SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No new members to report.

Recent Events.

Coffee Meet at Strawberry Café 12 March

A chilly morning when we arrived at Olivers Nursery. They had set out several tables for us with our first visitors, Barry and Nicky Faiers, arriving early at 09.30 due to the opticians being closed that they had hoped to go to first! Around 10 o'clock more members started to arrive and by 10.30 we had a merry group with a total of 22.

The staff were very helpful and welcoming and service was quick. We all enjoyed a variety of drinks and food. The breakfast looked delicious that Barry Freedman had, but also the teacakes were popular and very tasty.

Lots of lively conversation and laughter so it appeared that we were enjoying the get together.

Members started to drift away, and most had left by just after midday, possibly to do some shopping in the garden centre.

A most social morning was had by all!

Derek Gardner

Secretary's News

Following the sad news that George Sargent had sadly passed away, his funeral was on the 13th March and was attended by some of our members.

We have received a message from Michelle, George's Daiughter to say that the grand sum of £1,743.10 has so far been donated to George's chosen Charity St. Luke's Hospice which is an amazing amount.
We have donated a further £50 to the Charity.

The route for our joint "Drive it Day with the Midget & Sprite Club has now been finalised. I am indebted to the assistance in preparing this by Doug Plumb.
It promises to be a good run for our cars.

We have now received a letter of thanks for our donation of £128 to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance from our Curry Run.
Barry

What's On

Wednesday 16th April

Weekday Lunch at The Compasses, Littley Green.

Saturday 26th April

Annual Quiz & Fish & Chips Supper

Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road,
South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5LJ

Monday 12th May

Meeting at The Lodge Country Inn from 8pm.

(Note that this is the 2nd Monday in May due to the May Bank Holiday on the 5th)

Saturday 17th May

Little Baddow Open Gardens & Car Display

Sunday 18th May

0906 Drive It Day

Sunday 25th May

East Anglian Railway Transport Extravaganza

East Anglian Railway Museum,

Wakes Colne, Colchester.

MESSAGE BOARD!

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the April Leisure & Entertainment News.

WEEKDAY LUNCH
The Compasses
Littley Green, Chelmsford, CM3 1BU
Wednesday 16th April

This is the next event on our calendar, and Derek Gardner is organising this for us.

Derek has asked me to give details below:-

The pub opens at 12 We do not have a time slot at all. Can order food from 1200. It does get busy but if we order food promptly they do serve quickly We don't have a dedicated table as it's a pokey pub with lots of little rooms so we will grab a table !

Very casual and informal!

Derek

ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING
Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5LJ
Saturday the 26th April 2025 @ 19.15 prompt

A reminder that there are still available places for this event, but please let me know asap. I will require payment and food choices as well.

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 - £16 per person
Cost without food - £8 per person

The choice of food is as follows:-

Cod & Chips
Haddock & Chips
4 Boneless Chicken Strips & Chips
Fish-Less-Fillet & Chips
3 Crunchy Green Heroes & Chips

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.

There will be 6 rounds of 8 questions with a marathon round for us to complete, and your answers to the Marathon will be collected at the end of the quiz.
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.

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 can take cheques tonight. Please let me have your food choices by no later than one week before the quiz.

As this is the last meeting before the quiz any bookings taken between now and then must be paid for in full.

Please see me at tonight's meeting or contact me in the usual way.

I have to submit the final food order by no later than the 17th April.

LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS & CAR DISPLAY
Saturday 17th May 10.30am to 4.00 pm
Short Convoy from The Generals Arms
The Ridge, Little Baddow, Chelmsford, CM3 4SX

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

Some of you have indicated that you would be interested in taking part in this event, which we attended last year as a club event.

Please see me at the meeting if you wish to confirm attendance or wish to take part.

0906 DRIVE IT DAY
Sunday 18th May
Convoy from The Lodge at 12.45 Prompt

First of all, **this event is not to be confused with the National UK Drive it Day.**

Last year we created our very own club Drive It Day and are following it up this year, with a new route.

This was also arranged in conjunction with the Midget & Sprite Club and will be, going forward.

The destination will not be revealed until directions and route are handed out at the Lodge prior to departure. The route is approximately 30 miles.

Please let me know if you would like to be part of this event.

EAST ANGLIAN RAILWAY TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA
East Anglian Railway Museum
Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2DS
Sunday 25th May

Derek Gardner is also arranging this event for us, as last year, and has asked me to advise the following:-

If you haven't already done so, please can I urge members to inform June or myself if going to this event ASAP?

We have reserved several parking slots, and we need to know if we will require all of those slots as I have to organise individual entry tickets.

It's a fascinating day out with several steam trains running throughout the day and you can ride for free, old double decker buses, again doing trips that are free. It's a lovely venue with model railways, narrow gauge railway and a lovely café where you can sit in the old railway coaches to eat and/or drink.

As we did last year, we will travel in convoy from The Lodge, if you wish to join us.

Please see me at tonight's meeting if you wish to attend, as Derek is on holiday at this time.

That's all for this month.

June