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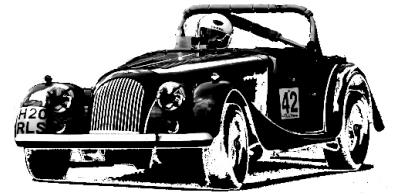
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**EXCLUSIVE!**

**NEW WEBSITE FOR TORMOG**

**[www.tormog.co.uk](http://www.tormog.co.uk)**

Jon Baines, known to some as Jon Baines, is putting the finishing touches to his baby! have a look at it: put the domain in your favourites (that's web-speak!)

**BONG!**

**NEW ZEALAND TAKES COVER**

**Hills off in search of adventure**

Tim and Jane are busy packing their bags ready to fly south for the next chapter in their lives. As Polly wrote in her gymkhana report last month, 'we will miss them' But with the globe seeming smaller by the day with better communications, we hope they will stay in touch, and send us updates from time to time, and also hope they click on [www.tormog.co.uk](http://www.tormog.co.uk) every so often to make sure we really are missing them.

\* Tim and Jane: pay your subs before you go!

*Here is what Simon had to say.*

### **Antipodean Tormoggers**

Tim and Jane Hill are soon to leave our shores to start a new life in New Zealand where Tim has secured a new position with his current employer. There were indications that the writing was on the wall after they have spent two holidays there in recent years and have clearly fallen in love with country.

Tim and Jane have been stalwart members of the Morgan movement for many years, during which time, they have displayed endless enthusiasm for all aspects of Morgan ownership.

They have supported the club in all aspects of its activities, organising social events such as the Hay on Wye weekends, supporting the concours events both as a competitor and then latterly, for several years as judges at the National Events.

More recently, they have both enjoyed an active involvement in the sporting arena, both in the Speed Championship and more recently, in Historic Racing with their “Flying Duster”

Tim's keen interest in engineering in general and Morgans in particular means that whatever they drive, it is immaculately prepared and he is always mine of useful information for both parts and expertise.

Tim's main love though is his stomach and if you are ever out in the countryside in your Morgan and are looking to find a “coffee stop”, he can always direct you to some amazing little eateries within only a few miles how does he do that?

Tim and Jane have pledged that they will return for a holiday from time to time to enjoy our British summers although given recent conditions, I would not hold your breath!

Whatever their plans, they will both be sorely missed and we offer them our very best wishes for a prosperous and successful future.

As they intend to depart during September, the Tormog Noggin on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September will be their final noggin in the UK for some time, so please take the opportunity to wish them “Bon Voyage”

### **Staffordshire Centre Trip to Calke Abbey (Hidden Calke weekend)**

#### **Sunday 28th September**

Calke Abbey is a very special place. It was completed in 1704 for the Harpur family who changed their name to Crewe in 1808 in the failed pursuit of the dormant barony of Crewe of Steane and then later became Harpur Crewe. They were very reclusive and had a tendency to collect things and never to throw anything away. Sir Vauncey Crewe had such strained relations with his family at times that he only communicated with them (although they lived in the same house) in writing. He fell out with his cousins, who rented a house in Repton from him, when they got cross with him because he trampled the flowers in their garden in pursuit of butterflies. He

waited until they went to London the following week, moved their furniture onto the lawn and demolished the house. He even threw his own daughter out of Calke Abbey when he caught her smoking. Cars were never allowed onto the Estate and electricity was not laid on until 1962. The house now contains the largest number of items in any NT property and the house and its contents have been kept as they were found, in a "potent, but fragile atmosphere of quiet decay". On the weekend we are visiting, more of the house and its contents will be on show than usual.

Find out more at

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-calkeabbey>

It is situated 10 miles South of Derby on the A514 at Ticknall, between Swadlincote and Melbourne. Access is from the M42/A42 exit 13 and the A50 Junction 3 where it crosses the A514. The property including the café/restaurant, opens at 10.30, the garden at 11, but the house is not open until 12.30. There is a numbered ticket system

for entry to the house to prevent it getting too crowded. It takes about 1 to 2 hours to tour the house and stables and about an hour to look at the garden and church. There is ample space for picnics but the café/restaurant is quite good too. We are going to take advantage of group rates so entry will cost only £7.20 for adults, £3.60 for children - or nothing if you are a National Trust member of course. There is normally also a car entry charge at the gate but this will be waived if you are in a Morgan ! I will have to pay for everyone on the day so please either send me a cheque in advance to the address below or pay me on the day. The till will keep a list of names and I shall pay the total by credit card. I do need an approximate idea of numbers in advance so please e-mail me - [jay@company-strategy.co.uk](mailto:jay@company-strategy.co.uk), or text or call 07879 445535, to let me know you will be with us and how many will be in your party. I suggest those coming from the North or East meet up at about 11.00 at the Starbucks at the new Services on the roundabout where the A38 crosses the A50. If we depart from there at about 11.30 we shall be at Calke Abbey 20 minutes later. I have arranged for our cars to be parked on the field on the left of the drive just before you enter the Car Park. If you are coming straight to Calke I suggest you plan to arrive about midday but there should be no problems if you are earlier or later as we are visiting the house individually, there is no group tour organised this time. Make sure you get a "Welcome to Calke Abbey" leaflet in the reception area as it contains useful information on each room if you do not want to buy a guide book (£5).

Well, that's another award-winning Tormogger out of the way (apart from the bits on the last page.) If you enjoy reading it, tell me. If you don't like it, blame John Stephens.

## TorMog Events Calendar 2008

Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	MSCC Club Sprint at Curborough, this is <u>the</u> one to visit to marshal or spectate.
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	TorMog Christmas Lunch at Ship Inn, Wincle

### Notes:

1 SpeedMog Sprints Only a local selection has been included, see [www.speedmog.co.uk](http://www.speedmog.co.uk) for more details

2 Dinner Dance will be in December, volunteer required to arrange date and place. Your chance to visit your favourite venue.

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For those of you with funny handshakes, there is the September meeting of the Morgan Lodge at Malvern Hills, on Saturday September 13th. The Lodge starts at 11.00 am, followed by lunch. If you would like to attend, please let me know. Ed.

### **30TH ANNIVERSARY BADGE - TORMOG - HIGH PEAK - DERBYSHIRE**

(as seen at the top of the front page)

To celebrate TORMOG's 30 YEARS we have produced a small number of badges. £45 each plus Postage per set UK £3 Europe £5 Rest of World please enquire Also Limited number of TWO BADGE SETS still available at £85 per set.

Orders to [tbtormog@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tbtormog@tiscali.co.uk)

Cheques in pound sterling drawn on UK bank to "Trevor Birchenough"

Or call Trevor Birchenough. Orchard Cottage, Harden Park, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. SK9 7QN Tel 01625 583654 or Fax 01625 586793

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