SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No new members to report.

Recent Events.

Driving Day
Sunday 26th July

Doug Plumb arranged this day for our club and The Midget & Sprite Club.

A scenic drive round the Essex Countryside followed by lunch in The Grain Shed Café, at Blake House Craft Centre in Braintree.

We all had to make our own way to the Ingatestone Saddlery to leave by 11am.

The route had been emailed to all prior to the event. The route of 45 miles took us though some pretty areas of the Essex Countryside.

Some of us arrived before 10am and after introductions in the car park and some really black clouds approaching, all too soon the rain started so we all made for the café at the Saddlery.

Unfortunately, a couple of our cars were delayed, the TF (with the hood down) and the TC, were subjected to an absolute torrential downpour and all occupants were extremely wet on arrival.

The cars from The Midget & Sprite Club comprised of 2 Frogeyes, 3 Midgets and a TF

The cars from our club comprised of 2 MGB GT's, 1 MG TF, 1 MGTC and 1 MG ZR.

We were a little late leaving, but everyone headed off when ready. Some managed to follow Doug & Diana from the start and others formed their own little convoys.

Despite Doug, assisted by Diana Selbie, finally checking the route for any errors or roadworks the week before, unsurprisingly, a road was closed which had been open the week before!!!

Barry and I had followed the route on our own but thankfully quite away further along the route, before reaching the blocked road, we caught up with Doug's convoy.

On arrival at The Grain Shed, we were made most welcome and a special arrangement had been made to offer us all table service which was a really nice gesture.

We had been given a smaller menu choice so as to speed up being served.

As we arrived, we were greeted by Alison & Keith Green who had visited the café to finalise the Rare Rides event they have organised for us at the Blake House Craft Centre on the 23rd August, so a really nice surprise.

20 minutes after we arrived, Peter called me to say he & Jackie were totally lost. Thankfully, they weren't alone though. They

had followed Marcus & Debbie and Jamie & Sally and were all together. Debbie was busy on her phone looking for a direct route to the café and they all arrived together, not too late.

The food at The Grain Shed was really nice and enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to Doug for all his hard work sorting out such a lovely route and Diana for assisting in checking the route two or three times.

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Secretary's News

We have been liaising with Irene Stone, our Treasurer, about our club website.

Bob Stone has been our Webmaster for a fair few years, now feels it is time to step down and maybe find someone else to take it on.

However, during ongoing discussions we started to consider whether we needed to continue having a club website, because, after talking to a few members, it seems that not many of our members actually look at it.

The website needs better software and in the absence of finding another club member to take on this task, we have taken the decision to close the website down in due course.

We intend to include the monthly newsletters within our private Facebook Account Page, together with any photos from events.

This will not happen straight away though.

The annual payment for the running of the website has been recently renewed for another year, which should give us plenty of time to finally close it down.

In the meantime, we will, in the next month or so, start uploading the newsletter on both the website and our Facebook Page just to ensure there are no problems.

We have quite a few members already on our club private page.

Being a private Facebook page means that only our club members will see any posts placed there, and any members will be able to respond or add their own posts.

We do appreciate that having a Facebook account doesn't appeal to everyone. So, for those members, newsletters will be available at our club meetings or by email or post.

We will advise you all when we are ready to upload the first newsletter to both the website and Facebook page.

If any of you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me or contact me by email. You can use the email address at the top of this newsletter.

Barry

What's on

Wednesday 19th August
Fish & Chips at The Star, Steeple

Sunday 16th August
Visit the Vulcan at Southend Airport

Sunday 23rd August
Rare Rides Classical Car Meet
Blake House Craft Centre, Braintree

Monday 7th September
Meeting at The Lodge
From 8pm

Friday 25th September to Monday 28th September
Club Weekend Away to North Walsham at The Beechwood Hotel.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the August Leisure & Entertainment News.

FISH & CHIPS
The Star, The Street, Steeple, Southminster CM0 7LF
Wednesday 19th August
From 4pm

We have collected some wrist bands for those wishing to have fish & chips as opposed to the barbecue.

I will have these with me at the meeting. For those unable to get to the tonight's meeting, I will hand them out at the pub on arrival.

You can arrive at The Star from 4pm.

We usually take our chairs and/or tables to this event, as the seating inside The Star can be a little bit cramped and if the weather is suitable, you can enjoy your food by the cars.

When the food starts being served, simply go to the bar and order your fish & chips (there is no choice of fish) but you must hand in your wrist band. There is no need to attach it to your wrist, as I believe these will be collected by the staff as you order your meal.

The alternative is to eat from the barbecue on site, but payment is on the day. No pre-booking is necessary and no need for a wrist band.

VISIT THE VULCAN
Southend Airport
Sunday 16th August

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there will be a convoy from Tesco in Southend.

We are required to arrive at the airport together.

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, in order to display our cars together on arrival at the airport.

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 and drink but there is plenty of refreshment and food available on site but not a café/restaurant.

I can still take names for this event but only until the end of this coming week. If I do not hear from anyone not already on the list, before next weekend, I will have to say it is closed to anymore members.

RARE RIDES CLASSICAL VEHICLE MEET
Blake House Craft Centre,
Blake End, Rayne, Braintree CM77 6RA
Sunday 23rd August

We will need your registration number and year of vehicle so that we can register for the event.

If you haven't already passed this information on to Alison, you can do so or send it direct to Alison by email (see the foot of this newsletter) or myself.

Blake House Craft Centre has an array of craft shops, cafe and a motorcycle store. Cars will be displayed in the fields behind the craft centre.

Please make your own way to the craft centre by 9:30am for a 10am start. We will need to park all cars together if possible.

That's all for this month.

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