



# TINMOG

## Cornwall Centre of the MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB

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## *WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER*



Spring is here! Well, it seems like it as I type this anyway, though I don't plan taking those wheels off to clean and polish them just yet. But how nice to get in a few top down drives without the thermal underwear!

Don't forget our AGM is coming up soon, on Thursday 11th April at the Smugglers Den at Cubert 8pm. There is an opportunity to have a meal there from 6.00pm. Choice of meal entirely up to you and is recommended. If you do plan on eating there, let Wilf know by 5<sup>th</sup> April as that's his deadline for letting them know so we can eat together. You will also get a truly "meaningful vote" as the election of a new Centre Secretary will be necessary. If you are interested in helping on the committee, please consider it, as it is always useful for new ideas and suggestions for events etc. and even the administration of Tinmog.

### **16 point Challenge – Sunday March 10th 2019**

The annual Tinmog Challenge was organised on Sunday March 10th by Roger and Shirley for Macmillan Cancer Support, the charity sponsored by the Cape to Cape Classic Car Tour in which they are participating in May. Roger and Shirley have a happy knack of arranging interesting weather for these events – snow, ice and floods have featured in the past, this year it was winds! Thirty-two cars assembled on the blustery Sunday morning at Trevathan Farm shop and Restaurant, our base for the event, unfortunately mostly invited cars, not Morgans. Entrants were presented with a map of the area round Wadebridge and a set of grid references to locate the grid squares containing clues. From ten o'clock we were set off with the aim of collecting sufficient clues from the squares to find further grid squares and the final winning message. This involves finding the best route between squares to accumulate points. The first

clues were all at road junctions but just when we felt we were on a winning streak we realised it was time for lunch, so had to return to base to avoid penalties and as it turned out to also avoid heavy squally rain!



Brian's Morgan at the event – before the muddy roads!

Lunch was excellent – too good in fact to be conducive to a successful afternoon! There never seems to be sufficient time to complete the Challenge, so as usual we found we were at the wrong side of the map to collect the final clue, and had to head back to avoid the four o'clock deadline for being disqualified. Several competitors failed to do so, and we found it a close thing as slow Sunday afternoon traffic proved a hazard, and it is always further back than you think! After a much-needed cup of tea and considerable motoring-related talk there were prizes, though predictably none for the Tinmog competitors. However, all agreed it had been great fun and an excellent day out, and our thanks go to Roger and Shirley, and their assistants Jemma and Maddie-Ann, for organising the event. In total over £1000 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Hopefully in any future similar events Tinmog could be better represented – all you need is to be able to read a map!



## Tinmoggers who lunch – Wednesday 13th March 2019

There was a rather good turn out for this, though threats of Storm Gareth meant all but two cars were tin tops!



This was organised by John and Lesley at The Plume of Feathers in Mitchell, after the success of our Sunday Lunch at this fine establishment in February.



I have to say the food here is really good and the ambience matches it, but fast food it ain't if you're in a hurry so when you book, plan for a relaxed meal.

## Things to come...

**Thursday 11th April** – AGM at the Smugglers Inn, Crantock at 8pm We have arranged a meal beforehand for 6.30pm – orders will be taken on the evening so please arrange to arrive about 6pm. If you want to eat, let us know by 5th April so we can ask to be seated together

**Thursday 2nd May** – Lunch and Skittles at the Kings Arms, Luxulyan, organised by Max. Our first visit here last year was marred by bitterly cold weather! Hopefully in May we will not have the same problem.... Further details regarding times etc to follow.

**Tuesday 2nd July** – Visit to the BBC, Plymouth – organised by Wilf and Marilyn. Again there will be more details nearer the event, but if you are interested let Wilf know on wilfrickard@gmail.com

**Friday 6th December** – Christmas Dinner at Ilsington Country House Hotel, Dartmoor.

Our Christmas Dinner event this year will be held at the Ilsington Country Hotel and Spa, situated on the edge of Dartmoor, not far from Newton Abbot. Some of you already know Ilsington offering comfort and good food with use of the Spa facilities.

We will have exclusive use of the Hound Tor Suite for our dinner

We have guaranteed 10 rooms for the night and currently further rooms are available. For those wishing to stay the Saturday night making a weekend break, (The Dinner will be on the Friday night and it will be possible to make it into a two-night stay if you wish)rooms are also currently available. It is appreciated Christmas seems a long way ahead, but as always, bearing in mind the time of year, those booking early are likely to fulfil their requirements. Normally rooms for the Saturday night are more expensive than weekdays, however the Friday night rate will apply to the Saturday for those wishing to have a weekend break.

The following rates are for two people sharing a double or twin room and includes breakfast,3 course dinner, service and VAT. Full use of the Spa facilities is also included. Numbers in brackets (below) are the numbers of each room type available.

Standard (6)	£195.00
Country (8)	£205.00
Superior (2)	£225.00
Deluxe (3)	£235.00
Suite (3)	£255.00

Description of room types can be found on the hotel website:

<http://www.ilsington.co.uk/Rooms>.

To book please telephone the hotel direct on 01364 661452 and quote booking reference “Reynolds booking”. Please have a credit card available which will guarantee the room booking. Rooms cancelled within two weeks of arrival may still be charged for if accommodation cannot be re-let.

Further detail, meal choices, timing etc. will be forwarded later in the year. Meanwhile we hope to see you at the new venue for a memorable evening and ask you let John and Lesley Reynolds know when you have reserved a room in order that they can keep track of numbers

## **Minutes of Tinmog Annual General Meeting held at Smugglers Den**

**Cubert, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.00pm**

### **In Attendance :-**

**Wilf & Marilyn Rickard, Clive & Moyra Steel, Paul & Marjorie Edwards, Doreen & David George, Roger & Shirley Hoskin. John & Lesley Reynolds, Bob & Pat Hayes, Gordon & Anne Vickery, Jane Henderson.**

**Apologies were received from Max Archenhold, Ian & Rosie Morris, Fiona Cowley, Ian & Olivia Denson, Julia Woolgar, Paul Stephens & Liz Kessell, Peter Henderson.**

- 1. The minutes from the 2017 AGM had been circulated. Jane Henderson raised her questions and objections as to the accuracy of the 2017 minutes. John Reynolds proposed that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Doreen George, and a show of hands, 9 For, abstentions 4, and 1 against. Had the minutes been amended as agreed at the 2017 AGM. Centre Secretary said that the proposal had been received from Peter Henderson and recorded in the 2017 minutes now held on file.**
- 2. Jane Henderson raised an issue regarding the 2017 Christmas venue at Mullion Cove and said that a vote had been taken to not hold the event at this venue, but hold an event early in the New Year. Paul Edwards said that the venue had already been booked by David George and because of the lateness in the year, the Centre Secretary had taken the decision to go ahead with the event at Mullion. Jane Henderson said that the vote was not recorded in the 2017 minutes. Many members present did not recall a vote being taken.**

**Jane Henderson asked for a result on the proposal raised during the 2017 by Stephen Horne, AGM regarding Associate Membership of the MSCC. Centre Secretary said that he had contacted the National office and was told that Associate Membership was only for younger members up to the age of 30 years, who either owned or were family members of owners of Morgan cars. Tinmog member Stephen Horne had been updated by Centre Secretary.**

3. **Treasurers Report.** Paul Edwards, copies of the Financial statements for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 are attached to these minutes. As there is over £2000 in the account, the membership fee for Tinmog should remain at £5.

Paul Edwards said that whilst the members were canvassed as to their preference for the 2018 Christmas Dinner, there was a requirement for a minimum number of rooms of 8 and we had insufficient bookings, therefore he was not prepared to risk the loss of £250 deposit.

Membership renewals, cheques received were being held back pending the result of the 2018 AGM.

4. **Committee Reports.**

**Membership Secretary.** In the Absence of Max Archenhold, Centre Secretary read out the membership Secretary report. Membership was down from last year, reminders had been sent out. Some had replied stating their intention of not renewing. Clive Steel, said that renewals sometimes do not come in until the following month of June.

Proposed, Clive Steel, seconded Paul Edwards.

**MSA Compliance.** Roger Hoskin reported that the fee had gone up to £25. This was not an issue as the MSCC would be paying. Permission had already been granted for the run organised by Gordon Vickery.

Proposed Doreen George, seconded Marjorie Edwards.

**Events Coordinator.** Marjorie Edwards said there were no Noggins in May, June and September and nothing during the winter months. Bob & Pat Hayes had organised a very enjoyable event at South Zeal, a Tapas evening organised by Clive Steel, an excellent evening at Perranwell Garage with the new owners. Paul & Marjorie had organised a successful weekend to the Forest of Dean. The Christmas Dinner at Mullion, numbers were down. Wilf & Marilyn Rickard organised the Anniversary Run in January 2018 and in March, Max Archenhold organised a skittles evening at Lockengate, although there was no heating and the skittle alley was too cold owing to adverse weather conditions. Marjorie thanked everyone who had organised these events.

**Forthcoming events** – a lunch and tour of the Plymouth Gin Distillery for 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018, by Ian & Olivia Denson, and a run and visit to the

Moretonhampstead Motor Museum 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 by Gordon & Anne Vickery. Proposed David George, seconded Roger Hoskin.

Centre Secretary. Wilf Rickard, said that he had enjoyed the past two years as Centre Secretary and had enjoyed a good liaison with the National Committee. Advised that Cranmog were visiting Cornwall 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and that Tinmog were invited to a BBQ at Trevella Park, Crantock, where they were staying. Wilf Rickard will circulate the date for any Tinmog interested in attending. Wilf Rickard said that owing to other personal commitments, it was his intention to stand down from the post of Centre Secretary.

A vote of thanks was given by Paul Edwards. Proposed John Reynolds, seconded Moyra Steel. Clive Steel said that they were very pleased with what Wilf Rickard had done for the Club over the past 2 years, and thanks to both he and Marilyn.

Web Organiser. Bob Hayes supplied a copy of his report, copy attached to these minutes, and read his report to the membership. Report proposed Paul Edwards, seconded John Reynolds.

Centre Secretary gave grateful thanks to Doreen George for producing the monthly Newsletter, to which she replied that she was disappointed with the contact from members for lack of input.

Roger Hoskin thanked John & Lesley Reynolds for their organisation for the Christmas Dinner.

#### 5. Election of Committee Members.

Centre Secretary. Wilf Rickard had spoken to the MSCC at length regarding the centre without a Centre Secretary. Tinmog was not alone with problems over the lack of volunteers for committee. Discussion ensued regarding the running of events, with no committee, no funding, but runs could still take place, but with MSA Compliance. There would be no correspondence and no AGM or committee meetings. There would be a requirement for one person to be a liaison coordinator with MSCC for the group and a willing group of people willing to organise events, for the centre to continue. Paul Edwards suggested that Tinmog to remain until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, when a decision will be made as to the closure of Tinmog. The money could be retained in the bank. The MSCC would still require one name for the magazine.

The members present stated a wish to carry on. Wilf Rickard then said that he would be prepared to carry on as Centre Secretary for 12 months, as the rest of the Committee were prepared to remain in post. Proposed Clive Steel, seconded Doreen George.

Events Coordinator Marjorie Edwards, proposed Roger Hoskin, seconded Moyra Steel

Treasurer Paul Edwards said that he had volunteered during 2017 to take on this post, but only for one year. There were no other nominations for the post of Treasurer at this AGM, so rather than raise the risk of Tinmog closing, Paul said he would continue for another year. There were no objections, and no need to take a vote. Paul remains as Treasurer.

Membership Secretary Max Archenhold proposed Marjorie Edwards, seconded Paul Edwards.

MSA Compliance Roger Hoskin said he did not wish to become a committee member but was happy to continue with MSA Compliance, when required.

Web Organiser Bob Hayes said that he was willing to carry on as web organiser, and remain ex-officio. He also agreed to take on the task of producing the newsletter, but, he has serious concerns regarding member's details on the website owing to issues with the company which supports the software he has. This also creates internet security issues. There may not be a newsletter every month. Further discussion ensued regarding the number of newsletters sent by post, there were 5 in number and the rest were sent on email. Cost of website is £95. Discussion on the data protection issues, Doreen George said she was happy to send the postal newsletters.

#### 6. Any Other Business.

Bob Hayes read out his proposal for lunchtime meetings, instead of evening Noggins. Copy attached to these minutes.

Centre Secretary mentioned two non Morgan events, Trewithen and Mt Edgumbe, Classic Shows. Also a plea issued for anyone willing to organise any event, especially some runs.

#### 7. Centre Secretary closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

## Proposal for lunchtime meetings

Several things have been noted in the past:

1. We have about 50 members in the club. Most of these own Morgans.
2. Attendance at Noggins and events is comparatively small, especially of Morgans. 7 or 8 might be regarded as a good turnout at present.
3. Though a member's age is not recorded in our membership data, it seems likely that a fair number of us are knocking on a little.
4. As one of those who is knocking on somewhat, I am far less keen than I was in my youth to go out at night or in inclement weather. Others may feel the same and this could be a reason for low attendance figures.
5. Few people are coming forward to organise events.
6. Few events and poor attendance does not bode well for the long-term survival of Tinmog.

I would therefore like to propose that we try out lunch-time meetings

1. I am not proposing that these should replace evening Noggins or such events as members do want to organise – in fact it might be nice to think that over lunch some people might come up with ideas for outings that would otherwise remain unexplored. I recognise that we are not all retired and that involving younger people with activities outside of their working hours is every bit as important as maintaining our older membership involvement.
2. I think we should be modest in our expectation of the frequency of lunch time meetings – people have families, limited budgets and other demands on their time. Perhaps 6 a year would be a reasonable target.
3. While lunchtime meetings could include some weekends, given the area we live in I'd suggest that they should be predominantly mid-week. We are going to be less welcome at weekends in establishments that are already packed out with tourists but may be more welcome mid-week when things aren't quite so lively. Similarly, I would like to patronise those establishments that keep open for mid-week lunches for locals during the off season.
4. Each lunchtime meeting to have an agenda to set the time, date and location of the next, this to be publicised to the membership generally via the mailing list. This to enable those who attend to take turns at arranging meetings.

Subject to the above considerations, I would like to propose that we embark on a series of lunchtime meetings.

We have already been invited via our Facebook page to meet at The Bowgie in Cubert. This pub does reasonable food, has splendid views over Crantock beach and a reasonable car park. It is also adjacent to a pay and display for overflow. If the meeting agrees I would be happy to visit the pub and discuss with them the possibility of arranging an inaugural meeting at that establishment.