



# SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Last Month

Joining us for the first time were Niki & Megan who have a MGF and Peter who has a MGB GT. Welcome to the club.

## Recent Events

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> April 46 of our members in 26 cars left the Lodge or joined en route in bright spring sunshine for the visit to P & A Wood in Great Easton.



Dreaming at P & A Wood

Upon arrival we were treated to coffee & biscuits and given books on the history of both Rolls Royce and P & A Wood. Then in 2 groups we began tours of the body shop, workshop and showroom. The standard of workmanship is of the highest order and the number of cars

in their workshops exceeded my expectations.

I cannot imagine the collective value of the motor cars on their premises but suffice to say that it must run into millions

I think that the visit was universally enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Our thanks to all at P & A Wood for their hospitality on the day

Following the visit we went to the Farmhouse Inn at Thaxted where we enjoyed an excellent lunch. I must however report that Carole was completely baffled by the technology of their Cafetiere's.



What no raffle!

On Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 26 of our members attended our spring bowling evening at Madison Heights Maldon.

No trophies were to be won on this occasion however the event was very competitive with a number of duals between partners taking place



The scores over two games were as follows:-

Alan S	235
Peter E	224
Barry K	220
Jill E	219
Steve M	212
Alan S	211
Bob M	197
Jenny P	195
Barry P	195
Ann B	190
Sue M	183
June K	173
Jamie B	166
John B	161
Sally B	159
Sue B	159
Paul	156
Doug P	155
Maureen P	149
Brian B	149
Jackie M	148
Terry M	146
Matthew K	138
Helen	121
Carole S	106
Joyce S	103

Afterwards we had a meal in the restaurant and as it was Alan's Birthday (reaching another milestone) Carole had made a very nice cake complete with MG logo.



Happy Birthday Alan

Our thanks to June for arranging the evening for us.

## Secretary's News

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April I went with Bill & Roy to check the progress on fellow member Bill's F1 Magna. You may remember that a few months ago we included in our newsletter Bill's account of the early days of restoration of Bonzo the Bitza & I am delighted to report that the car is looking stunning as it nears completion.



Bonzo the Bitza

It is a credit to Bill, his dedication and patience to the project clearly shows in the quality of the restoration.

Jan has asked me to mention another "Day at the Races" on July the 30<sup>th</sup> at Newmarket.

The normal price is £18 but if the booking is made 2 weeks in advance it is reduced to £16.20. This price is for the Members Enclosure which is far nicer than the regular facilities.

If you are interested please see Jan as soon as possible.

There are a couple of additional events to mention that were not included in our calendar for 2006, the first being The MGOC Eastern Region Picnic at Wimpole Hall Cambs on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

This was originally planned for the Cambridge MGOC and was changed to be an Eastern England Regional Event. The cost of entry is £15 per Car (Driver & 1 Passenger) & includes 2 rolls (Beef, Pork or Vegetarian)

Unfortunately this clashes with our Sunday Pub Run to the Greyhound Little Burstead. However if you are not planning to attend the Pub Run I have a number of entry forms if you do wish to attend the Picnic.

Secondly the Essex TR Club have asked me if we are able to provide a collection of MG Cars at their day at Ingatestone Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006. Lord Petre has very kindly offered them the use of Ingatestone Hall, a

superb sixteenth building on an estate hall acquired by Sir William Petre in 1539. When the current Lord Petre, the 18<sup>th</sup> Lord, inherited Ingatestone Hall in 1989 it was extensively renovated and opened to the public.

The Hall is set in 11 acres of grounds, the event will be held in the walled garden where it is hoped that they will attract at least 100 cars with space for up to 150.

Their plan is to display the cars as club stands within the grounds, they are billing this as a picnic, although there will be other outlets, a Hog Roast and beer tent, as well as those facilities provided by Ingatestone Hall.

Once again this clashes with the Brandyhole Yacht club Regatta & Fun day. However if you are not planning to attend the Regatta perhaps you would be prepared to help out in providing an 0906 stand at the TR Day, if so please see me for further details.

Finally our member Bill as very kindly offered to host a barbecue at his home in Mayland on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested please see Bill at the meeting.

Barry

## What's On

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

Car Treasure Hunt

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Herefordshire weekend incorporating the Mountains & Valleys Run,

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Club Night from 8:30 pm

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Pub Run to the Greyhound, Little Burstead

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> ~Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Club French Weekend Audenfort

## Events from other clubs

Southampton & New Forest MGOc

New Forest Run 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Doug has informed me of the MG Event Bayern event to be held 7<sup>th</sup>~9<sup>th</sup> July 2006 full details can be found at:

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[www.mgstn.landshut.org/Bayern\\_Event\\_2006/index.html](http://www.mgstn.landshut.org/Bayern_Event_2006/index.html)

## Members Corner

Roy kindly brought this to my attention which we share with you

### Speed Cameras

*Thought you might be interested to know that following the Government 's freedom of information act you can now get access to ALL speed camera offences registered in the last 12 months.*

*Did you know that every time your car goes past a speed camera, even 1mph over the set limit, it is registered and put on a database?*

*You only get a ticket if you are way over the limit or, (this is the bit that I didn't know) if you receive over 20 near misses, you will be classed as a serial offender and get a ticket the next time you go just over the limit. This is why you hear of people being done for 34mph in a 30mph limit area, whilst others doing 39 do not.*

*You can check what has been registered against your vehicle at the following web address:*

[www.e-database.co.uk](http://www.e-database.co.uk)

*You will be asked for a password but just click on the need a Password link and you will be given one for future use. If there is any data on your vehicle you can click on the camera window to see a copy of the photograph.*

Apologies if your car has been snapped & it spoils your day!

Our member Ray is selling his 1980 MGB Roadster, Asking price £4500 any interest please call Ray on 01268-471312