# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month.

No new members to report.

## Recent Events.

On Wednesday the 16th April we attended The Compasses at Littley Green as one of our Weekday Lunches.

We all made our own way there and arrived around Midday.

We were directed to a room at the end of the pub where plenty of tables were reserved for our club.

We had to order our food and drinks at the bar and the food was served at the tables.

The food was delicious and plentiful. Some of us were introduced to “Huffers” which are large rectangular type roll toasted with varied fillings.

A great time was had by all and our grateful thanks to Derek & Hilary for arranging this for us.

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On Saturday the 26th April we held our Annual Quiz Night.

This was our 24th Quiz Night.

Our time slot for the hall was 6pm to 11pm and Barry and I and all members of the committee and partners arrived by 6pm to commence laying out the tables for 10 teams and once again this was all done in a very short time.
Everyone else started arriving around 7pm for the prompt start of 7.15pm.
Everyone was at their team tables on the dot of 7.15 and with the scoreboard ready, Bob began his introduction and the first round of questions.
Bob Stone was once again our Question Master and Derek & Hilary took charge of the raffle and draw.
Jean had prepared 6 rounds of 8 questions and of course the Marathon

The categories for the questions for each round were:-

General Knowledge
Sport
Music
Food & Drink
American History
Scient & Nature

The Marathon consisted of Photos of Comedians which we all had time to complete right up until the end of the quiz.

Jokers were applied to the round of each team's choice and inevitably some chose the wrong round and lost out on a few double points!!!
After each round of questions, we were asked to swap answer sheets with an adjacent team for marking and then they were all collected by Alec Suttling who did a great job throughout the evening,
Round 3 finished by 8 o'clock so we had a short time for chatting before the food was delivered just before 8.15pm.
Assisted by Ann King and Keith Shepherd we set about organising the food and two members from each team were called out in sequence to head to the kitchen to collect their team meals.
Also during the interval Derek & Hilary visited each table to sell the tickets for the raffle draw which would take place at the end of the quiz.
Once again the food delivered by Churchills Fish & Chips in South Woodham was hot, delicious and plentiful with packs each containing cutlery, salt & vinegar, serviette and wet wipe. They also left 6 black sacks for all the food packaging and leftovers to be collected and they returned
to the hall by 9pm and gathered up the filled black sacks and returned them to the restaurant for disposal.
A brilliantly efficient service.
The second half of the quiz then commenced.
After the final round had been marked, the Marathon questions were marked and collected to add to the scores of each team and the raffle was drawn by Derek & Hilary.
When the final scores were entered on the scoreboard, the winners were announced and this year it was the Bridge Family Team of 5 who scored the highest points. They were all called up to collect their winning prize of a bottle of wine each.
Sadly there has to be a losing team and this year it was Pam Lee's team of 8 and they were all presented with a lemon which was accepted in good heart and a lot of laughing on their part.
Here are the final scores for each team in order from Highest to Lowest:-

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| Table 4 | 70 |
| Table 10 | 69 |
| Table 5 | 68 |
| Tables 7 & 9 | 66 |
| Table 8 | 64 |
| Tables 2 & 6 | 60 |
| Table 1 | 58 |
| Table 3 | 46 |

The quiz was all wrapped up around 10pm and as swiftly as the tables and chairs had all been set up, tables were folded down, and the chairs were stacked and transported back to their places.
The raffle was so well supported by all and a substantial amount has been donated to our usual charity for this event Little Havens Children's Hospice.
(See Secretary's News)

My personal thanks to all the helpers on the night and to Bob, Jean for setting the questions & Alec who did an excellent job of collecting the completed answer sheets after each round.
Once again we all enjoyed another fantastic night of fun and entertainment which makes all the hard work setting it up very rewarding.

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## Secretary's News

## HYDE HALL CAR SHOW 6th July

I have been asked to provide final numbers for this event by the end of this week.

We have just 10 cars at the moment which is rather low for this event.

I would be grateful if any members wishing to attend could let me or June know asap, or if you have already indicated your interest, please confirm you still intend to be included.
Following another very successful and well attended Charity Quiz in support of Little Havens' Children's Hospice, I am pleased to

report that we have donated the amazing sum of £540 flowing from the proceeds of the Quiz.

*Barry*

**What's On**

**Saturday 17th May**

Little Baddow Open Gardens & Car Display

**Sunday 18th May**

0906 Drive It Day

**Sunday 25th May**

East Anglian Railway Transport Extravaganza.

**Monday 2nd June**

Meeting at The Lodge Country Inn from 8pm.

**MESSAGE BOARD!**

## LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the May Leisure & Entertainment News.

### 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

This is now fully booked.

We have arranged for all cars in our group to be parked together and we therefore need to arrive in convoy.

Rather than start from the Lodge, in an effort to avoid getting split up, we will all meet at The Generals Arms Pub, The Ridge, Little Baddow, Chelmsford CM3 4SX by no later than 09.45 to leave at 10.00 and will head off to the event. We must have all our cars in position by 10.30am.

We have to remain in place until 4pm.

We have received a Pass template for this event and we will print one per car and hand them out at the Generals Arms on the day. These must be shown on arrival, although due to the size of the document sent, you may have to lay it down by your windscreen. Barry has tried to reduce the original but to no avail!!

Let's hope this amazing weather doesn't move away for this event.

### 0906 DRIVE IT DAY
### Our Club and Midget & Sprite Club
### Sunday 18th May
### Convoy from The Lodge at 12.45 Prompt

Meet at The Lodge, in plenty of time for a prompt departure at 12.45.

Route instructions for the 30 miles run will be handed out at the start. We have a dedicated room at the finish where drinks and cakes can be ordered.
**Please note that no hot food will be available for us.**

To assist with the catering, please confirm your planned attendance before the closing date of the 13th May (tomorrow).

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

This is now fully booked.

Those attending should by now have received your individual pass from Derek by email.

Please either print the Pass and present it on arrival or if you have the email with the QR Code on your mobile phone, please ensure you are able to show it on arrival. It might be an idea to print the Pass as well as having it on your mobile phone.

We have already confirmed the number of cars we will have on the day so if you haven't received the email from Derek attaching the Pass please let Derek know. You can also let me know if easier, and I will advise Derek.

There will be a convoy from The Lodge as last year.

Please let Derek or me know if you will be at The Lodge as soon as possible.

If for any reason any of you prefer to arrive individually, there is a possibility you will not be able to park with the main group.

Please arrive at The Lodge by no later than 8.15.

On arrival the route instructions were be handed out.

**WEEKDAY LUNCH**
**The Harbour View**
**The Tollesbury Marina, CM9 8SE, Maldon, Essex.**
**Wednesday 4th June**

This is replacing the original venue of the Rayleigh Arms which we had to pull out of .

Our reservation is booked for 12.30.

We all pay individually on the day.

We are required to choose our food from their menu.

I will bring a few tonight if any of you wish to take a look but otherwise let me know and I will email a copy to you. Choices are required by the 28th May.

Sandwiches are also available but no menu choice needed. However, if sandwiches are preferred they still need to know how many prefer the sandwiches. Your personal choice has to be on the day for the sandwiches on offer, but they would like to ensure they have enough for those who want sandwiches.

There will be a convoy from the Lodge so please let Derek or myself have your food preferences and if you would like to join the convoy which will be from the Lodge. We need to allow 45+ minutes to get to the restaurant.

Timings for the convoy will be given in the June newsletter.

Please see the menu choices at the end of this newsletter.

That's all for this month.

***June***



# THE HARBOUR VIEW

BISTRO & BAR

WE DO TAKEAWAY TOO!

## STARTERS

MIXED OLIVES (GFO) £3.50

HOUMOUS & NACHOS - Pomegranate, fresh dill & smoked Paprika £5

PRAWN COCKTAIL CROSTINI (GFO) £7.50
toasted sourdough bread, fresh crispy salad, Tomato, Cucumber & Prawns, Marie rose sauce

CAJUN FISH TACOS £8.50
shredded Lettuce, Tomato & Mango Salsa & Citrus Creme Fraiche sauce

VEGETABLE GYOZA (VE) £7.50
with Chinese style Soy sauce

BREADED GARLIC MUSHROOMS £7.50
with a Greek yogourt chilli dip

CALAMARI FRITTI £8.50
served with smoked Garlic Aioli

CHICKEN WINGS £7.50
choose between Peri-Peri or BBQ sauce

SHARING PLATTER £22
2 x Tacos, small Prawn cocktail, Gyozas, Calamari, wings, dips, salad, crunchy Nachos

## FISH MAINS

BEER BATTERED FISH £15
served with chips, mushy peas and tartare sauce

MOULES MARINIERE £18
steamed in white wine, garlic and cream, served with fries

HOT PRAWN Chilli, £18
Garlic & Chorizo Linguine, sunblushed tomatoes, with fresh Rocket top

FISH PLATE OF THE DAY
see special board or ask server

## MAINS

HARBOUR VIEW BEEF BURGER £16
Served with Bacon, Cheese, sweet Brioche bun, Chipotle Mayonnaise, letttuce, tomato & Chunky Chips

CAJUN CHICKEN MILANESE £16.50 served with fries, fresh dressed aragula, Parmesan salad & sunblushed tomatoes

GREEK SALAD £14.50 add Chicken +£4.50

## LIGHTER OPTIONS

Sandwiches

Salads

See notice board for todays selection

## SIDES

Chips £4.50
Fries £4.50
Greek Salad £4
Mixed Salad £4
New Potato Salad £4

## DESSERTS ALL £7.50

ETON MESS

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE
with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce

CREME BRULEE

LEMON POSSET
with homemade Shortbread biscuit

ICE CREAM £1.50 per scoop

SELECTION OF COFFEES & TEAS