SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

Joining us for the first time were Vic & Julie Fellows who have a red MGB GT 1971. Welcome to the Club.

Recent Events.

RHS Hyde Hall Car Show
6th July

Having monitored the weather forecast for the last week we were all expecting heavy rain showers and thunder for most of the morning. However, once we arrived on our stand, the sun came out and we had mixed cloud and sunshine, which was quite hot at times!!!

We had a final number of 14 cars and it was good to welcome Tim Brown as a guest from the Midget & Sprite Club, plus our newer members Vic & Julie Fellows and Peter Martin and his Partner.

Once the gazebo was erected out came all the chairs, tables, flasks, and snacks which were all enjoyed sitting in the unexpected hot sunshine.

We had a fair few wasps who decided to try and land on our food and drinks which wasn't very pleasant, which spooked two of our members who had been stung by a wasp last week!!!

There was a good turnout of cars on show, consisting of Jaguar, MG's, Porsche, Mercedes, Bentleys, Rover, Triumph, Aston Martin, Mazda, Alfa Romeo and several other clubs in attendance.

From 10am the public started to wander around all the cars.

It was good to have visits to our stand from John & Ann Beckinsale, Bob & Irene Stone, Doug Plumb & Diana Selbie who stayed a while and joined us on our stand. It was good to catch up.

Early in the afternoon, the wind started to increase and the sky became cloudier, but this time with darker clouds.

Just as picnic bags were unpacked for lunch, it looked like we were finally going to have a shower which duly arrived, resulting in a huddle under the gazebo for some and retreats to cars for shelter, ensuring that chairs and tables etc were folded down first.

The showers persisted on and off for a couple of hours, but on the upside the wasps disappeared.

As usual the Jaguar Drivers' Club who had organised the event, held a raffle with superb prizes. Proceeds would be going to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, their regular Charity.

As we eagerly stood in the pouring rain under umbrellas clutching our raffle tickets, sadly none of our members were recipients of any of the prizes this year.

We all had to remain on our stand until 4.30pm.

Of course, by the time we need to pack our cars and take down the gazebo, the sun shone and some took the opportunity to leather off their cars.

By around 5 o'clock all cars had been packed, including ours with the gazebo and flags, Barry uttered the words "I can't fine my mobile phone"!!! This happens a few times and I usually have to ring his number to see where it was ringing from.

Many members gathered round the car trying to hear where the ringing was coming from.

However, the only person who could hear it ringing was Barry through his hearing aids! This meant none of us, including Barry had no idea where the phone might have been inside the boot.

A few members were checking the ground where we had all sat to no avail.

Hilary had very kindly walked further along to see if she find out if anyone had picked it up and in the meantime, Sue Mellish suggested it might have been in the cup holder of one of our chairs.

So our two chairs were unpacked and voila!! The phone was indeed in the pocket of one of the chairs, which were packed away unnoticed.

Eventually Hilary returned.

What a farce!

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Secretary's News

We recently purchased from club funds two sets of poles for the club banners as the original ones had deteriorated beyond use. These cost £114 and they made their inaugural appearance yesterday at The Hyde Hall Car Show.

Barry

What's On

Monday 4th August

Meeting at The Lodge Country Inn

From 8pm

Wednesday 13th August

Fish & Chips at The Star in Steeple

Sunday 17th August

Visit The Vulcan Experience

MESSAGE BOARD!

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the July Leisure & Entertainment News.

FISH & CHIPS AT THE STAR IN STEEPLE
Wednesday 13th August
From 4pm

I have a list of those interested in this event, which was very popular last year.

There will not be a convoy from the Lodge.

The only information I will need is from those who wish to order Fish & Chips.

Barry will have wrist bands at the meeting tonight which we collected from Colin Moles at The Lodge. These must be worn on the day. If you have already told me you wish to have fish & chips then please see Barry at the meeting tonight to collect one wrist band per person.

There is no charge for these and all food is paid for at the time of ordering.

We have reserved 17 wrist bands for those who have already confirmed an order with me for fish & chips which will result in 3 wrist bands being available to others, on a first come first serve basis.

If you miss out on obtaining a wrist band from Barry tonight and are wishing to order fish & chips you will need to send a stamped self-addressed envelope big enough to hold one or two wrist bands, to:-

Colin Moles,
Millfield
Birches Walk
Galleywood
Chelmsford
CM2 8TZ

Be sure to let Colin know you will be with our club when sending your request for wrist bands. Colin will then send your wrist bands to you by return in the envelope provided.
Please note these wrist band requests must be received by Colin by no later than the 29th July.

Numbers are limited so do not delay applying for your wrist bands.

If you do not present a wrist band at the time of collection from the bar, you cannot be guaranteed fish & chips, so please do not forget to bring them with you.
All food whether it is fish & chips or from the barbecue must be paid for on the day.

Bring your chairs together with anything else you wish to bring as the seating area inside the pub last year was very busy and tight so it may well be better to eat your meal by the cars.

VISIT THE VULCAN
Vulcan Restoration Trust
Hangar 6
London Southend Airport, South Road, SS2 6YU
Sunday 17th August

Once again I have a short list of those interested in attending this event.

We are required to arrive together and as last time (2023).

To comply with this request, we will all have to meet up nearby and this will be in the Tesco's car park on the A127 (on Prince Avenue) between 8am & 8.15 am, as we have to arrive at the venue by no later than 8.45am.

We will all then have to stay together as much as possible.

Once we arrive there will be plenty of time for us to look round the hangar before the event is opened to the public.

You can take your own food but there is plenty of refreshment available on site but not a café/restaurant.

We cannot head home until 15.30 and the event is closed to the public at 16.00.

Please see me or Barry at tonight's meeting if you are interested in attending this very informative and enjoyable event.

That's all for this month.

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