

January 2026



Happy New Year
2026

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Chairman's Chat - January 2026

Although this newsletter should be dropping into your in-box before the end of 2025, let me be among the first to wish you all a Happy New Year and promise that your committee plans to make 2026 as event packed and entertaining as I hope you found the previous 12 months.

We ended the old year on a real high after raising the superb sum of £1,000 for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal - you can read more about our fund-raising efforts and where the money was spent later in this new look January newsletter.

It was especially heart-warming to see the generous cash donations so many people made at club night and the wonderful array of Christmas goodies that filled the raffle table at the December club meeting.

Highlight of our collection was the near £300 raised at the Christmas Lunch through the raffle of one of Wendy Brooks's now famous produce packed hampers. I was delighted that the committee agreed that in recognition of her and husband David's long-term support of the club's fund-raising efforts they should be presented with honorary life-membership. It was my pleasure to surprise them with their certificate during the lunch - see photo above.



HOW GOOD IS YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE?

We begin the new year on Monday 05 January with a fun general knowledge quiz which I promise will not be as difficult as they have in recent years. There is a section on cryptic car clues and new, for this year, a section on Dorset history identifying local places and personalities.

The local history theme will continue at the February meeting when guest speaker Hattie Miles will be telling the intriguing story of the Murder at the Villa Madeira and, in March, Steve Roberts will be telling us about moments when Dorset made history.

BOOK NOW FOR THE DICK JOLLY MEMORIAL WINTER ROAD RUN

Places can now be booked for the 1020 Winter Road Run on Sunday 15 February which will start from Hamworthy Club and finish with a roast lunch at The Stocks Inn pub at Furzehill - due to the time of year MGs are not compulsory so bring any car that is available.

Entry forms with all the menu options will be available from Pip Bonner at the January and February club nights. An entry form is also available to download from the website on the diary page.

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January club night - Quiz Contest

We start 1020's new year on Monday 05 January 2026 with the regular monthly club night at Hamworthy Club. The formal part of the meeting will start at 7.30pm but you can, of course, arrive earlier and have a meal or purchase drinks at the bar.

As well as an update on many of the forthcoming club events, the evening will include a friendly general knowledge quiz - I have been told to make the questions easier this time so I am expecting high scores from everyone, after all there is a prize to be won.

The quiz will include sections on cryptic car clues, entertainment and general knowledge as well as, for the first time, a section on local history so start swotting up on your Dorset knowledge, its people and places.



Talking of quizzes, congratulations to the 1020 masterminds (pictured left) who once again won the Inter-Club Quiz, this time by a clear seven points, despite being instructed not to take it so seriously this time. This means 1020 will have to host the competition next time around.

Club night will finish with the usual monthly raffle. Prizes are always welcome. Proceeds from the raffle are used to pay for the room hire.

Book now for 1020 Winter Road Run

The first 1020 outing of 2026 will take place on Sunday 15 February and has been named the Dick Jolly Memorial Winter Road Run in memory of former club member Dick Jolly who was known for creating a series of innovative road runs for the club.

Starting venue as ever will be the Hamworthy Club where cars can arrive from 10am with a suggested 10.30am departure. The route will cover less travelled roads in north Dorset, although the plan is to avoid narrow lanes and road surfaces that might have suffered from the winter weather.

Participants will eventually arrive at The Stocks Inn at Furzehill near Wimborne, where a roast lunch will be served from 12 noon. Entrants are asked to pre-book their choice of main courses that include roast beef, roast turkey, roast lamb or the vegetarian option of a nut roast (with gluten free alternatives) and there are small and large plate options.



There is a £10 per head deposit for the lunch which will be refundable on the day in cash (this is non-refundable if a lunch booking is cancelled after 02 February). The full cost of meals is payable direct to the pub on the day.

Entry fee for the run is £5 per car to include a route book and rally plate - payment can be made by bank transfer or in cash or via credit card at club nights. Sorry we are unable to accept cheques. Forms can be obtained at club nights from Pip Bonner or via email pip@1020mg.org.uk There is also a copy of the entry form on the 1020 website. Closing date for entries is Monday 02 February.

Your generosity helped make Xmas special

Congratulations to all 1020 club members - you helped to raise the magnificent sum of £1,000 for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal, which helps hundreds of local families bringing a bit of extra joy to young people over the festive season.

The fund-raising began at the December club night when the Winton Salvation Army Band (pictured right); played a selection of Christmas carols with lots of audience participation encouraged - there was even a battle of the sexes with the male choir definitely providing the most volume.

Many of the bandmen and women left our meeting after their performance to go straight to their main toy collection point where they were wrapping the presents already collected.



A bumper monthly raffle featured a selection of higher value Christmas themed prizes and on its own raised almost £200 for the appeal. This was supplemented by some very generous personal cash donations from individuals. The final total exceeded our previous efforts by some distance.

Responding to the donation, Winton Salvation Army Captain James Hill said: "£1,000 is amazing. Thank you so much. This will make a tremendous difference to the help that we can give. Toys really make a difference to families who have nothing."

"The first lot of toys were sent to social workers and schools and then we were packing more toys as the referrals came in. We spent nearly £2,000 in local toy shops to purchase toys."



James added that although the big push comes at Christmas, they support families who fall on hard times and run into poverty throughout the year. They recently provided a local family with blow-up mattresses, six bags of clothes and a microwave.

"We were able to give them furniture and household items but also toys for the children. There were a lot of smiles and joyful tears that day."

Festive fun at 1020 Christmas lunch

The 1020 Christmas Lunch on Sunday 07 December at The Bridge House Hotel, Longham was yet another successful event which helped to close the club year on a high as 65 members sat down to a festive roast dinner and calorie laden puddings.

Adrian Mullins set another brain-teasing Christmas themed quiz to keep everyone entertained during the meal - and it was no great surprise when the club's quiz masters' table emerged victorious.

The highlight of the day was the draw for one of Wendy Brooks's memorable Christmas Hampers. This year it was won by Sara Runciman (seen right collecting her hamper from Wendy Brooks) with runner-up prizes going to Stefan Morawiec and Sue Hanstead.

All proceeds from the raffle (which was almost £300) were added to the club's annual collection for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.





Vesta case mystery solved

Many thanks to everyone who responded to my request for information about a Morris Garage (Oxford) silver plate vesta match case that I had been given by a club member to raise funds for the Bournemouth & Poole MGOC nominated charities - special mention to club member Les Cherrett, and to David Hutchinson, the historian of the Early MG Society who was most helpful.

Several people identified the silhouette engraving on the case as a MG14/28 Salonette which helped to place the date of the case to either 1925 or 1926 when this model was in production, although the model itself was only available through a limited number of Morris Garages dealerships.

It appears the item was one of several 'smoker's companion' products which Morris Garages commissioned (similar cases are known marked just as Morris) at this time - effectively an early form of branded merchandise.

It is thought they were produced by a well-known vesta case manufacturer called Wilmot. There was also a dashboard mounted bracket to hold the vesta case. However, it is not entirely clear if these items were just given away to customers as free promotional gifts or if they were available to purchase.

David believes the item is quite rare as he knows of only six surviving examples of the match case and described the one I was holding as among those in the best current condition.

Following the original story, I was approached by MGOC member Chris Keevill who owns a 1925 MG Super Sports, which was registered in that year and is believed to be the oldest surviving MG, pre-dating Cecil Kimber's 'Old Number One' by several months. Chris was keen to acquire the vesta case to complement his period MG.

Chris is now the owner of the case having made a generous donation to the 1020 club charity fund.



All aboard for the RNLI tours

Following an enthusiastic and positive response to the idea, committee member Alasdair Wellwood has arranged visits to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute headquarters in West Quay Road, Poole with consecutive tours of the training college and also the lifeboat workshops for two days in May so that everyone who is interested can take part.

The first date is Monday 18 May starting at 10.30am with a 90-minute tour of the All-weather Lifeboat Centre where the RNLI builds and maintains its fleet of lifeboats. Here visitors can see lifeboats at each stage of production and learn about the different classes of craft from the state-of-the-art Shannon to the pioneering Tamar.

There will then be a two-hour break for club members to have lunch or go into Poole town centre to do a bit of window shopping. You can use the RNLI restaurant (pre-booking required) or the on-site café - details on the booking form.

In the afternoon, starting at 2pm, everyone assembles again for the 90 minute RNLI College Discovery Tour which takes visitors behind the scenes of the world-class training facilities including visits to the Sea Survival Centre and lifeboat simulator.

The alternative date is Wednesday 20 May when the programme starts at 11am with the RNLI College Discovery Tour followed by the Lifeboat Workshop tour at 2.30pm - so that's the reverse order.



The cost is £20 per person for the combined two-part visit on each day. There is a limit of a maximum of 12 people on each tour so places on the two dates will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

There are additional places available on the Wednesday morning tour of the training college only for anyone who just wants to see this aspect of the RNLI operation - this tour costs £10 per person.

Please note that there is no parking at the RNLI. However, there are several public car parks within walking distance - reminder that your visit will be over a period of around six hours.

Booking forms (including lunch options) will be available from Alasdair Wellwood at club nights. A form will also be found on the 1020 website under the diary entry for these tour dates. However, when booking please check direct with Alasdair that there are places available on your chosen date.

Classics retain tax and MOT exemptions

In her recent much publicised and much leaked budget, Chancellor, Rachel Reeves ended the uncertainty around classic car taxation after months of speculation. She confirmed that classic cars over 40 years old will continue to be exempt from Vehicle Excise Duty (VED), a decision welcomed by owners and industry alike.

"Along with the announcement that a freeze on fuel duty will continue, this is very welcome news for classic car owners and for an industry that contributes over £3 billion in direct taxes to the UK economy every year," says Mark Roper, Managing Director of classic car insurance specialist, Hagerty UK.

"The introduction of pay-per-mile charging for Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles from 2028 was widely anticipated as the Government looks to recoup lost fuel duties but, in an age of electrification, classic cars are often looked at unfairly. However, these vehicles represent the ultimate in recycled and sustainable motoring and that's before you consider the UK classic car industry is worth £7.3 billion, contributes £3 billion annually to the economy, and has over 100,000 jobs dependent on the sector."

Currently there are 1.9 million classic cars and motorcycles in the UK, over 350,000 of which are more than 40 years old and eligible for VED exemption. A car can be considered a classic when it is 25 years old or more, including models from the '80s, '90s and even the noughties, far more modern than many might think.

"Preserving the exemption aligns with the Government's wider environmental goals through maintaining vehicles whose lifecycle carbon impact is negligible compared to the manufacture of new vehicles," says Dale Keller, CEO of the Historic & Classic Vehicles Alliance (HCVA).

"Research suggests classic vehicles are used sparingly as cherished items of industrial and design heritage. The tax contribution of the vehicles was made decades ago and applying the VED would be disproportionate to their use, which was the key factor in the exemption being applied in the first place."



There was further welcome news in the Autumn Budget when Reeves confirmed that classic cars will continue to be exempt from the annual MOT vehicle test, but the Chancellor stressed that this would remain under review for the next few years.

But not all are in favour of the lack of MOT, warns Mark Roper: "Many organisations would like to see an annual roadworthy test for older vehicles, and many classic vehicle owners choose to continue with a yearly MOT test despite exemption, as being assured of their continued roadworthiness is something to be welcomed."

Entries open for New Forest Run 2026

Entries have opened for the 2026 New Forest Run which is organised by our neighbours at Southampton and New Forest MGOC and takes place on Sunday 07 June starting and finishing at Exbury Club with a pre-run skittles match set for the Saturday night at the Huntsman in Brockenhurst.

The run itself will cover approximately 80 miles of beautiful countryside and entry to the event is limited to 200 cars. Entry fee is £27 per car which includes a route book and rally plate.

Cooked refreshments will be available at both the start and the finish of the run. Entrants are asked to pre-order their meals using the pro-forma and pre-pay with their entry fee. Tea and cakes will be served in the Exbury Club Pavilion during the afternoon - for this there is no pre-ordering required.

The deadline for entries is the last week in May 2026.



For further details and entry forms, please visit the Southampton and New Forest website: <https://www.1009mg.org.uk/new-forest-run-2026/>

A copy of the entry form also appears under the event details on the diary page of the 1020 website.

Southampton & New Forest MGOC
New Forest Run Sunday 7th June 2026

A photograph of a red MG MGA convertible driving along a coastal road. The car is shown from a front three-quarter angle, moving towards the left. The license plate reads 'FSK 794'. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline.

<https://www.1009mg.org.uk/new-forest-run-2026/>

Email: nfrun@1009.org.uk

Exeter MGOC - More To See Run

Exeter MG Owners Club annual extravaganza called the 'More to See' takes place this year on Sunday 10 May 2026.

The event will be starting and finishing at the Clyst St Mary Village Hall EX5 1AA, which is just half a mile from Junction 30 on the M5. The run takes in parts of Devon and Somerset and will be restricted to 80 entries so book early to avoid disappointment.

The entry fee is £33 for two people or £30 for one person in a car and will include a rally board, route guide, tea or coffee at the start and a cream tea at the finish. For further information email exeter.mgoc.secretary@gmail.com



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Winter warmers with 1020 club clothing



The 1020 club clothing stock now includes a previously owned black fleece lined sleeveless gilet - which features the MG logo in red. The item is sized as medium and is available for a sensible offer from Ian Hanstead at club night - the proceeds will go into club funds.

Ian also has details on all the new club clothing that is currently available including warm winter hats and waterproof jackets.



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Renewal forms are being distributed to all current members via email, but if you do not have access to this or it has been mislaid a copy can be obtained from Patricia Lodge at club nights or via email at: pat@1020mg.org.uk

The 2026 fee is £15 per couple / household or £10 per individual (for which you receive the monthly electronic newsletter and a membership card offering discounts at various local businesses) and there are various options for making your payment.

Option one is to pay by bank transfer to Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club, Account Number 88130398 and Sort Code 51-81-41. If paying by this method please ensure that the payee details include your name and the word 'Subs' so that we can identify who the money has come from.

As well as making the payment please complete a copy of the renewal form and return it to Pat Lodge either in person or via email. If you are unable to attend a club meeting to collect your 2026 membership card please add an extra £1 to your fee to cover postage.

The second option is to pay treasurer Ursula Bonner in cash or by using a credit card at a club night. Please complete the membership renewal form and hand this to Ursula with your payment and she will confirm the money has been received. Then take the form to Patricia Lodge who will issue you with your new membership card. **Please note we are no longer accepting cheques as payment.**

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JANUARY 2026

05 **1020 Club Night - Quiz Night**
01 Brooklands Museum, New Year's Day Classics
11 Bicester Heritage Scramble

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FEBRUARY

02 **1020 Club Night - Murder at the Villa Madeira**
08 MG & Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh Park
15 **1020 Winter Road Run - lunch at The Stocks Inn**
20-22 Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park

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MARCH

02 **1020 Club Night - When Dorset Made History**
20-22 Practical Classics, Classic Car and Restoration Show
NEC, Birmingham
22 Pride and Joy Day, Exbury Club

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APRIL

06 **1020 Club Night - Talk on Spring Gardening**
Practical presentation by Bob Sawyer
12 Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin,
Hollycombe Steam Fair and Park, Liphook
12 MGB Register Spring Run, Millets Farm
19 **1020 Spring Road Run - finish at Haynes Museum**
26 **National Drive It Day - Club meeting at**
Shillingstone Railway Station with Cream Tea
26 Beaulieu Classic Day

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MAY

04 **1020 Club Night - Talk by Stefan Morawiec**
Walking with My Dad
10 Exeter MGOC - More2See Run
16-17 Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
18 & 20 **1020 RNLI Headquarters Tours**
17 Solent MGOC MGs in the Park, Stansted Park
24 Pride and Joy Day, Exbury Club

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JUNE

01 **1020 Club Night**
07 Southampton & New Forest MGOC -
New Forest Run
07 Classics in the Park, Oxford MGOC
13 **Macmillan Summer Fete - Club Stand**
20 Ferndown Fete on the Field
27-28 Thruxton Retro, Thruxton Circuit
28 **1020 Summer Road Run**

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JULY

05 Broadstone Family Fun Day
05 **New Forest Car Show, Bransgore - Club Stand**
05 Cotswold Caper, Gloucestershire MGOC
06 **1020 Club Night - Members Choice**
11 **Westival Show, West Moors - Club Stand**
09-12 Goodwood Festival of Speed
19 Pride and Joy Day, Exbury Club

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