SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No new members to report.

Recent Events.

WEEKDAY LUNCH
The Ship Inn, Tiptree
Wednesday 17th June

15 of us, some in MG's and others in the regular cars, met at The Ship Inn around Midday.
Derek had reserved our places and we sat in a small room with one round table for 7 and a further set of tables to seat a further 8.
The Restaurant offered a special menu for either 1, 2 or 3 courses at a cost of £7.50 per person for over 55's.
The meals were slightly smaller than usual given the offer, but plentiful and delicious. A varied choice to suit all tastes.
The desserts were not included in the offer at a cost of £6.95 and again, a wonderful, varied choice and very special.

We had time to sit and relax and chat after the meal which was a nice end to our visit of 3 hours at the tables and no pressure to leave before that.

We were blessed with a hot sunny day, so when it was time for us to head home, the cars were extremely hot!!!

Our thanks for Derek & Hilary for organising the lunch.

I know every single one of us had nothing but praise for the food and very reasonable cost and probably worth a second visit one day.

June

Annual Summer Picnic with Kite Flying
Saturday 4th July
Cudmore Grove Country Park, East Mersea
Picnickers present:

Barry and I
Alec & Jean
John & Shirley
Peter
Chris & Maggie
Bob & Sue Mellish

This was originally intended to happen on the 27th June but due to the extreme heat forecast for the day, and temperatures reaching over 35c we felt it necessary to postpone it to the 4th July.

Disappointing though it was, everyone thought it was the right thing to do.
So sadly, we lost a few members by the delay, but the weather forecast was much more manageable around the mid to upper 20's.
So, with a total of 6 cars, we had arranged a convoy from The Lodge to the park.
However, the roads scuppered full attendance at The Lodge due to an overturned tractor carrying hay with Police in attendance.

This resulted in just the four cars leaving The Lodge.
Inevitably we didn't quite manage to stay together all the way, losing John & Shirley who were last in the convoy.
We arrived in good time at the park and soon after our arrival, Alec & Jean arrived followed by Bob & Sue who were forced to turn around due to the accident so made their own way individually to the park.
After paying for the parking, we unloaded our cars and headed through the trees to the open area where we found a very nice place in the sun where a small circle of tables and chairs soon formed.
The weather was overcast on arrival but the prospect of kite flying seemed ok with a breeze.



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After refreshments, out came the kites.
Peter brought his masterpiece which won the day last year in magnificent form, Chris & Maggie brought a very attractive kite but not homemade and John & Shirley brought their raffle prize kite from the last meeting.
Bob had made a very impressive looking box kite using odds and ends from his garage. It did look splendid but hadn't been tested due to the size of it.

John & Shirley's kite soared high into the sky straight away and looked brilliant.



Raffle Prize winning Kite

Sadly, Peter's didn't want to play on the day so no doubt it will be modified in time for next year.
Chris & Maggie's kite did very well at times.
Barry brought last year's homemade kite but sadly, as happened last year, it didn't want to fly so back to the drawing board for that one.
As for Bob's box kite, well that wasn't happy either, but I would think Bob will meet the challenge to better it for next year.
The afternoon temperature gradually rose to being hot as the clouds cleared allowing the sun to shine.
Derek & Hilary were due to join us, but Derek had suffered a back problem so unable to come. However, Derek did tell me the high tide time which we 3.48pm so around 3pm we decided to pack up and head home via the causeway in case the water was too high for MG's and we couldn't get home for a while.

The heat in the car all the way home was almost unbearable. A very sticky heat.

However, we will continue with our picnic's each year as they are turning out to be great fun.

June

Secretary's News

Last month I mentioned an event at Anglesey Abbey and sadly it has been cancelled due to tree felling taking place.
I am pleased that our Driving Day with the Midget & Sprite Club is going ahead. See the full details in the Leisure and Entertainment pages.

Barry

What's on

Thursday 23rd July
Coffee Morning, Scott's of Southend

Sunday 26th July
Midget & Sprite Club & MGOC Driving Day

Monday 3rd August
Meeting at The Lodge from 8pm

Wednesday 12th 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

MESSAGE BOARD!

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the July Leisure & Entertainment News.

COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 23rd July
Scott's of Southend
Sutton Road, Rochford SS4 1LQ

Please let me know asap if any of you would like to attend this.

I will take names at tonight's meeting.

MG & SPRITE CLUB & SEMGOC DRIVING DAY
SUNDAY 26th July

Doug Plumb has prepared a route for this event and has sent these details:-

Routes and instructions will be handed out at the start.

Start at Ingatestone Saddlery Main Rd, Margaretting, CM4 0ES [just off the A12] at 1100. The cafe is open from 10.00 and can get busy with slow service.

Lunch is at the Grain Shed at Blake House Craft Centre Blake End, Braintree CM77 6SH after approx 45 miles. See their website https://thegrainshed.co.uk/ for menu options.

We will need to know how many are wishing to enjoy this day out in the country so please see me at tonight's meeting and I will pass on all names to Doug.

COMING UP FROM OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

FISH & CHIPS
The Star, The Street, Steeple, Southminster CM0 7LF
Wednesday 12th August
From 4pm

We have taken part in this for a few years now and it is most enjoyable with a fantastic display of all kinds of classic cars, including our cars, but not compulsory if you cannot attend in your MG.

Fish & Chips are limited so please let me know asap if you wish to have fish & chips. You will need to wear a wrist band, and I will have these at the August meeting or hand them out on arrival at The Star.

You will need to pay for your Fish & Chips at the Bar.

The alternative is to eat from the barbecue on site, but payment is on the day.

I will take names at tonight's meeting.

Please come and see me after the newsletters have been handed out.

VISIT THE VULCAN
Southend Airport
Sunday 16th August

We have attended this event for a couple of years now and is most enjoyable.
It's free to show your MG.

I have taken this from their website.

See former Royal Air Force bomber Avro Vulcan XL426 up close in its hangar at our *Visit the Vulcan Classic Jets Day*. You can walk round the Vulcan and for an additional fee you can climb inside for a guided tour of the cockpit.

There will be examples of the weapons carried by the Vulcan during its time with the RAF, including the type of 1,000 lb high explosive bomb the Vulcan dropped on Port Stanley airfield during the 1982 Falklands Conflict.

XL426 will be joined by a restored Westland Scout helicopter and the preserved cockpits of historic RAF Cold War aircraft, including an English Electric Canberra, a Blackburn Buccaneer, a Hawker Hunter, a de Havilland Vampire and a SEPECAT Jaguar.

There will be a display of historic and modern fire engines from London Southend Airport, the Rochford Fire Service and the 240FLM Preservation Group, with its historic 1964 AEC Mercury fire engine complete with its 100 foot Merryweather turntable and ladder. The fire engine served with great distinction with the London Fire Brigade and has been restored by the 240 FLM Preservation Group, who will be showing visitors around this amazing vehicle.

The East Anglia MG Classic Car Club will be bringing a selection of its classic cars for you to enjoy.

The display arena will also feature a selection of historic British Army military vehicles and displays from the Shoeburyness & South Essex Royal Artillery Association and the Southend Radio Controlled Model Flying Club.

Characters from UK Garrison (Star Wars) and Marvel - DC Comic re-enactors will be patrolling the hangar and arena on the lookout for any troublemakers! Phizart Face Painters will also be on hand to decorate the faces of our younger visitors.

Refreshments will be on sale including hot food from Biltong Burgers. There will be a licensed bar courtesy of the Datum Attitude Brewery and there will also be an ice cream and doughnut kiosk.

Our Hangar Shop will be open selling a selection of Vulcan souvenirs, including models, badges, patches, jams, books and much more.

General admission is £10.00 for adults with under-16s admitted FREE. Tickets will be on sale on the gate and are also available to buy in advance should you wish. There is no need to buy advance tickets for under-16s.

Cockpit visits are an additional £8.00 per person applicable to both adults and under-16s. Cockpit visits will take place every 15 minutes on a timed ticket basis, so there will be no need to stand and queue. Cockpit visit tickets are subject to availability and will only be on sale on the day. When they're gone, they're gone!

Children must be over 1 metre tall to visit the cockpit and must climb the entry ladder themselves (no carrying).

Gates open at 10.00 am with last admission at 4.00 pm.

Sorry – due to airport rules, we regret that no pets can be admitted with the exception of assistance dogs.

We will need to have our cars in place by no later than 09.00 and cannot leave before 4.00pm.

There will be a convoy from Tesco in Southend and timings will be in the August Newsletter.

As soon as you decide to come, please let me know as I will need to submit final numbers asap after tonight's meeting.

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

Keith & Alison have organised this for us and is something new for the club.

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

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.

Please contact Alison Green by email if you wish to attend this event. We will be registering the vehicles with the car show organisers at the end of July.

That's all for this month.

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