SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Last Month.

No new members to report.

Recent Events.

VISIT THE VULCAN EXPERIENCE
Southend Airport
Sunday 16th August

We had six cars attending this event.
It was an early start for a Sunday, but we all managed to get to Tesco in Southend in good time to travel in convoy, led by Bob & Sue Mellish, by 9.45.
Our cars were all lined up in front of the Vulcan which was housed in a Hangar.
It was another hot day but a lot of us managed to stay in the shade.
We arrived before the public who were due to arrive at 10.00am.
The day ahead would include a tour of the Vulcan cockpit at a small cost, which had to be dealt with in small groups and pre-booked.
We were to be entertained by a band called The Chelmsford Silver Band who began arriving after we did and were seated near the entrance to the hangar.
There was a van selling hot food and hot and cold drinks, plus an ice cream van and a beer stall.
After the public arrived, the event began.
Some planes were ready for take-off including a Dakota and a Spitfire, a few private jets passed over us and one or two EasyJet flights flying over following take-off at the main airport.
Then the band started to play around lunch time. They were really good and played some well-known songs, including Jerusalem.



0906 cars at the Vulcan Experience

Sadly, one member of the public was taken ill and required CPR so the charity's own emergency services were called and attended the man working really hard for well over an hour. They had one ambulance, a paramedic and there were Police in attendance.
The organisers of the event dealt with the problem with the utmost respect for the casualty's privacy by placing big screens around the side and rear of the ambulance until they were ready to head off.
I found out that this was their charity's first medical emergency at one of their events, and it was professionally handled from start to finish.

A couple of the timings for the visit to the cockpit had to be moved around and out of respect, the band stopped playing until everything had been done and the area cleared of the emergency vehicles.

We all stayed until around 4.00pm and then we were safe to leave as the members of the public had all but left.

FISH & CHIPS EVENING
The Star, Steeple
Wednesday 19th August

This annual event is becoming more popular each year with the club and is always enjoyable.
We all made our own way to the pub and could arrive any time after 4.00pm
Despite being advised the date was the 12th August, I was told that it was on the 19th August!
We started off with 10 cars, and ended up with six, with three having to pull out through health problems, and a couple of members pulled out purely because the date had changed.
On arrival all our cars managed to line up together, thanks to Peter placing his own chair next to some of the cars to prevent other cars from other clubs parking next to us until everyone had arrived. Jean & John and Chris & Maggie arrived in their other cars for various reasons, and it was good to enjoy their company.
Our chairs were all set up in a circle behind our cars, and we sat and chatted until we were told that the food was ready to collect.
Those who opted for fish & chips had been given a wristband which had to be handed in when going to the bar to get the food.
There is usually a barbecue for those not wishing to have fish & chips but due to the problems with recent wildfires, this had to be cancelled. Burgers and other alternative meals were then also ordered at the bar, but no wristbands were required for that.
The weather was bright, hot & sunny with some white clouds, however, just as the last of us finally sat down by our cars to enjoy our food, would you believe the heavens opened!!!
Umbrellas were brought into play, a sight to behold, with all of us trying to juggle with food with one hand and holding the umbrella with the other!
This lasted for a good 15 minutes, but thereafter, the sun shone once more.
There were quite a few different classic cars on display, beach buggies and other interesting cars from years gone by.
By around 8pm cars started to leave the display area and head off home.
Another enjoyable evening just enjoying food and chatting amongst ourselves.
Note to self: Double check the date next year!!
On the 23rd August we attended the Rare Rides car display at The Blake House Craft Centre in Rayne, Braintree.
We had 5 cars for this event and were joined by other club members later in the morning who couldn't display their MGs.


Rare Rides display

Some of us sat either under the gazebo for shade or others sat outside to enjoy the hot sunshine.
A very relaxing day was enjoyed by all, with the opportunity to wander around the small craft shops on site.

Our thanks to Keith & Alison Green for organising this event for us.

June

Secretary's News

From this month onwards and following the information given in last month's Newsletter regarding the upcoming closure of our website, this month's Newsletter will be posted on our Private Facebook Page, as well as our website until the end of this year. Thereafter, it will only be posted on our Facebook Page.

For members who have no desire to open a Facebook account, you will receive the newsletter by email if attendance at any meeting is not possible.

For any who already have a Facebook account but are not members of our private club page, please speak to me or June and we will let you know how to become a member.

Our Facebook page is totally private and can only be viewed by current members of it.

Therefore, as from January next year, our Facebook page will be the only source of information outside the meetings, concerning club events and the monthly newsletters, together with any appropriate photos relating to club news and events.

Finally, some of you are aware that we felt it necessary to cancel our upcoming Christmas Lunch at The Cherry Tree, in Rochford.

By way of explanation, it was brought to our attention after two of our club members had booked a meal there only to find the service seriously poor and slow and the meals ordered were far below their usual standard, indeed, insufficiently cooked and mostly inedible!!

To remedy this, and bearing in mind the closeness of our Christmas Dinner, June posted this news on our Facebook page. Subsequently we were recommended by another member to try The Six Bells Pub Restaurant in Boreham, Chelmsford.

Furthermore, other members of our club informed us that the food was "fabulous".

Having read some of the reviews, we decided we had nothing to lose by making a telephone call.

After a very informative telephone conversation we had "penciled in" a proposed booking for exactly the same date and time as we had at the Cherry Tree, i.e. Sunday the 13th December at Midday.

I am pleased to say that this booking has now been accepted.

Full details are on this month's Leisure & Entertainment Page.

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What's on

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

Monday 5th October
Meeting at The Lodge
From 8pm

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Welcome to the September Leisure & Entertainment News.

After a very busy August with 3 events in as many weeks, September is going to be a bit quieter.

All we have in the calendar is our annual Club Weekend Away on Friday the 25th to Monday 28th September in North Walsham, Norfolk, which is looming fast.

Everything is now set for what we anticipate will be another enjoyable weekend with friends with a couple of events for Saturday and Sunday.

We are going to try and secure a booking for a Chinese Meal at a restaurant that we know of but this will not be until October.

I will post any necessary details on our Group Facebook Page and follow it up in the October Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
The Six Bells
Main Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, CM3 3JE
Sunday 13th December – Midday

We have now secured a booking for this event. Details are as follows:-

The cost per person, including a service charge
is:-

2 Courses £34 including Service Charge
3 Courses £39.50 including Service Charge

We have also been offered, within the cost, a straightforward cup of tea or coffee.
Any variations of after dinner beverages will have to be paid for separately.

Please order your drinks at the bar or table, to be paid for individually at that time.

A £2 per person service charge has been included in the above prices, in lieu of the standard 10% per person.

There is a deposit payable of £10.00 per person.

We are required to provide a pre-order list of menu choices in due course.

The owner of the pub has asked me to advise that their portions are very generous, so please bear this in mind when considering your meal options.

You can also check out their website, which includes the full festive menu at:

www.sixbellspubandrestaurantboreham.co.uk

If any of you would like to reserve places, please see me at tonight's meeting or by the other means of contact, which most of you are now aware of.
I will not be requesting deposits until the October meeting.

I have to say I am very impressed with the service we have been offered and reasonable prices.

That's all for this month.

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