SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No New Members to report.

Recent Events.

COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 22nd January
Scott's of Southend Garden Centre, Rochford

Our first coffee morning of 2026 was a great success, with 34 members attending. Our biggest turnout since we started the coffee mornings.
Scott's did us proud with all tables laid out for us on arrival around 10am and nothing was too much trouble.
Service was prompt and everyone enjoyed themselves. It's always nice to see members who, for one reason or another, are unable to attend our monthly meetings and can have a good catch up with other members.
The food was delicious and plentiful, with some having a full English Breakfast, bacon or sausage sandwiches, a scone with cream & jam or hot buttered toasted teacakes.
An amazing happy atmosphere throughout the couple of hours we all spent there.
June

Secretary's News

For those who are not members of our Facebook Page, Derek Gardner has posted the following on our Facebook page and has asked me to repeat the event herein, which is shown as a non-club event in our Calendar, should any members wish to register on an individual basis as follows:-

WINGS & WHEELS
Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome
Bank Holiday Sunday 24th May

This great event is being held at the Great War Aerodrome in Stow Maries (CM3 6RN) It is a wonderful day where WW 1 aircraft will be on display and weather permitting will take to the Skies. In addition, there is a classic car display of around 100 cars and many static displays of aircraft and a museum and café. For full details see: website:https://www.stowmaries.org.uk/event/wings-and-wheels-2025-1046794278867#

Places are very sought after as there are limited car display places. An application form can be obtained by emailing them direct or asking the writer to email it to you. The car and driver is free, but any passengers will need to buy a ticket (adult £20) from the website.
When filling in your application form quote the Club Name – South Essex MG Owners Club and we will be parked together. You will also need to send them a recent photograph of your car with the application form.
Any questions please contact me. If you are interested, you must get your application in as soon as possible.
Derek Gardner.

Our 2026 Calendar is distributed tonight and posted on our Website.

There are plenty of events this year for everyone to enjoy and take part in.

One event sadly missing is the Hyde Hall Classic Car Show which isn't in their calendar this year.

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What's On

Sunday 22nd February

Annual Curry Run

Tandoori Parlour, Thundersley

Monday 2nd March

Meeting at The Lodge Country Inn from 8pm.

Wednesday 18th March

Weekday Lunch

The Harbour View Restaurant

Tollesbury.

MESSAGE BOARD!

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the February Leisure & Entertainment News.

ANNUAL CURRY RUN
Tandoori Parlour
61-64 Hart Road, Thundersley SS7 3PB
Sunday 22nd February 12.30pm

I now have quite a few names for this event but there is plenty of room for more.

We will be seated at the tables by 12.30. The Restaurant opens at Midday, and you can arrive between those times and enjoy drinks from the bar until service begins.

Please note drinks and desserts are not included in the price we are paying. These can be ordered from the servers, or you can go to the bar for drinks if you prefer, but payment must be made for drinks and desserts at the time of ordering.

Starters will be served at the tables and thereafter we are invited to visit their substantial buffet of many varieties of Indian cuisine as many times as you can manage.

For any who are not fans of Indian food, there are alternatives including fish & chips and chicken & chips and more. Please request your choice with the server at the table when the starters are being served.

The same cost of £13 applies for either of these choices.

I will be taking more names at tonight's meeting and via contact in the usual way.

I am delighted to say we will be joined by members of the F/TF Register once again.

There is no convoy for this visit and no obligation to travel in your MG given any likely inclement weather.

There is a free car park opposite the restaurant but take care when crossing the very busy road which is on a bend.

Please let me have your payments as soon as possible and allow plenty of time for cheques to clear, especially if posting them to me.

Online payments direct to our club account or cheques are the preferred methods of payment. If any of you require our club account details, please contact me.

Cheques should be made payable to SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB.

Following this event there will be a donation to a Charity, yet to be decided, and details as to the chosen Charity will appear in the March Newsletter together with the amount donated.

We have been attending this restaurant for a number of years now and everyone has enjoyed the good food.

COMING UP IN MARCH

Weekday Lunch at The Harbour View Restaurant

Wednesday 18th March

I have received details from Derek Gardner who arranged weekday lunches for us last year which proved to be very popular.

To kickstart this year's weekday lunches, by popular demand, Derek has booked a return visit to this restaurant for us to enjoy once again.

Sandwiches are available on the day for any who do not wish to have a full lunch, and these are to be chosen on the day.

Payment for all food and drinks will be made individually on the day.

I have printed four copies of the menu and will have them with me tonight which can be passed around. If any of you wish to take a photo with your phone, please do so. Otherwise, you can email Derek, who is happy to send one to you by email.

We need to have confirmed food choices by the 7th March, so please let Derek have your choices as soon as possible.

To register your interest please email Derek at gardner.mallard@gmail.com

Derek will not be at the meeting tonight, due to holiday.

ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING
Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5LJ
Saturday the 25th April 2025 at 19.15 prompt

The venue is now booked, and I have also achieved a booking for the food to be delivered halfway through the evening.

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

I am now inviting payment for this event, which can be made by direct transfer to our club account which is:-

Sort Code: 30-99-50
Account No: 50206060
In the name of South Essex MG Owners Club

Please add the reference Quiz Night

For those who don't use online banking, cheques made payable to South Essex MG Owners Club are acceptable. Due to the many bank branches being closed, regrettably we can no longer accept cash payments.

The choice of food is as follows:-

Hake & Chips
Haddock & Chips
3 Chicken Heroes & Chips
Jumbo Sausage & Chips

I need to know which option you will be paying for and if the food option is for you, then your choice of food for each team member.

I have arranged for the food to be delivered to the hall at 8.15pm.
Included with the delivery will be a pack containing a knife, fork, hand wipe sachet, salt, vinegar and paper napkin. Some of you may prefer to bring sauces as these won't be included.

On the night I will place a sheet in the middle of each table giving food choices for each person on that team table which one or two team members should show when collecting the meals during the interval.

All rubbish from the food will be collected by the suppliers of the food and it would be helpful if you could take your own empty bottles, cans or food wrappers home.

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.

Jean Suttling has agreed to set the questions again this year.

There will be 6 rounds of 10 questions with a marathon round for us to complete, and your answers to the Marathon will be collected at the end of the quiz.

Bob Stone will be our Question Master once again.

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.

If you book on an individual basis and wish to be seated with any specific members, please let me know and I will do my best to achieve this.

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.

This is always such a fun night. The emphasis is on having fun, and nothing like Mastermind, but please do not be tempted to use mobile phones during the quiz.

We have to vacate the hall no later than 11pm with all tables and chairs returned to their places of storage so if any of you are able to help to stack chairs or collapse tables, this would be much appreciated.

Finally, I am required to advise you all of the information relating to Allergies. Please read this information on Churchill's Website at:
churchillsfishandchips.co.uk/menu

Please let me know if any of you are affected by allergies and I will pass this on to the company.

CLUB WEEKEND AWAY
BEECHWOOD HOTEL
North Walsham, Norfolk
25th to 28th September

I have booked this hotel for our weekend away this year.

I will have a couple of flyers for the hotel with me tonight and it will be posted on our club website.

If any members would like to know more details, please see me at tonight's meeting or contact me.

That's all for this month.

June

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