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Welcome to the September edition of the TINMOG newsletter. Sorry! It's a bit later than usual – a rush of visitors has put 'things' back a bit and the 'normal' stuff hasn't been done – well not on time anyway! Now onto the article about the new owners of Perranwell Garage I promised in the last newsletter.



As you know Anthony and Louise took over Perranwell Garage 31st March this year. At the same time, Morgan Motor Company set about reorganising the dealer network. This resulted in the franchise to sell new Morgan cars being taken away from Perranwell Garage and more frustratingly the Morgan Motor Company also declined a request to allow them to keep the authorised service agency. So what does this mean for Morgan owners in Cornwall?

Well actually nothing! Anthony re-iterated his desire to support and strengthen the relationship with TINMOG and also the MSCC and intends to honour all promises made.

Staff

Having retained all the staff when taking over, means that they can carry on with business as usual. Nobody knows more about Morgans in Cornwall than the team at Perranwell. The many years of experience and knowledge with Morgans will ensure that they are still the best place to have your Morgan looked after and maintained in Cornwall.

They continue to stock a large amount of Morgan parts, however, with losing the Service approval and the nearest Morgan dealer being out of the county at Exeter, the ability to turn round unscheduled repairs/breakdowns as quickly as they would like to, may be hampered.



So who are Anthony and Louise?



Anthony began his career in the industry as an Apprentice in the West Midlands working for VW and Audi. As a fully fledged Technician he worked for Jaguar, Range Rover and BMW. He moved into management at the age of 24 with Ford, and at 27 became the General Manager of a Ford dealership in Birmingham. He moved to South Wales in 2000 and ran large Ford dealerships until 2007. He then moved to Cornwall to run Ocean Falmouth BMW & MINI. Louise has a professional background in HR management, much of which as been spent in the

automotive industry.

What about the future?

Since taking over at Perranwell they have invested in the facilities. The Showroom lighting has been replaced with LED lights, as has the workshop, making it more eco friendly and at the same time, brighter. The workshop has always been kept to a very high standard and further investment into tools and equipment has been made to ensure that they can carry out more diverse repairs.



They have also recruited an apprentice. Jack, who started at the garage in July, is on the 'day release scheme' and goes to Camborne College one day per week.

Anthony said "As an Apprentice at Perranwell Jack will clearly be carrying out a lot of work on unusual vehicles that his contemporaries will not experience during their time at college. With the support of Darcy and Alex he will end up being a very competent member of the team".

Alex, along with Anthony, has successfully obtained their MOT testers status which gives more strength, depth and flexibility to the business.

Anthony and Louise's desire to grow the business means they have chosen to diversify and are now selling and maintaining other classic cars, as well as Morgans. This includes service and maintenance of modern day runabouts.

They continue to hire out Morgan cars and have also added an MGB to the hire fleet which continues to be very popular with locals as well as visitors to Cornwall. They also intend to expand this area to other classic cars. About half of the people wishing to hire a car are local to Cornwall.

As seen on TV

Last month James Tanner and Dean Edwards, two chefs who appear regularly on the Lorraine Kelly TV show. They cooked their way around some of the delights of the county in a programme which featured cooking around the south west with clips of them in the four seater Morgan.

Another arm of Perranwell Garage is the wedding and chauffeur service. They have invested in a beautiful Bentley and LWB S Class Mercedes limousine. These come with professional drivers and can be hired for weddings or to take people to a special event day/night out.



Short break holidays are also a new feature with the business. Having associations with quality hotels in Cornwall, they will collect people from the airport/train station and deliver them to the hotel and make a Morgan available to the holidaying people during their stay.

They have started a 'Loyalty Card' scheme that covers **TWO** cars. It costs £20.00 to join the loyalty scheme, but offers many benefits each and every time you need something car related. In some cases this can pay for itself the first time it is used, as some of the early adopters have found out.

Feedback



Anthony has asked for ANY feedback from both Morgan and non-Morgan owners to let him know what they can do to make it better for them. He said "I intend to keep the current customers happy but would like to see more Morgan owners returning.

"The support needs to be both ways and therefore the feedback on what needs to happen to encourage more owners to use Perranwell would be useful.

"In summary, the first six months have flown by. We have enjoyed meeting the customers currently using us for their motoring requirements, and look forward to meeting new Morgan drivers for a chat and a coffee in the near future".

Smiley Cars

All Morgan cars are considered to be 'smiley' cars. Whenever and wherever they are parked, someone always comes over to talk about the car and how much they always wanted one. One comment which has been said time and time again is from, shall I say, "older" ladies. They always say 'my first boyfriend had one of these'!

**Thanks to Anthony for sparing the time out of his busy day to talk to me.
(Louise was dog- sitting)**

CHRISTMAS – (YES, IT WILL BE HERE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!!)

As you know each year TINMOG has a Christmas 'Do' and this year is no exception. Once again we will be returning to the Mullion Cove Hotel and it will be held on Saturday 16 December. If you haven't been to one before why not give it a try? It is usually a very good 'do'. The hotel has looked after us extremely well in the past, and the rooms are of a very high standard.

If you plan to stay the night then book your room & dinner, now. If not, why not come for just the dinner? It can be booked in the same way by calling the hotel direct.

Remember to let David George know when you have booked as he has to pre-arrange 'things' with the hotel. You can find his contact details on the Members Only page. The 'phone no. for the hotel is 01326 240328 and the website www.mullion-cove.co.uk. Please do not forget to mention TINMOG when booking. You will receive the special price for dinner, bed and breakfast or just for the dinner.

Now the weather has turned a little Autumnal and the visitors have left Cornwall, who knows, you may be spurred on to doing something during the winter nights!

Talking of winter how about putting together a run or something to help while away the long, cold days, or evenings? The Club still needs **YOU** to come forward to organise an event or just simply a lunch at your favourite pub. We still want any offers to put on events or runs during the coming months. Contact Wilf or Marjorie if you would be willing to do something! It doesn't take an Einstein to create a good event so PLEASEany offers??

And now, on to the events which have been arranged.

EVENTS

September

28th **Noggin** at the Punchbowl and Ladle at 8pm

Late September/Early October – Run TBA

October

26th to 29th **Autumn Tour** to the Forest of Dean - Organised by Paul and Marjorie Edwards, this will be based at the Speech House Hotel, Coleford. The hotel has agreed to release extra rooms at the quoted rate so if you would like to join us do get in touch – email Paul and Marjorie via the contact details on the Members Only page

November

23rd **Possible Games Evening**

December

16th **Christmas Dinner at Mullion Cove Hotel** – details have been circulated by David & Doreen and rooms are still available. See the TINMOG website for all the details.

IMPORTANT

If you wish to read it here first then please feel free to contact me anyway that is convenient to you. 'Phone or email me, David George, using the contact details on the Members Only page

MOG17

Friday 25th August dawned, beautiful sunny weather, and this was due to last for the weekend, and so it did. Leaving home in Plymouth at 1100am the journey to Malvern encompassed the M5 motorway. The joy of open top motoring is wonderful, especially being sat on the M5 at Bridgwater with the handbrake on, because we were not going anywhere, very fast. The Morgan factory was open for visits to the factory and car checks and valeting until 4.30pm. My arrival at our hotel was 5.00pm. Apparently the day was well supported by the MSCC members for those lucky enough to get there with time available.

However, Saturday arrived, again, fine weather, and after breakfast, and uncovering our cars in the car park, set off for the Three Counties Showground. A short journey and after ticket formalities, the rest of the day was ours. There were many displays and activities throughout the day, including the 3 wheeler cavalcade, Concours, Auto Solo, demonstration runs and numerous trade stands and craft stands, fairground etc. Plenty of food and drink, including the "Morgan Ales". In the arena, the Bold Dog Motorcycle display Team performed. Rides in the hot air balloon were also available. Charles Morgan was in attendance, as well.



Late afternoon, buses were organised by Morgan, to transport those of us back to our hotels, whilst our cars were parked in the showground, looked after by security. So back to the hotels,



to get changed for the evening Gala Dinner. Transport again by bus back to the showground and arrival at the main hall, drinks reception, and then into the main dining area, where Morgan had on display, numerous cars in various stages of production. The tables and décor were set up in Art Deco style, a really beautiful setting. There followed a sumptuous 4 course meal, and bearing in mind, there were over 500 guests, the service was exemplary. Sir Ranulph Fiennes Bt OBE was the guest speaker, and he truly kept us entertained with anecdotes of his expeditions, photographs taken

during those events, and he portrayed a great sense of humour. Following him, there was an auction, which was in the capable hands of Mr Philip Serrell, very often seen on TV's Bargain Hunt. He conducted the auction with some amusement and all of the lots were supplied by Morgan. A total of £22000 was raised, in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

The coaches were outside at the appointed time, and conveyed us back to our hotels.

Sunday, again, another fine day, after breakfast it was back to the showground by coach. All the activities as Saturday continued, together with the addition of "It's a Knockout" in the main arena. Later, in the afternoon, the presentation of awards was made, and it was very pleasing to hear that Roger Hoskin, a TINMOG member, gained a placing in the Auto Solo competition.



The evening closed with the Rockabellas, 3 girl singers, dressed in 1940's style and singing many old, swing numbers of that era. I'm sorry, but the grass of the arena, does not help with the doing the Lindy Hop. Finally, the English Symphony Orchestra gave a concert "Proms" style, and included Elgar's Nimrod and Land of Hope and Glory, very appropriate to the area, and closing with a shortened version of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture, and at the right moment towards the end, when the bells ring out, and cannon fire, a fabulous fireworks display filled the atmosphere. The fireworks were just like a smaller scale of the National Fireworks Competition held on Plymouth Hoe, just a few weeks ago.

The whole weekend was very well worthwhile attending, very enjoyable, and, as is usual, many conversations made with people from all over the UK, and people from at least 20 European countries.

Returning home on Monday, Bank Holiday, was made easier, as we chose to go via Ledbury, Ross on Wye, Monmouth and Chepstow. So much more pleasant.

Thanks to Wilf for this report on the annual MOG. And thanks also go to Wilf's long-suffering wife, Marilyn, who accompanied him on his trip!

(Ed's comment - Just goes to prove 'If one throws enough money at it – anything can be a success!!')

Now finally.....

I am of an age now when most of my friends' and their husbands have retired. In some cases it's an immediate success, for others, it can take a little longer. (Quite a bit actually – particularly if HE is of a firm opinion!) The following is about a person 'who knows it all!' (I would like to mention, at this stage, that it has nothing at all to do with me, or any member of my family!) It's called

“THEY SHOULD HAVE ASKED MY HUSBAND”

You know, this world is complicated, imperfect and oppressed,
And it's not hard to feel timid, apprehensive and depressed,
It seems that all around us, tides of questions ebb and flow,
And people want solutions, but they don't know where to go!

Opinions abound, but who is wrong and who is right?
People need a prophet, a diffuser of the light,
Someone they can turn to as the crises rage and swirl,
Someone with the remedy, the wisdom, the pearl ...

Well, they should have asked my husband, he'd have told them then and there,
His thoughts on immigration, single mothers and Tony Blair,
The future of the monarchy, house prices in the South,
The wait for hip replacements, BSE and foot & mouth.

Yes, they should have asked my husband, he can sort out any mess,
He can rejuvenate the railways and cure the NHS,
Congestion on the motorways, free holidays for thugs,
The damage to the ozone layer, refugees & drugs.

These may defeat the brain of any politician bloke,
Present it to my husband, and he will solve it at a stroke.
He'll clarify the situation; he will make it crystal clear,
You'll feel the glazing of your eyeballs and the bending of your ear.

Corruption at the top, he's an authority on that,
The Mafia, Godaffia and Yasser Arafat.
Upon these areas he brings his intellect to shine,
In a great compelling voice that's twice as loud as yours or mine,

So any little niggles, anything you want to know,
Just run it past my husband, wind him up and let him go!
I often wonder what it must be like to be so strong,
Infallible, articulate, self confident and **WRONG!**

*Once again, my grateful thanks go to the wonderful Pam Ayres for the
sentiment in this verse!*