SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

Joining us for the first time was Angela Dunn who has a white 1976 MGB Roadster
Welcome to the Club.

Recent Events.

On Saturday the 25th April we held our 25th Annual Fun Quiz, once again all proceeds to be donated to Little Haven's Children's Hospice.

We achieved a very manageable 9 tables with a maximum team of 8 per table. Not all were comprised of 8 but we had a total of 65 participants.

Jean Suttling set another great and varied set of questions comprising 6 rounds of 10 questions and a very interesting Marathon of 25 questions where we were required to decipher known proverbs and sayings by selecting them from all the letters in the titles excluding vowels. Good fun.

The quiz commenced at 7.15 pm prompt and at 8.15pm the Fish & Chips, Chicken & Chips and Jumbo Sausage & Chips which I had pre-ordered, were delivered. I was relieved that once all meals were handed out, nobody got the wrong one!!

During this interval Derek & Hilary visited each team table to sell the raffle tickets for a good selection of prizes from club funds, together with a few welcome donations.

The quiz continued just after 9pm with the remaining rounds of questions.

Alec had been busy collecting all the answer sheets for each round and any Jokers being applied for any of the teams, earning double points for each correct question in their chosen round.

Jean checked all the answers and together with Alec, they added all the scores, including the marathon round, to the scoreboard.

At the conclusion of the questions and the marathon, all scores added to the scoreboard, the winners proved to be Ron Scates and his team of 8.



2026 Quiz Winners

Each of the winning team members received a bottle of red or white wine.
Of course, we had to acknowledge the team with the lowest score and a Wooden Spoon was presented to each of Pam Lee's team. No shame to be last, it's all about taking part and having a fun evening.

I would like to thank all our committee members who arrived at the hall at 6pm and within a very short space of time, all the tables were set up and raffle prizes displayed, before all the participants arrived at 7pm.

Our special thanks to Jean for setting the questions and marking them, Alec for collecting the answers and assisting with the scores and Bob Stone for once again doing a brilliant job calling out the questions.

Secretary's News

I am pleased to report that following another successful quiz night, we have donated a very pleasing £631 to Little Haven's Children's Hospice. Here is their personal reply.


Havens Hospices

Thank you so much
for raising a wonderful
£631.00
for Little Havens

"You find people here. There's no pity, no sympathy – just acceptance. People see Connie for the bright little girl she is."

Every one of us
Making every day count.

We sincerely appreciate all your support for this ongoing event in each calendar every year and for a worthy cause.

Last month I invited members to bid for the Limited-Edition Corgi Model MGF and I can now reveal that the winning bid was made by Jeff King and I shall be presenting him with the model tonight.



I recently received an email from the Epping MGOC informing us of a Car Show in Blackmore on the 7th June.
This is a free event, but you will need to register by email eppingmg@gmail.com.
A copy of their flyer for the event is in the message board

Barry

What's on

Saturday 16th May

Little Baddow Open Gardens

Monday 1st June

Meeting at The Lodge from 8pm.

Wednesday 17th June
Weekday Lunch at The Ship, Tiptree

MESSAGE BOARD!



LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the May Leisure & Entertainment News.

LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS & CAR DISPLAY
Saturday 16th May 10.30am to 4.00 pm
Short Convoy from The Generals Arms
The Ridge, Little Baddow, Chelmsford, CM3 4SX

I have a total of 5 cars for this event with one space remaining. Please see me tonight if any of you wish to take up this space.

This is a truly delightful day out.

I repeat the full details from last month's newsletter as follows:-

Entry will be free to display for a car and two people, with free entry to gardens (normally £8 per person). Parking will be at Riffhams, Graces Lane, Little Baddow CM3 4AX, and they expect to have fifteen gardens open and some five other sites, including two churches and the History Centre. Lunches will be available at the Memorial Hall and two pubs. Other attractions may include boat trips on the Chelmer Navigation, Morris dancing and the KEGS band. Free buses will be provided to ferry people around.

The cars will be displayed at the front of the house on grass in the Repton-designed garden.

Although there is limited space, they will ensure there is ample distance between cars to fully open car doors.

It is requested that members arrive with their cars between 10.15am and 10.30am.

We will need to arrive in convoy so that we can all park together and therefore we should all make our own way to the Generals Arms (also known as Olio on the Ridge) at The Ridge, Little Baddow, CM3 4SX

Please arrive at The Generals Arms by 09.45 for a prompt 10.00 departure.

Please contact me on the day if you are running late to avoid having to park separately from our group.

Passes will be handed out at The Generals Arms before heading off to the event.
I will need to know if any of you are unable to depart from the Generals Arms.

WEEKDAY LUNCH
The Ship Inn, 152, Maldon Road,
Tiptree, Colchester, CO5 0PQ

Derek Gardner will be taking names for this lunch tonight, as has been highly recommended by two of our members.

The food is fantastic and boasts an over 55's menu for just £8. Also, their standard menu has a massive selection of food at normal prices.
Derek really needs an idea as to how many would like to attend but will need to advise the Restaurant in the coming couple of weeks.

I will of course put the final details in the June newsletter, but in the meantime, please see Derek tonight for more information.

Alternatively, you can contact Derek by email or let me know if you would like to attend and I will let Derek know.

That's all for this month.

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