

September 2025



Athelhampton 2025

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Chairman's Chat - September 2025

Firstly, this month, can I personally thank everyone who came along to help or support our annual day at Athelhampton House which, as you will read later in this newsletter, raised the magnificent sum of just short of £2,800 for our charities - this was an increase on the money raised last year.

Everyone who was asked to perform a duty on the day, whether it was on the welcome desk handing out programmes, parking cars on the rear lawn or staffing the various stalls did a wonderful job and I have had nothing but praise from other clubs and individuals who came along on the day.

In particular, I need to mention the work put in by all members of the committee - much of the day involving weeks of planning and preparation.

Alistair Reid used his van to transport all our equipment to and from Athelhampton (taking over the role previously carried out by the late Colin Sexton).

Alasdair Wellwood masterminded the parking, which is a thankless task at the best of times.

Adrian Mullins took over the role of entries coordinator and ensured that everyone was supplied with full details ahead of the day - his mastery of spreadsheets proved invaluable when allocating club stand spaces. He and his wife Rita then did their stint on the ever-popular jigsaw stand.

Les and Jackie Cherrett oversaw the new cake stall venture which proved to be a huge success, while Pip and Ursula Bonner not only helped with the preparation of the tombola and carried items to and from Athelhampton, they also acted as runners on the day helping to ensure everything ran smoothly.

I also have to give a big thank you to Wendy Brooks for donating yet again one of her magnificent hampers which raised £270 on its own.

While unable to be there on the day Sue Hanstead not only provided many of the tombola prizes, she also baked a vast array of cakes including the gluten free offerings.

Last, but not least, I need to thank Pat Lodge who is the administrative brain behind the day ensuring everything is done efficiently and in the proper manner expected of this long-established event whether it be designing notices, arranging the tombola, coordinating the volunteer list or baking cakes.



FAREWELL FRIENDS

While last month was mainly full of joy at the success of our day at Athelhampton it was also one of sadness as the funerals took place for two club members, Dick Jolly and Terry Trickett.

There were big turnouts for both funerals with club members in prominence at each. For Dick's, a large contingent of over 30 club members joined members of the IAM and Dorset police who attended to pay their respects.

There was standing room only at Terry's funeral demonstrating how popular he was and the wide range of interests he had - at least one 1020 club member knew Terry from his days at Flight Refuelling while others met Terry as a member of his walking club.

NEW FOREST CAR SHOW

I have been informed that next year's Bransgore Rotary Club organised New Forest Car Show will take place on Sunday 05 July.

This year's inaugural event, staged on the playing fields at Bransgore, was voted a great success raising £2,000 for good causes.

The Rotary Club say they are planning to make the 2026 event bigger and better with more details being announced over the coming months - I have suggested that they might like to open-up the age limit on club cars so that owners of models such as the MGF, TF and even the MG4 can take part.

Chris Adamson

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September club night - Call My Bluff

Who do you trust most to tell you the truth on the 1020 committee - is it chairman Chris Adamson, deputy-chairman Pip Bonner or road runs coordinator Adrian Mullins?

Well, we shall find out this month at club night on Monday 01 September when the main event will be the return of the popular 'Call My Bluff' contest.

Chris, Pip and Adrian will be giving you their individual definitions of a series of words and asking you to determine who is telling the truth and who is telling a lie - there is a prize for the team who gets the most correct answers.

There is a section featuring Dorset dialect words and a picture section where you have to identify mystery objects.

Also, at the meeting you will be able to sign-up for the 1020 coach trip to the D-Day Museum on Thursday 13 November (see Alasdair Wellwood for an entry form) and enter the 1020 Autumn Road Run on Sunday 12 October which starts at the Sammy Miller Museum at Bashley and finishes at the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection near Salisbury - see Chris Adamson for entry forms during club night.



Details on both of these can also be found later in this newsletter and on the club website.

Finally, a reminder that we will be having the usual monthly raffle, the proceeds from which help to pay the room hire cost - prizes are always welcome - see Jackie Cherrett for tickets and to hand over suitable items.

Autumn Road Run and Aviation Museum

Entries have now opened for the 1020 Autumn Road Run on Sunday 12 October which includes a visit to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at Old Sarum airfield near Salisbury.

Assembly point will be the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at Bashley (near New Milton) where Sammy's Pit Stop café will be serving teas and coffees from 9.30am with the option of a breakfast roll (bacon, sausage, egg or veggie) with a hot drink at the special discounted price of £7.50p.

The breakfast rolls need to be pre-ordered (details on the booking form) but you pay for them on the day.

Those not wishing to take up the breakfast offer can arrive from 10am prior to departure on the road run itself.



Cars will then set off on a 50-mile road route heading due north through the New Forest using lesser-travelled roads before reaching Old Sarum airfield where we will have reserved parking outside the aviation collection main hangar.



Participants who arrive before 12.30pm will then have the option of having a pre-lunch drink at the Dark Revolution micro brewery and tap room or going straight into the museum where we have arranged discounted admission of £10 per head.



Those who have pre-ordered lunch at the Hangar 3 café will have their meals ready from 12.30pm to 1pm. They will be offering a selection of light lunches from their winter menu - details will be included on the entry form. Lunch must be pre-ordered and a £5 a head deposit paid at the time of entering for the road run - meal prices includes a group 15 per cent discount.

Members will recall that the original Hangar 3 restaurant was destroyed in a fire earlier this year but since then new temporary kitchens, bar, toilets and undercover seating have been installed.

After lunch the rest of the group will be free to tour the Boscombe Down Collection which tells the story of 100 years of aviation history.

Displays include a Harrier jump jet, Hawk T1 (similar to that used by the Red Arrows), Hawker Hunter, Tornado GR1T, Gloster Meteor, Avro 707A, BAC 1-11 and an English Electric P1 Lightning.

One feature that makes this collection different to most others is that visitors are able to sit in the cockpit of every aircraft, this includes a Lancaster Bomber and fast jet cockpits.

The collection, which is housed in two Royal Flying Corp hangars dating from 1917 also features helicopters, missiles, simulators and the Royal Flying Corps collection including uniforms, flying clothing, weapons, photography and medals from the pre RAF days.

Entry forms for the day will be available from Chris Adamson at club nights or via email: chris@1020mg.org.uk or one can be downloaded from the 1020 website on the diary page entry for Sunday 12 October.

1020 visit to the D-Day Museum

Places can now be booked for the next 1020 coach trip which will be heading to the D-Day Museum at Portsmouth on Thursday 13 November 2025 with the option of a stop at Gunwharf Quays shopping centre.

The trip is being organised by committee member Alasdair Wellwood (who will be taking completed entry forms) and will start, as usual, at Hamworthy Sports Club at 9am.

The coach will first drop off anyone who only wants to visit Gunwharf Quays before proceeding to the D-Day Museum at Southsea where participants will have at least three hours to tour the attraction.



Participants should note that the two venues are not within easy walking distance of each other. Places on the 42-seat coach will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The museum tells the story of the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany occupation with the largest seaborne invasion in history. It is told using the personal possessions and words of the people who took part. It includes audio-visual presentations, authentic vehicles and hands-on interactives which help to bring the story to life.

The pivotal day in world history is told in four parts beginning on board Landing Craft Tank 7074 - the last surviving LCT from the D-Day operation (see above). Next, is the Preparation galleries, where you can learn more about the planning that went into the operation.



D-Day and the Battle of Normandy follows - taking you back to 06 June 1944. Finally, the visit reaches the Legacy gallery and Overlord Embroidery (see below left), to see the stitched panels that tell the story of D-Day itself.



The inclusive coach trip and museum visit is priced at £30 or £17 for just a seat on the coach stopping at Gunwharf Quays (pictured above). This money can be either paid direct into the club bank account (details on the event form) or at club nights in cash or on a credit card - club night payments should be made to treasurer Ursula Bonner before forms are handed to Alasdair.

Please note the club no longer accepts cheque payments.

Entry forms with all the details can be obtained in person from Alasdair at the September club night, via email from Alisdair at: awellwood820@gmail.com

A copy of the booking form can also be downloaded from the 1020 website (www.1020mg.org.uk) by going to the diary entry on the home page for 13 November.

Recommended V8 MOT stations

The MGCC V8 Register have compiled a list of MOT Testing stations they would recommend for classic car MOTs. You might find the list helpful and can be found at www.v8register.net/sub6/newsMOT-testers-for-MGV8s-listing.htm



Isle of Wight Weekender 2026

Next year's 1020 'overseas' trip with a three-night stay on the Isle of Wight has been confirmed for 18 to 21 September 2026 and already enough people have signed-up so that the club can obtain a discounted room rate at the Warners Bembridge hotel (which overlooks the sea and is pictured below).

Currently a total of 16 cars and 30 people are booked in for the long weekend with the plan to all travel on a mid-morning Wight Link ferry from Lymington to Yarmouth on the Friday.



Organiser Adrian Mullins has secured a deal with Warners at £311 per person (plus £45 per car for the ferry crossing). This price is still available to other club members to join the trip subject to room availability.

Adrian is working in conjunction with the Isle of Wight (Vectis) MGOc to arrange joint activities while the group is on the island and club member Jackie Cherrett who comes from the island is advising on potential daily road runs and picturesque places of interest to visit.



Thanks to Adrian for all his work on this and the other club weekends - the next one being the Dartmoor visit this month which includes the Tamar Valley MGOc Run.

Full details on the Isle of Wight trip and the other club weekenders can be obtained direct from Adrian on email: adrianmullinsmgb@gmail.com



Looking further ahead Adrian has provisionally booked the club in for a visit to the Llanerchinda Farm (see above) in the picturesque heart of mid-Wales (located on the Builth Wells to Carmarthen road) for the weekend commencing 10 September 2027 (the venue is so popular that it is fully booked for 2026 which is a good recommendation).

The venue has 13 rooms so places will be limited on a first come first served basis and from interest already expressed by club members there are just four rooms remaining. The all-inclusive weekend includes three nights accommodation, all meals (gourmet menus), road runs and other activities.

Terry Trickett

Club member Terry Trickett finally lost his six-year battle against cancer last month - several club members attended his funeral at Poole Crematorium.

Although a relatively new member to 1020, Terry was a life-long car enthusiast and in recent years had been a regular at club events with his classic 1978 British Racing Green MGB Roadster.

An engineer by profession, Terry was a keen hands-on car mechanic and regularly worked on his MG. Several club members also knew him through his career and local employment.

The club sends its sincere condolences to his long-term partner Jean Millar who regularly attended club events with Terry.



Another successful Athelhampton

Bournemouth and Poole MGOC is able to celebrate yet another successful Annual Garden Party and Picnic at Athelhampton House and Gardens near Dorchester.

Blessed with cloudless skies, the event attracted over 130 cars and 250 motoring enthusiasts and through the entry fees and various fund-raising stalls raised just shy of £2,800 for our nominated club charities, Macmillan Caring Locally and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Both the charities were in attendance and reported lots of interest on their stands and merchandise which raised around another £300 for these good causes.

Joining members of 1020 were representatives from several other regional MGOC clubs, the largest contingent coming from Southampton and New Forest with other groups from Durnovaria and Cornwall as well as individual cars from Blackmoor Vale, Winchester, Chichester, Epsom, Newbury and Torbay.



We were also joined by a variety of cars from Dorset Midget and Sprite Club.

The displays of cars covered everything from pre-war models (supplied by members of the Octagon Club), through the massed ranks of MGBs plus the occasional MGA, Magnette, RV8, MGF and MGTF up to some of the latest products bearing the MG badge such as the MG4, MG3 Hybrid+ and brand new all electric MG S5 sports utility.

Our two guest clubs this year were the Dorset Triumph TR Register (back for a third year in a row) and Dorset Jaguar Enthusiasts who added colour and variety to the display on the rear lawn of the historic Elizabethan house.

The various fund-raising stalls did brisk business including the ever-popular tombola, well supported Summer Hamper Draw (kindly supplied by Wendy Brooks), table laden jigsaw sales and a rolling wine raffle. New for 2025 was a cake stall which was busy all day long.

The Summer Hamper was won by a very surprised 1020 club member Eddie McTiffen (who was later on duty manning the exit gate) and the cake raffle by Jim Forrester (who did sterling work selling tickets for the wine raffle).

John Copleston of Phoenix Classic Cars reported lots of visitors on his trade stand where he was offering MG owners valuable tips for servicing, repair and the restoration of their classics, while car valeting expert Wayne Healey was kept busy offering advice on car care and selling supplies of his car wash and polishing products.

Thanks to all the parking marshals, meeters and greeters and stall helpers who made the day run smoothly and successfully.



Athelhampton in colour



Phoenix Classic Cars marks 25 years

The longest established MG specialist in the area, Phoenix Classic Cars, is, this year, celebrating 25 years in business.

The company was founded by well-known classic restoration experts Roger and Pam Taylor (see below) and followed on from their previous ventures: Roger Taylor Classic Cars and Vintage and Classic which had already established Roger's reputation in the classic car world.

They eventually sold the then Holton Heath Industrial Estate based operation to current owner John Copleston in 2014 but the two were already well known to each other by then.

John first met Roger when he started restoring an MGB GT and was purchasing parts from Roger and gaining valuable advice and tips on his personal restoration project.



This led to an offer of some part-time work with John initially becoming a Saturday boy doing odd jobs as well as putting his welding skills to good use. When in 2009 John suffered a serious back injury Roger continued to supply John with work and encouraged him to keep going.

Eleven years ago, John was working as the manager of a local garage when Roger and Pam announced that they were planning to retire and John was offered the opportunity to take over the well-established Phoenix Classic Cars operation (see below).

John was joined in the buy-out by his son Martin who used his compensation payment for an injury sustained while on duty abroad with the Army and he also secured financial support from a private investor and so the business changed hands.



Phoenix continued at this time to specialise in MG servicing, repair and restoration and even during the Covid pandemic remained in active daily operation thanks to the support of its loyal customer base.

Today, the team (pictured above) has expanded and in addition to John includes workshop manager Giles Prowse, apprentice Luka Powell, part-time mechanic Trevor Goodman and test driver and delivery driver Pete Russell.

In recent years Phoenix has broadened the type of vehicles it works on and while MGs still form the core business they also take on projects for most marques.



One of the areas John has tried to scale back is their full restorations (although two long-term projects still await finishing in the garage - one of them pictured above) and instead he concentrates on servicing, repairs and tuning as well as parts supply and breakdown recovery.

He has also developed a reputation for building and repairing V8 engines - hence the occasional huge American models that can occasionally be seen parked outside the workshop.

John is also a fund of knowledge for local MG owners offering free advice and guidance for DIY home mechanics, an attribute he acquired from his years working alongside Roger Taylor.

"I learnt everything from Roger, he was my mentor and it was through his support and encouragement that I am running his business today 25 years after he started it," comments John.

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SEPTEMBER

01	1020 Club Night - Call My Bluff	1020mg.org.uk
05-07	Classic Steam at Norden	
06	Brunel Run, Bristol Area MGOC	bamgoc.co.uk
06-07	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
05-08	1020 Dartmoor Weekender - including	1020mg.org.uk
07	The Tamar Valley MGOC People & Places Run	
07	John Haynes Classic Car Show	haynesmuseum.org
07	Compton Abbas Airfield Breakfast meeting	
07	South Downs Run - West Sussex MGOC	wsmgoc.co.uk
12-14	Goodwood Revival	goodwood.com
21	Chichester MGOC Day at Arundel Castle	
21	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
21	MG Z Day, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Walden	
28	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	bppcltd.com/ccotf/

OCTOBER

06	1020 Club Night - AGM & Unusual Aircraft talk	1020mg.org.uk
12	1020 Autumn Road Run including visit to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	1020mg.org.uk
19	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	

NOVEMBER

03	1020 Club Night - Skittles Challenge	
	Return match v Dorset TR Register	1020mg.org.uk
16	Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club	
25	Inter-Club Quiz (Teams wanted) 1020 hosting	1020mg.org.uk

DECEMBER

01	1020 Club Night - Festive entertainment	1020mg.org.uk
07	1020 Christmas Lunch, Bridge House Hotel	1020mg.org.uk

A LIST OF EVENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE - 1020mg.org.uk

Mixed fortunes for MGs at SWVA sale

A 1969 MGB in British Racing Green exceeded its sale estimate at the most recent South Western Vehicle Auctions Summer Classic auction.

Despite that it had undergone a comprehensive bare-metal restoration by Jentree Classic Cars of Lewes and featured a fast road Stage two engine spec, plus all new body panels, doors, boot, bonnet, a full respray and rust protection, the original guide price of £6,000-£8,000 seemed fair.

So it was surprise when the bidding eventually went up to £10,200 (before buyer's premium). Obviously at least two people were attracted by the comfort seats, wind stop and a Moto-Lita steering wheel, that came with it.

Other MGs in the sale went for closer to their estimates including a former 1020 regular - a 1954 MG TF in black with a matching black soft top and side screens and a green leather interior. It entered the sale with an estimate of £10,000-£12,000 and found a new owner for £11,500.

Also selling was a 1972 MGB GT finished in Blaze Red with a contrasting fawn leather interior and a Walnut dashboard.



It had been fitted with a Ford Sierra five-speed gearbox and was listed with a reserve at £5,000 but an offer of £4,200 was eventually accepted.

Of the more modern MGs listed, a low mileage 2004 MG TF 115 Sunstorm just topped its reserve at £3,100 while a two-owner 2001 MGF in British Racing Green failed to sell.

The next SWVA Classic sale is on Thursday 30 October.

Club Clothing NEW ITEMS



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