

February 2024



New Year Revolutions

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Chairman's Chat - February 2024

The new year with 1020 started in a busy fashion with the film show at the January club night followed by the mid-month pub lunch at The Bakers Arms.

February continues with a skittles challenge against members of the Dorset Triumph TR Register and then a few days later our traditional Winter Road Run which is being arranged by Stefan Morawiec - entries close at the February club night.

March will feature the first club coach trip in many years - this time to the new County Classic Motor Museum at Taunton with the bonus of a visit to a cider farm. Places can now be booked, and you need to be quick as the coach is limited to 41 seats.

In April Pat and I are organising the Spring Road Run with a pub lunch on National Drive It Day. It will start at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum.

For those who would like to tour the museum there will be an



opportunity after lunch as the pub is just a short drive from the museum and I have negotiated a discounted entry fee on production of a 1020 membership card - full details to come.

The show season also starts in April and this year the committee is planning to organise club stands at shows we have not previously attended.

ONE MAJOR DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY 18 AUGUST - 1020 GARDEN PARTY & PICNIC, ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE.

Full details on all car shows - check out www.1020mg.org.uk
GIL DE FERRAN

Pat and I were very sad to hear of the death recently of former double Indycar Champion and Indy500 winner Gil de Ferran who we had the pleasure of spending an evening with during one of his title-winning seasons.

At the time the popular French-born Brazilian was driving for the Penske Indy team which built its race cars on an industrial estate at Upton before shipping them to America to race.



As part of the build process the drivers would have to visit the Poole factory for a seat-fitting and it was on one of these pre-season occasions that we were invited to meet Gil and the rest of the team - at the time I was the motoring and motorsport editor for the Bournemouth Echo.

The visit included an informal evening chatting with Gil who, despite being a champion and me only working for a small local British newspaper, was very approachable and friendly giving us plenty of time to ask our questions even though he had probably heard them all before.

He personalised and signed a photograph for us and came across as a very humble and self-effacing person who will be missed by everyone in the sport.

Gil won the British Formula Three championship in 1992 (which I covered at the time for the Echo) before going on to win the 2000 and 2001 Champ Car World Series driving for Penske and the Indy500 in 2003.

Between 2018 and 2021 he worked as sporting director for the McLaren F1 team. He returned to the team last May in a consultant advisory role. The Brazilian Automobile Confederation (CBA) said he suffered a heart attack at a private motor racing club in Opa-locka, Florida.

I have particularly fond memories of the Penske team as they hosted Pat and I at the Indycar race meeting at Laguna Seca in California and a feature article on the team was responsible for me winning the Regional Motoring Journalist of the Year for London and the South.

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February Club Night - Skittles Challenge

The gauntlet has been thrown down for this month's club night on Monday 05 February when we shall be taking up the challenge of a skittles match against members of the Dorset Triumph TR Register.

Hopefully everyone will be in fine fettle to defend the honour of 1020 and produce their best bowling efforts on the night - everyone is welcome to play, no matter your skill level.

As usual the meeting begins at 7.30pm prompt. The skittles challenge will be followed by regular club notices about forthcoming events.

At the meeting there will be the final opportunity to sign up for the Winter Road Run and pub lunch which takes place a few days later on Sunday 11 February - see Stefan for entry forms.

Chris Adamson will be handing out entry forms for the coach trip to the new County Classics Motor Museum at Taunton on Thursday 14 March and you can see Ian Hanstead to order from the latest batch of club branded clothing.



There will be the usual raffle for which prizes are always welcome - perhaps a few unwanted Christmas presents.

Final chance to book for Winter Road Run

Entries close on Monday 05 February for the 1020 Winter Road Run and pub lunch which will take place six days later on Sunday 11 February 2024.

As usual the starting point will be Hamworthy Sports Club (10am for a 10.30am departure) from where participants will set out on a 90-minute road route heading north and east into scenic parts of the New Forest and Hampshire before finishing with lunch at the historic thatched Elm Tree pub at Hightown.



Entry fee for the run is £5 only per car to include route book and rally plaque.

Stefan Morawiec who has kindly organised the run has arranged a main course set-price deal of £16.50p per person at the Elm Tree (which must be paid at the time of booking). The menu options are roast beef, roast turkey or roast pork with a vegetarian option. A choice of desserts will be available for £5.95 - payable on the day.

Entry forms for the run and lunch will be available at club night from Stefan (or via email at: stefan.morawiec@gmail.com) - but should be returned to Club Events Booking Officer Pip Bonner (email: pip@1020mg.org.uk) - there are various options for paying for the run and pub lunch.

Reminder the closing date for entries (even those sent in via email) is Monday 05 February (club night) as we must give the pub plenty of advance notice of our lunch requirements.

Also, for your diary - note that the Spring Road Run will be on Sunday 21 April which is National Drive It Day - more details on this soon with booking opening in March.

Annual subs last chance to renew

Anyone who has not already renewed their membership to Bournemouth and Poole MG Owners club is encouraged to do so this month, either in person at the February club night or via post or internet banking.

If a member has not paid by the end of February it will be assumed that they no longer wish to be a member of 1020 and they will be removed from the database and no longer receive the monthly newsletter or regular emails.

The annual subscription (everyone pays January to January) has been held at £10 per household.

You may pay your subs at this month's club night (Monday 05 February) to Membership Secretary Patricia Lodge either by cash (in person - please don't put money in the post), cheque (made payable to Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club) or now by credit card - see new treasurer Ursula Bonner who has charge of the credit card machine.

If you are unable to attend the club night in person you can also renew your membership by post by sending a cheque (made payable to Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club).

Post this to Patricia Lodge, 40 Baring Road, Bournemouth BH6 4DT. If you would like your 2024 membership card sent to you in the post either add £1 to your payment to cover the cost of postage and packing (so it would be a total of £11) or send a stamped addressed envelope with your payment.

Alternatively, you can pay on-line by bank transfer - the club account details can be obtained from Patricia Lodge - email: pat@1020mg.org.uk

Please clearly mark your BACS payment with your name and indicate that it is for your annual subs in the reference section. Again, if you require your membership card sent in the post then please add £1 to your payment.

Once you have paid by BACS please send an email to Patricia informing her of your payment and also copy in treasurer Ursula on email: ursula@1020mg.org.uk

Once the annual fee has been paid you will receive your 2024 membership card, which allows you to obtain discounts with our trade partners. Remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed recently.

Coach Trip to County Classics museum

Following an enthusiastic response from club members, a coach trip to visit the County Classics Motor Museum at Taunton has been arranged for Thursday 14 March.

As an added bonus, there will be a stop on the way back to visit Perry's Cider Farm at Dowlish Wake near Ilminster.

The coach will leave from Hamworthy Sports Club promptly at 9am (parking is available at HSC). We should arrive at Taunton for 11am where there will be a three-hour stop providing plenty of time to visit the museum, have lunch and see some of the other attractions of Taunton town centre.

Because of the restricted size of the museum, participants will be encouraged to split into two groups with the first section heading directly for the museum and the second group having morning coffee or a wander in town before going to the museum.

The coach will then leave Taunton at 2pm for the short journey to the cider farm for a 45-60 minute visit. It is anticipated the coach will arrive back at HSC around 5pm.



Around 120 cars and 80 motorcycles predominantly from the 1950s to 1990s are on display along with a mass of motoring memorabilia. Star exhibits include a Ford Escort rally car once owned by Marcus Gronholm; a Porsche 924 racing car driven by the likes of Andy Rouse and Win Percy; a Ford Mustang Mach1 Cobra Jet and a 1964 Villiers off-road motorbike.

Perry's Cider Farm was started in 1920 by William Churchill as a sideline to his blacksmith's (now the company's office) and it has grown to become one of the UK's most highly respected and awarded cider companies. The site includes a 16th Century cider barn, cider cellar, orchards, farm shop and café.

Entry forms and payment details are available from Chris Adamson at club night or via email: chris@1020mg.org.uk



Tickets for the day (which includes coach travel, admission to the museum and the cider farm visit) cost £25 per person - friends are more than welcome. The coach (which is being provided by Heathside Travel) has 41 seats which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

There are cafes serving light refreshments located at both the museum and cider farm as well as the option to have lunch at any of the pubs or restaurants in Taunton.

Taunton's County Classics Motor Museum in the heart of the Somerset town has been created by local businessman Patrick Hawkins, who bought and sold his first car, aged 11, and has used his own vehicles and savings to establish the collection.



No getting away from MGs in South Africa

While most club members were sheltering from the continual rain in the run-up to Christmas, fellow members Philip and Gina Neate were in warmer climes sunning themselves and slapping on the sun-tan lotion in South Africa.

But as Philip reports, even on holiday almost half-way round the globe, they still couldn't get away from MGs.

While staying in Cape Town they made the acquaintance of members of 'The Crank Handle Club' (many of its members have second homes in the UK) who are very active in South Africa, meet on Wednesday evenings and during the day on Saturdays and have their own club house.

The club members own two veteran cars which are kept in the clubhouse right next to the bar and are used quite extensively. Philip and Gina got to see all this when they were invited to the club's Christmas dinner at a local golf club.

Then the following day they found themselves invited to an MG only picnic (pictured right) where there were over thirty MGs parked on various lawns in the extensive garden of club member Gordon Chunnett.



Their week in and around Cape Town also included a trip up table mountain and a drive east along the well-known garden route to visit friends with amazing car collections as well as several car, motor bike and steam railway museums.

"We had some amazing drives through canyons and mountain ranges, one on our way to Prince Albert town which was unpaved for 17 miles and was very rough in places bringing our speed down to five mph," recalled Philip.

Patrick Havill

Club member Patrick Havill, 80, who lived at Witchampton, died peacefully on 31 December 2023 in Poole hospital after a prolonged period in hospital after fracturing his hip in May.

Patrick had a long association with the MG marque having competed in a 1951 MGTD in the early Sixties (winning his first motorsport speed event in 1962) before moving on to race Caterham 7s and run his own motorsport preparation and driver training business.

In 2019 Patrick tracked down his original event-winning TD (registration GAP 811) and was able to purchase it from its then owner - see picture right.

It was following his re-acquisition of this car that he joined 1020 and brought it along to a few events as well as being a regular at Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay.

"I knew Patrick in his Caterham racing days when I was reporting on motorsport for the Bournemouth Echo," comments Area Secretary Chris Adamson.

"I also bumped into him a couple of times at Beaulieu where he was, for a short time, a volunteer guide in the museum and drove some of the museum's cars giving visitor rides. He was very knowledgeable and keen on all things motoring."



Patrick's funeral will take place at 10.30am on Friday 16 February at the Harbour View Crematorium, Randalls Hill, Lytchett Minster, Poole BH16 6AN. There will be refreshments at the venue afterwards.

Anyone who is anticipating attending is asked to contact me as the funeral directors would like an idea of potential numbers. We send our deepest sympathies to his family.

MG invite to visit Exbury Gardens

Our near neighbours at Winchester MG Owners Club are organising a drive out to and visit at Exbury Gardens on Sunday 05 May - and members of 1020 are invited to join them.

They have negotiated a group discount entry fee of £10 per person (normally admission is £16 per person) and the option of a train ride at £5 (normally £6.50p) payment for both must be booked in advance.



Initially we are being offered five car places to supplement the Winchester group, but if there is more demand it is likely that additional places can be arranged.

Members of the Winchester club will be meeting at the Coach & Horses, 11 Southampton Road, Cadnam, SO40 2 NF at 10am for a 10.30am departure and drive to Exbury - but 1020 club members could meet the group at Exbury.

May is the perfect time to visit the gardens as this is when many of its spring shrubs and trees are in full blossom.

As well as the gardens and train rides, Mr Eddys Restaurant (which is outside the gardens) is available for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea with plenty of seating both inside and outside, plus The Old Tennis Court Café is located within the gardens.

The group also has the the option of pre-booking the Azalea Room, but this will require advance booking and menu choices.

Chris Adamson (who has full details including who to contact to book a place) will be looking for an indication at the February club night if anyone is interested in taking part to assess potential numbers from 1020.

If you are unable to attend the February meeting but would like more details contact Chris on email: chris@1020mg.org.uk

Practical Classics show at the NEC

The Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show is set to take place over the weekend of 22-24 March at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

The event features over 1,000 cars from rustic gems and restoration projects to pristine concours classics. In addition, more than 150 clubs are expected to attend as well as 250 traders and numerous car dealers.

During the show there will be live restoration demonstrations, celebrity talks and a live auction.

Full details including ticket prices, parking at the NEC, local hotel accommodation and food and drink can be found at: www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/practical-classic-car-and-restoration-show/



Mid-month lunch at the Bakers Arms

A baker's dozen of club members booked in for the first mid-month pub lunch meeting of the year - which appropriately enough took place at the Baker's Arms at Lytchett Minster.

The pre-booked guests were supplemented by two late arrivals so that in the end 15 of us sat down for the meal and the chance to catch-up with everyone's New Year news.

The threat of sleet meant that most opted to leave their MGs nice and cosy in warm garages at home, although Les and Jackie Cherrett braved the freezing temperature in their MGB and Chris Adamson and Pat Lodge were toasty in their MG ZS.

Thanks to Dave and Wendy Brooks who kindly arranged the lunch and looked after everyone during our meal.

The committee is planning to resume the mid-month evening pub meetings in May - keep reading these pages in coming months for more details.



New Year's Day at the White Buck

While many club members spent New Year's morning on Poole Quay (see story elsewhere), John and Val Roantree headed off to the White Buck pub at Burley in their MGA for the annual classic and vintage meeting.

Among those also in attendance were 1020 members Janet and Michael Riley, not in an MG but in their pre-war Riley.

Previously organised by the VSCC, John says that these days so many people know of the gathering it just seems to happen automatically and attracts modern exotica as well as a diverse array of classics.

Of the MG representative, John identified three P types, one of these a supercharged example, a special bodied N type, four MGAs (all red) and a couple of MGBs.

The ages of cars ran from a couple of GN style 1920s cyclecars to a recent Lamborghini.

"There was a spattering of pre-war and vintage Rolls, one very much an 'oily rag' restoration," reported John. "On the 'oily rag' front, I particularly liked the Albion lorry in very much 'as found' condition."



A splashing time on Poole Quay

Bournemouth and Poole MGOC was well represented at the New Year's Day classic car gathering on Poole Quay which once again coincided with the annual bath tub race.

Fine clear weather and unseasonal sunshine attracted over 100 cars and their owners. Among them were half a dozen from 1020 plus a few non-club MGs including an unusual V8 powered MG Magnette.



The club members in attendance (all MGB owners) included Les and Jackie Cherrett, Eddie and Sybil Milligan, Paul and Janet Palmer, Richard and Sandra Nye and Terry and Jean Trickett.



They were all entertained by the on-water action which featured eight home-made 'vessels' including one simply consisting of three plastics bathtubs tied together.

Fortunately, none of the craft sank during the race until near the end (on purpose), but several contestants were spotted diving/falling in the water. In the usual tradition, the people watching on the Quay, were pelted by eggs, thrown by the on water participants.

Thanks to the club members and Ashley Miller who supplied the photographs on this page.



Latest club branded clothing on sale

A wide range of club branded clothing (all of which are being sold at cost price to members) is now available to view and order at club nights from committee member Ian Hanstead.

The items on offer range from polo shirts and rugby shirts to fleeces and a gilet and are available in a wide range of colours and sizes, including women's sizes in polo shirts.

The most recent addition is a light-weight waterproof Regatta jacket - it is priced at £36 and features a warm fleece lining. Like all the other items available it comes with an embroidered version of the latest 1020 MGOC club badge.

Also new is a padded body warmer which costs £37 and is an alternative to a gilet.

Ian has samples of many of the products which will be on show at the start of club nights (come early if you want to try on an item for size) for members to select colours and sizes. Ian is taking orders which must be paid for at the time of ordering.

Some members have asked if it possible to have their own supplied clothing embroidered with the club logo - this is possible and costs £10 per logo but is dependent on the quality and thickness of the item being suitable for embroidery.

Prices are currently; T-Shirts - £12 / Polo shirts - £16 (£1 supplement on sizes 3XL and above) / Rugby shirts - £27 / Caps - £11 / Full zip fleece - £22 / Quarter zip fleece - £28 / Gilet - £39 / Waterproof jacket - £36 / Padded Body Warmer - £37.



MGB Register Spring Run

On-line booking has opened for the MGB Register Spring Run 2024 on Sunday 07 April which starts at Millets Farm near Abingdon and finishes at the Broadway Tower in the Cotswolds.

Entries are strictly restricted to 100 MGs and the entry fee is £26 for MGCC members and £32 for non-members. This includes the Rallye Plate and the tulip route map for the event, which is being supported by Moss Europe Ltd.

Participants can start the day with breakfast at Millets Farm Centre before setting off on the road run which will eventually finish at Broadway Tower overlooking the famous picturesque Cotswold village. MGB owners can obtain discounted entry to the tower and the nuclear bunker that is located beneath it.

Broadway Tower and Park is a family-owned Cotswold destination set within a 200-acre estate of parkland including a deer park.

Fifteen feet below ground lies a relic of the Cold War - a former monitoring bunker was once part of a wider network of similar structures all over the United Kingdom, built to study and report the effects of nuclear explosions and the resulting radioactive fallout.



Full details are available on the MGB Register website: www.mgb-register.org

MGB Register Technical Day

The MGB Register is set to host its Technical Day on Thursday 29 February, courtesy of Unit 70 Classic Cars, Sandford Lane, Oxford OX1 5RW.

This year there will be three work-stations that will cover the fitting of electronic ignition, front steering and suspension, and a demonstration of fitting a dynamo to alternator upgrade.

The day (which starts at 10am) will be split into morning and afternoon sessions.

Attendees can choose which two of the three activities they would like to participate in.

This event is limited to 30 Persons and there is a charge of £10 per person to take part including food.

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New date and new venue for SWVA sale

South Western Vehicle Auctions has moved to a larger and more modern facility at Blackhill Road on the Holton Heath Trading Park and it will be here that their first quarterly Classic Car and Motorcycle Auction of 2024 will take place on Thursday 01 February.

Regulars should note the change of venue (which is just off the Poole to Wareham route on the main entrance road to the estate not far from Phoenix Classics) and, also the change of date from a Friday to a Thursday.

There are fewer cars going under the hammer in the sale than normal - when entries closed there were just 51 lots - three of them MGBs.

Leading the way for the Abingdon output is a rather tired looking 1967 MGB Roadster (Lot 37) which has an indicated 73,721 miles on the clock and a catalogue estimate of between £6,000-£7,000.

Finished in Tartan Red it has a hard-top roof painted in white (the soft-top roof is in need of replacement) and is fitted with a black leather interior and wide wire wheels.

It has been in the same family for over 40 years and comes with a substantial history file which includes records of consistent maintenance, upgrades, old MOT certificates and valuable old photographs that showcase its evolution over time.



It is joined in the sale by a very shabby and well used 1974 chrome bumpered MGB GT (Lot 33) with an unwarranted 44,500 miles and is being sold from a private collection with no reserve, so could go cheaply.

Finished in Teal Blue over a blue leather interior the GT also features chrome wire wheels, a Webasto sunroof, overdrive and a Gold Seal engine, which has been fitted with an unleaded head.

The vehicle's history file is substantial, featuring the BMIHT (British Motor Industry Heritage Trust) certificate, a stack of invoices (including a notable restoration invoice from 1992 totalling approximately £5,500), and old MOT certificates dating back to 1991.

Youngest MG entry is a maroon, rubber bumper 1978 MGB GT (Lot 32) with 97,000 miles indicated and an asking price of between £5,500 and £6,500.

The paperwork includes manuals, club magazines and invoices totalling over £10,000. Notably, a bill of sale from 2004 details a purchase from California Classics of Hull, amounting to £13,270.65, covering not just the car but also additional features like a cassette player, walnut dash, sunroof, mudflaps and custom number plates.

The auction starts at 10am with viewing from 8am to 3pm on the days leading up to the sale.

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FEBRUARY

01	SWVA Winter Classic Auction	swva.co.uk
04	1020 Club Night - Skittles Challenge v TR Register	1020mg.org.uk
11	1020 Winter Road Run & Pub Lunch	1020mg.org.uk
11	MG & Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh Park	mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk

MARCH

04	1020 Club Night - Line Dancing Demonstration	1020mg.org.uk
14	Coach Trip - County Classics Motor Museum	1020mg.org.uk
22-24	Practical Classics and Restoration Show, NEC	necrestorationshow.com

APRIL

01	1020 Club Night - Call My Bluff	1020mg.org.uk
01	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
06-07	Organford Classic & Steam Show - Club Stand	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
07	MGB Register Spring Run, Milletts Farm, Abingdon	mgb-register.org
14	Winchester MGOB Cobweb Spin Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford	winchestermgoc.com
21	Spring Road Run & Pub Lunch Drive It Day	1020mg.org.uk
21	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
21	Bicester Heritage Scramble	
25	SWVA Spring Classic Auction	swva.co.uk

MAY

03-06	Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Yeovil	abbeyhillrally.co.uk
04-05	Donington Historic Festival	
06	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
06	Popham Classic Car Show	popham-airfield.co.uk
06	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
12	Lulworth Classic Car Show, Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
18-19	Beaulieu Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
18-19	MG Centenary Weekend, Brooklands Museum	
18-19	Three Okefords Steam & Vintage Rally	northdorsetrailway.co.uk
19	Solent MGOB, MGs in the Park, Stansted House	solent-mgoc.org.uk

JUNE

02	Hardy Tour, Transport of Yesteryear	transportofyesteryear.com
02	New Forest Run, Southampton & New Forest MGOB	
03	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
09	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
09	Oxfordshire MGOB - MGs in the Park	oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk
15	Ferndown Fete on the Field & Classic Car Show	ferndownfotf.org
16	Salisbury Motor Show	
22-23	Thruxton Classic - club members to join the Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club display	

JULY

01	1020 Club Night - Pride of Ownership	1020mg.org.uk
06-07	Cotswold Caper, Club Weekend	1020mg.org.uk
07	Broadstone Family Fun Day & Classic Cars	
11-15	Goodwood Festival of Speed	goodwood.com
12-14	Pilford Heath Show, Uddens	
13	Westival, West Moors - Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
19-21	Netley Marsh Steam Fair	nmscs.org.uk
21	Sherborne Classics & Supercars, Sherborne Castle	classic-supercars.co.uk

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