

Chairman's Chat - September 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in our recent annual event at Athelhampton House which was attended by 150 cars and over 250 people - I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we raised a net surplus of £2,688 which will be divided between our two club charities.

My thanks go to those who came along on Saturday afternoon to help set-up the event shelters and gazebos and to those who volunteered their time on the Sunday to run the various stalls, park the cars and collect the money at the gate.

Special mention goes to the following: Colin Sexton who, once again, used his van to transport most of the club equipment to and from Athelhampton and then co-ordinated the welcome desk; Pip and Ursula Bonner who helped Pat and I arrange the Tombola and the other fund-raising stalls both before and on the day and were here, there and everywhere on the Sunday as well as counting the proceeds afterwards; Alasdair Wellwood who took on the role of arranging the parking on the rear lawn; Wendy Brooks for once again providing us with a magnificent luxury hamper to raffle; Stefan Morawiec for running the very successful Silent Auction and finally Pat Lodge for overseeing everything on the various stalls and keeping me in check.

Also, thanks to everyone who provided prizes for the tombola - in the end we had more than we could use so many will appear in future club monthly raffles which help to finance club events.

It was through the hard work and generosity of everyone involved that the day was so successful and raised so much money for our two charities.

Full report and photos from the day can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

REACHING OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY

In October, 1020 will be celebrating 40 years since it was first formed - the club night will include a special birthday cake and a look back at some of the memorable events in our history.

In its four decades, Bournemouth and Poole MGOC has had just three Area Secretaries and all three: Nigel Hedges, Graham Lowe and current incumbent Chris Adamson will be there.

The evening will also include the presentation of cheques to our two charities and the formal business of our Annual General Meeting - we still need fresh blood on the committee, to help spread the workload of such a busy club, so if you can spare some time to join us, please let me know.



STEVE HARRIS

Those club members who in the past attended the Downton Motor Show as part of the Cuckoo Fair will probably have met the main organiser Steve Harris who I have known for many years - sadly Steve died earlier this summer.

Steve ran his own engineering company at Cranborne and then Wilton specialising in preparing classic Minis, both for the road and for competition - he was a regular at the Gurston Down Hillclimb where he was more often than not class champion in his own Mini. His main rival for many years was 1020 club member David Nutland.

Steve also supported a motorsport charity I ran for 20 years which involved racing Ministocks. My deepest sympathies go to his widow Brenda and the rest of his family.

LOST AN UMBRELLA?

A full-size unclaimed umbrella was found when the club event shelter was being packed away at the recent Westival Show at West Moors - if it is yours contact me at club night or send me an email and we can re-unite you with it.

COTSWOLD CAPER

Finally, in last month's newsletter we featured a report on 1020 club members taking part in the Gloucestershire MGOC Cotswold Caper - the good news is that they have just reported that the event raised a superb £5,000 for their chosen charity - Charlie's Community Support.

Chris Adamson

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September Club Night - the Nowzad story

War zones normally illicit nothing but horror stories of pain and misery, but every so often a heart-warming story emerges and one of these will be told at this month's club night on Monday 02 September.

Our guest speaker will be Jen Crossman from Cadnam who is the adoptions manager for an amazing charity called Nowzad that cares for and rescues animals from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

It was in 2006 that the men of Kilo Company of 42 Commando Royal Marines (who have connections to Poole) arrived in the town of 'Now Zad' in Helmand Province, Afghanistan - their mission was to provide stability during the conflict.

The Marines soon realised that it wasn't only the local people that needed their help, and it was not long before many of the stray dogs that roamed the town had a guardian in the form of Royal Marine Sergeant 'Pen' Farthing.

Breaking up an organised dog fight that was taking place right outside their remote compound, Pen was befriended by one of those fighting dogs which he gave the name 'Nowzad'.

When other soldiers from multiple countries started adopting animals in the conflict, Pen set-up what was to become the Nowzad charity in 2007.

Over a period of 15 years, Nowzad has rescued over 1,700 dogs and cats, reuniting them with their 'buddies' in the USA, Canada, UK, France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Australia, Thailand, Japan, Spain, South Africa, Finland and Croatia.

At the same time Nowzad opened Afghanistan's first proper small animal veterinary clinic and animal shelter from where cats and dogs could be re-homed. Unfortunately staff had to be evacuated when the Taliban took control in 2021, but the charity continues to support work on the ground.

The charity also set-up a programme to provide treatment for working donkeys, horses and mules, a programme for rabies education in local schools, rabies prevention programmes, a soldier companion animal rescue for coalition troops, and a donkey and horse sanctuary for former working animals as well as providing employment and training for Afghan nationals which included the first ever female veterinarians.



Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022, Nowzad arrived to help the locals who decided to stay in the war zones and continue to care for the stray dogs and cats.

While other animal charities have evacuated animals from Ukraine, Nowzad has been supporting the animal shelters and animal welfare volunteers in Ukraine.

To support this, a staging post in eastern Poland, was established where donated supplies of dog and cat food, medical supplies including vaccinations and microchips and humanitarian support for the shelter teams and volunteers could be proceeded and packed ready to cross the border into Ukraine.

Nowzad has formed a charitable fund in Ukraine: 'Nowzad Liviv' which currently employs Ukrainian nationals to finalise the distribution of items to the shelters and volunteer groups.

Jen, who started working with Nowzad in 2014, will be accompanied on the evening by Dakota, the ex office dog from Kabul - please come up and say hello to both of them. She will also have a range of Nowzad merchandise for sale.

The 'tail' of the rescue of the original Nowzad and his other canine buddies from that remote desert outpost of Now Zad, was published as a best-selling book 'One Dog at a Time' - proceeds from the sale of the book support their charitable work in Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Autumn Road Run and pub lunch

Places can still be booked for the 1020 Autumn Road Run which is set to take place on Sunday 20 October and will include the option of a roast lunch at a picturesque award-winning pub / restaurant.

The day will follow the familiar format of a start from Hamworthy Sports Club at Magna Road (9.30am for a 10am departure - a little earlier than previously to give everyone time to complete the run) before setting out on a 50-mile road route taking in parts of rural north-west Dorset.



Everyone will finish at the 18th century thatched Thimble Inn at Piddlehinton for a roast lunch.

Entry fee is £5 per car which includes rally plaque and route book and there is a £10 per person refundable deposit for lunch which offers the choice of roast beef or roast pork with all the trimmings (vegetarian option also available).

Diners will need to make their roast choice known in advance at the time of entering for the run (closing date is Monday 07 October) while a selection of desserts can be ordered on the day. Everyone will pay individually for their food and drinks in full on the day with the £10 booking deposit being refunded at the start of the road run.

The lunch venue (which is often used by other clubs and has a high reputation for food and service) and the road route have been arranged by Les and Jackie Cherrett who will be setting everyone off on the day.

Entry forms are available at club nights from Road Runs Coordinator Adrian Mullins or from Pip Bonner, via email (pip@1020mg.org.uk) or can be found on the diary page of the club website (www.1020mg.org.uk).

Entry forms should be returned to Pip Bonner.

Coach trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum

The next 1020 coach trip will take place on Wednesday 13 November and the destination will be the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton in Somerset - the coach is limited to 41 places and more than half of these have already been taken so early booking is recommended to guarantee a place.

The National Museum of the Royal Navy houses one of the largest collections of historic Royal Navy aircraft dating back over 100 years to 1909 when the Royal Navy ordered its first airship two years later naval officers were being taught to fly aeroplanes and the first naval flying school was established.

Its four exhibition halls are home to over 90 aircraft, more than two million records, and 30 thousand artefacts - this makes it Europe's largest naval aviation museum. Among the aircraft is a Short Type 184 the only British aeroplane to take part in the Battle of Jutland in 1916, a 1916 Sopwith Pup (replica), a WW2 Supermarine Seafire, a Hawker Sea Fury, a Westland Dragonfly, a de Havilland Sea Vixen, McDonnell Douglas Phantom, a Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer and a BAe Sea Harrier.





It is also home to the first British Concorde (002) which made a total of 439 flights and flew supersonic for 173 hours; the award-winning Aircraft Carrier Experience and Barracuda Live: The Big Rebuild, an ongoing restoration project. There is a licensed café, picnic area and a museum shop.

The coach will leave Hamworthy Sports Club at 9.30am (to avoid the main rush hour traffic) and should take just 90 minutes to reach the museum. Participants will then have four hours to see around the huge collection and to have lunch before the coach departs at 3pm getting us back by 4.30pm

The price for the day out (to include the coach hire and group admission to the museum) is £30 per person. This can be paid by bank transfer, cheque, credit card or in cash. You are welcome to enter with friends and family to help fill the coach (the price has been set to break-even on the coach hire) so long as there are places available.

Entry forms are available from Chris Adamson at club nights, via email (chris@1020mg.org.uk) or can be downloaded from the diary page on the club website (www.1020mg.org.uk).

Dynamic duo win Petanque Challenge

Last month's club night activities included the annual Petanque Challenge which involved some fierce multi-coloured boule throwing competition.

Teams of two did battle over a series of rounds which pitched experienced players against novices - both proving equally as adept as each other.

Teams scored points based on having more of their boules closer to the jack than their opponents, which on numerous occasions led to some intense measuring by the judges.

At the end of the evening, the surprised husband and wife pairing of Andy and Paula Munden were declared the winners with a points tally that was a clear three ahead of all of their nearest rivals.







All aboard for the 1020 River Cruise

Club members were treated to views of Christchurch from a different perspective when they went aboard the Headland Maid for a gentle one-hour evening cruise down the River Stour last month before enjoying a barbecue at Tuckton Tea Gardens.

The 25 seagoing participants were piloted by Bournemouth Boating Services in one of their classic touring boats towards Christchurch Harbour passing an array of luxury waterside home (some now going for in excess of £3million) and on past locations



such as the Captain's Club (on the site of the former Pontins holiday camp), a lively jazz filled Christchurch Quay which was hosting its annual Stomp on the Quomps festival, Christchurch's

famous Priory and Priory Quay flats (one of the residents being former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper Bob Wilson).

Another busy location was Christchurch Sailing Club where members were having their own barbecue by the waterside - there was even a sighting of the yacht owned by 1020 club members John and Val Roantree who obviously know this stretch of the river very well.

After a short side excursion down one of the Stour extensions and a turn out into the harbour, which was packed with wildfowl, it was back to Tuckton and exclusive use of the Tuckton Tea



Gardens café where burgers, chicken skewers and sausages were served along with a selection of salads and accompaniments.

Club funds provided a glass of wine or soft drink for everyone.











Another successful day at Athelhampton

Bournemouth and Poole MGOC's annual Garden Party and Picnic at historic Athelhampton House enjoyed perfect weather and the best turn-out of cars since the pandemic.

A bumper 150 cars arrived throughout the day at the award-winning Eco-friendly Elizabethan manor house to park on the rear lawns and along the banks of the River Piddle - many participants taking the opportunity to tour the house itself.

Others chose to take a gentle stroll around the Grade 1 listed ornamental gardens (designed by Inigo Thomas in the 1890s) with its topiary pyramids, fountain and Mediterranean section or meander along the towpath of the river.

As well as a large contingent from 1020, the event was supported by neighbouring MGOC groups from along the South Coast including a contingent (The Travelling Pillsburys) on a long weekend from Cornwall, regulars from the Octagon Club, Chichester and Durnovaria, plus a bigger than ever convoy of members of the Southampton and New Forest MGOC.

In addition, there were representatives from Runnymead, Taunton, Solent and Blackmoor Vale MGOCs with the numbers being swelled by local non-affiliated MG owners; several joining in after spotting the banners for the event on the day. The event was also supported by John Copleston of trade partner Phoenix Classic Cars who was on hand to give invaluable advice on classic MG servicing and repairs. Goodie bags were provided by Pete Best Insurance sourced by Adrian Mullins.



The diverse collection of assembled cars spanned more than 90 years of MG production from a group of rare pre-war examples through the usual massed ranks of MGBs and GTs on to a colourful display of MGFs and TFs and finally, the latest all-electric MG4 and ZS sports utility.

The star exhibit however had to be the brand-new £60,000 MG Cyberster GT on loan from MG Motor (and entrusted to Area secretary Chris Adamson) and one of the first to be registered for the road in the UK. The 500bhp GT attracted universal admiration for its looks, the novel scissor doors being put to regular use demonstrating their opening and closing party trick.

The guest club this year was the Triumph TR Register with representatives from both the Dorset and Wessex groups who brought along almost every example of the TR, including a TR7 plus a few Stags.

They joined in the many fund-raising activities on the day that included a grand tombola, jigsaw sales, a rolling wine draw and a silent auction - the latter being organised by Stefan Morawiec. A Name the Bunny competition was won by visitor Tom Peters and the Luxury Summer Hamper Draw (generously provided by Wendy Brooks) was won by Pip and Ursula Bonner - both draws were made by Athelhampton head gardener Sophie Robertson.

Net proceeds from the day amounted to £2,688 which will be divided between the club's two nominated charities: Macmillan Caring Locally and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.









Athelhampton in images

















Revamp for MG's big selling HS model

MG's highly popular HS SUV is getting a revamp with an allnew HS petrol already on sale and a plug-in hybrid (PHEV) model due in the showrooms at the end of this month.

The new HS has a longer wheelbase, lengthened by 45mm to 2,765mm it is also 14mm wider at 1,890mm and 45mm longer at 4,655mm (4,670mm for PHEV models), while its sleek new profile reduces its overall height by 30mm, and overhangs have been reduced.

The front grille continues the latest generation MG design language, seen on the new MG3, while new, slimmer headlights bring a more technological theme to the SUV, connected by a central black panel that emphasises the new car's width.

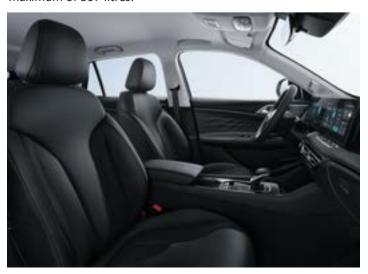


At the rear, and echoing the design of the headlights, the LED taillights are linked by a central motif while an X-shape introduces a recognisable light signature at night.

Inside, the HS features two prominent 12.3-inch high-definition displays. The central display is dedicated to infotainment with live navigation services including weather, live traffic updates, access to Amazon Music, and smartphone connectivity via both Android Auto™ and Apple CarPlay®. Trophy models also benefit from a new 360° surround view camera and wireless smartphone charging as standard.

The second 12.3-inch virtual driver display offers two themes - light and dark - and three modes - Map, Digital, and ADAS. Each offers its own unique layout, focusing on either a rolling navigation display, a simplified summary of the most important driving information, or a real-time visualisation of the vehicle and its surroundings, powered by the driver assistance systems.

Elsewhere there is a new three-spoke steering wheel with improved switchgear, and a modern, shuttle-style gear shifter. Boot capacity has increased by a generous 44 litres to a maximum of 507 litres.





The PHEV powertrain pairs a 105kW (142ps) 1.5-litre petrol engine with a 154kW electric motor and offers acceleration from zero to 62mph in 6.8 seconds.

The motor draws power from a large 24.7kWh battery and high-efficiency 67kW generator to deliver an electric-only driving range of up to 75 miles.

The HS is also offered with a new-generation 1.5T petrol engine delivering 125kW (169ps) and 275Nm of torque, capable of achieving 0-62mph in 9.4 seconds. Equipped with a 6-speed manual transmission as standard, a 7-speed DCT automatic is also available.

When it comes to equipment, the Trophy model features 19-inch diamond cut alloy wheels, front fog lights, electrically adjustable and folding heated door mirrors with memory, electric 6-way driver's seat with lumbar adjustment, power tailgate, 360° surround view camera, 8-speaker audio system, iSmart with live services, wireless smartphone charging, and Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) functionality on PHEV models as standard.



All models in the range benefit from an enhanced MG Pilot package, with Active Emergency Braking with Pedestrian and Bicycle Detection, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning System, Blind Spot Detection with Lane Change Assist, Driver Attention Alert, Forward Collision Warning, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, and Door Open Warning as standard. DCT models also include Adaptive Cruise Control, Traffic Jam Assist, and Intelligent Speed Limit Assist.

These highlights build upon the specification of the HS SE, which includes automatic full LED headlights with follow-mehome function, rear parking sensors, rear parking camera, electrically adjustable heated door mirrors, 6-way adjustable electric driver's seat and 4-way adjustable front passenger seat, air conditioning, keyless entry, rain-sensing wipers, cruise control, electric parking brake with auto-hold function, and dual 12.3-inch displays with navigation and smartphone mirroring.

The petrol HS SE 1.5T is available from £24,995 with the range-topping HS Trophy PHEV priced from £33,995. And, like all MGs, there is a 7-year/80,000-mile manufacturer's warranty.

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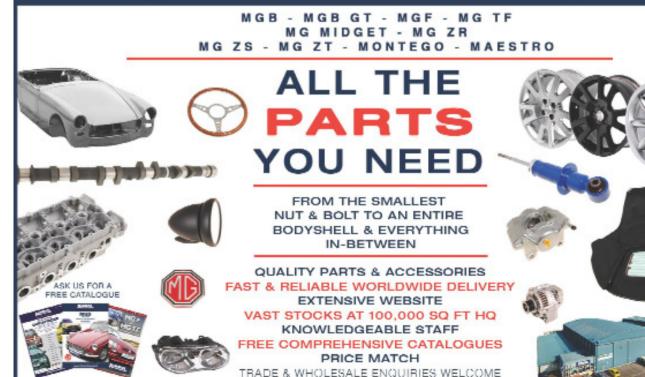
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SEPTEMBER

02	1020 Club Night - Presentation by Nowzad	1020mg.org.uk
06-08	Bristol MGOC Brunel Run	bamgoc.co.uk
07-08	Isle of Wight Classic Extravaganza	
06-08	BPPC Harmans Cross Classic and Steam Show	bpccltd.com
08	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
14-15	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
14-15	Berwick St John Country Show	berwickstjohncountryfayre
21	Sidmouth Classic Car Show	
22	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
28-29	Somerset Festival of Transport, Frome	somersetfestival of transport.co.uk
29	British Classics at Beaulieu	beaulieu.co.uk
OCTOBER		
06	Bicester Scramble, Bicester Heritage	
06	Classic Cars on Christchurch Quay	
07	1020 Club Night - AGM & 40th Birthday	1020mg.org.uk
11-13	1020 Weekend at Littlecote Manor	1020mg.org.uk
12-13	Organford Classic Car Show	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
20	1020 Autumn Run & Pub Lunch	1020mg.org.uk
	Thimble Inn at Piddlehinton	

NOVEMBER

04	1020 Club Night - Martial Arts Demonstration	1020mg.org.uk
08-10	Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show NEC	necclassicmotorshow.com
13	1020 Coach Trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum	1020mg.org.uk

DECEMBER

02	1020 Club Night with musical entertainment	1020mg.org.uk
08	1020 Christmas Lunch - Bridge House Hotel -	Details to come

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

'Streets Ahead' at National Motor Museum

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu has unveiled a new permanent exhibition (supported by Scalextric and Corgi), Streets Ahead: Motoring in Mid-Century Britain, showcases a typical street from the decades following the World War 2.

The new gallery explores a time when Britain underwent a period of rapid social, cultural and economic change and uses artefacts from the museum's extensive collections to offer a view of social history through the prism of vehicles.

Museum Chief Executive, Jon Murden commented: "The new gallery transports visitors to a bygone era from the 1950s to the 1970s.

A charming toy shop with treasured playthings, a motoring clothing shop boasting sensible or fashionable outerwear and accessories, a travel agent that brought holidays abroad and trips and excursions to further reaches of the country to the masses for the first time.

A mobile hardware store will be parked up showing a form of shopping when roads and perhaps lives were less busy."

Included in the street scene are a London bus near a 'talking' bus stop where you can hear local people's memories of bus journeys. Alongside the bus is a milk float (a Brush Pony Electric from 1947).



Other vehicles in the street will be Austin A40 Somerset (1953), Ford Anglia Super 1200 (1966), Land Rover (1948), Standard Vanguard (1951), Triumph Herald (1960), Rover P4 (1963), Hillman Imp (1963), Morris Commercial PV Shop (1951), Morris 1000 Post Office Van (1970), Austin A35 Scwt Van (1961), Ford Consul Cortina MkI (1963) and a Mini (1959).

Motorcycles include BSA Sunbeam Scooter (1964), BMW R50 with Steib sidecar (1957), Yamaha 195cc (1972) and a Triumph Twin 3TA (1962).

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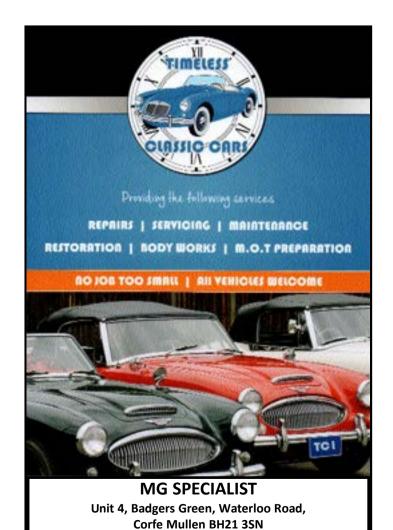
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