Project, we are now getting the details of all beneficiaries with children aged 5 and under in 10 more villages. This will provide our Kids Kitchen Kits to nearly 5,000 children. Of course, it is not enough but I am determined to make certain everything we provide gets to the right recipients. It is touching to be sent (via mobile) photographs of their receipts signed with a thumbprint: 98% of women are illiterate.

Thank you, Nigel, again for all your support.

With best wishes,

Davina

Davina Patel Deputy CEO

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, email y	our choices to paaablo@ta	alktalk.net or send to 2	126 Ockford Ridge
Godalming GU7 2NQ			

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 2025

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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

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

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, chocolate

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

RUSSELL HEAVYWEIGHT (010M) £17.50



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)

40/41-43/44-46/47-49

Blue, White

RUSSELL (762M) (thicker version)

Size: S/M/L/XL/XXL and chest 35-37/38- Size: XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL/3XL/4XL or chest 34-36/36-38/38-40/40-42/42-44/44-46, 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!



NAME:

PENS £1

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

REGALIA ORDER FORM

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 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 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



MAGAZINES WANTING NEW HOME

Nick Mears has about 200 motor magazines from current to back a few years including Enjoying MG, MG Enthusiast and Safety First which he would like to pass on to another enthusiast.

All the mags are like new only being bought and seen by Nick

If anyone is interested, Nick can be contacted by email on nickmears@outlook.com or by text on 0777 599 5100.

The magazines can be collected from him in Banstead or he is happy to deliver locally.

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CAR EVENTS

Currently vacant

Please contact Membership Secretary

If you would like to take on this role, please let us

know