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Shall we start the New year again?

Now that the days of the Big Snows are behind us, we can think again about venturing out to our noggins. I have put a few more miles on my Mog since its rebuild, the car seems nice and tight, and sounds great. Seems like we are in for a very busy year, the Speedmoggers have a superb calendar, please go and watch them (us!) if you can, we go to some nice venues with good spectating facilities. If you are more into racing, Simon had a good season last year, I saw him testing the grass at Donington, think he might have taken lessons from someone. There is the CT series, Production Car Trials, to give them their former name. These events are designed to be very car-friendly, with very little risk involved, and are great fun. Over the past few years, Lintridge has given the sport a bad name, with its infamous mud. However places like the one at Lincoln are on grassy banks and are very safe. The Autosolo at Cheltenham was a super event, I am so glad that Brian Lee pushed me into taking part, I recommend this, again low risk to car and driver, and becoming a popular event not only in the MSCC.

The Awards Dinner takes place Saturday 6th, or took place, if you read this after that date. None of the winners names have been published yet, and are not even being printed on the table menus, so quite a few members will be, I hope, be surprised and delighted. Maybe you will hear more, wait and see!

DonMog invites!

We hope your members will be able to join us for Drive it Day - Sunday 25th April Sudbury Hall, Sudbury, Ashbourne, DE6 5HT

An arrangement has been made for us to have dedicated Morgan parking at one end of the car park from 11am onwards. The hall is an intriguing 17th century family home and the Museum of Childhood is full of fun and fascination for all ages.

The Hall, a National Trust property, is open at 13.00, the Museum opens at 11.00. There is a tea room from 11.00 for snacks and meals or you can picnic on the lawn!
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-sudburyhall/

Subject: MOG 2010 - functions full and alternatives

This note is being circulated to all Club Officers and Centre Secretaries.

The functions at the Palace Hotel on Friday night and Saturday night are now full as all 280 places for each night have been taken. The website has been updated with this information and the next issue of Miscellany due next week will also report the same.

Whilst we might run a small reserve list we will be advising members that the Palace Hotel also has a large restaurant. This is at the front of the hotel and well away from the function room. I have agreed with the hotel that for a special price of £20 per person for a 3 course meal Morgan Club members can dine in this restaurant. The menu is the normal restaurant menu with choices for each course. This facility will be available on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday night. Timing of the meals is flexible and will actually assist the hotel to cope with more covers. Although I will get information advertised in Miscellany and on the website as soon as possible it would be helpful if in the meantime you could advise your members of this option. The hotel telephone number is 01298 22001 and members are asked to pre-book if they wish to take advantage of this offer. When members telephone to make a reservation they should mention the Morgan Sports Car Club and the time they wish to eat. Regards Brian Lee Chairman The Morgan Sports Car Club Limited

The Morgan Lodge

At the risk of getting boring about this, tough! We are just a few weeks off our Installation meeting, where the Worshipful Master hands over to his successor. Bernard Andrew has been 'WM' for the last year, in which we have welcomed two new members to freemasonry, and one joining member. 'Normal' masonic Lodges tend to be fairly serious, but the Morgan Lodge is run very much on the lines of a noggin: an event to be enjoyed by all present, though taking the seriousness of freemasonry very much to heart. Even though the actual masonic part of the Lodge is *private* (rather than 'secret') we welcome non-members, wives, girlfriends and prospective members to the after proceedings, which we call 'festive board' which is basically a meal, and a raffle. Speeches and toasts are kept to a minimum. It is through these raffles that we raise money for charity, some of the money we raise goes towards local causes *(local to Malvern,

where we hold our meetings) and some to the National organisation, the United Grand Lodge of England, which in turn gives millions of pounds away every year, the most recent to hit the headlines was about half a million to Haiti. That is Masonic headlines, not newspaper headlines: we are not very good about telling the world how generous Masonic charities can be. If you would like to know more about either freemasonry in general, or the Morgan Lodge in particular, please ask me, I was one of the original movers to start the Mog Lodge.

Going back to the Drive it Day, it is another of the events that have come from DonMog for us to take part in, Paul Fileman tells me that Staffs Mogs will also be present.

Jane and I originally joined the Yorkshire Group, and became involved with Tormog some 7 years ago, when we moved south to Unstone. We are now also members of Donmog, a completely different noggin from Tormog, and I have also dabbled with Sherwood. Likewise, we have members in Tormog who are Norcemog and Staffs Mog members, this cross-fertilisation can only be good for the club as a whole, and for us all as individual members.

We are off on a 'Nautimog' weekend, which happens to be on the anniversary of that fateful day last year when car met drystone wall. Tunnel to Calais, then driving along the coast with about 20 other Mogs, part of the published itinerary reads *<Saturday morning means nipping up the Valley of the Course to Desvres, then cutting across towards Boulogne, round the back of which we trip on our way to Wimereux, there to lunch on the sea front. The cars will be driven onto the promenade and parked in front of the restaurant. >*

This is yet another of the sparkling reasons why we all enjoy the Morgan SCC, the friendship and fellowship across the board. All classes and creeds of people, united on one level by the love of a quirky little sports car. **You're never alone with a Mog!**

SHOCK OF THE MONTH!

I don't know if he will change his name, but webmaster Hairy Jono just aint hairy no more! Has he fallen in love? Is he trying to get a job? Does he want to look like his Dad? (or just drive as fast?) All these questions, and as yet, no answers. Praps his mum will tell all at the February Noggin.

SHOCK OF THE MONTH II

The rumour fairy has also been at it again, and I know it's true, John Bloody Stephens has joined another car club, where he has been getting autosolo practice in. Heaven help us, he doesn't need practice, he needs his piggin feet tying together. And cat wee putting in his petrol tank, not BP.

TorMog Events Calendar 2010

Thursday	4th February	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
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Sunday	21st March	Sprint Taster Day at Curborough
Thursday	1st April	TorMog Noggin and AGM at Bull I'th Thorn
Monday	5 th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Croft
Sunday	25th April	Drive It Day, FBHVC's classic awareness day
Sunday	25 th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Curborough
Sunday	2 nd May	SpeedMog Sprint at Olivers Mount
Monday	3rd May	Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Rally, bring a picnic and park with the Morgans.
Thursday	6 th May	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	3 rd June	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	5 th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Elvington
Sunday	6 th June	SpeedMog Hillclimb at Harewood Hill
Fri/Sat/Sun	18,19,20th June	MOGmmx
Saturday	26 th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Aintree
Thursday	1 st July	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday	11 th July	SpeedMog Sprint at Loton Park
Sat/Sun	17,18 July,	Cholmondeley Pageant of Power
Thursday	5 th August	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	7 th August	SpeedMog Sprint at 3 Sisters
Thursday	2 nd September	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Fri/Sat/Sun	3,4,5th September	Chatsworth Country Fair
Sunday	5 th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Ty Croes
Sunday	12th September	MSCC Club Sprint at Curborough, this is <u>the one to visit to marshal or spectate.</u>
Sunday	19 th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Shelsley Walsh
Sunday	3 rd October	SpeedMog Sprint at Prescott
Thursday	7 th October	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	4 th November	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	2 nd December	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	11th December	TorMog Dinner at Prestbury Village Restaurant
Sunday	19th December	TorMog Christmas Lunch at Ship Inn, Wincle

Further details might be in TorMogger nearer date or ring Jim Richardson, 01625 528641, jim@richardson.f2s.com

SpeedMog events Only a few have been included, see www.speedmog.co.uk for more details

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