

April 2024



Gold Award for 1020



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Chairman's Chat - April 2024

The first club coach trip in several years, last month's visit to the County Classics Motor Museum at Taunton and Perrys Cider Farm proved to be a big success, I hope everyone enjoyed it, from the responses I received everyone had a good time.

This has encouraged me to look for other attractions to visit, probably in the Autumn - suggestions for locations to visit in the future are always welcome.

The outing started what is about to be a very busy 2024 for the club which I hope fellow club members will appreciate and be able to find something of interest to take part-in.

Pat and I have finished preparations for the Spring Road Run and pub lunch on Sunday 21 April - reminder that the closing date for entries is 01 April, see me at club night for an entry form.

April is also the start of the car show season and your committee has created a packed programme for the year with planned participation at events being staged at Organford, Lulworth, Ferndown, Christchurch, Breamore, Thruxton, Gurstons Down and Verwood.

Response to some of these events has been slow - we need your support if we are to have club stands at these shows, so please contact us if you wish to be involved.

Among the events is the Macmillan Caring Locally Summer Fete on 15 June (more details later in this newsletter) and as you will see on a following page our status as a Golden Partner with the charity has been officially recognised with a visit to the Macmillan Unit by members of the committee.

Pride of place on the show list for 2024 will of course be our own event at Athelhampton House on Sunday 18 August at which we will need the support of everyone involved in the club - I hope everyone has this date clearly marked in their diary.

TYRRELL SHED

Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s I was working as a junior reporter for a local newspaper in Surrey and living with my parents in a village called East Horsley where fellow residents included Bill Pertwee (ARP warden Hodges in Dad's Army) and Mollie Sugden (Mrs Slocombe in Are you Being Served?).

In my spare time I helped out on local hospital radio where one of our other volunteers worked in the neighbouring village of Ockham where she was secretary to Ken Tyrrell, founder of the famous Grand Prix team which won three F1 drivers' championships.



On a number of occasions, I collected her from her office to go onto our hospital radio shift - this involved driving up to the main Tyrrell base, which was just a shed in the Tyrrell family timber yard in the middle of the Surrey countryside, (see above) nothing like the high-tech modern Formula One team headquarters of today.

I had imagined that the shed had long ago either fallen or been demolished until I read that it was still standing but under threat from development on the industrial estate which had grown up on the site of the timber yard.

Good news is that thanks to a deal between the shed's present owner, a partyware company called Club Green (who had bought the shed from the Tyrrell family in 2001 on the understanding that it would be preserved) and the Goodwood Estate, the structure is being disassembled before being transported to the Goodwood Circuit. A previous plan had been to re-locate it not far away to the Brooklands Museum.

After arriving at Goodwood, the shed will be reconstructed on the Hurricane Lawn, behind the Woodcote Grandstand before the chicane in time for the Members' Meeting in April - so I will be able to see it again when I next visit the circuit.

RAIN STOPS PLAY

Bad news for those of us who had planned to visit Christchurch Quay on Bank Holiday Monday 01 April for the hugely popular classic car gathering.

The prolonged period of rain in recent months and the forecast for more this week has already forced the organisers to cancel their first meeting of the year due to the waterlogged state of the Quomps.

Hopefully things will improve as the warmer weather arrives.

Chris Adamson

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April Club Night - Call My Bluff

As this month's club night falls on Monday 01 April we are hoping that we won't make complete fools out of everyone with the return of the popular Call My Bluff quiz.

Chris Adamson will be taking on the Robert Robinson role of quiz master with three definitions of each word being provided by Adrian Mullins (who has devised the quiz), Pip Bonner and Les Cherrett - all you have to do is work out who is telling the truth.

This time there is a section featuring Dorset dialectic words, so Dorset Dumplings might have the edge here.

There is a prize for the team that correctly identifies the most genuine definitions - warning there are some tricky words.

At the meeting members will also be able to book in for the Spring Road Run (21 April) and also put their names down for forthcoming local car shows at Okeford, Ferndown, Lulworth and Christchurch - full details on each event elsewhere in this newsletter.



Sign-up for the 1020 Spring Road Run

The April club night is the final opportunity to book in for the 1020 Spring Road Run and Pub Lunch on Drive It Day, Sunday 21 April - the run will venture east into the picturesque New Forest with the promise of glimpses of the Isle of Wight.

Chris Adamson and Pat Lodge have planned what they hope will be an interesting and scenic 46-mile road route starting from the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at New Milton.

Participants can arrive from 10am (when the Bashley Tea Rooms open) for a tea or a coffee or something more substantial (they do an excellent cooked breakfast) before setting out - cars are asked to be away by 10.30am.

The route heads into the forest through Beaulieu (it is Simply Italian day at Beaulieu so expect to see lots of Ferraris and Maseratis on your way) and Exbury to Lepe (with views across to the Isle of Wight) and then back via Lymington and Milford-on-Sea before lunch at The Amberwood pub at Walkford, where we will have reserved tables in the main restaurant - cars should arrive between 12noon and 12.30pm.

The set-lunch selection (varying prices depend on meal chosen) features roast beef, roast turkey or roast lamb with a nut roast vegetarian option, plus a choice of desserts: fruit crumble, bread and butter pudding, ice cream and a cheese board. Drinks should be ordered and paid for at the bar.

Menu choices must be made at the time of booking (full details of prices on the entry form) but payment is only required on the day.



However, there is a £10 per person deposit requirement (cash preferred) - this will be refunded as cash on the day.

The food deposit is in addition to the usual £5 per car entry fee which includes a road route book and rally plaque.

After lunch there is the opportunity to return to the Sammy Miller Museum (which is just a few miles up the road - directions will be provided). The museum is offering discounted entry of £9 per person on production of your 1020 membership card (normally £13 for adults and £11 for seniors).

Entry forms are available from Chris Adamson at club night (or via email: chris@1020mg.org.uk) - reminder entries close on Monday 01 April.

Club display at Verwood Rustic Fayre?

Interest has been expressed in the club taking part in the Verwood Rustic Fayre on the August Bank Holiday Monday - we are now seeking a show of hands for those keen to take part in this popular local event.

The organisers have changed the arrangements for vehicle displays at Potterne Park this year and are now no longer offering individual club display spaces at a set fee. Instead, they will be charging individual owners £7.50 per car booked in advance.

The only way that clubs can be parked together will be if all the cars arrive together so this would involve assembling locally beforehand at a set time (likely to be around 11am).

Then club cars will need to drive in convoy and arrive and be parked together before the 11.30am closing time prior to the show opening to the public at 11.45am. Cars would then be required to stay on site until 4.30pm.

Although the event is several months ahead, Pip and Ursula Bonner have volunteered to organise the club cars if there is sufficient interest - they will be looking for a show of interest at the April club night.

If you cannot attend the April meeting but would be interested in taking part in the Verwood Rustic Fayre please email Pip and Ursula (pip@1020mg.org.uk) before 01 April.

Golden Partnership for 1020

As reported last month, Bournemouth & Poole MGOC has been given Golden Partner status (in recognition of its many years supporting the charity) by Macmillan Caring Locally which, this year, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

To recognise this honour, members of the committee took their cars along to the Macmillan Unit at Christchurch Hospital for an official photo shoot with Macmillan Caring Locally Events and Media manager Barry Wilson.

During the year, 1020 will be invited to participate in numerous activities- this has already begun with the club's regular quiz champions taking part in a fund-raising quiz night, and a car boot sale.



One of the big events of the year for the charity is its Summer Fete which is being staged at Christchurch Hospital on Saturday 15 June running from 12noon until 3pm.

The day features raffles, games, stalls, food stands, displays by the police and fire brigade and a classic car show.

As part of the event 1020 has been allocated a stand space for six cars and the club gazebo - Chris Adamson and Patricia Lodge will be organising the display.

Anyone who would like to bring their MG along for the afternoon (there is no entry fee) should give their name and details to Chris Adamson - places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Members interested in taking part should note that this is the same date as the Ferndown Fete on the Field at which we are already exhibiting as a club.

You can see more about the charity's events planned for 2024 at www.macmillanlocal.org/events-and-challenges/



1020 Coffee Morning - everyone invited

Area Secretary Chris Adamson and Membership Secretary Patricia Lodge will be hosting a fund-raising coffee morning in the garden of their home (40 Baring Road, Bournemouth BH6 4DT) on Saturday 25 May in aid of club charity Macmillan Caring Locally.

Admission is £5 per person on the day and includes a hot drink and a cake. The event will run from 10.30am to 2pm - everyone is welcome to come along.

The location is just a few hundred yards from the sea at Hengistbury Head with views across to the Isle of Wight and the Purbecks, so why not bring a bucket and spade and make a day of it with a visit to the beach afterwards.



May start for mid-month pub meetings

Returning by popular demand later in the year will be the informal 1020 mid-month, mid-week pub dinners - these are set to start on Wednesday 15 May when we will be meeting at the Carpenters Arms at Bransgore on the edge of the New Forest.

This venue proved very popular last year and the food was universally praised - this time we will have our own dedicated dining room which can cater for up to 30 people.

Cars can arrive from 6pm for dinner at 6.30pm - MGs are optional but encouraged (weather depending); last year we had a very good turnout that was almost exclusively all MGBs.

There is no money to pay up-front (it is pay on the evening) and no need to pre-select your menu choices - this can all be done on the night.

All we need is a list of names so we can tell the kitchen staff at the pub how many people to expect.

Committee member Colin Sexton (who lives a stone's throw from the pub) is organising the evening and you can tell him if you want to be involved either at the April or May club nights.

You may also email Colin to let him know you would like to attend - his email is: colin@1020mg.org.uk

Classics on Christchurch Quay delayed

Classic cars will be invited to Christchurch Quay on no less than eight occasions in 2024 - that is weather (ie rain and water level) permitting.

Organiser Ashley Miller (who says he will be involved in the Christchurch events only this year) has announced the schedule which, this year, as well as Sundays also includes several Bank Holiday Mondays.

The first of a Bank Holiday trio was due to be on Monday 01 April but, due to the waterlogged nature of the Quomps and the forecast for further rain, this has now been cancelled.

Hopefully things will have dried out for the next scheduled meeting which is Sunday 21 April - unfortunately for club members this clashes with the 1020 Spring Road Run.

Following dates are: Bank Holiday Monday 06 May, Sunday 12 May, Sunday 09 June, Bank Holiday 26 August, Sunday 08 September, Sunday 22 September, and the finale on Sunday 06 October. Gates open at 10am for participants and normally close at 5pm (4pm in October).



Those planning to attend are reminded that the event is open to all cars registered before September 2001, participants are asked to make a £2 donation to help defray costs and all drivers must use a drip tray under their cars.

All the dates and times are subject to change, variation or cancellation due to the weather and ground conditions.

Lulworth Classic Car Show

Dorset Blind Association's Motor Show, for all ages of car, returns to Lulworth Castle for its eighth year on Sunday 12 May and 1020 hopes to have enough club cars to have a presence.

Last year over 5,000 visitors attended, there were 230 cars (ranging from classics and hot rods to sportscars and supercars) on display and it raised £22,000 for the charity - as the event is always popular an early booking is advised. This year it will be an entirely static event - the morning road run of previous years having been dropped for 2024.



Entry fee for those exhibiting their car is £12 per person (plus a £1.70p booking fee) which includes a breakfast bap, hot drink, admission to the showground and entry to Lulworth Castle.

The showground will be open to the public from 11am until 4pm (display cars can arrive earlier) and the event also features live entertainment, a kids' fun area, street food, and stalls selling local artisan craft and produce.

Tickets for the show can be booked on-line at: <https://DBAMotorShow2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information about the Dorset Blind Association Motor Show, you can contact tel: 01202 712865 or email: communityrelations@dorsetblind.org.uk

Club member Eddie Milligan has agreed to co-ordinate the club stand - once you have booked in for the show on-line, please send an email to Eddie with your name and vehicle details so he can advise the organisers on the number of club cars to allow space for.

His email is: e.milligan666@btinternet.com

Organford Classics start show season

Bournemouth & Poole MGOC is due to begin its show season with the Organford Classic Vehicle Show on Sunday 06 April - but we need at least eight cars (all ages of MG welcome) to take part so that we can have a reserved stand space.

Adrian Mullins is co-ordinating the display (on the Sunday of the two-day event) but so far has insufficient numbers to qualify for a stand space. If we do not receive sufficient names it will be down to individuals to make their own arrangements.

Entry to the event is free for those pre-booked but cars are required to be on site by 10am and remain static until 4pm.

This month's club night (Monday 01 April) will be the final opportunity to give your name and contact and car details to Adrian - you can also email him: adrianm@1020mg.org.uk

The show features classic and vintage cars and motorcycles as well as steam and traction engines, craft stalls, a funfair, live music, beer tent and food stalls.



Should there be enough cars for a club stand, Adrian will book everyone and their cars in with the organisers who will send him admission passes which he will then distribute to participants, via email, prior to the show.

Returning to Westival 2024

In recent years the most popular local show for club members to attend as a group has been the Westival Show at West Moors, last year over 20 club cars attended this friendly and relaxed event - so we are going back in 2024.

Two of the main attractions of the show for club members are that it is free to enter and that you don't have to be on site until 11.30am which means a relaxed start to the day.

This year the event takes place on Saturday 13 July at Fryers Field (exhibitor entrance is from Bond Avenue). It opens to the public between 12 noon and 4pm.

Attractions include a variety of over 60 stalls featuring crafts, local produce, local charities and local businesses, live music, ferret racing, bike stunts, fairground rides, children's entertainment and a selection of catering with a choice of pizza, burgers, a hog roast, crepes, doughnuts, ice cream and a bar.

The car show element is open to MGs of all ages (we are one of the local clubs who are regulars at Westival).



Entry forms will be available from the May club night from Chris Adamson, and will also be available on request via email: chris@1020mg.org.uk and can also be downloaded from the diary page of the club website.

Thruxton Historic Festival

Club members interested in classic circuit racing are being invited to join like-minded enthusiasts from Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club (with your MG) on their display stand at the Thruxton Historic Festival over the weekend of 22-23 June.



You will need to book a place on-line for either the Saturday or the Sunday (or both) - for this you will need a discount code to obtain the reduced rate for exhibiting car club participants. Discounted car club tickets are £15 per adult for a one-day ticket (there is no charge for the free vehicle display pass, but each adult will require their own ticket).

Weekend car club tickets are £28 per adult (camping on site is free of charge). Children 15 and under are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult ticket holder.

More details about the weekend action and facilities are available online at: www.thruxtonhistoric.com

The on-track action includes single-seaters spanning the late 1960s to 1980s, stunning fifties sports cars and gorgeous GT cars plus a gaggle of Mighty Minis.

Admission includes access to the paddock where all the cars will be assembled.

If any 1020 members are interested in taking part, they can contact fellow 1020 club member Janet Palmer for full details including the discount code to obtain the reduced entry tickets, admission times etc.

Email Janet at: familypalmer29@hotmail.com

Join us at Ferndown on the Field

Club members and their cars have been invited to take part in the Ferndown Fete on the Field being held on Saturday 15 June at the King George V Playing Field.

There is a £5 per car fee to be part of the Custom and Classic Car Show (in previous years up to 180 vehicles have been involved) - you are asked to register individually on-line in advance to take part with entries closing on 07 June.

Classics aged over 20 years are eligible, although if of special interest and part of a club stand, younger models are permitted. Gates open for exhibitors from 8am to 10.40am via Cherry Grove.

Adrian Mullins is co-ordinating the 1020 display and once you have booked your place let him know so that he can reserve enough space with the organisers for all our club members to be parked together before the show opens at 11am.

Open until 5pm, the show features two grand avenues of stalls featuring arts and crafts, cakes and produce.

In addition there are children's rides, falconry displays, music, a dog show, refreshments - the Angel Inn will be serving ales, wines and snacks - (and of course the Custom and Classic Car Show).

You can reserve your place in the car show and pay your £5 entry fee per car at: www.ferndownandparleyrotary.org/event-details/car-show-2024-vehicle-booking

Remember, once you have booked, please let Adrian Mullins know - email: adrianm@1020mg.org.uk



Our big day out at Athelhampton House

Put the date in your diary now . . Sunday 18 August 2024.

This will be our annual 1020 Garden Party and Picnic at Athelhampton House near Dorchester when we invite MG owners from across the region to join us. It is also our major fund-raising activity of the year for our charities Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Macmillan Caring Locally.

The entry fees have been held at the 2023 prices - this means it will be £10 per person if booked in advance or £12 per person on the day. This gives admission to the event and the Athelhampton gardens.

Participants will also be able to tour the house, which now has more rooms open including a period bedroom and a new Athelhampton archive display for a discounted £5 per person on presentation of the event programme.

Athelhampton House recently became Britain's first carbon neutral manor house following the installation of an array of solar panels and ground heat source pumps which has significantly reduced their energy consumption.



Those who are interested in the technology can join an Eco Tour on the day given by general manager Owen Davies - this needs to be booked in advance via the Athelhampton website.

On the rear lawns we will have our usual selection of stands including the tombola, wine draw, jigsaws and name the dog.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the welcome gate, organise the parking and supervise the stalls. Full details and entry forms will be available in the coming months.

Brooklands hosts final MG100

The final national event to mark 100 years of the MG brand takes place over the weekend of 18-19 May and includes road runs and a visit to Brooklands Museum.

Organised by the South East MG Car Club and MG Owners Club the event is planned as a celebration of all things MG.

Over the weekend participants can join one of several road runs on the Saturday - the closest for local MG owners is from the Bush Inn at Ovington, New Alresford in Hampshire departing between 10.30am and 11am. Entry fee is £15 per car and includes rally plate, email route plan and tea/coffee at the start.



Routes will lead to The Fairmile in Cobham, Surrey where there will be a display of cars, live music and a buffet (£18).

There is the option to join the event at the Fairmile where parking will be £5 for those not on a road run.

On Sunday the focus turns to Brooklands Museum for a day focusing on 100 years of MG - entry fee will be £20 per person and include access to the museum and the London Bus Museum.

All MGs from the vintage to the modern will be welcome and there will be something for any era of interest.

This includes talks in the Napier Room by MG experts and celebrities; the Cherished Vehicle Insurance Pride of Ownership competition; a display of competition cars across the ages; MG Decades Display; MG traders; live entertainment; catering in the Paddock; the chance to take your own MG up the famous Brooklands Test Hill with the Church Square Autos Test Hill Runs (£5 per car for two runs) and a 'Pull an MG' team competition.

The event will also be hosting a leg of the Round Britain MG cavalcade relay with a special guest over both days as it comes down from Essex and before it heads off to Hampshire.

Full information and how to book to take part can be found at: <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/mg100-south-east/>

Summer River Cruise and BBQ

Bournemouth & Poole MGOC will be taking to the water for a relaxing River Cruise and BBQ on Saturday 03 August.

Participants will be gathering at Tuckton Tea Gardens overlooking the River Stour at 6pm for a 6.30pm departure on one of the Bournemouth Boating Services classic touring boats (there is a roof if the weather is inclement).

There is plenty of free on-street parking in the vicinity and a pay car park close by - this is also the location of the toilets.

The hour-long cruise will travel down the Stour towards Christchurch Harbour passing locations such as the Captain's Club, Christchurch Quay and Christchurch's famous Priory before returning to Tuckton for the BBQ.

We will have exclusive use of the Tuckton Tea Gardens' café (with optional indoor seating) where a variety of burgers, chicken, sausages etc will be cooked and served along with a large selection of salads and accompaniments.

The club will be funding a glass of wine or soft drink for everyone - in addition you can bring your own beverages (wine, beer etc).

Ice cream, tea and coffee will be available to purchase on the day.

The cost for the cruise and BBQ is £35 per person. Booking forms will be available from Chris Adamson from May.



Coach trip visits new motor museum

Everyone on the full coach enjoyed a fascinating club day out to Taunton to visit the new County Classics Motor Museum and Perry's Cider Farm at Dowlish Wake.

After the relatively congestion-free journey to Taunton, the majority of members headed straight for the motor museum which sits on the main shopping street in the Somerset town located in the former County Stores building. Others chose to go for coffee and some stepped across the road to visit the Somerset County Museum which charts the history of the county.

At the museum we were joined by three members of the Taunton MGOC including their Area Secretary Bob England.

There was unanimous agreement that museum founder Patrick Hawkins and his team of volunteers have done a fantastic job in creating a fascinating and informative display of cars, mainly from the '60s, '70s and '80s.



The seemingly endless rooms, packed wall to wall with cars, motorcycles and automobilia brought back fond memories for everyone with plenty of comments such as: 'I used to have one of those' and 'My parents had one of those when I was a child'.

For MG fans the disappointment was that the museum contains just one example of the marque, an MG Midget, while Fords were to be found in abundance.

Patrick himself was on hand to chat to club members and all his volunteers were very friendly and well informed.

Those who took the opportunity to taste the refreshments in the café was very complimentary about the standard of the food and the quick and efficient service.

Replete with food for the body and food for the soul everyone was back on the coach for the 45 minute journey to the 16th century Perry's Cider Farm where we had almost exclusive access to the shop and café and a chance, between showers, to look at the farm exhibits.

Chis Adamson is investigating options for another coach trip to a new destination in the autumn.



County Classics Museum - more images



MG to launch new prestige brand

MG's Chinese owners have announced plans to launch a new premium brand focusing on high end battery electric vehicles.

The cars will be launched under the IM brand name which stands for Intelligent Mobility and promises to explore new technologies and to deliver an exciting driving experience.

Due to be available in Europe in 2025, IM models, say executives, will be defined by a clear commitment to the use of advanced technology in driving assistance and controls, intelligent and connected services for customers as well as leading-edge EV powertrains.

The first models to be launched will be cutting-edge SUVs and saloons, the LS6 and L6 - the latter was given its global debut at the recent Geneva Motor Show.

The sleek looking all-electric L6 saloon (see right) combines a zero to 100 km/h sprint time of under 3 seconds with a potential range of over 600 kilometres (Lithium-ion battery) and 800 kilometres (solid state battery) in two different specifications.

The IM L6 was unveiled at the Geneva show alongside the all-new MG3 Hybrid+ (see separate story) and the latest version of the Cyberster convertible which is set to go on sale here this summer.



The Cyberster promises 0-62mph in 3.2 seconds with a maximum power output of the dual motor version at 544PS (400kW) and maximum torque of 535 lb ft (725 NM). The single motor Cyberster will deliver power figures of 340PS (250kW) with the maximum torque available confirmed at 350 lb ft (475 NM). The 0-62mph sprint time will be 5.2 seconds.

Also on the stand at Geneva were the MG4 EV XPOWER as well as two models from the company's international portfolio, the fastback MG7 saloon and the all-electric MG9 saloon.

Line Dancing got people up on their feet

Things got energetic at last month's club night when a large proportion of the attendees took to the floor for a demonstration of Line Dancing.

It was very satisfying to see so much audience participation and all without a slipped disc in sight.

Our special guest tutor was Line Dancing teacher Annette Maidment (thanks to club member Sara Runciman for organising this) who gently explained each step and then combined them into one complete dance sequence before getting everyone in-step to the music.

At the end of the evening Annette generously donated her normal tuition fee to Macmillan Caring Locally, one of the club's designated charities.



Donington Historic Festival

The 2024 Donington Historic Festival takes place on 04-05 May and features a wide range of competition cars including some more than 100 years old contesting the 'Mad Jack' for Pre-War Sports Cars, which will see behemoth Bentleys wheel-to-wheel with powerful Bugattis, Aston Martins and Frazer-Nashes and giant-killing Morgans in a grid which echoes the very earliest days of racing at Donington Park.

The grid for the Royal Automobile Club Woodcote Trophy for pre-56 sportscars and Stirling Moss Trophy for pre-61 sports racers brings together the likes of Jaguar D-types and Maserati 250S, Lotus XI and XVs, Lister Jaguar Knobbles, Lola Mk 1s, Austin-Healey 100Ms and Cooper T39 Bobtails.

The three-hour Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup features pre-66 GT and Touring Cars, with categories for pre-63GTs and pre-61 Sports Cars.

The Superperformance Ferrari Club Classic has classes for road-legal and modified Ferraris up to the era of the 355 Challenge, including 308, 328, 348, 355, 456, 550, Mondial and more!

The festival is always a jamboree for touring car fans including the Jack Sears Trophy for 1958-1966 tin-tops where the

thundering V8 Falcons, Mustangs and Galaxies are harried by nimble Lotus Cortinas, Alfa GTAs and pesky Mini Coopers, and not to be ruled out are the evocative '50s racers, with powerful Austin Westminsters, racy Austin A35s and A40s plus a myriad of near-forgotten models such as Riley 1.5s and Standard Tens.

The combined HRDC Dunlop Allstars for pre-66 Sports, GT & Touring Cars and HRDC Classic Alfa Challenge for 750-116 Alfa Romeos is always entertaining.

Motor Racing Legends Historic Touring Car Trophy and Tony Dron Trophy with Sixties Touring Car Challenge with U2TC encompasses three decades of Touring Cars in one massive grid. Lotus Cortinas, Mini Coopers, Alfa Romeo GTAs, Rover SD1s and Ford Capris share the circuit with flame-spitting Sierra Cosworth RS500s, BMW E36 M3s and Nissan Skylines.

The HRDC Gerry Marshall Trophy for pre-83 Gp.1 and Gp.1½ Touring Cars sees V8 Rovers stave off the 3-litre Capris, while Triumph Dolomites pitch battle with Ford Escorts, 1275GT Minis and rarities such as Opel Commodores.

For further information and to book tickets visit: www.doningtonhistoric.com.

New MG3 Hybrid coming to the UK

MG has taken the wraps of an all-new hybrid version of its main-stream MG3 hatchback - it made its global premiere at the Geneva Motor Show.

Designed by MG's Shanghai studio, the all-new MG3 is both longer and wider than the model it replaces and claims best-in-class interior equipment and space including the largest boot in the hybrid B-segment.

The all-new MG3 features larger battery, a 75kW (102PS) 1.5-litre petrol engine and a 100kW (136PS) electric motor, as well as separate generator motor which enables a wide variety of powertrain operating modes.

This includes: EV - running on electric-only power for as long as charge allows, Series - engine runs through to the generator, which powers the electric motor for drive, Series and Charge - series driving, plus topping-up the battery when under low-load, Drive and Charge - engine drives the wheels, while also charging the battery through the generator and Parallel - both engine and electric motor power the wheels.



MG claims that the Hybrid+ powertrain will make the MG3 the fastest accelerating hybrid B-segment model in the class, with a 0 to 62mph sprint time of 8.0 seconds while accelerating from 50 to 75mph can be achieved in 5.0 seconds.

Producing a combined 143kW, the MG3 Hybrid+ returns economy figures of 64mpg and 100g/km CO2 emissions. This is aided by a 1.83kWh battery, allowing for an extensive electric-only driving range - significantly boosting efficiency.



The engine is connected to a three-speed automatic transmission with the choice of three driving modes - Eco, Standard, and Sport. Eco mode is calibrated for optimum fuel economy and provides gentle throttle response for drivers, while Standard provides a blend between economy and performance, and works well for most trip types. Sport sees a more responsive calibration delivering some of the best performance figures in the hybrid supermini class.



MG's engineers in Europe and China have worked on fine-tuning the chassis and suspension for different markets with the use of new ultra-high stiffness components in the chassis, while suspension elements have been designed to reduce weight and improve grip for both athletic handling and a comfortable ride.

The all-new MG3 will be offered in two specifications for UK customers - SE and Trophy.



The MG Hybrid+ SE starts from £18,495 OTR with the more generously equipped Trophy model available from £20,495 OTR. MG offers both with a seven-year/80,000-mile warranty.

Both models come with dual screen technology (drivers have a 7-inch digital instrument screen, as well as a 10.25-inch central infotainment system), 16-inch alloy wheels, satellite navigation, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, MG Pilot and a reversing camera. MG Pilot Safety includes Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB), Front Collision Warning (FCW), Lane Departure Warning (LDW), Emergency Lane Keep Assist (LKAS) and Adaptive Cruise Control.

The Trophy MG3 Hybrid+ adds in a 360° camera, heated front seats and steering wheel, keyless entry, privacy glass, rain sensing wipers and LED projector headlights.



Havill collection goes under the hammer

Three cars from the collection of 1020 club member Patrick Havill who died last year, appear in this month's SWVA classic sale at Holton Heath Trading Park on Thursday 25 April.

These include Patrick's Metallic Almond Green 1951 MG TD (Lot 37) - right - which he re-acquired in February 2019, having previously owned the car in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

It was particularly significant for Patrick as it was the car in which in 1962 he won his first motorsport speed event and he was a regular with it at Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay.

Under a previous owner it underwent a restoration in 1983 and features modifications such as an uprated differential, Mota-Lita steering wheel, luggage rack and aero screens.

Despite having a 2019 insurance valuation of £25,000 the TD is listed with a guide price of only £8,000 to £9,000 which reflects its competition history but still seems like a bargain.

Also from Patrick's collection is his 1988 Caterham 7 Race Car (Lot 47) in which he competed at circuits in the UK and Europe. The history file features invoices totalling £16,500 including uprated race brakes in 2001 plus an engine upgrade in 2018 to a new 2289cc Vauxhall unit. An ideal track day car it has an estimate of £9,000-£10,000.

The third car is his 2004 Ferrari 360 Spider (Lot 70) finished in Ferrari Rosso over a luxurious Crema leather interior. It shows a warranted 33,000 miles from new and is expected to attract bids close to £50,000.



Elsewhere in the sale a notable MG is a maroon coachwork 1939 MG TA Sports (Lot 65) which was imported back into the UK in 2010 having been originally sold to the United States. The £18,000-£20,000 guide looks about right.

A 1972 MG Midget (Lot 35) in the ever-popular Blaze Red, comes with invoices totalling almost £8,000 for various parts and labour expenses and shows 16,778 miles on the clock. It has a punchy estimate of £6,500-£7,500.

By comparison a clean looking Damask Red 1974 MG Midget (Lot 27) that was previously bought in September 2004 for £4,300 looks like a bargain at £1,500-£2,000.

The sale starts at 10am on 25 April with viewing during the week before.

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At the April meeting see Ursula Bonner



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1020 CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2024

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APRIL

01	1020 Club Night - Call My Bluff	1020mg.org.uk
01	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay - CANCELLED	
07	Organford Classic & Steam Show - Club Stand	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
07	MGB Register Spring Run, Milletts Farm, Abingdon	mgb-register.org
14	Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford	winchestermgoc.com
21	Spring Road Run & Pub Lunch - Drive It Day Sammy Miller Museum to The Amberwood pub	1020mg.org.uk
21	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
21	Bicester Heritage Scramble	
25	SWVA Spring Classic Auction	swva.co.uk

MAY

03-06	Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Yeovil	abbeyhillrally.co.uk
04-05	Donington Historic Festival	
05	Winchester MGOC visit to Exbury Gardens Invite to 1020 club members to take part	1020mg.org.uk
06	1020 Club Night - Romance & Scandal in Bournemouth. Talk by Hattie Miles	1020mg.org.uk
06	Popham Classic Car Show	popham-airfield.co.uk
06	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
12	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
12	Midget & Sprit Club meeting at Gaydon	
12	Lulworth Classic Car Show, Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
15	1020 Mid-month pub meeting - 6pm Carpenters Arms, Bransgore	1020mg.org.uk
18-19	Beaulieu Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
18-19	MG Centenary Weekend, Brooklands Museum	
18-19	Three Okefords Steam & Vintage Rally	northdorsetrailway.co.uk
19	Solent MGOC, MGs in the Park, Stansted House	solent-mgoc.org.uk
19	Basingstoke Festival of Transport	
26	Exeter MGOC More To See	extermgoc.com
31/1 & 2 June	Vintage Nostalgia, Stockton Park	vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk

JUNE

02	Hardy Tour, Transport of Yesteryear	transportofyesteryear.com
02	New Forest Run, Southampton & New Forest MGOC	1009mgoc.org.uk
03	1020 Club Night - David Bailey Wildlife Photographer	1020mg.org.uk
09	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
09	Oxfordshire MGOC - MGs in the Park	oxfordshirmgoc.co.uk
15	Ferndown Fete on the Field Club Stand	ferndownfotf.org
15	Macmillan Caring Locally Summer Fete Club stand - See Chris Adamson	1020mg.org.uk
16	Salisbury Motor Show	
21	Summer solstice Vintage Vehicle gathering Gillingham & Shaftesbury Showground	
22-23	Thruxton Classic - club members to join the Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club display	

JULY

01	1020 Club Night - Pride of Ownership	1020mg.org.uk
06-07	Cotswold Caper, Club Weekend	1020mg.org.uk
07	Broadstone Family Fun Day & Classic Cars	
11-15	Goodwood Festival of Speed	goodwood.com
12-14	Pilford Heath Show, Uddens	
13	Westival, West Moors - Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
13-14	Powderham Castle Classic Car Show	
19-21	Netley Marsh Steam Fair	nmscs.org.uk
21	Sherborne Classics & Supercars, Sherborne Castle	classic-supercars.co.uk
28	1020 Summer Road Run & Picnic	1020mg.org.uk
	Finish at Damerham Village Hall	

AUGUST

02	Quay for My Car, Poole Quay - Best of British Classics	
03	1020 River Cruise and BBQ	1020mg.org.uk
05	1020 Club Night - Petanque Challenge	1020mg.org.uk
10-11	Purbeck Rally	purbeckrally.com
11	Graham Walker Run, Beaulieu	
11	Breamore Classic Car Show - Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
18	1020 ATHELHAMPTON GARDEN PARTY & PICNIC	1020mg.org.uk
	OUR BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR	
15-18	British Motor Show, Farnborough	
23-25	CarFest South, Laverstoke Farm	
23-25	Silverstone Festival, Silverstone circuit	
24	Henstridge Wings & Wheels	wingsandwheelshenstridge.com
25	Gurston Down Hillclimb - Club Visit	1020mg.org.uk
26	Verwood Rustic Fayre - Club Stand TBC	1020mg.org.uk
26	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
30-01 Sept	Concours of Elegance, Hampton Court	

SEPTEMBER

02	1020 Club Night - Presentation by Nowzad	1020mg.org.uk
06-08	Bristol MGOC Brunel Run	bamgoc.co.uk
07-08	Isle of Wight Classic Extravaganza	
06-08	BPPC Harmans Cross Classic and Steam Show	bpccltd.com
08	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
14-15	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
14-15	Berwick St John Country Show	berwickstjohncountryfayre
21	Sidmouth Classic Car Show	
22	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
28-29	Somerset Festival of Transport, Frome	somersetfestivaloftransport.co.uk
29	British Classics at Beaulieu	beaulieu.co.uk

OCTOBER

06	Bicester Scramble, Bicester Heritage	
06	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
07	1020 Club Night - AGM	1020mg.org.uk
11-13	1020 Weekend at Littlecote Manor	1020mg.org.uk
12-13	Organford Classic Car Show	organfordclassicevents.co.uk

NOVEMBER

04	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
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DECEMBER

02	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
08	1020 Christmas Lunch	

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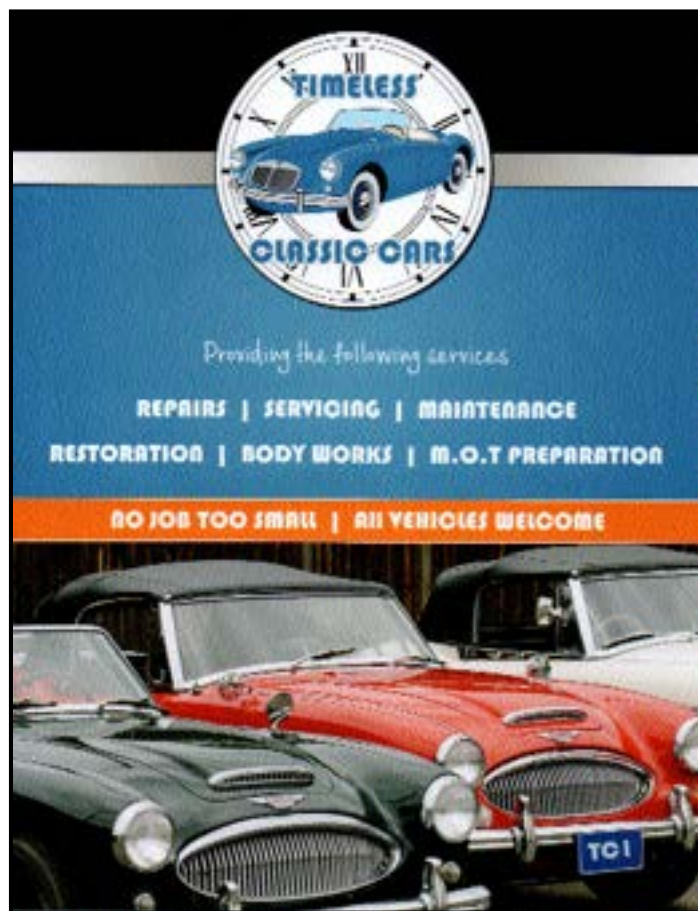
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