

Chairman's Chat - October 2025

The summer season of shows and events is now over but it is still very busy for members of Bournemouth and Poole MGOC.

This month we start off with the Annual General meeting on 06 October - this includes the presentation of our charity cheques, the announcement of the club Member of the Year and the Membership Draw with a cash prize this year of £50 - but it can only be won by someone in the room. And, as it is our birthday meeting, there will be cakes for everyone.

The meeting is also the final opportunity to enter for the 1020 Autumn Run on Sunday 12 October which includes a visit to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at Old Sarum airfield.

Looking slightly further ahead you can also book a seat for the coach trip to the D-Day Museum at Portsmouth (Thursday 13 November) and your place at the 1020 Christmas Lunch on Sunday 07 December - so there is still plenty to see and do with the club right up until the end of 2025.

CALL MY BLUFF

Proving that six brains are not necessarily better than one, last month's Call My Bluff competition was won by Nigel Banning who was in a team of one. He took victory with a tie break question against a team of six by getting within 29 feet of the correct height for Mount Everest.

COUNTY CLASSICS MUSEUM

There is sad news for club members who enjoyed a 1020 coach trip visit to the County Classics Museum in Taunton with the announcement that Patrick Hawkins (pictured), the man who founded the museum and was the driving force behind its creation, has died suddenly at the age of 68.

The museum includes around 200 cars and motorcycles from the 1960s to 1990s and was opened in 2023.

Several club members had the opportunity to chat with Patrick during our visit and found him a friendly, approachable and very knowledgeable motoring enthusiast who achieved his dream of displaying his unique collection of cars and memorabilia in a unique high street setting.

WANTED - MGBGT REAR AXLE

I have been contacted by club member Paul Dowden who is asking if anyone has a rear axle that would fit his 1980 MGB GT.

If you have a spare one sitting in your garage Paul would like to hear from you - his email is: dowdenp@icloud.com



CLASSIC MODIFICATIONS

New guidance has been issued by the DVLA, following consultation with classic car owners and organisations which should now make it easier for classic cars with major restorations or modifications (including electric conversions) to retain their original registration numbers and avoid being allocated the dreaded Q plates. Previously, without clear guidance, there had been a lot of leeway for individual offices to come up with their own practices that were not necessarily consistent across the country.

GOODBYE CARFEST HELLO SILVERSTONE

Chris Evans has announced that his annual Carfest event, previously held at Laverstoke Park (and attended by several club members in recent years) will be relocated to the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit for next year.

It is being merged into the Silverstone Festival, which has previously been held over the same Bank Holiday weekend and catered for the same audience. The festival grew out of the Silverstone Classic when live music stages and other attractions were added to the classic racing.

Details about the new event have yet to be announced.

Chris Adamson

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October club night - AGM and fun flyers

This month's club night will include the Bournemouth and Poole MGOC Annual General Meeting for 2025 - and this, of course, means there will be birthday cakes.

The formal part of the meeting will begin with the presentation of cheques to the club's two nominated charities; Macmillan Caring Locally and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - both charities will have representatives in attendance and they will have the opportunity to update us on their current activities.

The money being presented was mainly raised at the club's annual day at Athelhampton House and was supplemented by income from various other club activities and a sale of goods.

This will be followed by the Chairman's Report by Chris Adamson and the Treasurer's Report from Ursula Bonner who will present the annual accounts - printed copies of which will be available on the night.

Next will be the committee election and the presentation of the Charlton Shield to the Club Member of the Year.

Finally, the annual membership draw will be made - the name of a club member will be drawn at random from the hat (actually it's a very nice black bag) and this year the winner will take home a £50 cash prize - but under the rules, the winner has to be in the room so this is an incentive for everyone to come along.



After the formal part of the evening, club member Professor Ian Lane CEng FRAeS (Imperial College Department of Aeronautics) will be giving an illustrated talk on 'A Brief History of Odd Flying Machines'.

His talk will feature some of the more outlandish and wacky ideas people have come up with over the years to overcome gravity - many of them with military implementation in mind.

During the evening there will be the usual monthly club raffle - prizes are always welcome and as it's our birthday meeting there will be individual cakes to enjoy.

Autumn Road Run to Aviation Collection

Places can still be booked 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.

Starting point will be the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at Bashley - signs will direct club members to the 1020 car park.

The new Sammy's Pit Stop café will be serving teas and coffees from 9.30am with the option of a breakfast roll plus a hot drink at the discounted price of £7.50p - just say you are with the MG group to get the discount.

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 40-mile scenic cross-country road route heading 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 or going straight into the museum where we have arranged discounted admission of £10 per head - again just say you are with the MG club to get this special rate.





Those who have pre-ordered lunch (at the newly installed 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 are 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 - the meal prices includes a group 15 per cent discount on their normal prices. The deposit is non-refundable after Monday 06 October.

After lunch the rest of the group will be free to tour the Boscombe Down Collection. Displays include a Harrier jump jet, Hawk T1, 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 so features helicopters, missiles, simulators and the Royal Flying Corps collection.

Entry forms for the day will be available from Chris Adamson at the October club night or via email: chris@1020mg.org.uk or one can be downloaded from the 1020 website on the diary page entry for 12 October. A reminder that the closing date for entries is Monday 06 October.

If the weather forecast for the day is adverse, entrants are welcome to take part in a modern everyday vehicle.

1020 visit to the D-Day Museum

Places can still be booked for the next 1020 coach trip which will be visiting the D-Day Museum at Portsmouth on Thursday 13 November 2025 with the option of an alternative shopping trip to the neighbouring Gunwharf Quays 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 spend the day at Gunwharf Quays before proceeding to the D-Day Museum at Southsea where participants will have at least four hours to tour the attraction and have lunch.



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 actual 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, to see the stitched panels that tell the unfolding story of D-Day.



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 entry 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 club nights, via email from Alisdair at: awellwood820@gmail.com or a copy can be downloaded from the 1020 website (www.1020mg.org.uk) by going to the diary entry on the home page for 13 November.

Discounted ladies 1020 polo shirts available

We currently have in the 1020 club branded clothing stock two ladies polo shirts which are available to purchase at a discounted price. They feature the club logo in red - one is size XL (equivalent to size 16) and the other is XXL. Each is priced at £10 which is a saving of £6 on the normal price. If you are interested in either please contact merchandising officer Ian Hanstead at club night or via email: ian@1020mg.org.uk



1020 Long Weekender in 2026

Although a year away, bookings are already very strong for next year's 1020 three-night visit to the Isle of Wight which is scheduled to take place between 18 and 21 September 2026 staying at the Warners hotel at Bembridge.

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.

The plan is for everyone to travel on a mid-morning Wight Link ferry from Lymington to Yarmouth on the Friday.

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





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 booked the club in for a visit to the LLanerchinda Farm 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 only a few rooms remaining.

The all-inclusive weekend includes three nights accommodation, all meals (gourmet menus), road runs and other associated activities.

Classics and Supercars at Canford

Several club members took part in the new and expanded Classic and Supercar show at Canford School - among them Eddie and Sybil Milligan and Jackie and Les Cherrett.

The event was previously staged at Clayesmore School but was moved this year to take advantage of a larger display area.

Exhibitors (in cars matching the organisers criteria) paid £15 for a driver and passenger which was a serious saving on the £20 a head being charged on the gate for public visitors. The exhibitor fee included complimentary breakfast rolls and hot drinks for two people, access to the 'Owners Hall' and 'Owners Pavilion' and entry into award categories for the best cars in show.



Organisers said that around 650 cars took part with their combined value running into many millions.

There were bands playing music and stalls around the site where visitors and exhibitors could purchase food and drinks during the day.

The consensus was that the show was bigger and better than the alternative Sherborne Castle show - the committee is considering taking a stand at the event for 2026.





Tamar Valley outing with 1020



After last year's successful 1020 group long weekend to the Cotswold Caper, Adrian and Rita Mullins were encouraged to seek out an idea for a similar event this Autumn and settled on the Tamar Valley MGOC bi-annual road run (limited to just 50 cars) which takes place over Devon and Cornwall.

After some research Adrian settled on the Moorlands Hotel at Wotter as the accommodation base for the four day event.

Adrian explains what happened next . . .



"We all met at the Hamworthy Club (except Dave and Wendy Brooks as they were already staying in Devon) on the Friday morning and had a good drive to the Cat and Fiddle near Exeter. We availed ourselves of refreshment and then completed the run to the hotel only to be met by sheep in the car park and Dave and Wendy who had already found the bar.

We had been given the option of a run to do on the Saturday to maximise our sightseeing. As it happened only three couples went on it and only Ian and Sue Hanstead completed the route, so well done to them.

After the excellent curry night on the Friday we looked forward to the A la Carte menu and weren't disappointed. The scampi starters were larger than most main meals!



Sunday dawned and we were off despite rain warnings. The Tamar Run itself was interesting and dry. About half-way around someone emptied the heavens and the rain was torrential. Just proves what they say about Cornwall - horizontal rain and gale force mist!

There were two stops along the way, Strawberry Fields Farm shop and then Widemouth Bay just before Bude.



After that it was back over the moor where the rain had relented and sunshine prevailed giving stunning views over Dartmoor. On returning to the golf club start and finish venue there were cream teas and we won the prize for the club with the most entries and received a plaque - see below.

Back at the hotel we awaited our roast but before then we needed to celebrate Henry's 85th birthday. He wasn't aware but we had organised a cake for him and it was duly paraded accompanied by a rendition of Happy Birthday followed by 'He's a jolly good fellow'.

He told me he was speechless for once and so surprised and grateful. The speechless part didn't last long.

Monday dawned and we all went our separate ways to see what we wanted on the way home.

I was told by quite a few people that the hotel was a great find and the food was plentiful and good".





Discount MG Rover Open Meeting

New Forest parts specialist, Discount MG Rover, who were the main sponsors of MG 100 at Beaulieu and are one of the advertisers in this newsletter, played host to their Open Day at the Gang Warily event grounds near Fawley.

Although primarily open to owners of MG and Rover marque cars (primarily the Z Series models from the 1990s and 2000s and MGF and TF models that they specialise in), Scott Biddlecombe and his team also welcomed a wide diversity of period MGs.

An adverse weather forecast (which didn't materialise until later in the day) deterred many regulars who were travelling a long distance but there was still a line-up of around 100 cars including one from 1020 (Chris Adamson and Pat Lodge in their ZS) and several from Southampton and New Forest MGOC.

The featured Z series models were arranged in categories with a fine selection of personalised ZR hatchbacks being lined-up alongside a cross-section of ZS models (mainly the favoured V6 engined versions) and a diverse collection of ZT saloons and ZTT estate cars.

Among those exhibiting was a Bournemouth funeral director with one of only five MG ZTTs finished in Chromactive Dark Fantasy (a paintwork that changes in the sunlight from black to purple with a hint of brown in the mix).

A few of their Rover counterparts joined the party as did some ultra rare Rover Coupes plus a timeline of MGs from the faithful MGB to its modern equivalent the MGF and TF.

The relaxed event was free for participants and provided an opportunity for everyone to meet and chat with other MG and Rover owners and see some interesting and rare examples.

Organiser Scott said: "A big thank you to everyone who attended, the show was a great success and it wouldn't be possible without all of the enthusiasts who come to show off their vehicles."













MGs feature at International Autojumble

This year's International Autojumble at Beaulieu attracted 22,500 motoring enthusiasts from across the UK and beyond, with the MG brand very much in the forefront in all areas - Chris Adamson selects some of his personal highlights.

The Bonhams Cars auction showcased a diverse selection of collectors' cars and automobilia, among them several fine MGs including a very tidy and immaculately prepared silver grey 1960 1600cc MGA Roadster (£17,000-£22,000 estimate) and (see right) a rare 1934 MG Magnette NA Allingham Tourer (£35,000-£45,000).

More accessible were a popular red 1953 MG TD MkII (see below right) with no reserve (£10,000-£15,000 estimate) and a 1957 Magnette Varitone (£13,000-£18,000), but I had to question the £25,000-£30,000 estimate for a 1979 rubber bumper Midget, no matter how good it looked.



The Automart and Dealermart were perhaps not as well supported as in recent years with fewer cars on offer and nothing really standing out (except perhaps the £2,500 price tag for a child's Austin J2!).

However, a few MGs were worth taking a second look at although at £34,000, a 1969 road and rally specification MGC GT finished in Aston Martin Racing Green (right) was a bit out of my price range - but it did come with £100,000 worth of invoices.

More affordable was a 1974 MGB Roadster in white that was said to 'drive well' but at a lowly £3,800 you do wonder? I also did hesitate over the 'bargain' price of £10,950 for an original S reg rubber bumper MGB Roadster in pristine yellow despite it having only covered 32,300 miles.

The autojumble itself features several fields packed with automotive and vintage stands including several devoted to MG spares and it was here that I spied (see below) the potential bargain of the day, a 1979 MGB Roadster in deep red with lots of history, stainless steel exhaust and leather seats for a come and get me £4,750.





A new feature for the event was a Classic Car Park where members of the public could pre-book their classic and park adjacent to the arena in the heart of the event.

Among those parked, I came across a 1977 MGB GT Sebring replica that had been saved from a scrapyard (pictured left) and a rather nice beige MGA.



Beaulieu's Autojumbles will return in 2026, with provisional dates set as 16 and 17 May for Spring Autojumble and 12 and 13 September for the International Autojumble.



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Book now for 1020 Christmas Lunch

Entries for the traditional 1020 Christmas Lunch on Sunday 07 December at the Bridge House Hotel, Longham are set to open at the October club night - see Ursula Bonner for a booking form.

Places are limited (due to the size of the room) so an early booking is advised. The all-inclusive cost is £28 per person (full amount is due at the time of booking - this is non-refundable if cancelled after Monday 01 December).

This includes a roast carvery main course with a selection of meats (vegetarian alternative available) and help yourself vegetables, a choice of desserts; Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (GF), Lemon Meringue pie and cream and Sticky Toffee pudding with custard (GF). There is also the option of a gluten free Sundae and a cheese board (£3 supplement).

During the meal (which is due to be served at 12noon) there will be festive crackers and a fun Christmas themed quiz (set by Adrian Mullins) with a small prize. The meal will be followed by teas and coffees.

Wendy Brooks will once again be providing one of her magnificent Christmas Hampers which will be raffled during the meal with a runner's-up prize. All proceeds will



be going to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Sun shines for the Verwood Rustic Fayre

A smaller than normal contingent of 1020 cars attended the Verwood Rustic Fayre on what was a busy August Bank Holiday weekend.

Among those who did go along were Henry and Aline Larkin in their recently refurbished MGB Roadster (see right).

Henry says there didn't seem to be as many stalls as in previous years and not as many classic cars either - the majority appeared to be from the Triumph TR register.

However, it still proved to be a good show and popular with the public with plenty to see in the arena including an agility dog display, dogs herding ducks (Indian runners), terrier racing and mini horses.

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OCTOBER

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

19 Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club

NOVEMBER

03	1020 Club Night - Skittles Challenge	
	Return match v Dorset TR Register	1020mg.org.uk

13 1020 Coach Trip to the D-Day Museum

and Gunwharf Quays Shopping Centre 1020mg.org.uk

16 Blandford Brewery Breakfast - Dorset Car Club

25 Inter-Club Quiz (Teams wanted) 1020 hosting 1020mg.org.uk

DECEMBER

1020 Club Night - Festive entertainment
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 1020 Christmas Lunch, Bridge House Hotel
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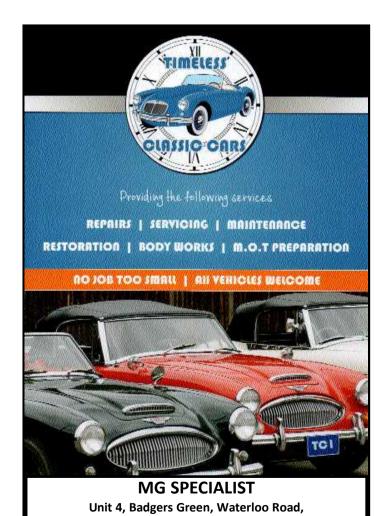
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