



# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month.

No new members to report this month.

## Recent Events

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February we enjoyed our annual Indian Meal at the Tandoori Restaurant in Thundersley.

We first visited the restaurant in 2007.

This year 41 of our members along with 19 members from the MG Car Club F Register Eastern Region bringing the total to 60 enjoyed another tasty meal.



We booked the charity option so that we could donate to a worthy cause of our choosing. This year we have donated the sum of £187.50 to Alzheimers Research UK.

The standard of service, as always, was courteous, welcoming and very attentive throughout. The delicious food was served at the table to start and then the plentiful choice of so many different dishes and sides from the buffet, which made it hard to know where to start. There was also English food served at the table at no extra cost. We all began heading home around 4 o'clock.



## Secretary's News

I have now received further details of the Eastern Region Event at Stow Maries Aerodrome on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. And .this has now been confirmed as a £10 per car event We have 14 names of members previously expressing interest in attending this so if you still wish to attend please reconfirm as I have agreed to subsidise it from club funds.

A further event is being considered to add to the calendar, The Queen Victoria car show in Billericay on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> July. We can book a club stand if there is sufficient interest or individuals can book themselves by visiting [queenvic.mgccangliacentre.org.uk](http://queenvic.mgccangliacentre.org.uk)

*Barry*

### MESSAGE BOARD!



## **LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

Welcome to the March 2024 Leisure & Entertainment News.

### **ANNUAL QUIZ** **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024** **Champions Manor Hall** **Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5LJ**

This is our next event on our calendar.

There are still plenty of places available to take part and I repeat full details as follows:-

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.

Please allow plenty of time if paying by cheque for clearance. I can accept cash unless 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.

I am required to submit the final list of food choices one week before the quiz and I require payment by no later than one week before the quiz.

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.

The questions are being set by our Treasurer Irene Stone, in place of Jean Suttling who had to step back for personal reasons. Both Irene and Jean have been setting questions for our quiz over the past years and both have managed to get a good mix of questions and every quiz has been great fun.

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.

There is no need to worry if you cannot bring an entire table to the quiz as I will sort teams out to the best of my knowledge as to who knows who.

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.

### **COMING UP LATER THIS YEAR**

#### **Cruise (2 hours) on the River Deben, Waldringfield, Suffolk with or without refreshments, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2 pm.**

I have a list of 26 who have expressed interest in taking part.

We need a minimum number of 30 so just another 4 will achieve that.

Alison & Keith Green have suggested this and kindly offered to take charge of the organisation for us.

The cost of the boat trip is £15 per person.  
You can opt for the following refreshments:-

Tea & Biscuits at an added cost of £2.50 per person  
Cream Tea at an added cost of £4.50 per person.

Alison & Keith will be at the meeting tonight and they need confirmation from those on the list that they are able to attend as we are required to submit minimum numbers by the end of this month.

We will be calling for a deposit of £5 per person up front and once again you can pay this direct into our club account quoting the reference “River Cruise” or pay by cheque made payable to South Essex MG Owners Club and sent to me please as Barry needs to pay cheques into the club account.

Keith is organising a convoy from the Lodge and will provide a route and further details will be in the June & July newsletters.

Please see Alison & Keith tonight and confirm whether you want to be added to the final list and arrange for payment of the deposit as soon as possible.

Alison’s contact details are shown at the foot of this newsletter if you wish to contact Alison to reserve your place or have any questions relating to the visit.

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

I have now received most deposits and I have now reserved a total of 16 rooms.

For any who have not yet paid the deposit of £50 per person please attend to this as I am required to pay these as soon as possible.

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.

**UPDATES**

**East Anglia Railway Museum Visit – 26 th 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.

Derek Gardner [gardner.mallard@gmail.com](mailto:gardner.mallard@gmail.com) or text 07846496062

**Please see Derek at tonight’s meeting to confirm your attendance giving all the details requested above to secure your place.**

**Little Baddow Open Gardens & Display Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May (Maximum of 12 cars)**  
**Organisers: June & Barry**

I now have 11 cars on the list for this and will need to confirm the final number of cars to the organisers. Please confirm your place if you added your name to the events list and there is still time for the final place to be taken up but this will be strictly on a first come first serve basis.

That's all for this month.

*June*