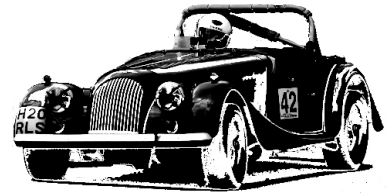


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Noggin: Thursday 8th (second Thursday)

A Happy New year to all. This is going to be a big year in the Morgan Calendar. Brian and Jean have already started the Centenary Celebrations (see over)

Morgans at Chatsworth Country Fair, 2009.

4th, 5th & 6th September 2009

Chatsworth, is the stately home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, and hosts a country fair in its 1000-acre grounds once every year, offering you a chance to peruse local arts and crafts and buy delicious treats from over 200 stalls. Entertainment includes massed pipe and military bands, demonstrations and parades, hot air balloons and parachuting displays. Country activities to watch and participate in include clay pigeon shooting, archery, and sheep dog trials, fishing competitions and casting tuition.

Over the course of the weekend in excess of 100,000 people visit this prestigious event and this year the High Peak Centre has once again been asked to put on a display of Morgan Sports Cars, and again we have been given free admission to the event for the car driver and one passenger, a saving on the £15 per person per day admission charge. As in previous years we ask that at least two people remain on the display, to look after owners cars and answer the many questions the public ask when looking around our display stand. Those who have attended this event before know what a good weekend it is and will no doubt wish to attend in 2009. Passes will once again be restricted and I therefore need to obtain at this early stage an idea of the number of people interested in attending. Nearer the time a definite commitment will be required from those displaying their Morgan. Although it is some months away please make a note of this date in your diary and let me know if you wish to attend as part of the display as soon as you can. This Chairman's Chatter is for the information of High Peak Centre members and those who have displayed at Chatsworth in the past. Early next year the invitation will be open to Centre membership nationally. It is thought the Morgan Motor Company may have an involvement in our display during what will be their Centenary Year.

Opening & Closing Times - Gates will open for General Public at 9.00am, you should aim to arrive well before this time as traffic will be extremely heavy on all roads leading to the event approaching opening time. Closing ceremony is normally about 6.00pm. and unless you are travelling a great distance home you will be expected to stay until around this time.

Directions - Chatsworth is 8 miles north of Matlock off the B6012. It is 16 miles from M1 Junction 29, along the A617 signposted to Chesterfield. From Chesterfield follow signs for Chatsworth along A619. Please reply to Colin Hill (01457 764804) or Jim Richardson (01625 528641)

Tormog Christmas Dinner

A good selection of Tormoggers attended the Christmas Dinner at the Presbury Village Restaurant, leaving some hours later, wallets very much lightened by the experience! J2) and a Martini and lemonade for £7.50? It's enough to turn a man to drink! Thanks to John and Lynda for setting this up, I am sure there is a date to be put in your brand new diaries for another session there. Those who braved the elements and avoided the heavy police anti drink and drug police presence in Macclesfield were Colin and Kath, Simon and Julie, John and Lynda, John & Irene Anderson, Adrian & Sue Mattison, Colin & Joan Manning, Bernard & Ann Andrew, Ray & Val Wallace, Jay Hale & Polly, John & Pam Glaves, Richard & Alex Ellison, Trevor & Sheila Birchenough, Richard and Jane Smith.

Tormog Christmas Sunday Dinner A similar but even more select bunch gathered at The Ship Inn at Wincle for lunch on the Sunday before Christmas, Makes me wonder why we don't go there a lot more often, it is a much nicer drive there and some cracking ales to sup.

The Centenary has begun

The Centenary celebrations got off to a cracking start when the factory hosted a New Years Eve party at its new visitors centre and Jean and I were fortunate to be invited.

The new visitors centre, which until very recently had been used as a working men's club, had been transformed for the occasion and judging by the smell of fresh paint the factory had adopted the well tried business model of "Just in Time" to the task. In fact, I was told by Steve Morris, the Operations Director, that had I arrived a day earlier the paint was still wet, as his mother in law found out when she accidentally brushed up against a wall!

About 250 guests were invited to the event and there was room for all to be seated for a delicious buffet meal provided by a team of very efficient outside caterers. Charles Morgan was of course there with his family and started off the evening with a short welcoming but informal speech. Many of the Morgan dealership were represented and each had brought along a number of guests to celebrate the start of the New Year and the collection of brand new Morgans from the factory. Phil Ledgerwood took 2 tables of guests so living up to his reputation as Auntie Wainwright out of Last of the Summer Wine!

Musical entertainment was provided by the Rolling Clones! As you might guess, these are a tribute band and they were excellent, as was demonstrated by the fact that there was hardly room on the dance floor all night to "strut your stuff". Talking to Greg Dixon Smith during the evening he reminded me that the Rolling Clones are only the warm up act at the Saturday evening concert in the park at Cheltenham in the summer. A Queen tribute band is the main act so they will need to be damn good to eclipse the Rolling Clones.

At midnight the Rolling Clones led us in several renditions of Happy Birthday and then we were ushered outside with a glass of champagne for a magnificent firework display put on by a team that had flown down from Scotland that morning to set up the display. The same team will be responsible for the firework display at Cheltenham on the Sunday evening when the display will be set to music, something well worth waiting for.

So good was the evening, so relaxed and friendly were the people and the atmosphere, that no one showed any signs of sloping off until well into the small hours and I felt sure that any doubts that anyone might have had that the factory cannot organise the proverbial were well and truly dispelled. Later that morning we caught up with Sarah and Mark Baldwin in the foyer of the hotel as we were leaving. Most of you will know them from the factory and although they had gone to bed much later than us they were now going back to the visitors centre to help the directors' with the clearing up. To me this sums up the spirit and dedication of the factory's Centenary team to ensure the success of the Centenary when, leading by example, its directors and senior managers are on call within hours of a successful evening's entertainment getting the place back to normal, ready for its next usage. I wish them every success. *Brian Lee*

The new website set up by Jono Baines (the hairy one) is gaining an increasing readership: I received the following a few days ago:

<This is just to inform you that I have uploaded some details about your car club to
www.ClassicCarBase.com

The uploaded information can be found by searching under Car Clubs. It would be great if you could add further details about your car club. Something about your events for instance. Or any other classic car subject that has your interest. This is a community based website, which means that anybody can contribute. It would be nice if you would inform your members about this website. It is free of charge and the more members we are the more classic car information we can share. The website has many interesting features, such as: Mystery Cars, Discussion Forums and Members' Cars and Parts for sale. I very much hope you will enjoy it. With kind regards, Eni >

Any comments: please let me know.

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TorMog Events Calendar 2009

Thursday 8th January	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday 5th February	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday 5th March	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday 29th March	Sprint Taster Day at Curborough
Thursday 2nd April	TorMog Noggin and AGM at Bull I'th Thorn
Monday 13th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Croft
Saturday 18th April	MSCC Track Day at Mallory Park
Sat/Sun 25/26th April	1940's Wartime Weekend at Churnet Valley Railway
Sunday 26th April	Drive It Day, FBHVC's classic awareness day (Shugborough Hall with DonMog)
Sunday 26th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Curborough
Sunday 3rd May	SpeedMog Sprint at Olivers Mount
Monday 4th May	Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Rally, bring a picnic and park with the Morgans.
Thursday 7th May	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday 23rd May	Arley Hall Horse Trials and Country Fair, display of Morgans
Monday 25th May	SpeedMog Sprint at Teeside Autodrome
Thursday 4th June	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday 6th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Elvington
Sunday 7th June	SpeedMog Hillclimb at Harewood Hill
Sunday 21st June	TorMog Summer Picnic at Macclesfield Forest
Saturday 27th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Aintree
Sunday 28th June	TorMog Gymkhana at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday 2nd July	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday 5th July	Morgan Race Day at Mallory Park
Sunday 12th July	SpeedMog Sprint at Loton Park
Sat/Sun 18th/19th July	Cholmeley Pageant of Power and display of Morgans
Fri/Sun 24th July/2nd Aug	Morgan Centenary Celebrations
Thursday 6th August	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday 8th August	SpeedMog Sprint at 3 Sisters
Thursday 3rd September	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Fri/Sat/Sun 4,5,6th September	Chatsworth Country Fair and display of Morgans
Sunday 6th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Ty Croes
Sunday 13th September	MSCC Club Sprint at Curborough, this is the one to visit to marshal or spectate.
Sunday 20th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Shelsley Walsh
Sunday 27th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Prescott
Thursday 1st October	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday 4th October	Classic Cars of Bygone Years at Churnet Valley Railway
Thursday 5th November	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday 3rd December	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday 12th December	TorMog Dinner at Prestbury Village Restaurant
Sunday 20th December	TorMog Christmas Lunch at Ship Inn, Wincle

Notes:

- 1 Further event details will be in TorMogger nearer date or contact Jim Richardson, 01625 528641, jim@richardson.f2s.com
- 2 SpeedMog Sprints Only a local selection has been included, see www.speedmog.co.uk for more details

Print this out and keep it! If you know of other events, please let Jim know, and we will update this.