



**April 2025**



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# Chairman's Chat - April 2025

A reminder to everyone that entries close at this month's club night for the 1020 Spring Road Run which is on Sunday April 27 (National Drive It Day) and will start not at Hamworthy Sports Club but at Phoenix Classic Cars at Holton Heath where they are celebrating 25 years since the business was founded.

We already have a larger number of people booked in for this but the more the merrier - see Pip Bonner for a booking form.

Some of us will be going on from the finish of the run at Verwood to take part in the Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin at the nearby Heavy Horse Farm - this is for pre-booked attendees.

Our Summer Road Run on 29 June is a more familiar format starting at Hamworthy Sports Club and finishing at Pamphill Village Hall with a 'back by popular demand' barbeque.

Full details and an entry form will be available from the May club night.

Also make a note of Sunday 12 October which is the date of the Autumn Road Run finishing at the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (where we will have discounted group admission).

This will include the option of lunch overlooking Old Sarum airfield (with a 15 per cent discount on food) and a visit to a micro-brewery for pre-lunch drinks.

## SEASONAL SHOW TIME

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are planning to attend several local shows as a club this year and we are already starting to take names and car details for them.

They start on Saturday 14 June with the Macmillan Summer Fete where we are being offered additional space this year and can accommodate up to 12 club cars.

The following month on Sunday 06 July we will be at the Broadstone Fun Day for which entry forms are now available. More details on this later in the newsletter.

A week later on Saturday 12 July we return to Westival, at West Moors which is always a popular event for club members and is well supported.

## BOOK NOW FOR ATHELHAMPTON DAY

Entry forms are now available for our big annual event - our Garden Party and Picnic at Athelhampton House on Sunday 10 August. Advanced entry fee is £12 per person (more details later in this newsletter) and booking forms can be obtained from me at club nights.



## MID-MONTH MEET-UP AND MEAL

I have been asked if we will be organising mid-month meetings at local pubs with a meal as we did last summer.

As you will see on a following page we have been invited to visit the Martyrs Inn at Tolpuddle on the evening of Wednesday 11 June with the option to book places for a meal. However this is the only mid-month event currently scheduled.

The committee already has a lot of work to do on other events and is unable to arrange more of these types of informal meetings - however, should anyone else wish to take on the planning of an evening out we would be delighted to hear from you. We can offer guidance on what is required.

## COACH TRIP - EXTRA PLACES AVAILABLE

Due to an excess of interest in the 1020 coach trip on Thursday 15 May to the Museum of the Great Western Railway (STEAM) at Swindon and the adjoining Swindon Designer Outlet shopping centre, I have now secured the use of a larger 50-seat coach to avoid anyone having to sit on someone's lap.

This means that if anyone who hasn't previously booked would like to come along we will have some free spaces. The cost is £30 per person to include entry to the museum and a seat on the coach or £20 if you just want to visit the retail centre.

Chris Adamson

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# April club night - MG history film

It was 20 years ago this month that the last British owners of the MG marque went into administration, a victim of under investment and a changing market-place.

So, it is appropriate that the April club night will feature a film that documents the history of the famous sports car brand starting with its earliest days in the roaring twenties when it grew out of a special bodied version of Morris cars.

These 'sporting' versions quickly attracted a strong following, particularly among sports car fans and competition versions achieved notable success at home and abroad.

The film features many of these important models such as the 18/80, K-Type Magnette, C-Type Midget, SA and WA saloons.

There is of course a section concentrating on the famous MGB with both its road and race going derivatives.

The film also explores the tumultuous history of the brand through the eighties up until its inevitable collapse in the early 2000s - presaging things to come the programme also takes a look at the first models being prepared by the Chinese owners who revived the MG brand.

As well as the film show, the meeting will include the regular monthly raffle - prizes always welcome.



Proceeds from the raffle help to pay the cost of hiring the meeting room.

Also at club night you can sign-up for the Spring Road Run on 27 April and the various car and local shows that 1020 will be participating in this summer.

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## Spring Road Run - National Drive It Day

This month's club night is your final opportunity to sign-up for the 1020MGOC Spring Road Run taking place on Sunday 27 April - National Drive It Day.

Phoenix Classic Cars on the Holton Heath Industrial Estate near Sandford, who are marking 25 years since the business was started, play host to the start - for those who have not been there before, instructions can be found at the end of this article.



Cars can arrive at 10am when John Copleston and his team will be serving tea and coffee and giving tours of their open workshop facilities - featuring some of their latest projects.

After the refreshments and insight into the workshop (see photo above) rally plates and road books will be issued by Adrian Mullins.

The route instructions will provide a leisurely drive to Potterne Park at Verwood with an alternative finish section for those going onto the Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin at the Dorset Heavy Horse Farm.

Everyone else will finish at Potterne Park where they can either use the facilities of the licensed café that has a selection of hot and cold meals including tapas and pizzas, bring a picnic lunch or head off to a local pub for Sunday lunch.

The closest locations are the Three-Legged Cross, The Albion and the Monmouth Ash - individuals are encouraged to book in advance for Sunday lunch at their chosen venue as the pubs could be very busy that day.

Entry fee is £5 per car including the road book and rally plaque. These can be obtained from Adrian Mullins or Pip Bonner at club nights or from Adrian via email: [adrianm@1020mg.org.uk](mailto:adrianm@1020mg.org.uk)

Reminder that entries close on Monday 07 April.

### HOW TO GET TO PHOENIX CLASSIC CARS

Travelling from Poole along the A35 Upton By-Pass towards Dorchester take the first exit at the Bakers Arms (Wareham Road) roundabout signposted Wareham A351.

At the next roundabout (just after the BP filling station on your right) turn left onto Blackhill Road signposted for the Holton Heath Trading Park.

At the T-Junction on the estate turn right onto Holton Road.

Take the eighth entrance on the left (just after the Nurco building) signposted Debs Dinky Diner....and follow signs to Phoenix Classic Cars - then turn right and it will be on your left.

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## Oily Rag date move

Organisers of the Oily Rag Breakfast Club meeting at the Bob Lucan Stadium Weymouth, Weymouth FC Car Park (as mentioned in last month's club newsletter) have had to change the May, June and July meetings to the second Sunday of the month due to a clash of events at the venue.

The event is open to classics, custom and modified cars and runs from 9am to 12 noon. Entry for exhibitor cars is £2 per vehicle - there is a café on site serving hot drinks and breakfasts. The next meetings are on 06 April, 11 May, 08 June and 13 July.

# Book your place now for Athelhampton

Entries have now opened for our Annual Garden Party and Picnic on Sunday 10 August at Athelhampton House and Gardens, which for those who haven't been before is located just off the A35 between Bere Regis and Dorchester.

Advance booking fee is £12 per person - entry forms are available at club nights from Chris Adamson or via email at [chris@1020mg.org.uk](mailto:chris@1020mg.org.uk) or one can be downloaded from the diary section of the 1020 website - see 10 August entry.

Pre-booking provides direct entry to the event, access to the gardens, reserved parking on the rear lawn, access to the licensed restaurant café, a free event programme, discounted admission to the Elizabethan House and, for the first 70 cars to arrive on the day, a free goodie bag.

The day features regional MGOC club displays, trade stands, summer hamper draw, tombola, a rolling wine raffle, jigsaw sales, a silent auction and, new for 2025, a cake stall. Club members will be needed to staff the stalls and marshal the parking. All proceeds from the day are going to our nominated charities: Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Macmillan Caring Locally.

Gates open at 10am (volunteers can arrive from 8am). Competition presentations take place at 2pm and the day finishes around 4pm.



Setting-up of the relevant event shelters, parking signs and club banners will take place on the day before at 3pm - volunteers to assist will be required.

Advance entries close on Friday 01 August. On-the-day admission for those not pre-booked will be £15 per person but this does not guarantee reserved parking on the lawn.

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## 1020 Evening at the Martyrs Inn



Club members are being invited to an MG only British Sports Car night at the Martyrs Inn at Tolpuddle - we will be their exclusive guests on Wednesday 11 June.

The car park will be reserved specifically for club cars which can arrive from 6pm. Those who want to have a meal are asked to book a table direct with the pub on tel: 01305 602115.

Alternatively, you can just turn up and have a drink and a chat with fellow club members.

Chris Adamson will be seeking a show of hands to assess the level of interest at the April club night - full details will follow.

The Martyrs Inn is located just off the A35 Bere Regis to Dorchester Road in the heart of the village of Tolpuddle before you reach Athelhampton House.

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## Sign-up for Westival 2025

Places can now be booked for the 1020 club display at the ever-popular Westival show at West Moors on Saturday 12 July - participation is free, but cars need to be booked in advance.

All ages of MG are eligible to be part of our stand on Fryer Field and everyone is asked to be on-site by 11.30am before the public arrives for the official opening at 12noon. The show runs until 4pm but cars can depart before with marshals guidance.

In recent years this has been the best supported event in the clubs show calendar (after Athelhampton of course) so a large turn-out is expected - see right on a previous year.

Our stand will include the club event shelter (in case of rain or excessive sunshine) and as ever there will be plenty of parking space among the other classic car clubs.

Over 40 stalls have already signed up for the day (a mix of local charities and commercial businesses) and other vendors will be offering a selection of hot food and drinks.

Other attractions include: live music from CHILL, birds of prey handling and flying displays, mountain bike stunts, circus workshops and woodcarving demonstrations.



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Entries close on Monday 07 July - that month's club night.



# Ferndown Fete on the Field

Bournemouth & Poole MGOC will be represented at the forthcoming Fete on the Field being staged on the King George V Playing Fields at Ferndown on Saturday 21 June.

However, those interested in taking part should note that we are not taking bookings, instead you must book your place on-line via the official event website (details below) - entry fee is £5 per car (which includes a commemorative plaque on the day).

The beating heart of this event is the two grand avenues of stalls that include everything from arts and crafts to sweets, cakes and fresh market produce.

Other attractions include children's rides on the funfair, falconry displays, music, dance and dog shows. There will also be a wide variety of refreshment outlets.

Of particular interest to club members will be the display of some 180 Classic, Custom, Commercial and Agricultural vehicles. Although billed as a Classic Car display, the organisers are allowing all 1020 club members to be part of our display no matter the age of the vehicle.

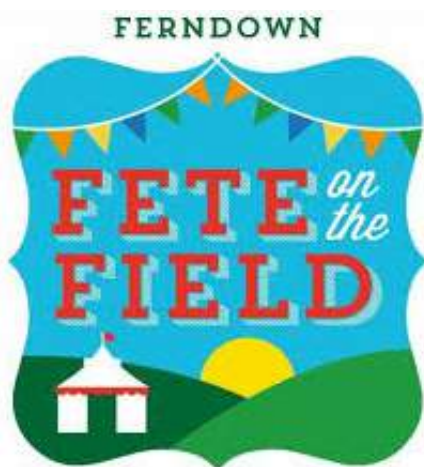
When booking in for the event (there are no on-the-day tickets) there is a drop-down section on the website form to nominate the car club you are affiliated to - Bournemouth & Poole MGOC is listed at the top.

Ticking this box will ensure you are parked with us on our stand.

Access for display vehicles on the day is via Cherry Grove where a new drop-kerb has been installed at the entrance to the field to help all those of you with low slung vehicles who have experienced problems of driving over the old kerbing in the past.

The show is open to the public from 11am to 5pm. Display vehicles are asked to be on site by 10.40am. Cars can leave before the event closes, but drivers are asked to contact a marshal before they depart and they will escort you off the show site for public safety.

Full details and an on-line booking form can be found at: [www.ferndownandparleyrotary.org/fete-on-the-field](http://www.ferndownandparleyrotary.org/fete-on-the-field)



## Harrogate MGOC big classic gathering

If you fancy taking an extended journey to visit an MG event then our colleagues at Harrogate MGOC would love to see you at their annual event on Sunday 03 August.

Incorporating the MGOC Northern National the show takes place at Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge in the heart of the glorious Nidderdale near Harrogate.

All classic cars are welcome - they don't have to be an MG. There are prizes for the best cars in several concours and condition classes for those pre-booked by 19 July.

Entry is £5 per adult and gates open at 9am.

Full details about how to take part can be found at: [www.harrogatemgandclassiccarrclub.co.uk](http://www.harrogatemgandclassiccarrclub.co.uk)

## Arundel Castle day with Chichester MGOC

Our good friends at Chichester MGOC (regulars at Athelhampton) have opened entries for the revival of their own annual MG Gathering.

After an absence of several years, they are returning to the grounds of Arundel Castle on Sunday 21 September 2025.

The gathering will take place on the lower lawns of the landmark castle, offering an impressive view of the castle itself towering above. This is a rare opportunity to showcase your MG in such a splendid and historic location.

The origins of Arundel castle date back to 1067. Much of the castle was rebuilt in the Gothic style in Victorian times. There is also the opportunity to visit the castle itself with a combined ticket.

Arundel Castle has a magnificent walled garden as well as extensive grounds. The gardens won multiple awards in 2024, including Historic Park & Garden of the Year.

Spaces on the lawn are limited to just 100 cars and entry is only being offered via advanced online booking - there is no option to turn-up and purchase space on the lawn on the day.

Advance entry fees are £18 per person for the grounds and gardens and £28 per person for the grounds, garden and castle. Potential participants should note that no pets are allowed in the castle grounds.

Cars must arrive between 8.45am and 9.45am and for reasons of safety, no car movements will be allowed from 10am until 5.30pm.



Having booked online, entrants will receive a car pass and entry voucher by email. You will need to print these and bring them with you. Tickets for the castle will be issued on the day.

Full details and the on-line booking form can be found at: [www.chichestermgoc.org.uk](http://www.chichestermgoc.org.uk)

# John Haynes Classic Show

The Haynes Motor Museum will be staging its own signature classic car show this autumn, paying tribute to its founder, the late John Haynes, as the museum reaches its 40th anniversary.

The John Haynes Classic, scheduled for Sunday 07 September 2025, will celebrate John's legacy through a day filled with heritage, nostalgia and motoring passion.

It will feature a curated collection of cars and motorcycles immortalised in the famous Haynes Manuals, which have guided countless DIY enthusiasts around the world.

Also included will be the Car Club Arena, featuring hundreds of veteran, vintage and classic cars and motorcycles, and a Live Show Paddock bringing motoring history to life with talks, debates, live music and a special vehicle parade.

Families and budding engineers will enjoy the Discovery Zone, where workshops, demonstrations and interactive activities will be available for adults and children alike.

This zone offers hands-on learning experiences designed to inspire the next generation of automotive enthusiasts.

The South Somerset Artisan Market will feature a variety of local food, drink and produce.



Museum CEO Chris Scudds said that the inaugural edition of what is planned to be an annual event at the Somerset venue will mark 40 years since the museum was founded in 1985 and will be a celebration of a shared passion for classic cars and motorcycles.

"It's going to offer something for everyone with curated car displays, car clubs, a fun hands-on learning zone, live entertainment and panel discussions, and a feast of local Somerset produce in the artisan market," he added.

Full details and an entry form can be found at: [www.johnhaynesclassic.co.uk](http://www.johnhaynesclassic.co.uk)

## Join us in supporting our charity



Our 2025 show season starts with the Macmillan Caring Locally Summer Fete on Saturday 14 June at Christchurch Hospital - names are now wanted from those planning to bring along their cars.

We have been given space for 12 club cars which is double the number we had last year (any age of MG is accepted) - it's free to take part and booking forms can be obtained at club nights from Chris Adamson.

Cars are asked to be on site for 11.30am before the public arrives at 12 noon and the event is due to finish around 3pm.

The event is a typical fete with lots of games from traditional hook-a-duck to modern favourites like ring toss and vintage high striker, plus charity and craft stalls, food and produce stalls and a selection of cakes and beverages.

Other attractions include a display from the local fire brigade and police - emergency call-outs permitting.

We will have the club event shelter and club signs to promote our activities and have the opportunity to talk to Macmillan Caring Locally staff about the work they do and where the money we raise each year is spent.

## Brunel Run with Bristol MGOC

Bristol Area MGOC has announced the date for their annual Brunel 2025 as Saturday 06 September 2025.

This is a day run event starting at The Bridge Inn, Yatton, North Somerset where optional breakfasts will be available.

The run is around 90 miles and takes in a steam heritage venue for a lunch time stop. It will finish at the Mizzymead Recreation Centre, Nailsea with a proper afternoon tea, the opportunity to socialise and possibly skittles to follow.

The price of the run is £30 per car to include rally plaque, instructions etc. Afternoon tea is £7.50 per person - this should be booked separately on the booking form.

Full details and an entry form can be found at: [www.bamgoc.co.uk](http://www.bamgoc.co.uk)





# MG's Oxford origins to be commemorated

New College, Oxford has commissioned the British sculptor Paul Day to create a new work of art which will celebrate the college's role as the official birthplace of the MG marque.

The bronze sculpture is due to be unveiled in the summer of 2026 and will be sited in a courtyard garden behind the Longwall Street building where William Morris and Cecil Kimber formally founded MG in May 1924 when the iconic MG Octagon was registered as a trademark of Morris Garages.

Miles Young, warden of New College, explains: "New College's remarkable history dates back to 1379; however Paul's commission will celebrate a more modern achievement which is the college's association with William Morris and Cecil Kimber who played a pivotal role in modern British car design and production and did much to make Oxford such a thriving centre of vehicle manufacturing.

"These achievements deserve permanent recognition, and we hope our students and many visitors will enjoy the truly dramatic sculpture Paul is currently creating."

Paul Day, an award-winning sculptor who has had solo exhibitions across the world and created iconic sculptures like the Battle of Britain Monument and the Meeting Place at St. Pancras Station, views this commission as a particularly personal project. Not only is he a passionate motorist but his family has strong links with the company Cecil Kimber founded.

Paul explains: "Some of my fondest, most vivid memories are of my father driving the numerous MG sports cars he either owned himself or which belonged to the famous company with which he was associated, namely University Motors, which was a very well-known MG dealership including a branch in the heart of Mayfair. I grew up around the magic of MG sports cars and this commission is the ideal opportunity for me to reconnect with many happy memories and powerful emotions."

The final design for the main installation at New College is now being perfected at Paul Day's studio in Burgundy. However, 50 limited-edition small bronzes, which capture the powerful central motif of a driver at the wheel, have been created and are now available to purchase in advance of the main unveiling.

The original Morris Garages showroom now forms part of New College with most of the building providing modern accommodation for undergraduate students. Preserved key features include the distinctive double doors which are visible on Longwall Street. More recently, the college named a new wing facing the courtyard in honour of Cecil Kimber.

For further information about Paul Day visit: [www.pauldaysculpture.com](http://www.pauldaysculpture.com)

Enquiries about owning a Paul Day limited edition bronze can be made at [mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk)



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## MG3 gets latest petrol engine option

MG has completed its supermini line-up for 2025 with the addition of the MG3 SE Petrol which joins the award-winning MG3 Hybrid+ SE and Trophy models.

This newest MG3 features a 5-speed manual transmission and utilises an efficient 1495cc, four-cylinder petrol engine with a maximum power output of 115PS (85kw) and 109 lb ft (148 NM) of torque.

It has a zero to 62mph acceleration time of 10.8 seconds and a potential maximum speed of 115mph and boasts fuel economy delivering a combined WLTP of 46.3 miles per gallon.

Some key features include MG3 dual screen technology, satellite navigation with speed limit recognition, traffic jam assist, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, iSmart phone connectivity, USB ports in the front and rear as well as a 6-speaker audio system.

MG Pilot Safety includes Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB), Forward Collision Warning (FCW), Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS), Lane Keep Assist (LKA) and Driver Attention Alert.

Additional driver's aids include a trip computer, rear parking camera with sensor and tyre pressure monitoring system.



Boot capacity is 293 litres of standard storage and with the split rear seats folded there is a total of 983 litres.

Available for £16,495 the MG3 SE Petrol becomes the most affordable MG model in the UK and is supported by a full 7-year/80,000 miles warranty.

# Alistair and Velma's MGB Outings

Proving that you don't just have to keep your classic MG in the garage for a special occasion, but can use it for a routine outing, club members Alistair Reid and Velma Luke recently chose to take their 1972 MGB Roadster (Libby) on a journey from Poole to Ware in Hertfordshire.

Alistair reports that on its first time on the M25 Libby ran faultlessly running along nicely and keeping up with the traffic at about 65 to 70 miles an hour giving them plenty of time to book in at their hotel (see right) before continuing to see an old friend for the evening.

The return two days later in failing light proved a little trickier as Alistair comments: "Joining a fast moving motorway is always a bit nerve-wracking and in the dark and changing lane was getting difficult as Libby is so low and the headlights of cars and lorries behind were quite dazzling and making it difficult to judge distance. Also my near-side mirror shakes a lot which does not help the situation.

"Velma kept asking if I was okay. Yes, I would say, as a 40-ton lorry went thundering past us, wheels as big as Libby, plus the loud noise of rubber on tarmac."



While this trip went without a hitch, a few weeks later Alistair and Velma took Libby to Tamworth and this time it was raining big time. The rev counter and both indicators stopped working but returned to functioning order the next day - the joys of classic motoring!

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## New Forest history, folklore and people



As the New Forest marked 20 years since it was designated as a UK National Park last month, our club night guest speaker Steve Roberts provided an informative and highly interesting illustrated history of the forest as well as elaborating on some of its folklore, links to literature and the people who live there.

Today, Steve explained, the forest covers 500 square kilometres (including 26 miles of coastline), more than half of which is covered by sites of special scientific interest and has over 800 scheduled monuments including 250 round barrows.

Habitation and use of the forest dates back 13,000 years and includes the Romans, Saxons and Jutes and is the only forest mentioned in the Domesday book - it was William the Conqueror who established it as a private Royal hunting ground and it was here that his son died, shot by an arrow at Rufus Stone.

During its long history the forest has been the site for shipbuilding (its timber provided the basis for several Royal ships), iron works, fishing, salt mining and smuggling. In the Second World War it had 12 airfields and was used to develop the dam busting bouncing bomb.

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## Winning Formula featured at Goodwood

Goodwood organisers have announced the theme for the 2025 Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard (Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 July 2025) - it will be 'The Winning Formula - Champions and Challengers'.

The theme is inspired by the 75th anniversary of the Formula 1 World Championship bringing together the past, present and future of the category, with the event's biggest ever celebration of the series.

Fans can look forward to seeing legendary cars, drivers, teams, designers and personalities from the pinnacle of international motorsport.

The festival will also mark the 125th anniversary of both the Gordon Bennett Cup and the Thousand Mile Trial; as well as the 100th anniversary of the World Manufacturers' Championship, won by Alfa Romeo with the groundbreaking P2.



As ever the four-day event will welcome competitors from every major championship in world motorsport, including the World Endurance Championship, World Rally Championship, Formula E, IndyCar, Nascar, Dakar, MotoGP and World Superbikes. Details can be found at [www.goodwood.co.uk](http://www.goodwood.co.uk)



# New MGS5 all-electric SUV released

Available to order from MG dealers this month is a new, all-electric, Sports Utility Vehicle - the MGS5 EV will eventually replace the ZS and utilises the modular scalable platform (MSP) first seen on the award-winning MG4 hatchback.

Three MGS5 EV models are being offered: SE Standard Range (£28,495), SE Long Range (£30,995) and the Trophy Long Range (£33,495) - each comes with a 7-year/80,000 mile MG warranty.

The rear-wheel drive MGS5 has a choice of two high-performance electric drive motor systems, that deliver maximum power of either 125kW or 170kW and maximum torque of 250Nm and 350Nm. The SE has a maximum power of 170PS and the Long Range versions 231PS. On the SE Long Range 0-62mph can be achieved in just 6.3 seconds.

All examples come with five drive modes: Normal, Sport, Comfort, Snow and Custom plus the selection of an Integrated Braking System and Kinetic Energy Recovery System (KERS).

MG's new SUV is equipped with two battery options, a 49kWh unit for the SE Standard Range and 64kWh for SE Long Range and the Trophy Long Range. The 64kWh battery provides a combined driving range of 298 miles on the SE Long Range and 288 miles for the Trophy Long Range.



Rapid Charging (10 to 80 percent) can be achieved with the 49kWh battery in 24 minutes and 28 minutes for the larger 64kWh battery. Maximum DC charging is 120kW for the 49kWh battery and 139kW for the Long Range 64kWh battery. Estimated charging times using 50kW public outlets is two hours for the smaller battery and one hour and 46 minutes for the larger.

The cabin offers 1026mm of headroom for front seat occupants and 967mm passengers in the rear, with a 60:40 split fold as standard in the rear. There's a 453 litres standard boot then with the rear seats folded this increases to 1441 litres.

A two-stage boot floor provides further flexibility, and additional features include a boot hook, mesh pockets and anchor points. A smart, electric tailgate is also provided.



Inside the focus is a centrally positioned 12.8 inch HD touchscreen - with enhanced graphics and faster response times - which comes with wireless connection to Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and popular apps such as You Tube, Spotify and TikTok which are all built-in.

Additionally, physical buttons - requested by many MG customers - are available to control main functions such as Audio Control, HVAC, Hazard Warning lights and demisting and features a Home Button. A 10.25inch HD digital drivers display completes the line-up.

The SE and Trophy feature a six-way adjustable driver's seat and a four-way adjustable passenger's seat; the Trophy also includes dual tone grey leather-style heated front seats and steering wheel as well as rear privacy glass.

The mass of technological wizardry includes iSMART which offers fast, smart and convenient interaction between driver and vehicle via a mobile device.

The package includes the ability to lock and unlock the MGS5, find the parking location, pre-start the climate control ahead of a journey, create travel plans and check key information such as available driving range, battery charge status and tyre pressures.

Unique to MGS5 EV is the MG Pilot Custom option, enabling the driver to customise and then store their preferred features.

The designers have drawn inspiration for the looks from the Cyberster GT convertible such as a split grille design in addition to integrated high/low beam lights. The LED Daytime Running Lamps have a chequered flag signature which is also repeated at the rear. The side cladding running down the length of the MGS5 EV is finished in silver as are the sweeping twin roof rails.

At the rear there's a distinctive, technical light bar as well as spoiler. MGS5 EV SE models offer a 17 inch alloy with an 18 inch wheel design selected for the Trophy.



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**SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2025**

**ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE AND GARDENS**

**Gates Open 10am - Presentations at 2pm**



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Tombola / Licensed Restaurant**

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(this does not guarantee reserved parking on the lawn)**

**Details and an entry form - email: [chris@1020mg.org.uk](mailto:chris@1020mg.org.uk)**

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# SWVA Spring Classic Car and Bike Sale

A trio of MGB GTs appear in the current listing for this month's Classic Sale being held at South Western Vehicle Auctions on Thursday 24 April starting at 10am.

First up (Lot 32) is a 1977 example finished in Carmine red over a refurbished black interior with 84,000 miles showing.

Owned by the vendor for the last six years, it had a new ignition coil, rotor arm, spark plugs, and condenser fitted in 2019 and further work in 2020, including a new head gasket, an oil filter change, and a full cylinder head rebuild. Most recently, in March 2025, it received another new set of spark plugs and a new battery. It has an estimate of £2,000 to £3,000.

Next in the catalogue (Lot 35) is an earlier 1973 chrome bumper version finished in striking bright Green complimented by a black interior with subtle green stitching - it comes with 52,000 miles indicated.

The car benefits from a well-documented history file, including invoices for servicing and maintenance, MOT certificates - over £10,000 having been spent in recent years.

In 2018, the engine received tuning, along with work on the carburettors, brakes and suspension, totalling £1,097.46. In 2019, a new windscreen washer pump, wiper wheel boxes, door lock assembly, seat webbings, and some welding work totalled £1,131.99 and in June 2023, additional brake and suspension work was completed at a cost of £668. It has an estimate of £2,750 to £3,750

Last of the GTs (Lot 49) is another 1973 example this time finished in Harvest Gold over a black leather interior with a lowly 50,600 miles on the clock.

It has recently undergone a service, including new spark plugs, air and oil filters, and a full carburettor clean. It has the top guide price of £3,000 to £4,000.

Anyone looking for a summer project might be interested in a 1972 non-running chrome bumper MGB Roadster (Lot2) that comes to the auction after 36 years in the same ownership - hence the 97,277 genuine miles recorded.



This is another one in Harvest Gold (above) with a black leather interior and black hood and appears with no reserve.

The history file includes MOT certificates dating from 2011 back to 1976, old tax discs, an old registration document, and period photographs of the car. The MOT history supports the indicated mileage of 97,277 from new, averaging approximately 1,835 miles per year.

The engine is free and turns over on the key but does not currently start.

For Midget fans, the catalogue includes a 1972 round wheel arch, chrome bumper example (Lot 46) in black with 60,600 miles indicated on the clock.

It underwent a full restoration in 1997, during which it was converted to an unleaded cylinder head. From 1997 to 2020, the car was garaged, covering fewer than 4,000 miles.

Accompanying the car is an extensive history file, including MOT certificates dating back to 1983, photographs of the restoration and the car in previous years, as well as invoices totalling £2,000. It appears with an estimate of £2,500 to £3,500.

A red 1500cc Midget from 1976 in red (details to come) also appears on the list with a £3,500 to £4,500 estimate.

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# 1020 CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2025

**Events in red are organised or supported by 1020**  
**All events are subject to cancellation or postponement**

## APRIL

06	MGB Register Spring Run, Milletts Farm	mgb-register.org
06	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
<b>07</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - Film show - the History of MG</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
20	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
21	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/
26-27	Organford Classic & Vintage Show	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
26	MGB Register AGM, Kimber House, Abingdon	mgb-register.org
<b>27</b>	<b>National Drive It Day - 1020 Spring Run</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
	<b>Start at Phoenix Classics - finish at Verwood</b>	
	<b>(Option to go onto the event listed below)</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin</b>	
	<b>Dorset Heavy Horse Centre, Verwood</b>	<b>winchestermgoc.co.uk</b>

## MAY

04	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
<b>05</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - Life of a Driving Instructor</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
05	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/
06	Bransgore Fun Day - Classic Cars included	
11	Exeter MGOC - More2See Run	exetermgoc.com
<b>15</b>	<b>1020 Coach Trip to Steam Museum, Swindon</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
	<b>Places still available</b>	
17-18	Three Okefords Steam Rally	northdorsetrailway.co.uk
17-19	Beaulieu Spring Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
18	Lulworth Castle Classic Car Show	dorsetblind.org.uk
18	Solent MGOC, MGs in the Park - Stansted Park	
18	MGB Jubilee & LE Celebration, Abingdon	
18	South East MG Car Club Road Run	
18	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
<b>23-26</b>	<b>MGOC Cricket St Thomas Weekend - Convoy Run</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
26	Brooklands Museum - Best of British Day	Brooklandsmuseum.com
30-01 June	Vintage Nostalgia, Stockton Park	vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk

## JUNE

01	Southampton & New Forest MGOC New Forest Run	1009mg.org.uk
01	Oxfordshire MGOC, MGs in the Park, Cotswold Wildlife Park	
01	Transport of Yesteryear Hardy Country Classic	
01	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
<b>02</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - Talk on Bee Keeping</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
08	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/
<b>11</b>	<b>1020 meeting at the Martyrs Inn, Tolpuddle</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Macmillan Caring Locally, Summer Fete Club Stand</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
15	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
21	Ferndown Fete on the Field	ferndownfotf.org
<b>21-22</b>	<b>MGOC Racing Championship, Thruxton Circuit</b>	
	<b>1020 club members invited to join Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club display</b>	
22	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/
<b>29</b>	<b>1020 Summer Road Run &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
27-29	Roads to Rail Steam Rally, Norden	swanagerrailwayroadstorail.co.uk



# 1020 CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2025

## CONTINUED . . .

### JULY

<b>06</b>	<b>Broadstone Fun Day - 1020 Club Stand</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
06	MGF30, British Motor Museum, Gaydon	mgfregister.org
06	Cotswold Caper, Gloucestershire MGOC	glosmgoc.co.uk
<b>07</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - Pride of Ownership</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
10-13	Goodwood Festival of Speed	goodwood.com
11-12	Pilford Heath Heritage Show	
<b>12</b>	<b>Westival Show, West Moors - Club Stand</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
12	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/
13	New Forest Car Show, Bransgore	bransgorerotary.com
20	West Moors Classic Car Show, Sturts Farm	Tel: 07481534052
20	Sherborne Classic & Supercar Show	classicsatthecastle.co.uk
20	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
26-02 Aug	Swanage Carnival	

### AUGUST

<b>04</b>	<b>1020 Club Night</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
08-10	Purbeck Rally	
<b>10</b>	<b>1020 ATHELHAMPTON GARDEN PARTY</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
17	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
17	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
22-24	CarFest South, Laverstoke Park Farm	carfest.org
23-24	Henstridge Wings & Wheels	
25	Verwood Rustic Fayre inc Classic Cars	

### SEPTEMBER

<b>01</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - Talk on unusual aircraft</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
05-07	Classic Steam at Norden	
06	Brunel Run, Bristol Area MGOC	bamgoc.co.uk
06-07	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
<b>05-08</b>	<b>1020 Dartmoor Weekender - including</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
<b>07</b>	<b>The Tamar Vallley MGOC People &amp; Places Run</b>	
07	John Haynes Classic Car Show	haynesmuseum.org
07	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
12-14	Goodwood Revival	goodwood.com
<b>20</b>	<b>Westbourne Motor Show - Club Stand TBC</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
21	Chichester MGOC Day at Arundel Castle	
21	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
28	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/

### OCTOBER

<b>06</b>	<b>1020 Club Night - AGM</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>1020 Autumn Road Run including visit to the</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
	<b>Boscombe Down Aviation Collection &amp; Lunch at Hangar3</b>	
19	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	

### NOVEMBER

<b>03</b>	<b>1020 Club Night</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
16	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	

### DECEMBER

<b>01</b>	<b>1020 Club Night</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>
<b>07</b>	<b>1020 Christmas Lunch, Bridge House Hotel</b>	<b>1020mg.org.uk</b>

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