



# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month.

Joining us for the first time was Gary Green who has a Grey MGTF 160.  
Welcome to the club.

## Recent Events

By way of a change, we enjoyed three events on the bounce.

Here are June's accounts of all three:-

### THE VULCAN EXPERIENCE Vulcan Restoration Trust Hangar 5 London Southend Airport

14 cars, as to 5 from our club and 9 from the MG Midget Car Club met at Tesco's Car Park on the A127 for a prompt departure to this event at 08.45.

We were all parked up together on arrival, directly in front of the Vulcan in the Hangar. We were early enough to have a good wander around the hangar, and some took the opportunity to have a tour of the cockpit. This was opened to the public at 10.00. There were plenty of refreshment opportunities.

It was a glorious hot sunny day, nothing like the forecast everyone seemed to have seen, and in the afternoon, there was a demonstration of the Vulcan, when the engine was fired up and the various positions of the wings and the roar of the engine was revealed, along with a talk on the aircraft.

The sky began to change and so we all began to leave at around 3.30.  
Everyone had a great time.

### VISIT TO ESSEX & HERTS AIR AMBULANCE VISIT North Weald Visitor Centre North Weald Airbase Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

12 members and two children attended this visit on a very hot sunny day.

A few members met at the Lodge to travel in convoy whilst others drove directly to the airbase. Our tour was booked for 1.00pm. On arrival, we were offered tea/coffee & biscuits and once we were all seated the tour began.

The tour was conducted by 2 of the volunteers, Ian & Mike.

Between them they explained how the service began as Essex Air Ambulance and eventually joined forces with Herts Air Ambulance.

The North Weald base was the home of the Herts Helicopters and their airbase at Earls Colne being the home of Essex Helicopters. They rely heavily on donations from many sources and indeed our club have donated a fair amount over the years.

The helicopter was out on call for most of our visit but we hung on as eventually it returned to base and we all watched it land on the helipad. The crew consisting of a Pilot, Co Pilot, Doctor & Paramedic came over and chatted to us which was great.

They all do a 12 hour shift and some can run into late nights.

It was nice to know that a fair few of those whose lives they have saved over the years, often go back and visit them.

Once they had re-fuelled the helicopter in readiness for any ongoing call outs, we were able to take a close look at the inside of the helicopter with all the equipment they carry on every flight. We were told they can even perform operations on board if absolutely necessary.



Our Group at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance visit.

There was a Pilot's seat in the visitor centre and the two children took it in turn to sit in it with a helmet on which was great.

This is only a short report on our visit, as I couldn't possibly relay everything we were told but tours are free and you can book as individuals or family bookings and it is one of the most interesting tours we have done as a club.

A good few years ago we did a tour of the Earls Colne base but we understand they too now have a fantastic new visitor centre as well. We worth a visit.

**SUMMER PICNIC**  
**Cudmore Grove Country Park, East**  
**Mersey**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

We decided to repeat this as it was so enjoyable last year.

6 cars left The Lodge at 10.00am and managed to stay together very well, on a scenic route which took us through Bicknacre, up to Goldhanger, the Wigboroughs and on to East Mersea.

On arrival all cars were parked together and we were joined by Michael Jones who had made his own way there.



Summer Picnic at Cudmore Grove Park.

Armed with picnic bags, chairs and kites we all walked towards the river and found ample space for us all to sit in a circle.

Soon it was time to dig in the picnic bags and enjoy some refreshment, closely followed by an impressive array of kites.

Peter, John & Barry had brought home made kites, Michael and Peter had ready made kites. Although Derek didn't have a kite this year, he played his part assisting others with their flying efforts and even having a go with some of them.

It wasn't at all sunny but the conditions were sufficient for kite flying with a bit of a blustery wind at times, and kites were up and down. Michael's kite flew really high and Derek had a go with Peter's bought kite which flew quite well too. John's kite managed to get some height at times, as did Barry's. Peter's kite looked impressive with an MG logo and did some great nose dives, and a few times got up into the sky.

Great fun and well done kite flyers.

After a short break for lunch, more efforts at kite flying ensued and Tosh had a go at frisbee flying with Colin which caused a bit of ducking as it got caught in the wind.

At around 3pm we all started to clear away our tables, chairs and head back to our cars to head home.

Big thank you to Derek & Hilary for suggesting/organising this and for getting us all there via a very enjoyable route.

## **RHS HYDE HALL CAR SHOW**

**RHS Hyde Hall**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

Yesterday, on a bright sunny day we attended this event, and a total of 19 cars were parked on our allocated club stand. Once again we were joined by members of the Midget & Sprite Club.



0906 at Hyde Hall Classic Car Show.

As usual the club flags and gazebo were all set up and various tables, chairs and picnic bags emerged and our day began.

During the day we had a few visitors who came and joined us from our club, Bob & Irene, Diana Selbie and Joan Honour. Great to see them and spent most of the day with us too.

Once the event was opened to the public, streams of people came and looked over all the cars with great interest.

Nobody seemed to want to sit under the gazebo, even though white clouds had gathered taking the warm sunshine away from time to time when it felt quite cool. Some of us ventured up the hill to visit the beautiful gardens and buy refreshments and/or ice creams.

Raffle tickets were being sold in aid of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and this was drawn at around 3.15pm.

What a lucky club we are, I won 2 prizes, John & Shirley won 1 prize and so did Chris Shepherd, and really good prizes they were. Family members turned up to say hello too. John & Shirley's family with their young grandchildren arrived for a picnic and had great fun under the gazebo so it wasn't a complete waste of time and effort and later in

the afternoon our Daughter & Son-in-law popped by to say hello which was a nice surprise.

Our various visitors started to leave before the rush and we had to stay until 4.30pm, so by 4.00 we started to dismantle the gazebo and take the club flags down and pack our cars up to go home.

Once again a great event in beautiful surroundings.

## **Secretary's News**

### **IMPORTANT**

Please note that there will not be an August meeting because June and I will not be able to attend, neither will Derek & Hilary, so just for once we are not holding an official meeting. However, if any of you still wish to meet up for a few drinks and a chat, please do so.

The next official meeting will therefore be on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

We will however, endeavour to fix up a coffee morning later in August, which June will deal with via the coffee morning group email, Facebook and the website.

*Barry*

## **What's On**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Club Night at The Lodge  
From 8pm.

### **MESSAGE BOARD!**



## **LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

Welcome to the July 2023 Leisure & Entertainment News.

Well what a busy month June turned out to be!!

By complete contrast, July can only boast the Hyde Hall Car Show which we attended yesterday.

I will be contacting all those going to Heacham Manor by group email regarding final balance payments at the end of this month as they have to be paid at the end of August. This email will contain full details as to how payment can be made.

That's all for this month.

*June*