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Cornwall Centre of the MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB

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NEWS LETTER - FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome to the February newsletter. January (which I believe is longer than just 31 days) is over and now it's February's turn to make us all cold! Having said that some daffodils have been out for a couple of weeks now so Spring must be on the way!! For some of us, the sooner the Summer is here the better! (Even a Cornish Summer is better than the Cornish Winter!) Here I go, wishing the year away – it will pass quickly enough as it is.

This month, as last, there is just ONE event to report on, the Anniversary Run which was ably organised by Wilf Rickard, and his wife, Marilyn.

Before the report, which I know you are all waiting for is a list of events (not many as you ALL seem a little reluctant to come up with ideas for trips.) Marjorie, I know, works extremely hard trying to make it all happen for you.

So far in 2018 we have just SIX events on offer. We still need more. Please get in touch with Wilf or Marjorie if you could offer to do something! There are no tours planned for either Spring or Autumn. If you have any ideas – just inking - let us know and we will see if there is an appetite for it to take place.

One idea that has been put forward is a two night stay at Ilsington Manor before the visit to the Moretonhampstead Motor Museum. It would involve the Friday and Saturday nights before the visit – possibly with a trip to Dartmouth on the Saturday morning with the afternoon free to enjoy Dartmouth or perhaps the delights of the Spa at the hotel. It could make a nice Springtime break ----- and of course, as usual, nothing is compulsory. Please let David know if you are interested in this visit as he needs to know numbers to establish the cost of rooms.

Please note that some of the proposed dates are PROVISIONAL so do look out for updates and PLEASE support these events. Remember, for the club to remain a going concern, we need not only your support on runs and at events but also need new volunteers to organise them.

EVENTS

February

- 22 Max Archenhold has arranged a **Noggin and Skittles Evening at the King's Arms, Luxulyan at 8pm** – meals are available beforehand – Please contact the pub direct with your choices then contact Wilf Rickard, Centre Secretary. (Marjorie has sent you an email with full details and the menus). Contact for the pub – 01726 850202

March

- 18 **16 Point Challenge** organised by Roger and Shirley Hoskin – This will be based in the Bodmin area and will raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. For any further information contact Roger or Shirley.

April

- 26 **AGM** at the Smugglers Den, Cubert. (Meals will available before the meeting)
- 29 **Gin and Ships** organised by Ian and Olivia Denson – The outline plan is to meet at the Queen Anne's Battery (QAB) for the Royal Western Yacht Club (RWYC) between 11.00 and 12.00. Coffee and Bar available. Lunch is booked for 12.30 at the Yacht Club (Carvery £10.95) Olivia will need to know numbers and vegetarians. Town Ferry to Mayflower Steps @ 13.45, stroll to Plymouth Gin Distillery (about 10 – 15 mins) for tour at 4.30. Tour last 40 -50 mins and there is a complementary drink in the lounge afterwards (£6.00). Town Ferry back to QAB @ 16:00 to be reunited with Morgans. There is a charge for the ferry. Directions and any further details will be circulated nearer the time. Please email Wilf Rickard

May

- 13 **Run with Visit to Car Museum at Moretonhampstead**, organised by Gordon and Anne Vickery. There is a possibility of preceding this with a two day break at the IIsington Hotel, which proved a very popular destination for last year's Spring Tour. If you would be interested in this option, please let David and Doreen know so they can obtain rates for this break.
It will still be possible to just do the Car Museum day. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

And...

December

- 8 **Christmas Event** – You will shortly be receiving an update on possibilities for this event. Please reply to it!

IMPORTANT - We still need offers more Events or Runs in 2018. Please get in touch with Wilf or Marjorie if you could offer to do something! At the moment there are no tours in the offing for 2018 – has anyone any ideas? It really isn't an onerous task to put one on!

Other Events

May

18 – 25 **Visit to Cornwall by Cranmog, Oxmog and Swanmog** - TINMOG members are invited to join them, especially for a BBQ at Trevella Park - further details and dates to follow.

July

29 **Trewithen Classic Cars & Country Fayre** – At Trewithen Gardens, near Truro. Show your Morgan together with a display of other Classic Cars. Open Gardens, Fun stalls. Proceeds in aid of Marie Curie. Further details please contact Wilf Rickard, Centre Secretary

August

7 **Mount Edgumbe American and Classic Car show and Fayre**, Mount Edgumbe Country Park, Cremyll – a nice event to take part in. Parking can be arranged (if a group of us wish to turn-up at the same time) with a bring your own picnic lunch (next to the car) if desired. Once again, please let Marjorie know if you are interested.

Now on to that much awaited report on the anniversary run. Report by Marjorie and Paul Edwards

Anniversary Run January 14th 2018

It was with great trepidation that I looked out on the morning of this year's Anniversary Run – could it really be a fine day? Could there really be some sunshine? Despite the forecast the odds were not great. But no, it was not raining, and there was even a hint of bright sky.....

Our starting point was Kernow Mill near Saltash, which for many involved a long, chilly, drive. We were glad to have a break with hot tea and coffee plus chance to compare notes on the Festive season.

Promptly at 10.30 we set off. There were seven Morgans, an MG Midget and a BMW (Peter did say he had the window wide open and the car set on "sport" mode to get the correct feel for the day). We turned left out of the car park heading southwards through Sheviock and past Mount Edgumbe to the coast.



Our first stop was at Cremyll, where there was a good view across to Plymouth in spite of a slight

haze. A convenient lay-by enabled us to line up all the cars for a photo opportunity.

We then retraced our route and continued west along the coast through the quaint villages of Craffhole and Donderry past numerous holiday “shacks” clinging to the cliffs.

There were magnificent views out to sea with gentle waves breaking on the sands - and even blue sky.

We were not the only ones enjoying the sunshine as near Donderry we came across a large number of parked cars along the roadside belonging to surfers also making the most of the day.

On to Seaton where the sun was shining and it was like a summer’s morning. There were with cars everywhere and crowds swarming over the beach. Having avoided the children and dogs there, we made a sharp turn left to escape the town and meander along narrow TINMOG type lanes cross country and through the curiously named No Man’s Land to reach our lunch stop at the Jubilee Inn, Pelynt., where two more cars joined the convoy.

Fortunately we were almost the only cars on this stretch - it could have been interesting if the beach-goers had chosen this route for Seaton...

Here we all enjoyed an excellent lunch, with the most enormous Yorkshire puddings I have ever seen!

The pub was a warm and cosy, just right for those of us who had bravely travelled “topless” to make the most of a unique day this winter.



It was then up and away for the last part of the Run. At first we followed the main road then in Lostwithiel we turned towards the coast once again, this time towards Fowey. The road narrowed tremendously and we realised we were heading for a tour of the town!

Fowey has very narrow streets and (fortunately) a one-way system. Eleven cars snaking through the town provided some entertainment for all the day trippers taking their Sunday afternoon stroll!

Having gathered all the cars together once again we returned to the main road to continue the Run to Par Garden Centre for our final refreshment stop. All agreed it had been a very successful day – Wilf and Marilyn were thanked for such an interesting Anniversary Run, an excellent lunch stop, and for arranging such good weather!

Although smaller in number this year it was as equally enjoyable. From those of us who enjoyed the run a big thank you goes to Wilf & Marilyn for organising a superb day-out but also to Marjorie and Paul Edwards for writing the report for the newsletter. Thank you!