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WELCOME TO THE JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Fellow Tinmoggers,

We are now into 2022, a Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope that 2022 will be better for us than 2021.

Christmas Lunch

In December we held our Christmas lunch at the Carlyon Bay Hotel at which we had a goodly number of members attending.



Prior to the meal, we announced the winners of our annual awards. The Mileage Award, the greatest distance covered in the year in a Morgan, was won by Tim, I think he was rather taken aback at winning the award as he thought that he hadn't covered enough miles. Enthusiasts of the Year award was won by Paul and Jackie Tothill having attended most of our social events and recently exchanged their three wheeled Morgan for a dashing new Plus Four, you'll certainly see it coming! Supporting Partner of the Year, won by Pat, wife of our Newsletter Editor, Bob, who spends much time on producing our Newsletter. The festive meal and atmosphere at the Hotel were both excellent.

Anniversary Run

We are now looking forward to our next event, the Anniversary Run on Sunday, 23rd January. This will start at Jamaica Inn, Bolventor at 11:30, and end with Sunday lunch at the Crown Inn, Lanlivery. Should you wish to partake of coffee etc before the start please arrive earlier. Lunch at the Crown has been booked for 1:30 and will probably be taken in the conservatory. Please let us know if you will be joining us for the start at Jamaica Inn, and we will need numbers for lunch.

The Great Escape!

As we did not manage the customary night away after Christmas Dinner we have organised a night/weekend at the Fox and Hounds, Eggesford, near Exmoor on March 18th/19th.



It's being billed as The Spring Escape, but if Covid regulations persist, it may have to be renamed The Great Escape! There is much to do in the area, such as a visit to Dunsford, a quaint village with a castle and watermill (National Trust), or perhaps a visit to Barnstaple. When we stayed at the Fox and Hounds previously, we took a trip on the West Somerset Railway. If anyone wishes to join the visit to the Fox and Hounds, please 'phone the hotel on

01769 580 345 and quote Morgan Club, Cornwall. You can book one night or two nights.



Suggestions Box

If any member has suggestions for possible visits or venues, please let me know, though perhaps this may be easier when restrictions have been lifted. We hope to have a lunch some time in February and will confirm the date soon.

Building a Morgan on the Dining Table – by Bobby Hayes (age 72)

I seem to recall an article in Miscellany last year that referred to how Ugears, a Ukrainian Company making laser cut wooden kits, was making a rubber band powered Morgan. I also seem to remember that the author admitted to not having made one yet.

I have some slight experience of these kits. I started with a rubber band gun some years ago, which went well. This was followed up with a hurdy gurdy, which works after a style so long as you don't expect me to get a real tune out of it. The next attempt was a "Treasure Box" that I bought for my wife last Christmas but which had been gathering dust after we made a start on it in January 2021. This Christmas my daughter decided to buy me the Morgan.

The first effect was that I had to get on and finish the "Treasure Box", which I have now done and my wife is quite pleased with it.

This cleared the way to start the car model which, according to the blurb on Amazon, is suitable from age 14 up, has 437 parts and should take 6-7 hours to build. In addition to the paper instructions supplied with the kit, Ugears thoughtfully provide a 7 hour long video to show you what to do.

Unfortunately, this is in Ukrainian, though some Googling eventually turned up an English version.

So, off I set. Despite a certain scepticism about a model which involves wooden gears lubricated by candle wax really ending up as a working car with forward and reverse gears, opening bonnet and exposed engine with working pistons, I am looking forward to the task ahead.

Two days later and the long suffering Pat has had quite enough of my cursing non-stop while disregarding all else. I am only on page 29 of the 47 page instruction booklet. The moving parts are still incomplete and my doubts about the prospect of ending up with a working model are growing like thunderclouds around me, from which lightning is likely to strike at anything and anyone that tries to divert me from my task. I am beginning to suspect that this is at the heart of the current difficulties between Russia and Ukraine – after all who would want the fiendish mind that could conceive of something like this, the prodigious strength in their fingers to put it together, and the audacity to suggest it is suitable from 14 years, on their doorstep? At least I have managed to get the blood off my cardigan from where a piece went up my fingernail!

And then, I found that strength and perseverance alone were not enough. A delicacy of touch beyond my own was also needed. As I tried to fit piece 117 to piece 99 a tiny piece of wood broke off, meaning that the front wheels could no longer be fixed in place.

I now wait to hear from the company in Ukraine with a replacement part (they say they will replace any lost or broken parts on their web site) so I am afraid, dear reader, that you will have to await a later edition of this newsletter if you want to see the finished model – assuming I ever manage it. Meanwhile, here is a photograph of where I got to before the disaster took place.



But do not let this put you off from having a go. Here is a link to a video to show you what could be achieved if you are more able than me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_7VTH2SXL8 and you can get your own kit on Amazon.

Go on, have a go. At worst it will help pass the time while the real thing sits in the garage, tucked up away from this miserable winter (and I will have someone else to compare my frustrations with). At the other end of the scale, you might end up with a magnificent working model to amaze your friends while you regale them with stories about how a lesser man (i.e. me!) struggled!

EVENTS:

January 23rd – Anniversary Run - start, Jamaica Inn, 11:30, with lunch at Lanlivery, 1:30pm

February – Lunch, date TBA

March 18th – Spring Escape to Exmoor

April 22nd – AGM at the Smugglers Den, Cubert. 6:00pm

