



February 2025



MGF at 30



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Chairman's Chat - February 2025

Sadly, as all 1020 members should now be aware, one of the club's most popular members, Colin Sexton, died on Sunday 12 January - a full tribute to Colin appears later in this newsletter.

Although I was informed that Colin had been taken into hospital just before Christmas, I was unaware of how serious his condition had become so it was a great shock to hear the news.

Colin was a great supporter of 1020 and other local classic car clubs and events (including turning up in the wet on Christchurch Quay - see right) and will be greatly missed by everyone.

I have spoken with his son William and expressed the deepest sympathies of everyone at the club - there will be a condolence book for people to sign at the February club night.

I have since been informed by the family that Colin's twin brother Terry tragically died in the same week and as a result there will be a double funeral service on Thursday 20 February.

Due to the limited capacity in the chapel at Bournemouth Crematorium it will be a **family only service** - however, the family is trying to arrange a larger venue for a wake to which MG members could be invited - details will be circulated when they become available.

WINTER RUN

One of the club events that Colin would no doubt have attended is our first seasonal Road Run of the year on Sunday 16 February which finishes with roast lunch at the St Peter's Finger pub - entries close on Monday 03 February.

Pat and I will be there with a petrol version of the latest MG ZS which I am due to have on test for a week from MG, so if you are interested in seeing the newest model from the MG range seek me out on the day and have a look.

The Spring Run has already been set for Sunday April 27 on National Drive It Day and will start at Phoenix Classic Cars at Holton Heath who are celebrating 25 years in business.

FUTURE ROAD RUNS

The Summer Run will be on Sunday 29 June and finish with a BBQ picnic style lunch at a village hall - exact location and lunch details to be finalised.

The Autumn Run is booked for Sunday 12 October and will start at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum (using the new Pit-Stop cafe) and end with lunch (Hangar3) and a visit to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at Old Sarum airfield.

Colin Sexton

Condolence book signing in Colin's memory at the February club night



CRICKET ST THOMAS CONVOY RUN

If you have booked, or are intending to book, for the MGOC Cricket St Thomas Weekend in May and would like to be part of the 1020 convoy run on the Friday - please contact Pip Bonner as soon as possible so he can include you in the arrangements for the run which includes a lunch stop.

SUBS FINAL REMINDER

Reminder that this month is the last chance to renew your 1020 membership if you have not already done so - the subscription has been held at £10 per household.

It will be assumed that if anyone has not renewed by the end of February that they no longer wish to be a member and their details will be deleted from the club distribution list.

CLUB CLOTHING

Thanks to Ian Hanstead we now have a choice of two styles of warm winter hats to purchase embroidered with the club logo. Both cost £14 each and come in a wide range of colours.

Details on the revised club clothing range appear later in this newsletter - see Ian at club nights for orders. **Chris Adamson**

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February club night - Practical Gardening

This month's club night on Monday 03 February will welcome guest speaker David Bassil who has been the Show Manager for Bournemouth in Bloom for over 60 years.

David will be talking about plant propagation and will be giving topical advice on preparing new plants for the Spring.

His presentation will include practical demonstrations on various propagation techniques.

The regular monthly raffle will also feature gardening related prizes - as ever members are encouraged to bring along suitable items for the raffle.

Reminder the meeting will also be the last opportunity to pay your annual subs for 2025 if you have not already done so.



Final chance to book for the Winter Run

This month's club night (Monday 03 February) is the last opportunity to secure a place on the first 1020 seasonal road run of the coming new year - the Winter Road Run and Pub Lunch on Sunday 16 February 2025.

To date some 24 cars are booked in so it is looking like it will be a very popular event in the club calendar.

The route (which should take under two hours to complete) has been devised by new committee member Alistair Reid and starts, as usual, at Hamworthy Sports Club (be there for 10am at the latest) and will finish locally at the St Peter's Finger pub at Lytchett Minster for a pre-booked Sunday roast - the pub has recently been named as one of the best in the region for its food.

Entry for the run (which includes a route book and rally plaque) is £5 per car and all its occupants. For those who want to join us for lunch at the finish there is a £10 per head meal deposit which will be refunded in cash on the day.

The pub is offering a choice of roasts: beef (£19.25), chicken (£18.25) and pork (£18.25) with a vegetarian alternative. Desserts can be selected on the day. The full cost of the meal (mains, desserts and drinks) is payable direct to the pub on the day after your meal.



Entry forms will be available at club night from either Adrian Mullins or Pip Bonner - alternatively, a form can be obtained by emailing Pip at: pip@1020mg.org.uk

A form also appears on the diary page entry for the event on the 1020 website (www.1020mg.org.uk).

Completed forms should be returned to Pip Bonner and payments made to Ursula Bonner (payment details are on the entry form).

A reminder that the closing date for entries is Monday 03 February - any cancellations after this date will result in the loss of the meal deposit as we must confirm numbers and food choices with the pub the following day.

If the weather is inclement, MGs are not compulsory so keep your classic MG in the warm and dry and bring an ordinary road car - it should still be a fun day.

Bookings for the Spring Run on Sunday 27 April (which is National Drive It Day) will open in March.



Renew your club membership now

This month's club night is the last opportunity for households to renew their membership of 1020 MGOC - anyone who has not renewed by the end of the month, it will be assumed is not intending to continue their membership.

The fee for renewal is £10 per household for the coming year - membership fee provides everyone with an electronic version of the monthly club newsletter while the membership card can be used to obtain various discounts at our trade partners.

Treasurer Ursula Bonner will be taking your £10 at club nights (cash or credit card payments please) and Membership Secretary Patricia Lodge will be handing out the 2025 membership cards which have once again been sponsored by Phoenix Classic Cars.

If you have not renewed yet and are unable to make the February meeting to make your payment you can contact Ursula for the bank details on email ursula@1020mg.org.uk

An extra £1 is charged for membership cards sent in the post.

Brian Speight BEM

Congratulations to club member Brian Speight who was recognised in the New Year's honours list and will be visiting Buckingham Palace shortly to collect the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to fencing.

Fellow club members will recall that Brian hosted a fascinating action-packed fencing display at a previous club night.

Brian has been a member of the local Espada Fencing Club for more than 50 years and over this period has taken on a variety of jobs in the management of the club.

He continues to coach, support and motivate club fencers at all levels and has promoted the sport into all areas of the local community, encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to come and try the sport.

Brian's fencing has taken him around the world, where he has, at veterans' level, represented England and Great Britain at National, Commonwealth, European and World championships.

He worked as the sports desk manager for the London 2012 Olympics and continues to contribute to the management of fencing competitions and activity around the UK.



Brian commented: "I am very pleased to be given this award, but equally delighted that our sport of fencing has been recognised. Although one of our oldest sports, it does not always receive publicity, so this is very welcome. In Espada we have competitive and social fencers, beginners and champions."

Picture: Jakob Rossner

Cobweb Spin on 'Drive It Day'

Places can still be booked for the Winchester MGOC 2025 Cobweb Spin which is being integrated at the end of our 1020 Spring Road Run which takes place on Sunday 27 April, which is of course National Drive It Day.



Venue for the Cobweb Spin is the Verwood Heavy Horse Farm and pre-booked attendees (£14 per person) can turn-up there at the conclusion of our road run which will start at Phoenix Classic Cars (celebrating 25 years in business) and finish (not far from the Cobweb Spin) at Potterne Park, Verwood.

An advert for the Winchester event appears in this newsletter, details also on the 1020 website or they can be viewed on the Winchester MGOC website: www.winchestermgoc.com

Entry forms (with payment details) and more information can be obtained from Winchester Area Secretary Steve Favell at email: secretary@winchestermgoc.com

Closing date for the Cobweb Spin at the Heavy Horse Farm is Sunday 23 March.

Full details and entry forms for the 1020 Spring Road Run will be available at the March club meeting.

New winter hats added to club clothing

The selection of 1020 club branded clothing has been revised for 2025 with merchandising officer Ian Hanstead having secured a new range of warm winter hats to add to the collection.

Both are priced at £14; the Beanie hat is available in a choice of 56 colours (yes 56! - so there should be one to match the colour of your MG) and the Bobble hat is available in six colours.

Our local clothing suppliers are no longer able to provide us with a ladies style waterproof jacket as this has been discontinued by the manufacturers, but we are investigating alternative style jackets for ladies.



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If you want one contact Ian while there are supplies in stock. Ian will continue to research alternatives for both jackets.

Due to a lack of orders we have also decided to stop offering the club branded T-Shirts and the padded body warmer.

The full list of club branded clothing is now as follows - see below. Prices may increase later in the year due to an expected rise in manufacturing costs.

Baseball Caps = £11

Bobble Hats (six colour options) = £14

Beanie Hats (56 colour options) = £14

Polo Shirts = £16 (£1 supplement on sizes 3XL plus)

Full Zip Fleece = £22

Rugby Shirts = £27

Quarter Zip Fleece = £28

Waterproof Jacket = £36 (men's shape only)

Gilet = £39

More details and to place orders please speak to Ian Hanstead at club nights or email him on: ian@1020mg.org.uk

Colin Sexton - a tribute

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death on 12 January of club stalwart Colin Sexton after a very short and sudden battle with cancer.

Colin, who had a previous heart condition (but was thought to be recovering well), was taken into hospital with breathing difficulties just before Christmas and then diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer. He was discharged to be at home on Saturday 11 January and subsequently died, surrounded by his family, on the Sunday.

Colin was a popular member of the club; was Club Member of the Year in 2018 (pictured below collecting the Charlton Shield from the late Bill and Heather Charlton) and twice won the Pride of Ownership title with his MGBGT (most recently in 2023 - below right), he was also a regular on the coach trips and the road runs and car shows.

He was an active member of the committee and in recent years had taken on the duties of administering the welcome desk at our annual Athelhampton Day. He also used his van to transport the various club shelters, signs, tables etc to the event.



At one Athelhampton gathering Colin won a children's rocking horse which had been made and donated by fellow club member Michael Holloway. Colin sold the rocking horse to Patrick Cooke (then owner of Athelhampton) and donated the money to the club charities - he was that sort of a man.

Colin was also an active member of Poole Bay Classics and was regularly the person manning the gate at their Breamore House event. He was involved in the distribution of charity funds when PBC was dissolved a few years ago.

The last time Colin attended a club event was the Christmas lunch at the Bridge House Hotel where he won the mystery prize in the raffle and helped his table to win the Christmas quiz. He was on good form, even seeking advice about purchasing an MGZS saloon he had seen up for sale.

There have been many expressions of shock and sadness from fellow club members on hearing the news with universal acknowledgement of what a kind and caring person Colin was.



Some of the tributes:

Alasdair Wellwood - "Colin was a friend and a good pal. I remember the first day I walked through the doors at 1020 he greeted me and made me feel welcome. Colin will be missed not only by me but everyone in the club, he was such a good person and a great supporter of 1020 and all that went on".

Sharon and Andrew Baxter - "As relative 'newbies' to the club, Colin was one of the first to reach out to us; he always had time for our novice questions and was full of information and knowledge. As fellow MGB GT owners, he was always passing on hints and tips, for troubleshooting and enjoying our car.

"We spent much time chatting with him, not only on club nights but also out at events such as Athelhampton House and the shows on Christchurch Quay. We will always be grateful to him and mourn his untimely passing,".

Regional MGOC Secretary Nigel Knowles - "He was a cheerful and personable soul and will be sorely missed."

John Gully, Area Representative of the Dorset Area Midget and Sprite Club - "That truly is a great loss to the club but also of a great man. He always took the time to speak with me and I will miss him and his cheerfulness".



Philip and Gina Neate - "We had known Colin from our days with Poole Bay Classics and worked together at several shows including Breamore House and he was always so helpful and never said 'no' to anything when asked for help. We must go back at least 30 years. He will be a great loss to everyone".

I can only reiterate these comments and say that Colin was one of the good guys, someone who was always the first to offer to help, particularly at Athelhampton, even after his heart attack a few years ago.

Pat and I would regularly meet up with Colin on Bournemouth seafront (see left) for CCOTP meetings and at the classic meetings on Christchurch Quay and spend a pleasant day just chatting and admiring the cars - we will miss his warm smile and kind nature.

Chris Adamson

Dennis bowls the opposition over

Club member Dennis Jones obviously had his Weetabix for breakfast before the January club night as he swept away all opposition in the annual January skittles challenge.

His clear four point winning margin over the three rounds was helped by becoming the first person to knock down all nine skittles with his first two bowls and then taking down another four with his third ball - his first-round score of 13 didn't prove unlucky.

Dennis received a bag of MG branded goodies as his prize - and then won another MG mug in the monthly raffle at the end of the evening.

His closest rivals in joint second place were Richard Nye and top lady bowler Sara Runciman. The wooden spoon went to Adrian Mullins on a lowly two points.

Hopefully our top bowlers will be available later in the year when the Dorset Triumph TR Register are due to host us in a return skittles match for the contest we organised previously.



Rotary club to host a new car show

Club members are being invited to take part in a new classic car show that is planned for July at Bransgore near Christchurch.

The New Forest Car Show on Sunday 13 July is being organised by Bransgore Rotary Club at the local playing fields on Burley Road adjacent to the village hall, which 1020 previously used to finish a winter road run; and is open to cars registered before 1994.

The show is open to the public from 11am until 4pm - exhibitors can arrive before 11am and depart at any time. There are also plans for a car boot sale and an Autojumble (£5 a pitch). In addition, there will be food and refreshment stalls.

Entry fee for the show is £5 per car and all occupants (which must be booked in advance). The on-line entry form for classic cars includes a field to specify membership of a car club, so that such entries can be grouped together on their club stand.

The show is on the day after Westival 2025 at West Moors which the club is already planning to attend and have a stand as in previous years so there are no plans for an official 1020 stand.

Full details and an entry form can be found on the Bransgore Rotary website which is: www.bransgorerotary.com



CLASSIC CARS £5 (including all occupants)
For full details visit:
www.bransgorerotary.com

MGF celebrates its 30th birthday

This year the MGF marks 30 years since it was first launched, and several events are being planned around the country to celebrate this, including a mass gathering at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon on Sunday 06 July.

The MGF (and its successor the MGTF) would eventually be sold under the MG brand name by three different owners between 1995 and 2011 and, for many years, it was the best-selling sports car in Britain.

The first new stand-alone model designed as an MG since the MGB that ceased production in 1980, the MGF project was initiated by the Rover Group when it was owned by British Aerospace but was only released after the business had been sold to the German car manufacturer BMW.

Rover had started work on a new mid-engined two-seat sports car in 1991 in response to the huge international success of the Mazda MX-5. Steve Harper of MGA Developments produced the initial design concept and was said to have been inspired by the Jaguar XJR-15 and the Ferrari 250LM.

When the Rover in-house design team took over the project it was handed to stylist Gerry McGovern (who had previously worked on the MG EX-E concept car - he would go on to design the Land Rover Freelander which was Europe's best-selling SUV for seven years) who was given the task of creating the production model and, after looking at several alternatives, opted for the mid-engine configuration for the best handling.



As well as receiving critical acclaim for its looks which were judged a successful blend of old and new, with design cues harking back to the last of the MGBs, the MGF also featured Hydragas suspension, electric assisted power steering and the award-winning K-series engine.



The production version was finally unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show (which was attended by this correspondent) on 08 March 1995 and went on sale here in the UK in September that year, powered initially by a 1.8 litre 120bhp engine which was joined several months later by a 145bhp VVC (variable valve control) power unit.

The MGF was hugely popular across Europe and received plaudits for its excellent ride and handling. It received a mild facelift in August 1999 with a revised interior as well as styling tweaks and fresh alloy wheel designs.

There was also the introduction of a base 1.6 version and an automatic version with a CVT transmission called the Steptronic was subsequently introduced in 2001 but didn't sell in big numbers, while the highest performance MGF, the 160bhp Trophy, joined the range a year after the facelift.

The BMW owned Rover Group manufactured the MGF from 1995 to 2000 and then when BMW broke up the company it was part of the management buy-out that formed MG Rover which manufactured the MGF from 2000 onwards, heavily updating it to become the MGTF in 2002.

After MG Rover entered administration in 2005, production of the MGTF stopped until the remains of the failed business were sold to China's Nanjing Automobile and production resumed, but the heavily outdated model was not a sales success and its manufacture ceased for a second and final time in 2011.

In total 77,269 examples of the MGF were manufactured and a further 41,610 MGTFs completed before the MG Rover collapse followed by 906 modified versions under Chinese ownership that were assembled at Longbridge between 2008 and 2011.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary, the MG Car Club's MGF Register is hosting MGF30 over the weekend of 05 and 06 July 2025.

The Saturday involves a road run and an overnight at the Mercure Walton Hall Hotel, while on the Sunday there is a mass gathering (for MGFs, MGTFs and any other MG models) at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

Tickets for the Sunday event will be available direct from the British Motor Museum website (www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk) priced at £12 for car and driver (passengers additional charge) and there will be the option of MGF/TF Priority Parking (with a special MGF30 rally plaque).

See the MGF30 advert on this page.

You can find out more about the MGF Register and MGF30 at: www.mgfregister.org

MGF30 Sunday 6th July 2025 Show Day

- At the British Motor Museum, Gaydon. General admission tickets £12 for driver and car, passenger additional including entry to the museum. Tickets on sale January 2025 from BritishMotorMuseum.co.uk.
- Special MGF30 Rally Plate allowing priority parking on the front apron of the museum & MGF30 commemorative merchandise packs available from MGF30.ace-online.co.uk
- Trade Stands ~ Special Guest Talks ~ Crafts Village ~ Live Music SPECTRA providing the music and compare
- Special & Interesting Cars ~ Cars for Sale and a few surprises!

British Motor Museum, Banbury Road Gaydon, Lighthorne Heath, Warwick CV35 0EF

Classics could lose their MOT exemption

Owners of classics could find themselves having to put their cars through an MOT or similar road worthiness test in the not too distant future.

Following changes to the regulations several years ago, vehicles over 40 years of age have been exempt from the official MOT test, although many owners continue to have their cars tested as it can assist their re-sale appeal.

Those who have chosen to stop having their cars put through the MOT examination each year could suddenly be required to meet a new road safety procedure in order to keep their vehicles on the road.

This follows a public consultation exercise carried out by the Department for Transport in which more than two in five respondents agreed with officials that new tests should be introduced for cars more than 40 years old.

Although just over a third (36 per cent) of respondents said no change was needed, 41 per cent of the responses supported either a full MOT or similar safety tests appropriate to the age of the classic or historic car.

Of those supporting a change, 18 per cent said tests similar to an MOTs should be introduced. A further 10 per cent said 'basic checks for roadworthiness' ought to be mandatory.

Nearly 400 classic car enthusiasts voiced their disapproval of new safety checks, although 28 percent acknowledged the need for at least a basic roadworthiness assessment.

Comments from one participant included: "Yes an age and status-related 'sympathetic' style MOT would be useful, particularly for classic cars that are driven fairly regularly."

Wayne Scott, a spokesman for the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, suggested that one-off safety checks for classic cars 'would be appropriate if carried out after a major rebuild of a cherished vehicle'.

"This may need to be a more in-depth inspection than the MOT, possibly including some degree of dismantling to permit full access to all parts of the vehicle but, in common with the MOT, it should assess the vehicle with reference to the technical standards applicable when it was new," he said.

Dale Keller, chief executive of the Historic and Classic Vehicles Association (HCVA), said that most classic cars were "in the hands of enthusiasts and owners" with a vested interest in maintaining their pride and joy to the highest standards:

"There is plenty of specialist expertise available to maintain these vehicles for the enjoyment of generations to come.



"The HCVA view is that there could be a case for an optional, industry-led, roadworthiness test for historic MOT-exempt vehicles, especially those that are being returned to the road after an extended laying-up period or restoration.

"We are not aware of any evidence that the trust placed in owners to maintain their specialist vehicles to a roadworthy standard is being abused, nor any statistical evidence that historic vehicles are more prone to be involved in accidents."

A Government spokesman said any plans for new safety tests for classic cars would be announced in due course.

"The safety of our roads is our utmost priority and all car owners are responsible for ensuring their vehicle meets the road safety and environmental standards," said the spokesman.

"While classic cars do not need an MOT test, there are still a number of safety checks recommended for owners."

On other issues in the consultation, almost a half of respondents believed that the current process for registering historic vehicles works well and that a separate system was unnecessary.

Meanwhile, a vast majority of 86 percent see no requirement for specific registration series for historic and classic cars.

The issue of electric conversions has stirred varied opinions, gaining traction among owners aiming to prolong the life of their vehicles through modern updates. Some 11 percent critiqued the guidance as too limiting and potentially eroding a vehicle's original identity and reg number.

In contrast, nine percent believe EV-converted cars should not qualify as rebuilt classics or historical autos, with a similar percentage suggesting the DVLA should permit further safety enhancements.

Driving licences set to go digital

The Government is also believed to be about to announce plans to introduce digital driving licences.

Virtual licences are already in use in Australia, Denmark, Iceland and Norway, as well as some US states. In the European Union, every member state is required to introduce at least one form of digital ID by 2026.

The UK version would be accessed on a new government smartphone app and could be accepted as a form of ID when buying alcohol, voting or boarding domestic flights.

A possible feature could allow users to hide their address in certain situations, such as in bars or shops.

Physical licences will still be issued, but a government spokesperson told BBC News: "This Government is committed to using technology to make people's lives easier and transform public services.

"Technology now makes it possible for digital identities to be more secure than physical ones, but we remain clear that they will not be made mandatory."

The digital licences are likely to be launched as part of a "wallet" within a new government app called Gov.uk.

The wallet is understood to be secured in a similar way to banking apps, and would only allow the genuine owner of a licence to access it. It will use features found on many smartphones, such as biometrics and security codes.

The Government is said to be considering integrating other services into the app, such as tax payments and benefits claims. Other forms of identification, such as national insurance numbers, could also be added - but it is not thought physical identification will be replaced entirely and stops short of being a broad digital ID card.

Take your MG to the Thruxton Retro

This year's Thruxton Retro, historic race weekend is on Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 of June and on the Sunday includes qualifying and races for the Adrian Flux sponsored MG Owners Club Racing Championship.

Once again, a stand overlooking the circuit is being organised by 1020 club members Janet and Paul Palmer on behalf of Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club - and, as last year, 1020 members are welcome to join them on the reserved display area overlooking the Hampshire circuit.

Those interested in taking part and having a prime view of the action, plus the opportunity to drive around the circuit at lunchtime should contact Janet by email so she can reserve sufficient space for everyone.

Discounted ticket prices are £16 for one day, £30 for a weekend ticket, children free. This is an increase of £1 on last year and tickets are available on-line using a special discount code which Janet will be able to provide.



Contact Janet Palmer for full details on email:
familypalmer29@hotmail.com

MGs in the Cotswold Wildlife Park



Oxfordshire MG Owners Club will be hosting their annual get together at the Cotswolds Wildlife Park on Sunday 01 June 2025.

The park is set in 160 acres of landscaped parkland and gardens, two miles south of Burford, on the A361 and exhibits over 260 different species of animals.

Arrangements are the same as in recent years whereby a driver and MG get into the park free, with passengers paying a concessionary rate.

In addition to the attractions of the park, the event will feature traders, MG suppliers, stalls of interest and lots of parking for the usual 400+ MGs.

Details can be obtained via email at: areasecretary@oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk or on the website: www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk

**Southampton & New Forest MGOC
25th Anniversary New Forest Run Sunday 1st June 2025**



<https://www.1009mg.org.uk/new-forest-run-2025/>
Email: nfrun@1009mg.org.uk

MGs going under the hammer

A diverse collection of classic and modern MGs appear in the catalogue for the next South Western Vehicle Auctions sale on Thursday 30 January 2025.

Youngest entry is a 2002 MGTF135 (Lot 10) in Trophy Blue with a Navy Blue soft top and a black half-leather interior with Alcantara trim. It shows 79,646 warranted miles and an MOT valid until 08 February 2026.

Notable recent work includes a major service in 2021 at 77,626 miles, which involved a plug, oil and filter service alongside a timing belt and water pump replacement, costing £581.87. It comes with the original MG TF Owner's handbook/service history book, previous MOT certificates and assorted invoices - the £1,500 estimate looks conservative.

For Midget fans, lot 33 is a 68,000-mile 1979 chrome conversion 1500cc example finished in Teal Blue with a black tonneau soft top and matching black interior.

Refurbishment over the past nine years includes a full strip-down to the main body, a fresh respray, replacement clutch and thrust bearings, upgraded carburettors, top-end engine rebuild plus new fuel tank, wheels, tyres and replacement of most rubber components. The £3,000 to £4,000 estimate seems fair.

A trio of MGB Roadsters also appear in the listing starting with lot 44, a 1973 example showing 46,448 miles and painted in Mallard Green with a black tonneau soft top and a matching black interior.

The history file includes MOT certificates dating back to 1994 and invoices totalling over £5,000 featuring upgrades, including an exchange engine and gearbox, replacement chrome and the installation of a heritage shell.



The auctioneers indicate that this roadster will require some attention due to age-related wear and tear hence the lowly £2,000 to £3,000 price guide.

There is a similar estimate for lot 28, a 1978 Inca Yellow example with 85,000 miles showing. The file has MOTs dating back to 1988 and receipts for £5,500 worth of servicing.

Next up is lot 55, a 1978 rubber bumper version with 50,000 miles on the clock. It is finished in eye-catching Pageant Blue, complemented by a black canvas soft top and a cloth interior.

Owned by the current registered keeper for 30 years, it has a well-documented history file, including MOT certificates dating back to 1987 and invoices for servicing and maintenance amounting to over £6,000. It looks a steal at £3,500.

Finally, for Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite enthusiasts there is a £6,000 to £8,000 price tag on a 1961 Cherry Red (outside and inside) example which comes with an Austin-Healey Sprite workshop manual, a Heritage Certificate and invoices for approximately £6,500 worth of refurbishment and upgrades.



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You read that right; it's back, just this once 😊

You and MG Car, Friends, Family and all Classic Car enthusiasts are invited to experience another fun-filled weekend!

MG Owners Club Southern Regional Secretaries, Tim Hipwell and Nigel Knowles, cordially invite you to come and join us at the famous home of **To the Manor Born**, the Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel, near the historic town of Chard, Somerset

Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May 2025

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1020 CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2025

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FEBRUARY

03	1020 Club Night - Seasonal Gardening Tips	1020mg.org.uk
09	MG & Triumph Spares Day, Stoneleigh Park	mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk
16	1020 Winter Road Run & Pub Lunch Pub Lunch - The St Peter's Finger	1020mg.org.uk
21-23	Reis Race Retro Show, Stoneleigh Park	raceretro.com

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MARCH

03	1020 Club Night - History of the New Forest	1020mg.org.uk
21-23	Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show	necrestorationshow.com

APRIL

06	MGB Register Spring Run, Milletts Farm	mg-register.org
07	1020 Club Night - Film show - the History of MG	1020mg.org.uk
26-27	Organford Classic & Vintage Show	organfordclassicevents.co.uk
27	National Drive It Day - 1020 Spring Run Start at Phoenix Classics - finish at Verwood (Option to go onto the event listed below)	1020mg.org.uk
27	Winchester MGOC Cobweb Spin Dorset Heavy Horse Centre, Verwood	winchestermgoc.co.uk

MAY

05	1020 Club Night - Highway Code Quiz	1020mg.org.uk
06	Bransgore Fun Day - Classic Cars included	
11	Exeter MGOC - More2See Run	exetermgoc.com
15	1020 Coach Trip to Steam Museum, Swindon (provisional)	
17-18	Three Okefords Steam Rally	northdorsetrailway.co.uk
17-19	Beaulieu Spring Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
18	Lulworth Castle Classic Car Show	dorsetblind.org.uk
18	Solent MGOC, MGs in the Park - Stansted Park	
18	MGB Jubilee & LE Celebration, Abingdon	
23-26	MGOC Cricket St Thomas Weekend - (1020 Convoy Run & Lunch)	1020mg.org.uk
26	Brooklands Museum - Best of British Day	Brooklandsmuseum.com
30-01 June	Vintage Nostalgia, Stockton Park	vintatgenostalgiafestival.co.uk

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JUNE

01	Southampton & New Forest MGOC New Forest Run	1009mg.org.uk
01	Oxfordshire MGOC, MGs in the Park, Cotswold Wildlife Park	
01	Transport of Yesteryear Hardy Country Classic	
02	1020 Club Night - Talk on Bee Keeping	1020mg.org.uk
14	Macmillan Caring Locally, Summer Fete Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
21	Ferndown Fete on the Field - 1020 Club Stand	ferndownfotf.org
21-22	MGOC Racing Championship, Thruxton Circuit Potential club group visit	
29	1020 Summer Road Run & BBQ	1020mg.org.uk
27-29	Roads to Rail Steam Rally, Norden	swanagerailwayroadstorail.co.uk

JULY

06	Broadstone Fun Day - 1020 Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
06	MGF30, British Motor Museum, Gaydon	mgfregister.org
06	Cotswold Caper, Gloucestershire MGOC	glosmgoc.co.uk
07	1020 Club Night - Pride of Ownership	1020mg.org.uk
10-13	Goodwood Festival of Speed	goodwood.com
12	Westival Show, West Moors - Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
13	New Forest Car Show, Bransgore	bransgorerotary.com
20	West Moors Classic Car Show, Sturts Farm	Tel: 07481534052
20	Sherborne Classic & Supercar Show	classicsatthecastle.co.uk
26 - 02 Aug	Swanage Carnival	

AUGUST

04	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
08-10	Purbeck Rally	
10	1020 ATHELHAMPTON GARDEN PARTY	1020mg.org.uk
22-24	CarFest South, Laverstoke Park Farm	carfest.org
23-24	Henstridge Wings & Wheels	
25	Verwood Rustic Fayre inc Classic Cars	

SEPTEMBER

01	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
05-07	Classic Steam at Norden	
06	Brunel Run, Bristol Area MGOC	bamgoc.co.uk
06-07	Beaulieu International Autojumble	beaulieu.co.uk
05-08	1020 Dartmoor Weekender - including The Tamar Valley MGOC People & Places Run	1020mg.org.uk
07	John Haynes Classic Car Show	haynesmuseum.org
12-14	Goodwood Revival	goodwood.com
20	Westbourne Motor Show - Club Stand	1020mg.org.uk
21	Chichester MGOC Day at Arundel Castle	

OCTOBER

06	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
12	1020 Autumn Road Run including visit to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection & Lunch at Hangar3	1020mg.org.uk

NOVEMBER

03	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
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DECEMBER

01	1020 Club Night	1020mg.org.uk
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