



# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month.

No New Members to Report.

## Recent Events

### ANNUAL QUIZ 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023 CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL, SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April we held our 21<sup>st</sup> annual quiz night in aid of Little Havens Childrens' Hospice.

We had 11 tables of up to 8 per table, as to 6 x 8, 2 x 7, 1 x 6, and 2 x 5.

The timing for the start was brought forward to 7.15pm.

Having gained access to the hall at 6.00 pm members of the committee met to start setting the tables & chairs up, the Scoreboard, and raffle prizes.

My grateful thanks to Barry, Bob & Irene, Keith & Alison, & Derek & Hillary for their help, which seemed to be completed in a heartbeat, and the hall was ready by 6.30pm. Our teams started to arrive at the hall between 6.45 and 7pm and pleased to say that we managed to get off to a prompt start, with 78 participants in total.

The questions were set by Irene Stone, with 6 rounds of 10 questions plus the Marathon round which comprised 3 parts.

Once again Bob Stone was our Question Master and Irene kept the scoreboard up to date after each round.

I had arranged for the food to be delivered to the hall at 8.15pm and this arrived promptly. During the interval of food, Derek & Hilary circulated the hall selling the raffle tickets, with a higher price of £5 per strip in order to boost our donation to Little Havens Childrens' Hospice, which we have supported every year since we began our quiz nights.

The quiz recommenced at around 9.15pm after the empty food packages etc. were put in black sacks for collection by the restaurant.

Once all the rounds of questions had been asked and all the answer sheets collected, together with the answer sheets to the Marathon questions, the raffle was drawn.

The winning team was the Bridge Family team of 5 and they each received a bottle of wine.

Many congratulations on a great effort.



2023 Winners

Last place was Tosh Antley's team of 7 who each received an MG Coaster.

For the first time ever, we managed to have everything finished by 10.30!!!

Thank you to all those who helped to dismantle the tables and stack the chairs which seemed to be done in double quick time.

Thank you to Derek & Hilary for selling the raffle tickets and drawing them in the interval.

Irene for setting the brilliant questions and Bob for entertaining us reading out the questions.

Once again another fantastic night was enjoyed by all.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Finally, I am very pleased to say that the total we are able to donate to Little Havens Childrens' Hospice is £650.

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## Secretary's News

Please see June's pages relating to upcoming events.

### **CLUB BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE:**

I am pleased to confirm that our Club Bank Account with Lloyds Bank is now fully operational and will allow us to complete the donations of monies raised this year.

The account name is:-

South Essex MG Owners Club and full account details will be given on each event where payments are payable from members as they arise.

I was extremely disappointed with the outcome of our proposed visit to Little Baddow Open Gardens event, to which we were invited as a group at the beginning of the year. I duly accepted the invitation and agreed to let the Organiser know our numbers before the deadline was reached.

However, when we contacted the Organiser with our numbers, one month before the deadline to do so, we were informed there were only 3 places left and therefore we could not attend as a club. I do feel we should have been contacted earlier to provide our likely numbers as we had accepted the invitation.

*Barry*

## What's On

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Coffee Morning

Cherry Lane Garden Centres – Riverside  
Hockley

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Club Night at The Lodge  
From 8pm.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Visit the Vulcan Experience  
Southend Airport

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Visit to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance  
North Weald Visitor Centre

### MESSAGE BOARD!



## **LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

Welcome to the May 2023 Leisure & Entertainment News.

### **COFFEE MORNING** **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023** **Cherry Lane Garden Centres - Riverside** **Lower Road, Hockley, SS5 5LE**

This has now been finalised and I will take names at the tonight's meeting and for those unable to attend tonight, please let me know in the usual way as soon as possible. I am required to confirm numbers to them by no later than the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **VISIT THE VULCAN EXPERIENCE** **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023** **Vulcan Restoration Trust** **Hangars 5-6** **London Southend Airport** **South Road** **SS2 6YU**

I now have full details for this event.

Firstly, all cars must be registered between the 50s, 60s & 70s to comply with the Cold War period.

At the time of this newsletter, I have a total of 11 cars, including some from the Midget & Sprite Club and we have an allocation of 15 cars. There is still availability for another 4 cars so please let me know if any of you not on the list wish to be added.

We are required to arrive at the above address by no later than 08.45 as a group, i.e. altogether. Once we arrive there will be plenty of time for us to look round the hangars before the event is opened to the public.

To avoid asking you all to get to the Lodge for a convoy, we will need to find a suitable car park, maybe a local retail park nearby, where we can all meet, so we can all arrive as one group.

I will confirm where and when to meet up in the June Newsletter.

### **VISIT TO ESSEX & HERTS AIR AMBULANCE** **NORTH WEALD** **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

I still have room for 6 more people for this very interesting tour.

Here are the details from their website:-

You are invited to join us at our North Weald Visitor Centre on one of our public Visitor Centre Tours hosted by our dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers. Our Visitor Centre Tours can accommodate up to 20 people and are free of charge, although we will share with you a variety of ways in which you can support the charity, thank you if you have already raised money for us - ***We can't fly without you!***

Tours last up to two hours and include a mix of films, narrative and interactive features in the room. Our North Weald airbase is home to our Augusta Westland 169 helicopter which you will hopefully see, operations allowing.

Your visit will be hosted by volunteers who will be onsite specially to meet you.

Please let me know either at the meeting or by the other options as usual.

**HYDE HALL CAR SHOW**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**RHS Hyde Hall**

We are now being pressed by the Organisers of this event to provide likely number of cars we will have.

This is a really good fun day out and we always have a very full club stand. However, numbers were a bit lower last year and there are still spaces available for this year.

As in the past, this is free to exhibitors and we will be erecting our gazebos and flags, picnic by our cars, or visit the cafés and restaurant on site if preferred. We will also have free entry into the beautiful gardens regardless of being members of the RHS.

Please see me at the meeting or let me know in the usual way if you wish to attend as soon as you are able.

Full details will be published here in the June Newsletter.

That's all for this month.

*June*