



# The Tormogger

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*Free to members!*



**Welcome** to another new newsletter! Spurred on by my new weblog site, [www.unstonegreen.co.uk](http://www.unstonegreen.co.uk), where Tormogger is archived, and the promise of a few articles from Tormoggers, I start to write this just as the last issue is rolling off the press to be mailed to those who are not "internet enabled". June and July seem to be very busy months: Quite a few Sprint/Hillclimb days, an NCM, and the June meeting of The Morgan Masonic Lodge: yes, Mog owners can have funny handshakes too, don't you know! (to tell you a secret, there are quite a lot of folks out there who share freemasonry and Morgan ownership)

## Noggins

*From Paul Fileman, of Donmog, comes this:*

"DonMog are organising our August Noggin at the Green Man at Clifton Campville B79 0AX (just north of No Man's Heath which is on the B5493). Wednesday 15th August from 8pm - earlier OK for those who might want to eat. Tormog are welcome to join us. There will be a few there from other centres- Staffordshire, Sherwood Forest and Foxmog have all been invited. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Best regards, Paul"

**\*\*Paul was the first to coin the phrase "SatNav" as another name for 'wife'! It is now an accepted term for the loved ones on the Mogtalk discussion group!\*\***

I was really pleased to get this e mail from Paul: The Green Man used to be one of my local pubs. (I was brought up in Tamworth). Come on Tormoggers: let's have a raiding party here! It can be a nice drive there, esp if you keep off the M1 and M42. There is a big car park, so set off early and have a mosey around Tamworth, home of the Tamworth Pig (no, not me) and Tamworth Castle, where King Offa used to live when Brian Lee was a lad.

**Yeesss**, as Paxman says. Raffles at Noggins. I thought I was being kind in the last issue when I said I looked forward to Trevor's Raffles. It's true, I like them! I was quite surprised then, to be given a special award by Trevor following the last Star Raffle, (when dishcloths seemed to be the order of the day for prizes,) when he presented me with a bottle of Barbie Hair Conditioner!

## Stars in their cars.

The speed soldiers have just been in action again since the last issue:

Loads of Tormoggers were at Harewood on 3rd June, sadly without Brian Lee, as he was at the NCM, John Stephens took first place, Tim Hill came third, and I crawled into fourth place, a whole second behind John. The Hill rent-a-crowd was there to see sister Jane putting in some very creditable times, quick enough for Tim to say "Oh good grief, she will be unbearable this evening" and Simon was

having a battle over times with one of his fellow class mates to beat him by fractions! It was a nice day for sprinting: and a great venue for spectators. The speed monkeys were in action at Gurston Down, near Salisbury, and Cadwell Park on 16th June. Tormogger Richard Smith (me) was just half a second over bogey, but was 7th in the final rankings, unfortunately, the bogey times for the Plus 4's was easily beatable, in fact by all three +4's. He isn't bitter, he said through clenched teeth. At Cadwell meanwhile, they were bugged with foul weather which kept delaying the proceedings, but Tim had enough time to go out and destroy his engine. Some might say it was a deliberate ploy to slow Jane down, but I don't believe that. Other date in June: Aintree on 30th. In July, they will be attacking the tarmac at MIRA, Debden, Elvington and Prescott.

## The "blame John Stephens" column!

Spit spit! John and I had a great tussle at Harewood, if it wasn't for him, I would probably drive a lot slower!

I asked this question on the Speed discussion group: "Just about every time I am in the queue at the start line, I feel overwhelmingly tired: I feel as if I could just drop off and sleep. I don't feel like this in the paddock before I head off to the start line, and certainly not as I am at the head of the queue facing the start lights. Talking to some of the others back in the paddock, I am not alone in this: Has anyone got an explanation? Do we all feel dog-tired at this point? If so, why?"

I received the following answer: "Can't say I suffer from this myself as I seem to run on adrenalin and caffeine throughout the day. Could it also be one of the few occasions when you sit in the car and relax, as we all seem to spend most of the day walking around and talking so you are constantly active, both mentally and physically. Maybe we need to seek sponsorship from an energy drink manufacturer! Thank you Simon, it is nice to know some of us can stay awake!"



## Tormogger Diary

22nd July: Peter Farley is having a Summer Picnic on his farm in Macclesfield Forest. Everyone invited, other cars from Historic Rally Cars Association will be joining us.

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SUMMER PICNIC IN THE WOODS  
1100 HRS, SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2007

Once again our TORMOG Picnic is being held at Topclose Farm, Macclesfield Forest, Macclesfield, SK11 0ND. Something of interest for car and equestrian enthusiasts alike, including collection of classic vehicles. The picnic area is a private hillside overlooking the beauty spot, Tegg's Nose. (OS 118 grid ref :- 955720). Bring a picnic and enjoy the views. Everyone is welcome to join Tormog for this fun filled and interesting day out.



Some of the Mogs at the recent Arley Horse Trials. Pic: Bernard Andrew

If possible please contact either Trevor Birchenough on 01625 583654 or Colin Hill on 07889 336181 and let them know you are attending. Or just join us on the day, you will not be disappointed.

**Sunday 29th July: the Tormog Gymkhana. Loads of support needed. Loads of entrants needed.**

Sunday 1st July 2007

The 2nd Annual Serpentine Charity Run organised by the Cheshire Lotus Owners Group Open to all types of classic cars, sports cars and classic motorbikes the event will start from 9am at The Buxton Community School and involve a route through the Peak District National Park and some of the UK's most beautiful scenery. Entrants will be given their route maps at the registration point where they can also get refreshments (free tea and coffee, bacon sandwiches at a small cost etc...), and from where they will also be started at regular intervals. The journey will be approximately 100miles and will involve several stops at places of interest as well as stops for refreshments etc and will culminate in a display of all the cars at the finish line in one of the Peak Districts historic locations (it's a secret until you get there) around mid afternoon. This is not a race and the planned journey time through the Peak District is to be around 4 hours to allow you to enjoy the scenery, stop for lunch or a picnic as well as enjoy your driving experience. There will be an entry fee of £10, which should enable a substantial donation to the chosen local charities to benefit. Please Tel:- 01298 25590 for further information or e mail [serpenfinecharityrun@yahoo.com](mailto:serpenfinecharityrun@yahoo.com) NB. A revised route could be possible for those with veteran vehicles who wish to participate but at a shorter distance

Tormogger lakes weekend

The Lakes weekend 2008 : 25th - 27th January. Graham Beardmore will tell you all about it.

Wanted: Articles for the newsletter.

Tormoggers: if I can get articles to put in your newsletter from outsiders, like DonMog's August Noggin, I should be able to get something from you!

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