



# TINMOG

## Cornwall Centre of the MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB

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***WELCOME TO THE JUNE 2019  
NEWSLETTER***



### Dear Fellow Tinmoggers

Summer is on its way, and I expect many of you have made good use of the recent warm, sunny weather and have been out in your Morgans. Long may the good weather last.

Today, Thursday, ten members of the Club met at lunchtime at **Lewinnick Lodge**, Pentire Head, Newquay, the venue chosen by **John and Lesley Reynolds**. The Lodge has a superb view, being perched on the cliffs overlooking the sea to the north east. We had our pre-lunch drinks outside making good use of the sunny weather and the view. A good time was had by all. I noticed on Google Maps that there is a Tesla Charging point near the Lodge, but, sadly, it was not much use to us!



Since the last Newsletter, three couples of Tinmog have taken part in the Victory Tour, the 13th **Cape to Cape** event in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, these were the Frosts, Hoskins and Marjorie and I. Marjorie's account of the event is below.

The Club is looking forward to many summer events including a skittles evening, a visit to the BBC in Plymouth a Bistro lunch, some of which, if the weather is good, we can take al fresco. Remember, as summer approaches, if anyone would like to suggest a Noggin, when the weather looks set fair, at short notice, Marjorie will email the members to tell them of the venue and time. See below for the details of the forthcoming events from the Events Coordinator.

Driving our Morgans, we can occasionally get a tad damp or sometimes windblown, just a reminder that should you wish to purchase items to counter the elements, ***Cotswold Outdoor offer a 15% price reduction when current MSCC membership cards are proffered.***

It has been suggested that perhaps it may be an idea to circulate members with a list of members' names, phone numbers and email addresses to make contacting people possible when events are being organised, should it be necessary. The list would not contain any other information such as addresses or cars owned. The main reason for this suggestion was that if an organiser of an event deemed it necessary to cancel, those attending could not be informed of the cancellation. Please let me know your thoughts on this suggestion and if you would not want your name put on such a list.

Best wishes, hope to see you at our organised events and happy motoring!

*Paul*

Tinmog Centre Secretary

## **CAPE TO CAPE 2019 – The Victory Tour**

This year's Cape to Cape was from Cape Trafalgar, near Cadiz in Spain, to Cape Cornwall, the first part to be the usual challenge of navigation and driving skills, the second in England following the Trafalgar Way from near Portsmouth to Penzance. Graham and Stephanie took their Morgan, but the other two cars from Tinmog were Roger and Shirley in an MGB and Paul and Marjorie in an MX5, Paul having been told that he should not use his Morgan so soon after his hip operation!

The challenge began five days before we were due to leave, when we discovered that the Pont Aven would not be sailing the following Sunday and we had to make other arrangements. As there were no spaces on other Spanish sailings we booked the sailing to Roscoff, then set to for a long drive through France before picking up our original route to the start..... A week later we rolled up in Cadiz!

Cape to Cape is not for the faint hearted – every day involved covering more than 200 miles over a variety of roads using different kinds of route navigation. There were also clues to solve and road tests to undertake. This year we had the additional challenge of the weather, not rain but heat! Temperatures rapidly rose to over 35degrees C during the daytime, which made open cars feel like a mobile grill. The scenery however was magnificent and was frequently in areas of Spain – and Portugal - you would never risk driving through without guidance. There were isolated villages lost in a time warp and purple heathered mountain tops, some tinged with snow and always with “interesting” roads (or tracks). Our overnight halts were Spanish Paradors, always relaxing and reliable. Challenge is certainly the word Graham and Stephanie used as first timers on the event!



Tinmog Cape to Capers



Tinmoggers searching for clues

On the sixth day of the event we rolled in to Bilbao for the afternoon ferry to Portsmouth (fortunately still running). This gave the weary competitors a welcome break and the sea was kind to us. However the gruelling conditions had led to five cars being left in Spain to be repatriated later, and many cars were suffering.

A week after our start we arrived back to a cool, grey England and a visit to Nelson’s HMS Victory before our final two days following the Trafalgar way. This was less of a challenge but had its moments. There were jolly gatherings in Blandford Forum, Honiton and Okehampton, hosted by the Mayors, all stops on the route taken by Lieutenant Lapotaire when he carried the news of the

battle victory in 1815. Two nights back “home” at the Alverton Hotel in Truro allowed us to enjoy a reception at Falmouth, where the news officially came, see Nelson’s death mask at the Union Hotel in Penzance (where the news was first broken) and reach the final stop, Cape Cornwall. None of the Tinmog contingent won any awards this year, but we all felt completing the course was an achievement in itself, and the whole event has raised over £87000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

## **Things to come...**

**Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Skittles Evening at the Kings Arms, Luxulyan** – organised by Max. Please note this is a new date and not a lunch time event - it was decided to make it an evening one as it is midsummer. Food will be available at 6.30pm with the skittles starting at 7.30pm. A menu will be circulated. Hopefully it will be warmer than on our previous visit!! Please let Max know if you would like to join us.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Visit to the BBC, Plymouth** – organised by Wilf and Marilyn. We hope to meet for coffee beforehand but there will be more details nearer the event. If you are interested let Wilf know.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Bistro lunch at the Olive Grove Bistro, Barras Moor Farmhouse, near Truro TR3 7PE 12.45 for 1pm.** This is the restaurant where the Tapas evenings have been held and hopefully we will be able to eat outside! Menus will be available nearer the time. If you wish to attend please contact Clive and Moyra.

**Late September – lunch** to be organised by Ian and Olivia Denson – date and venue TBA

..and **sometime in the Autumn** we hope to have a traditional Sunday Run, and there is the possibility of a visit to Cotehele to see the Christmas garland.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner at Ilsington Country House Hotel, Dartmoor.** This has been chosen as many of you thought it would be good for our Christmas event last year, and a visit this year was very successful. John and Lesley are arranging this and full details have been circulated. The Dinner will be on the Friday night and it may still be possible to make it into a two night stay if you so wish. Don’t forget to book your room!

## **SOME OTHER CAR-RELATED EVENTS THIS SUMMER**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Penzance Rotary Classic Car Day** – Penzance promenade.  
Details on Penzance Rotary website or phone Graham Carter on 10736 362866  
or 07816 861959

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Wadebridge Wheels, Royal Cornwall Showground,  
Wadebridge – Classic vehicle show** organised by **Wadebridge Rotary Club**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Classic Car and Country Show**, this year to be held at  
Tregrehan House and Gardens from 11am to 4pm, £5 entry in aid of Marie  
Curie

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August - Mount Edgumbe Classic and American Car Show** 9am to  
5pm

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Greenpower and Classic Car Show – Truro High  
School for Girls**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Watergate Bay Hillclimb**  
organised by Truro and District, Plymouth and Newquay car clubs

Further details of all the above can be found on the respective websites