# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month.

No new members to welcome.

## Recent Events.

**The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Lunch**

The RCYC was first formed in 1872 when yacht racing was an exclusive sport. The club house today was designed and built and formally opened on 25th July, 1931. It is now a listed structure as it was soon acknowledged to be a building of outstanding architectural merit due to its futuristic design and style.

Twenty of us arrived at the RCYC around 12:30 on the 15th October where we had a lovely long table set out for us. Before we were seated, we all had a drink and a chat and admired the wonderful view from the club restaurant over the river Crouch with the yachts moored on the now, near low tide river. Across to the far bank Wallasea Island could be seen with its recently flooded RSPB bird reserve.

The pre-ordering and payment system for food worked well and by one we were (mostly, as one or two delays with a couple of meals were experienced!) enjoying our meal. The food was very good quality and plentiful. Some of us decided to have desserts especially as the Sticky Toffee Pudding had been recommended. Hilary decided to have the Eton Mess and was most surprised when it arrived with this huge pink meringue (about the size of a large grapefruit) balanced on top of the fruit and cream! However, she did manage to eat most of it!

We sat and chatted, and some had coffee for quite a while before some folks started to drift away.

Marcus, Debbie, Maggie and Chris went off for a walk along the town front whilst the remainder of us went home.

It was a most enjoyable lunch, and all agreed it was beautiful venue.
We were also all agreed that our three summer “Pub Lunch” visits were a success and should be continued next year.

Our thanks to Derek for this report and organising this for us.

## Secretary’s News

As at the 31st October no nominations to the Committee have been received and therefore our Committee remains as follows:-

Barry King - Area Secretary
Irene Stone -Treasurer
June King - Entertainment Secretary
Alison Green – Deputy Entertainment Secretary
Bob Stone -Webmaster
Jean Suttling - Membership Secretary
Derek Gardner - Raffle Master
Keith Green.

Attached to this newsletter is our Treasurer's report and accounts for 2024/25 which shows a profit of just over £100

Next month's meeting will include our usual Christmas Raffle with proceeds being donated to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance as usual.

We invite members to donate prizes festively wrapped for the element of surprise and give generously to support this worthy cause by buying a strip or two of the tickets on sale at the meeting. Thank you.

A few weeks ago we received the sad news that one of our long standing members, Jean Hodges, had sadly passed away.

Jean & John have supported our club over a number of years at club meetings and many events.

In memory of Jean, the Club has donated £30 to St. Luke's Hospice.

We received a response as follows:-

Your donation has been added to Jean Hodges' tribute.
Your generosity is much appreciated and makes a real difference

Last week, I received an email via our website about a brand-new business in East Hanningfield which I thought needed looking into for our area.
On many occasions I receive either an email or a phone call from someone who is looking for somewhere to have an MG fixed or serviced etc. but I could only give limited details as there weren't that many around.
We have been advised of a new company called Historic Motorworks Ltd. which has opened up in East Hanningfield.
June and I were invited to go along and see for ourselves how it is all set up and to find out which services are being offered.

The following is from their website which explains everything about the company:-
*Established in 2025, Historic Motorworks is a family owned classic car workshop based in East Hanningfield, Essex.*

*We're motivated by a passion to keep older vehicles on the road or track so they can be used and enjoyed by owners and enthusiasts.*

*We focus primarily on British, European and American sports cars, grand tourers and saloons from the 1950's to the 1980's. Although we welcome all classic cars to our workshop.*

*We're working to be recognised as a leading British service team and restorer of classic cars. We deliver exceptional work along with outstanding care and attention to our clients.*

On arrival, we met up with Danny Pavitt who is the Owner of the company along with his Father Philip Davitt. We also met up with Henry Waugh who emailed me initially who is Commercial Manager for the company. Danny mentioned he was previously an employee of J. D. Classics for 15 years and has always wanted to set up his own company to provide a good service for owners of classic cars including MGB and MGA models.

The Company organised their Official Launch on the 28th September this year.

We spent quite a while chatting about our club and both Danny and Henry are happy for any of our members to get in touch if they need any help relating to their MGs including servicing and restoration. They also have contacts for other services if needed as to bodywork and paintwork.
We were so impressed with the services available and could feel their obvious passion for classic cars and we are happy to recommend this company to all our members.




You can take a look at their website on:-
www.historicmotorworks.com

*Barry*

## What's On

**Wednesday 19th November**

Coffee Morning

White Elm Garden Centre, Bicknacre

**Sunday 14th December**

Christmas Lunch

The Cherry Tree, Rochford

**Monday 5th January 2025**

Meeting at The Lodge Country Inn

From 8.00 pm

# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the November Leisure & Entertainment News.

## COFFEE MORNING

**White Elm Garden Centre, White Elm Road, Bicknacre, CM3 4LR**

**Wednesday 19th November**

**10am to Midday**

I have arranged a coffee morning for us all to enjoy at the above Garden Centre.

We have already held a few coffee mornings at White Elm and we will be seated in their "quiet room" but I can't guarantee it will be quiet while we are there.

I will take names for this at tonight's meeting and for those unable to attend, please let me know in the usual way.

Make your own way there and given the time of year there is no need to worry if you are unable to travel in an MG.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**The Cherry Tree, Stambridge Rd, Rochford SS4 2AF**

**Sunday 14th December – Midday to 3pm**

We have now paid all deposits for 50 covers for our Christmas Lunch. There are still 5 places available so please come forward and speak to me tonight or by contact in the usual way if any more wish to join us.

The choices are for two courses or three courses.

The two courses, are £31 pp
The three courses are £39.50 pp.

This will not include drinks of course which you will have to order from the bar.

There is no service charge, but we will arrange for a glass to be passed around towards the end of the meal so please bring along some cash if you wish to contribute to this.

I will require balances by no later than our the 28th November.

I will endeavour to provide a seating plan now we have a rough idea of final numbers.

Please let me have your meal choices as soon as possible, but by the December meeting at the latest.

That’s all for this month.

### *June*