

2024 - The year of the Cyberster



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Chairman's Chat - January 2024

Even though this newsletter should be reaching you before the end of 2023, I would like to be among the first to wish all club members a Happy New Year.

It is looking as if 2024 is already going to be a busy one for 1020 with advance planning already underway for all of our seasonal road runs; club stands at local and regional car shows; our big annual event at Athelhampton House; two long weekend hotel breaks, one at Littlecote Manor and the other to coincide with the Cotswold Caper; a packed programme of club night activities (many involving audience participation) and the return of coach trips.

Despite New Year's Day falling on a Monday we will be meeting as usual at Hamworthy Sports Club but there will be nothing too strenuous, just the chance to sit back and watch a dramatised film about a 1950s Alpine Rally featuring an MG TD and its family crew.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH 1020 IN 2024

A few weeks later on Wednesday 17 January there is the opportunity to join us for a mid-week lunch at the Bakers Arms pub as part of our Winter socials - full details elsewhere in this newsletter or from Dave Brooks who is organising.

The next official outing will be the Winter Road Run on Sunday 11 February which is being arranged by Stefan Morawiec - this has already attracted lots of interest - entry forms are available from Stefan.

Another date for your 2024 diary is Sunday 21 April - National Drive It Day. As has become the custom, this will also be our Spring Road Run which Pat and I are organising - full details will be announced soon.

ETHANOL ADDED TO ESSO FUEL

Until recently, Esso was the only petrol company to offer unleaded petrol without added ethanol - the element that can corrode elements of classic car engines and fuel systems, especially rubber seals and tubes.

Esso has now said that their Synergy Supreme+ 99 petrol will contain up to a maximum of five per cent ethanol at all Esso pumps irrespective of which part of the country they are located. The labelling at their pumps will remain as E5 for Synergy Supreme+ 99 unleaded.

Unless it is labelled as E5 most other unleaded grade fuels now contain 10 per cent ethanol - this is the proportion that the Government would like all petrol to contain in the future.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

As well as club night on 01 January, the annual Poole Harbour bath race with accompanying classic car display takes place - see more details elsewhere in this newsletter. If any club member attends, I would be grateful if they would take some photos of the cars and send them to me with a short report . . . let's hope for good weather.

SAVING MG HERITAGE

Apologies to those who tried unsuccessfully to sign the online petition calling on MG's new Chinese owners to guarantee the preservation of the numerous development and concept cars which it has in its possession.

It appears that the petition closed between the time I wrote the story and it appeared in the last newsletter - the good news is that the British Motor Museum at Gaydon has offered space to store the vehicles.

YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS THE LESS FORTUNATE

Thanks to the generosity of club members, we were able to donate the magnificent sum of ± 800 to the local Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

This was the combined proceeds from the raffle at the Inter-Club Quiz night hosted by 1020; the December club night grand Christmas raffle; the Christmas lunch hamper draw, and individual cash donations.

The money we handed over was being used to provide food and clothing for the homeless or those in need in the conurbation. The Salvation Army hosts a Christmas lunch for the homeless, runs soup kitchens and provides items such as clothing, food and toiletries to those in need throughout the community during the festive season.

Corps Officer Major James Hill said: "Winton Salvation Army is always thankful and grateful to the Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club, who support our annual work at Christmas.

"In addition to the emergency food support that we give to families, and welfare and social isolation prevention support, we serve the local community of Bournemouth and Poole, by providing over 3,000 toys to families in need. Your donations go to support our toy appeal.

"We are never short of people to give to, and the list grows each year as the cost of living crisis increases. Thank you for everything you do, and give, to help us to help others."

Chris Adamson

1020 Management Committee

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January Club Night - Alpine action

It may be New Year's Day but as it is the first Monday of the month we will be having our scheduled club night on the evening of 01 January 2024 at the Hamworthy Sports Club starting prompt at 7.30pm.

In addition to details about forthcoming club activities (lots of events are being planned by the committee for 2024) there will be a film show to help everyone gently into the new year.

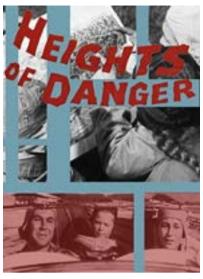
It is a drama called 'Heights of Danger' featuring a family struggling to keep their garage business going against the might of a big corporation - to do this they hope to win the prize money for competing in an Alpine Rally in their 1953 MG TD.

At the meeting there will be the chance to sign up for the Winter Road Run and pub lunch (11 February) and order from the latest batch of club branded clothing and if you have not done so already, pay your 2024 membership fee.

There will be the usual raffle (proceeds from which pay for the room hire each month) and for which prizes are always welcome - perhaps a few unwanted Christmas presents. We have been informed that work is due to begin on refurbishing the main lounge and bar area at the Hamworthy Sports Club at around this time.

While food and drinks will still be available at the club it will all be on a table service basis.

It is also possible that entry to our meeting room may be via the back door (from the car park close to the football pitches) rather than through the lounge area - members will be redirected if this is the case.



Book now for Winter Road Run

Places may now be booked for the 1020 Winter Road Run and pub lunch which will take place on Sunday 11 February 2024 - but note that the closing date for entries is the February club night.

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



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 along with an drinks 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 2024 which is National Drive it Day and it will also feature a pub lunch at the finish.

More details on this soon with entry forms and booking opening in March.

Annual club membership fee due

The annual membership fee to Bournemouth and Poole MG Owners club has been held at £10 for the coming 12 months - the renewal is due on 01 January 2024 for everyone.

You may pay your subs at the January club night (Monday 01 January) 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 by post by sending a cheque 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 and continue to receive the monthly newsletter.

When renewing, if any of your vehicle or contact details have changed in the past 12 months (such as home address, email or telephone numbers) please let Patricia know.

Joins us for a mid-month lunch

Following the success of the first mid-month winter pub lunch at the Avon Causeway, Hurn in November, club members Dave and Wendy Brooks have kindly arranged the next meeting, which will be a lunch on Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Venue is the Baker's Arms on the Dorchester Road at Lytchett Minster (Poole BH16 6JF) which is conveniently located just off the Upton By-Pass on the way to Dorchester.

Doors open from 11.30am for those who want a pre-dinner drink, with lunch being served promptly at 12 noon - we will have our own dedicated seating area.

Anyone planning on coming along for lunch is asked to preselect their meal from either the fixed price set menu or the main pub menu (which have previously been circulated by email).

Everyone is asked to choose all their courses (starter, main and dessert) in advance, however there is no requirement for a deposit or advance payment - it will be pay on the day.

If you wish to attend, please send your name/s with your menu selections to: Dave Brooks on email: davidbrooks262@btinternet.com



Closing date for entries is Tuesday 09 January 2024 MGs will be optional on the day

New club clothing range ready to order

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.

Poole Quay Bath Race & Classic Cars

Classic cars (as defined by the organisers as any vehicle registered before September 2001) are being invited to Poole Quay on New Year's Day for the now traditional classic gathering that coincides with the Poole Harbour Bath Race.

Entry for vehicles is via Ballard Road only (the Baiter end of the waterfront) and cars can arrive from 9.45am. Parking is limited so an early arrival is advised.

The bath race itself is scheduled to begin at 10.30am with the home-made craft being launched by the fisherman's dock. Cars are requested to vacate their parking area by 12.30pm.

If anyone from 1020 attends I would be grateful for any photographs and a short report for the next issue of this newsletter - send them to **chris@1020mg.org.uk**



Music to your ears

The Christmas spirit got into full swing for 1020 at our December meeting thanks to members of the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir who performed a selection of music featuring some seasonal favourites as well as standards from their repertoire.

Led by new Director of Music, David Marshall and with accompaniment from pianist Sue Stein, the choir entertained with a diverse selection of music both well-known and some not so familiar.

And to get everyone into the festive spirit there was an audience participation version of the Twelve days of Christmas which produced some fierce rivalry among the tables.

The evening was rounded off with warm mince pies and a grand Christmas Raffle - proceeds from which were added to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal collection.



MG Centenary at Brooklands

First details have been released about an MG Centenary closing event being jointly organised by the MG Car Club and the MG Owners Club on the weekend of 18-19 May 2024 at Brooklands Museum in Surrey.

Lead organisers are members of the South East MG Car Club and the event begins with a series of road runs across the region starting at locations such as Aylesford in Kent, East Grinstead in Sussex, Kingsfold (near Horsham) in West Sussex, Ashington in Sussex and (closest for 1020 members interested in participating) from Alresford in Hampshire.

These will all depart around 10.30am to 11.00am and arrive at a central meeting point - The Fairmile Restaurant at Cobham at around 2.30pm for a massed display - alternatively participants can go direct to The Fairmile and take part in the afternoon show.



There will then be an early evening buffet - a list of local hotels can be supplied for those planning to overnight.

At this stage, the likely cost for the road run is £15 and £20 for the buffet. Parking for this and on the following day is being managed by Epsom MGOC.



On the Sunday there will be a full MG Day at Brooklands Museum with a Pride of Ownership contest, Competition Car Display, Timeline of 100 Years, Test Hill Runs (see left) and various MG Car Club and MG Owners Club displays with allocated parking for exhibitors plus trade stands, live music and entertainment including speakers with an MG connection.

Admission on the Sunday will be ± 20 per person which includes access to Brooklands Museum and grounds as well as the London Bus Museum.

Full details are expected to be finalised by the end of January when pre-booking will be open.

Details can be found at: www.mgccse.co.uk/mg100-south-east

FOR SALE

MGB Roadster - 1970 Red Full nut and bolt restoration, including reconditioned engine in 1991 Extensive history file & documentation MGOC valuation - £11,000

£8,950

Contact David Hughes email: davidsunderlandhughes@gmail.com or mobile: 07906382630. Located in Dorchester



Eco Athelhampton gets first zero rating

Athelhampton House, the venue for the annual 1020 Garden Party and Picnic, has become the first net-zero energy stately home in Britain following an extensive investment in its energy creation and consumption needs - the following is extracts from an article that appeared in *The Times*.

Giles Keating, the economist turned novelist bought the 2,500 square-metre estate, including the part Elizabethan house, in 2019 (from honorary 1020 club member Patrick Cooke) for a reported £7 million.

When he acquired the property energy costs came in at about £55,000 a year. The Ukraine conflict more than doubled this. The estate was then heated on LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) and kerosene, with a geriatric diesel generator for back-up. In short, Athelhampton represented a fossil-fuelled hoopla, clocking up a carbon footprint of 100 tonnes a year.

To tackle this, Keating teamed up with Stefan Pitman, the founder of the architectural firm SPASE and a specialist in historic buildings who saw the potential to lead historic buildings into a new carbon-neutral realm.

The project was carried out in three phases. The main infrastructure works began in early 2021, the new heating technology was added six months later and the house renovations began in 2022.



Options such as a biomass furnace, hydro power and wind turbines were quickly discounted before ground-source heat pumps were installed for some of the supporting properties, including the coach house, but then the government pulled the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and it became economically unviable.

Then came a breakthrough following talks with Japanese manufacturer Daikin, they discovered a new ultra-efficient airsource heat pump coming to the market.

These were integrated with 100 kilowatt Solar PV (photovoltaics) panels located on the other side of the river from the main house in a water meadow. It is designed so that sheep may still safely graze underneath while the ground-source heat



pump performs its magic (with the water in the meadow helping to replenish the heat).

Keating and Pitman worked with Tesla to set up the biggest installation of Powerwall batteries at the time in the UK.



These are strategically placed behind an ancient yew tree while another yew hedge outside a Victorian service building hides the 10 air-source heat pumps that serve two thirds of the building. Another five sit near the coach house and a further

solar array is located at the opposite end of the estate.

Inside the main house the team took a room-byroom approach reusing the earlier Victorian trench heaters and limecrete floors (an alternative to concrete) were insulated with recycled blown glass which act as an anticapillary for damp.

The heating was introduced gradually over a five-month period to let the building adjust.



Every room can be heated up to 21C, apart from the Great Hall, which is heated to 18C, and the heating can be controlled from a phone.

As a result of the investment, annual energy bills at Athelhampton have gone from in excess of £100,000 a year to

zero; the only cost is an annual service charge and the need to clean the solar panels biannually.

If you are visiting Athelhampton, Estate Manager Owen Davies (pictured), who will be hosting us again for our visit this year, gives talks about Athelhampton the Zero project including a tour of the Solar installations, the Ground Source heat collectors, the Air Source heat pumps, associated plant rooms and Tesla battery installation.



Big smiles at 1020 Christmas Lunch

There was a packed room for the traditional 1020 Christmas Lunch on Sunday 10 December at The Bridge House Hotel at Longham - and this year with no snow to hamper traffic everyone arrived safely.

Most people got there well before lunch at 12noon for either a morning coffee or pre-lunch aperitif and the chance to chat with friends and compare Christmas jumpers.

Then everyone sat down to a plate bulging carvery roast lunch, desserts plus tea or coffee, with crackers to add to the festive atmosphere.

A Christmas Movie Quiz, set by Chris Adamson and Patricia Lodge, kept everyone entertained (see below) - the winning table getting 17 out of the 20 questions correct.

The always popular charity fund-raising raffle featuring one of Wendy Brooks's famous festive hampers was won by club stalwarts John and Val Roantree (see right) and the runner-up prize of an over-life-size Husky (donated by Anna Webster) was taken home by Helen and Roger Hurt (see below - and it has now become a favourite of six grandchildren).









Proceeds from the draw plus some cash donations were added to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to Pip and Ursula Bonner for organising the lunch and keeping track of who had ordered which dessert.









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MG Cyberster heading for the UK

Having received its world debut at the 2003 Goodwood Festival of Speed, the first production version of the forthcoming two-seat MG EV roadster, the Cyberster, made its official European appearance at IAA Mobility 2023 in Munich and is set to be one of the star cars of 2024.

Scheduled to go on sale in the UK in the Summer, the Cyberster (MG's first sportscar since the demise of the TF in 2011) is already in left-hand drive production in Japan with right-hand drive versions set to join the line in the coming months.

The prototype scissor doors have been retained and it also features a retracting fabric Z-fold roof that will open or close in 10 seconds at speeds up to 32mph.

In the UK, Cyberster will eventually be offered with the choice of two electric power units, a single 335bhp rear-wheel drive motor and a twin all-wheel drive 530bhp motors.

Zero to 62mph times are quoted at 4.2 and 3.1 seconds respectively. The single motor set-up uses a 77kWh battery and has a quoted range of 323 miles.

The first thing everyone who has seen a pre-production example has commented on is the size of the Cyberster which at over four and a half metres long and nearly two metres wide closely matches the Jaguar F Type.

This means it is a good deal larger than the TF and tipping the scales at 1,925kg in dual-motor configuration is considerably heavier but three times as powerful and more than twice as quick as the TF.

Driving dynamics promise to be impressive as MH hired ex-Ferrari Formula One chassis tuner Marco Fainello to work on the ride and handling.

Full UK specification, including body and interior colour options, along with the price (reputed to be between £50,000 and £60,000) have yet to be announced. Dealers however are already taking letters of interest from potential customers.

Look out for more news as it becomes available.

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1020 CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2024

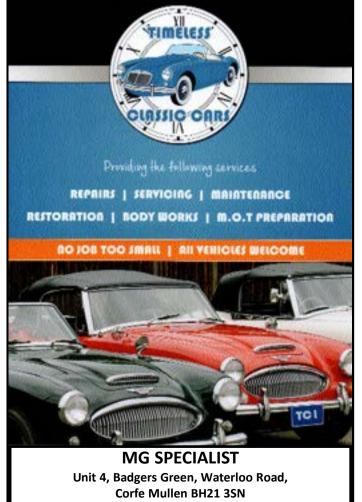
Events in red are organised or supported by 1020

All events are subject to cancellation or postponement

JANUARY 2	024	
01	1020 Club Night - with MG film	1020mg.org.uk
01	Classic Cars on Poole Quay (9.45am)	bppcltd.com/ccotf
07	Bicester Heritage Scramble	
17	Mid-Month Pub Lunch	1020mg.org.uk
	Bakers Arms Pub, Lytchett Minster	
FEBRUARY		
01	SWVA Winter Classic Auction	swva.co.uk
04	1020 Club Night - Skittles Challenge	1020mg.org.uk
	Guest opponents - Dorset Triumph TR Register	
11	1020 Winter Road Run & Pub Lunch	1020mg.org.uk
	Booking now	
11	MG & Triumph Spares Day	mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk
	Stoneleigh Park	
MARCH	ů.	
04	1020 Club Night - with entertainment	1020mg.org.uk
22-24	Practical Classics and Restoration Show, NEC	necrestorationshow.com
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01	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
06-07	Organford Classic & Steam Show	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
07	MGB Register Spring Run, Millets Farm, Abingdon	mgb-register.org
14	Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin	winchestermgoc.com
	Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford	
21	Spring Road Run & Pub Lunch	
	National Drive It Day	1020mg.org.uk
21	Bicester Heritage Scramble	
25	SWVA Spring Classic Auction	swva.co.uk
MAY		
03-06	Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Yeovil	abbeyhillrally.co.uk
06	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
06	Popham Classic Car Show	popham-airfield.co.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 MGOC, 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 MGOC	
03	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
15	Ferndown Classic Show	ferndownfotf.org
16	Salisbury Motor Show	
JULY		
01	1020 Club Night - Pride of Ownership	1020mg.org.uk
06-07	Cotswold Caper, Club Weekend	1020mg.org.uk
11-15	Goodwood Festival of Speed	goodwood.com
12-14	Pilford Heath Show, Uddens	Beedwood.com
12-14	Westival, West Moors	
19-21	Netley Marsh Steam Fair	nmscs.org.uk
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