

August 2026

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Members' Choice Winner 2026

Chairman's Chat - August 2026

Congratulations to Richard Miller on winning the popular vote at last month's Members' Choice evening where his name was added to the list of winners of the Colin Sexton Memorial Shield.

Although a relatively new member, Richard and his wife Karen, have become regulars on club events and it was obvious on the night that he lovingly cares for his immaculately presented Old English White MGBGT.

It was also nice to see members of Colin's family coming out for the evening to support the club. Will Sexton has promised that he will try and bring Colin's GT along to more events in the future.

GRAHAM LOWE FUNERAL

As previously notified. The funeral service for Graham Lowe takes place at 2pm on Wednesday 05 August at Bournemouth Crematorium. There is no MG convoy run planned, but club members are more than welcome to bring their MGs along on the day. The family is asking for those attending to wear bright colours.

The funeral will be followed by afternoon tea at the Bridge House Hotel, - everyone who is planning to attend should have already informed me as I have now forwarded numbers for catering to the family.

The Book of Remembrance in memory of Graham will be available once again at the August club night for people to add their own comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like some words added to the book please send them via email to Chris Adamson.

MACMILLAN SUMMER FETE

Following our attendance at the recent Macmillan Caring Locally Summer Fete, I have received the following from their fund-raising manager Barry Wilson: "I hope you and the others enjoyed your day. We had a great turn out and are happy with how it went. The new venue provided so much more space and felt much more like a community event.

"Currently, we are over £4,000 in profit which is slightly up on last year with hopefully more to come. We really appreciate your continued support, please pass my thanks to everyone who attended."

VERWOOD RUSTIC FAYRE

Currently there are no plans for an official 1020 club stand at this month's Verwood Rustic Fayre; however the organisers (Wessex TR Register) have said that anyone entering (cars must be pre-booked) can indicate they are a member of Bournemouth & Poole MGOC and they will park cars together.

I shall be looking for a show of hands at club night to see how many are either already booked for the show or who are planning to enter so that I can give an approximate number to the organisers.

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August Club Night - Our Solar System

This month the UK will experience a significant partial solar eclipse on Wednesday August 12 just before sunset, with up to 90 per cent of the Sun covered; at the same time the Perseid meteor shower is shaping up to be an exceptional viewing event in our skies from midnight to dawn on the 12th and 13th of the month.

Club members will be able to learn all about the eclipse and meteor shower at this month's club night on Monday 03 August when our guest speaker is Kate Earl, chairman of the Wessex Astronomical Society, and a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. Kate will be able to advise on when, how and where best to view these events when we can expect to see between 100 and 150 meteors an hour.



As well as these two celestial spectacles, Kate (a visiting Fellow at Bournemouth University) will be giving an illustrated talk on our solar system and the planets and objects that fill our galaxy. Her presentation will be both for the keen astronomers and the amateur sky-watchers.

Kate runs her own Skyhigh Astronomy organisation which aims to make viewing the night sky and learning about the universe interesting, easy and fun. Her activities include night sky evening tours, science shows and family festivals, as well as working part-time for The Science Dome, which specialises in providing mobile planetarium science shows to schools across the UK.

Her background is in geology and, for a number of years, she worked in the Australian outback managing gold and iron-ore exploration projects. In her spare time, she volunteered at the Perth Observatory, in addition to hosting a number of outreach events for local schools.

Currently, she runs stargazing and astronomy activities at locations across Southern England. She has appeared on BBC Radio Solent, and is a regular contributor to stargazing pages in local magazines.

Last chance to book for the 'Dorset Dawdle'

This month's club night (Monday 03 August) is your final opportunity to sign-up for the inaugural 'Dorset Dawdle' on Sunday 06 September - we already have 60 cars and crews entered so it looks as if this all-new venture is already a success with MG owners across the region.

As well as being a fun day out with plenty to see and learn about the life and works of the county's most famous author Thomas Hardy on the 84-mile route planned by Pip and Ursula Bonner using the route book created by Adrian Mullins, the day will finish with a cream tea back at the re-named Canford Magna Complex.



All the surplus funds from the day (over and above our expenses) will be going to our two charities and we hope to supplement this with the income from three fund-raising activities and this is where everyone can help.

The ever-popular **Tombola** will be running throughout the day and we urgently need prizes - if you have anything suitable please hand these to Pat Lodge at the August club night, your donations are very much appreciated. We will also have our **Jigsaw Sales** table and we need donations of complete, good quality jigsaws to keep the stock supplied on the day.

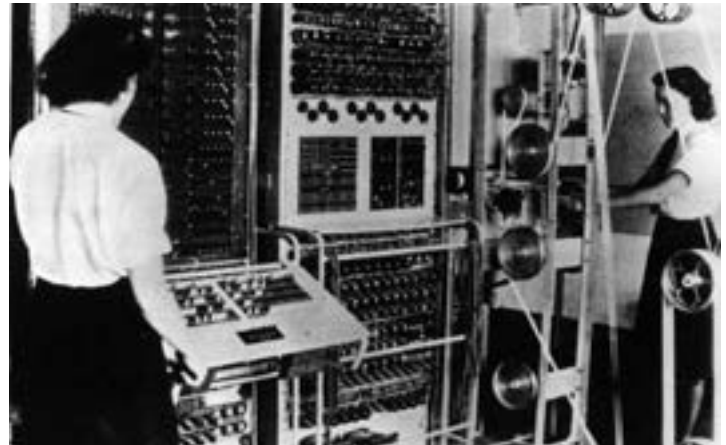
Finally, there will be a raffle for an **Afternoon Tea Hamper** complete with an MG branded his and her tea-set - you can purchase tickets on the day with the draw being made at 3.30pm. Your support for all these efforts is always appreciated.

1020 Coach Trip to Bletchley Park

Tickets can now be booked for the 1020 coach trip to Bletchley Park on Wednesday 14 October - forms will be available from Alasdair Wellwood at the August club night or can be downloaded via the diary page on the 1020 website or via email from Chris Adamson. Those who previously expressed an interest in taking part in the day out will be sent booking forms direct.

The cost for a seat on the coach plus discounted entry to Bletchley Park House and grounds is £45 per person. On the day the coach will be departing Canford Magna Complex (the new name for Hamworthy Club) at 9am for the three-hour journey to Milton Keynes - a comfort stop on route can be planned into the trip.

Once at Bletchley Park, participants will have three and a half hours to explore its many attractions before the coach departs at 3.30pm for the return journey - it is due to arrive back in Bournemouth around 6.30pm.



Bletchley Park is an English country house and estate in Bletchley, Milton Keynes (Buckinghamshire), that became the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War when it housed the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS), which regularly penetrated the secret communications of the Axis powers - most importantly the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. The GC&CS team of codebreakers (75 per cent of them women), devised automatic machinery to help with decryption, culminating in the development of Colossus, the world's first programmable digital electronic computer.

The first personnel of the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) arrived at Bletchley Park on 15 August 1939. The Naval, Military and Air Sections were on the ground floor of the mansion, together with a telephone exchange, teleprinter room, kitchen and dining room; the top floor was allocated to MI6.

Codebreaking operations at Bletchley Park ended in 1946 and all information about the wartime operations was classified until the mid-1970s. Today, it houses the Bletchley Park Museum which features numerous exhibitions explaining the varied nature of the work at Bletchley Park. The Intelligence Factory Exhibition in Block A (the largest exhibition space on site) focuses on Bletchley Park's wartime operations from 1942 to 1945.

Also open to visitors is an immersive cinematic experience exploring Bletchley Park's secret D-Day role while The Veterans' Stories exhibition showcases some of the many stories of life and work at Bletchley Park during World War Two from cooks to codebreakers. The galleries in Block B house a range of displays and exhibitions including an Enigma collection.



Hut 11A hosts the story of the pioneering Bombe machines in the actual wartime location where some of the first machines were housed. It explains in detail the challenges posed by Enigma and explores how Alan Turing, Gordon Welchman, Harold 'Doc' Keen and others devised a machine to help solve it.

Wartime objects on display include original blueprints and components, decrypted Nazi messages and the WRNS visitors' book signed by key figures in the Bletchley Park story, including the GPO engineer Tommy Flowers. Some of the documents in the exhibition have never been seen by the public before.

The closing date for booking seats is Monday 28 September.

Members Choice Evening

A colourful collection of 35 club cars gleamed in the sunshine at the Hamworthy Club for our annual Members' Choice evening last month with the Colin Sexton Memorial Shield at stake for the car voted their favourite by other club members.

With a wide diversity of MGs to view from popular classics, such as the MGB Roadster, MGB V8 and MGC to modern evocations such as the MGZS and MG4 the voting was spread across a wide range of models.

But in the end there was a clear points winner - the lovingly cared for 1969 Old English White MGB GT of Richard Miller. A clearly very surprised Richard was presented with the Colin Sexton Shield by Colin's son George (also in attendance were his brothers Will and Ben) and he also collected a goodie bag of car care and MG branded products from evening sponsor Wayne Healey.



As well as the usual monthly raffle there was also a sale of MG items which raised money for our charities and there was a remembrance slide show on the MG life of the late Graham Lowe, a former club chairman.



A puzzling day out for 1020

A dozen club members took up the invitation to visit the Grovely Jigsaw factory at Ashmore in the heart of rural north Dorset. Originally the tour was supposed to have been 90 minutes but everyone was having such a good time and the hosts were so engaging that it eventually went on for two hours. Ursula Bonner reports ...

When we first arrived, Julie the co-owner gave a short talk about the history of Grovely Jigsaws. She then took us on a tour of the factory demonstrating the various processes in producing a jigsaw for wooden as well as cardboard jigsaws.

The printer and laser wood cutting machines were purchased from China at a quarter of the cost of the exact machinery from the UK. Grovely jigsaws also make their own packaging and we watched as the cardboard was cut and the boxes made. As some of our members had engineering experience, they were quite interested in the machinery involved.



We were then shown how the cardboard jigsaws were cut and packaged. Julie showed us how to package the jigsaws correctly as there is a knack to it and then put us to work to see if we could do it in record time.

Then it was time for tea and coffee and homemade cake, which went down very well. Various jigsaws were purchased (at a discounted price) and two were donated by Julie for the tombola at our Dorset Dawdle event in September.

Photos: Alasdair Wellwood



Pearl's a winner at Westival 2026

Guest MGA owner Pearl James added a prize-winning sparkle to the 1020 club display at the ever-popular Westival Show at West Moors last month.

Pearl and her husband Alec, in their immaculately prepared MGA, are members of near neighbours Blackmoor Vale MGOC, so we were more than pleased to welcome them onto the club stand for the day - and it proved to be a very good move.

Come time for the announcement of the 'winner of the public vote for 'The Car I'd Most Like To Take Home' and there was Pearl's MGA top of the list.



"We had a small glass of Champagne to celebrate 2132TR's success. I am sure the first owner who had her for 27 years would have been delighted to know that 69 years later the car was winning prizes," commented Pearl afterwards. "Thank you so much for letting us visit onto your stand. All your members were so accommodating and kind and we had a lovely day. A very big thanks to Ursula for being so welcoming and making us feel at home."

For those not winning prizes there was plenty to see and do as ever at the show with live music from The Audio Allstars and Bournemouth Carnival Band plus circus school skills demonstrations from Phoenix Aerial, while Blandford Animal Sanctuary brought along some playful goats and small petting animals for everyone to meet. The display of classic cars appeared to be bigger than previous years and the number of stalls and stands were as busy as ever.



Broadstone Family Fun Day

The height of the heatwave coincided with 1020's appearance at the Broadstone Family Fun Day so the club event shelter came in handy as people took advantage of any respite from the un-British sunshine.

An MGB dominated collection of club cars took part with the added variety of a couple of MGCs and V8 GTs as well as an MGA and a visiting Midget. The club stand being in the heart of the Classic Car element of the day.

The temperatures forced the organisers to cancel the planned dog show (understandable but sad news for



those who had brought along their canine companions) but there were other arena events, live music, stalls, food and drink outlets and side-shows to keep everyone occupied.

Photos: Jackie Cherrett

Track action & Spitfire visit at Thruxton Retro

Club member Kim Archer organised a 1020 club display on both days of last month's Thruxton Retro racing festival - here is her report . . .

After arriving and setting up on the stand, we headed off for a walk around the paddock and pits. There was plenty to see, with teams busy preparing their cars and drivers getting ready for the day's action out on the Hampshire track.

We spent time looking around the MG Owners Club Championship paddock, admired the cars taking part in the Heroes of FF1600 Series and enjoyed getting up close to the machinery competing in the CTCRC Classic Thunder, Historic Thunder and BOSS championships. Another highlight was seeing the impressive Group B Rally Car Demonstration vehicles, whose presence added to the retro atmosphere of the event.

Having soaked up the activity in the paddock and chatted with a number of teams, we returned to the club stand, unfolded our chairs and settled in to watch the action on track. Our location provided an excellent vantage point for the practice sessions and races, allowing us to enjoy the sights and sounds of the various championships throughout the day.



The weather was perfect, with sunshine throughout and a gentle breeze keeping conditions comfortable for spectators. A particular highlight was the Spitfire flypast, which was fitting for the nostalgic theme of the event and proved popular with everyone in attendance.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day, with nine club cars on the stand, excellent racing, fascinating paddock access, the Group B rally car demonstration and the memorable Spitfire flypast. Thruxton Retro once again proved to be a fantastic event for all who attended.

Mid-month pub meeting and meal

Last month's final mid-month pub meeting and meal took place at the St Peter's Finger at Lytchett Minster (previously used at the end of a 1020 Road Run).

The evening was attended by most regulars at these gatherings and everyone enjoyed tucking into the new menu created by new landlord, Drex Sibley who was previously at The Stocks Inn where we visited earlier this year.



Many thanks to Patrick Bligh-Cheesman for organising the series of pub meals this year.

An evening with the SVW Register

Bournemouth and Poole MGOC were guests when the MG Car Club's SVW Register held its Annual Rally, based out of The Bridge House Hotel at Longham.

Although there were only 15 of these increasingly rare pre-war models, their adventurous owners had travelled from all parts of the UK including as far away as Leeds (a journey the crew did all in one day) while organiser Ian Burton arrived from Kent.

Their six-day event included road runs, tours and visits within easy access to the New Forest and the Purbecks and, on the evening members of 1020 joined them, they had just returned from a day at the Haynes International Museum.

In near perfect early evening conditions our MGBs, Midgets, MGFs and a YB held their own alongside their more illustrious predecessors and attracted their own interest among the SV and W series owners.

Everyone was very friendly and the two groups mingled for a chat and drinks on the terrace overlooking the river and the cars. Following the pre-dinner drinks, the Register contingent had their own evening meal and were regaled with a talk from 1020's very own Henry Larkin.



MGs out in force at the SWVA Summer sale

The SWVA Summer Classics Sales goes live at 10am on Thursday 30 July with five MGs in the catalogue, the pick of which is lot 66 a 1972 MGB Roadster in Old English White with black soft-top and red leather interior.

Fully restored with a Heritage shell and featuring an Oselli Motorsport built 1995cc engine, upgraded cylinder heads, cooling upgrades, uprated suspension and braking, new wire wheels and tyres and new hood. It also comes with a large history file and just 1,380 miles on the clock since the restoration - hence a top end £10,000 to £12,000 estimate.



First of the MGs to go under the hammer is lot 6, a two owners 1996 MGF in red with red interior and 55,413 miles indicated. It has lots of recent service history with the timing belt replaced less than 500 miles ago. There is a wide price guide of £1,000 to £2,000.

At lot 27 is a 1972 chrome bumper MGB GT in Damask red with black interior. Upgrades include polybushing all-round, a Webasto roof, recent rear diff re-build by Phoenix, WASO alarm, Moto-Lita steering wheel, telescopic shock absorbers, Kenlow fan, steel exhaust, unleaded cylinder head, detailed engine bay and oil coiler. It has 39,770 miles indicated and a come and get me estimate of £2,000 to £3,000.

Oldest MG in the auction is lot 33, a 1967 MGBGT in red with black interior and red piping. Upgrades include electronic ignition while the engine bay and interior have recently been refurbished. Recent replacements include a new steering rack and electric cooling fan. It shows 7,967 miles and is offered with no reserve.

Finally, lot 39 is a 1976 MGB Roadster finished in Citroen yellow with a black soft-top and black leather interior with Willans harness. It comes with a boot rack, rostyle wheels and a tonneau cover. It has been owned by the vendor for 13 years and was the subject of a major restoration completed in 1995 by Falla Classics. There is 35,320 miles on the clock and it carries a price guide of £3,000 to £4,000.

Welcome to the Canford Magna Complex

Starting from the August club night we will no longer be meeting at the Hamworthy Club - but at the Canford Magna Complex . . . but don't worry it's not a new venue, just a new name for the club.

Management has explained that extensive market research has shown that the name, Hamworthy Club, no longer reflects what they do or the community the club serves. Many people believe it is exclusively linked to the Hamworthy area, that membership is required to visit, or that the facilities are not open to the wider local community.

From 03 August 2026, Hamworthy Club will officially become Canford Magna Complex. To mark the beginning of this new chapter, the club will be hosting an Open Day on Monday, 31 August 2026.

Cars and bikes at Heli & Horsepower event

Daily Driven Events is running a Heli & Horsepower Show, a charity car and bike show at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance airbase at George Curl Way, Southampton, SO18 2RX next to Southampton Airport on Sunday 16 August - classics, sports cars, supercars, motorbikes and unique builds are all welcome.

Running from 9am to 12pm, tickets cost £5 per person with all the proceeds going straight to the air ambulance to help fund their crews. Alongside the cars and bikes, guests can tour the brand-new airbase, meet the paramedics and crew, and get one of the best views of Southampton Airport in the city.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, full details about the event and tickets can be found at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dailydrivenbrit/2295750>

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AUGUST

01	MG Breakfast Meeting, Compton Abbas Airfield	comptonairfield.com
02	Picnic in the Park, Lymington	lymingtonandpennington-tc.gov.uk
03	1020 Club Night - The Sky at Night Illustrated Talk by astronomer Kate Earl	1020mg.org.uk
09	Isle of Wight Autofest 2026	
15-16	Vintage Nostalgia, Stockton Park	vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk
16	MG Car Club MG Fest, Brands Hatch A festival of MG cars through the decades	mgcc.co.uk/mgfest
21-23	British Motor Show, Farnborough	thebritishmotorshow.live
22-23	Auto Retro Festival, Stockton Park	autoretrofestival.co.uk
23	ZED Fest, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire	zedfest.co.uk
23	Canford School Classics & Supercars 1020 convoy run to display	
28-30	Car Fest, Silverstone	carfest.org
29	Wings & Wheels, Henstridge Airfield	wingsandwheelshenstridge.com
30	Ringwood Motor Show	
31	Verwood Rustic Fayre	verwoodrotary.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

05	Bristol Area MGOC Brunel Run	bamgoc.co.uk
06	DORSET DAWDLE - Following The Hardy Trail Closing date for entries - Monday 03 August	1020mg.org.uk
06	John Haynes Classic, Haynes Museum	johnhaynesclassic.co.uk
06	Classics on Christchurch Quay - 11am onwards	
06	West Sussex MGOC, South Downs Run	wsmgoc.co.uk
07	1020 Club Night - talk on Advanced Driving	1020mg.org.uk
12-13	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
18-21	1020 Isle of Wight Weekend	1020mg.org.uk
18-20	Goodwood Revival	goodwood.com
20	Classics on Christchurch Quay - 11am onwards	

OCTOBER

05	1020 Club Night - AGM & talk on an SOE Agent	1020mg.org.uk
14	1020 Coach Trip to Bletchley Park Tickets now on sale	1020mg.org.uk

NOVEMBER

02	1020 Club Night - History of Racing at Goodwood Film show with historic footage	1020mg.org.uk
13-15	Classic Motor Show, NEC Birmingham	necclassicmotorshow.com

DECEMBER

06	1020 Christmas Lunch, The Bridge House Hotel	1020mg.org.uk
07	1020 Club Night - Festive Fun	1020mg.org.uk
20	Pride and Joy Day, Exbury Club	

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Revised list and 2026 Prices



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