



SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No new members to report this month.

Recent Events

On Thursday the 25th January we held our first coffee morning for this year at White Elm Garden Centre in Bicknacre where 23 members enjoyed a couple of hours chatting over coffees/teas and breakfasts and snacks. Some of our upcoming planned events for this year were listed and passed round for members to add their names if interested in taking part.

We all started to head off around midday after a very enjoyable morning.

Secretary's News

I am very pleased to say that the committee members have now completed a calendar of events for us all to enjoy.

Copies will be available at tonight's meeting and thereafter uploaded on our website for any of you to view and/or print.

There will be a list of events arranged by our club only passed around at tonight's meeting.

Please take time to look at the events and add your names to those you would be interested in attending so we can have an idea as to how much interest will be achieved.

Finally, a reminder as to how best to keep informed of news and events affecting our club in between monthly meetings.

Firstly, our Club Website, which Bob Stone keeps in excellent order with events and reports and of course photos of our events throughout the year. Bob is always happy to receive photos to add to the website and of course our monthly newsletters are always available soon after each meeting for those unable to get to meetings for any reason.

Please see how to reach the website at the top of each newsletter.

Secondly, we also have our club Facebook Group which is a private group so everything contained therein can only be seen by club members who have joined.

Derek Gardner is the Administrator of the group page and if any of you would like to join the group, please let Derek know and he will explain the procedure to you and invite you in.

Barry

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the February 2024 Leisure & Entertainment News.

ANNUAL CURRY RUN
SUNDAY 25th February
Tandoori Parlour,
61-63 Hart Road, Benfleet SS7 3PB
12.30 pm

This is going really well, as usual. At the moment I have a total of 56 diners, 19 of whom are members of the F/TF Register Club.

I have an allocation for 65 people but this can be increased if needed. I have been told by the Manager of the restaurant “the more the merrier”.

Please see me at the meeting if you wish to attend or contact me in the usual way while there are still places available.

The price per person will be £13 and this will include a tip and charity donation.

Full details were in the January newsletter but the following information may be worth repeating:-

The car park is situated on the opposite side of the road to the restaurant and is free of charge. Please cross the road carefully as it is very close to a bend with fast moving traffic.

The Restaurant opens its doors at Midday and we will take our seats at 12.30.

The starter course will be served at the table following a light selection of pappadums and dips.

Thereafter, we can all help ourselves at the extremely plentiful buffet of delicious Mains and sides.

There will also be a choice of English Food which you can order at the table and is included in the price.

Please purchase all your drinks (hot or cold) and desserts at the table during the lunch and note these must be paid for at the time of ordering to the person who takes your order.

Many thanks to those who have already paid. I will require all payments in advance as soon as possible and by no later than one week before our booking.

Please use the reference “Curry Run” when paying by online bank transfer.

Cheques should be made payable to South Essex MG Owners Club and handed to me tonight and if posting, please ensure you allow 3 working days for your cheque to clear. I can accept cash but only if the other methods of payment cannot be used.

ANNUAL QUIZ
Saturday 27th April 2024
Champions Manor Hall
Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5LJ

The venue is now booked and I have also achieved a booking for the food to be delivered halfway through the evening.

The quiz will start at 7.15pm. There is a car park on site. Please ensure you arrive at the hall in good time to allow the quiz to start promptly.

Please remember this is also open to family & friends.

There are two prices as follows:-

Cost with food - £15 per person
Cost without food - £7 per person

Please make your payment either directly into the club account, or by cheque made payable to South Essex MG Owners Club.

I can accept cash if unavoidable as this means a trip to Chelmsford each time.

The choice of food is as follows:-

Cod & Chips
Haddock & Chips
Chicken & Chips
Fish-Less-Fish & Chips
3 Green Heroes & Chips

I have arranged for the food to be delivered to the hall at 8.15pm.

All rubbish from the food will be collected by the suppliers of the food and it would be helpful if you could take your own empty bottles, cans or food wrappers home.

Please bring your own drinks & glasses, and nibbles/snacks as there is no bar available at the hall.

There will be the usual raffle which will be drawn during the interval, and all proceeds will be donated to Little Havens Children's Hospice.

Jean Suttling has agreed to set the questions again this year.

There will be 6 rounds of 10 questions with a marathon round for us to complete and your answers will be collected at the end of the quiz.

Bob Stone will be our Question Master once again.

You can bring an entire team to the quiz but please no more than 8 people per team. This must be strictly adhered to for the sake of fairness.

If you book on an individual basis and wish to be seated with any specific members, please let me know and I will do my best to achieve this.

The winning team members will be awarded a prize at the end of the quiz.

Please see me at tonight's meeting if you wish to book your place or team and I will start collecting the money at tonight's meeting. Please let me have your food choices by no later than one week before the quiz. We no longer provide tickets for this event.

Please contact me if you wish to take part and unable to get to tonight's meeting.

This is always such a fun night. The emphasis is on having fun, and nothing like Mastermind.

We have to vacate the hall no later than 11pm with all tables and chairs returned to their places of storage so if any of you are able to help to stack chairs or collapse tables, this would be much appreciated.

ANNUAL CLUB WEEKEND AWAY
Flackley Ash Hotel & Spa,
Peasemarch, Rye, East Sussex

This year we are returning to a much enjoyed hotel back in 2015.

I have initially reserved 12 standard rooms at a cost per person, per night as follows:-

Two people sharing - £179 per person per night, total cost £537.

Single Occupancy - £139 per night, total cost £417.

This is on a half board basis.

There are some room upgrades as follows:-

Garden Room with patio £70 per room per night

Superior Room £40 per room per night

There is no lift at the hotel, so please let me know when reserving your place if you need a ground floor room.

There are 6 ground floor double rooms, one with shower only and the remaining 5 with shower over bath.

A deposit of £50 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

Free cancellation up to 8 weeks prior to arrival date.

No cancellation 4 weeks prior to arrival date

Deposits can be paid directly into our club account, with the reference "Weekend" or by cheque made payable to South Essex MG Owners Club.

If you can avoid paying cash, this would be appreciated but if no other way, cash will be accepted.

The final balance will be payable by 2 weeks prior to arrival, again using payment choices as per the deposit, but I will call for the balances in plenty of time.

There are plenty of places, including Rye itself, for us to find a couple of runs for the weekend, and we will provide the usual itinerary for the entire weekend nearer the time.

Please see me at the meeting tonight, or by other usual means if necessary to reserve your room.

Finally, I give below a brief outline of some of the events to hand included in our calendar of events which we are attending as a club for your information.

Little Baddow Open Gardens & Display Saturday 18th May (Maximum of 12 cars)

Organisers: June & Barry

Entry will be free to display for a car and two people, with free entry to gardens (normally £8 per person). Parking will be at Riffhams, Graces Lane, Little Baddow CM3 4AX, and it is expected to have fifteen gardens open and some five other sites, including two churches and the History Centre. Lunches will be available at the Memorial Hall and two pubs. Other attractions may include boat trips on the Chelmer Navigation, Morris Dancing and the KEGS band. Free buses will be provided to ferry people around.

The cars will be displayed at the front of the house on grass in the Repton-designed garden.

Although there is limited space, they will ensure there is ample distance between cars to fully open car doors.

East Anglia Railway Museum Visit – 26th May 2024

Organiser: Derek Gardner

I have secured a limited number of places at the East Anglia Railway Museum (<https://earm.co.uk>) at Chappel for the SEMGOC. It's about one hour drive from The Lodge. It's a classic car event combined with a train steaming day. All for no fee!!! – you can ride a steam train, take a trip on a classic bus, ride on a miniature steam train, visit the museum and see the extensive model railway etc. There is a lovely café with inside seating if required on an old railway coach!

However, I do need to know that anyone wanting to come to register/contact me ASAP as places are limited and go very quickly. I will need name, car model, year and reg. number please.

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River Deben Cruise & Cream Tea 28th July

Organisers: Alison & Keith Green

River Trip duration is 2 hours.

Price £15 per person.

Cream Tea extra £4 pp Tea and biscuits £2.50 extra pp.

We need an initial 30 people for the trip and an idea of numbers by March.

Therefore this will only be booked if we can get sufficient numbers.

Annual RHS Hyde Hall Car Show, Sunday 1st September

Organisers: June & Barry

We have now been officially invited by the Jaguar Drivers Club Area Day to join in this brilliant event, which we have attended for many years.

Entry is free of charge for exhibitors with the opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens, regardless of RHS Membership to all those displaying their cars on our stand.

That's all for this month.

June

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