



Tormog News November 2018

Well Tormoggers, Christmas is only just around the corner, SatNag has already started to make mince pies (with a few shreds of apple mixed in) and I have made my Christmas cakes, and about to start feeding them!

I received an email recently from Tom Langham, his father Mike was one of the Founders of Tormog, 40 odd years ago:

Originally via the MSCC website: Message: Hello, I tried to contact you earlier but not sure I sent to right place. My late father Mike started Tormog and I thought I would get in touch and say hello. I no longer live in the High Peak although my mother is still in Buxton. I have always had Morgans but the 3 wheel variety!! I'm hoping to try and get too one of your noggins one day and say hello. I've a few photos etc from the early days. Hope this is of interest. Best wishes Tom Langham

and following my response:

Hello Richard

Thanks for the reply. I'm not sure when but I will definitely come to one of the noggins to say hello.

I live in the Cotswolds now but travel up to Buxton quite often to see Mumusually in my 1932 sports family Morgan. I will try and tie it in with the Tormog meet.

Mike was a Morgan man all his life having 3 & 4 wheelers.... I've always been a 3 wheeler man and lost touch with the 4 wheeler scene but I've been meaning to look Tormog up.

I was delighted to find that the group is in good form and the piece on the website about Mike starting the group was lovely... thank you. I'm on the photo as a 7 yr old schoolboy!!!

Talking to Mum the other day she mentioned how Tormog came about..... Mike had been tracking down people locally with Mogs with the view to setting up a group. He had heard of a flat rad coupe sheeted up in a field near Cromford.... Mike investigated and found it was owned by Pat Kennet. The car was in the field as pat was building a garage for his Morgans... all plus 4s and including a very rare interim cowl model(one of 19 built).Pat of course was a legendary figure having won the 1963 panama Grand Prix in a plus 4. Pat encouraged Mike to start the group and that was that.... great story!

Thanks to your enthusiasm, we have enjoyed some superb monthly noggins, generally the room has been full, and lots of across-room banter...we are fortunate to have such a great pub in The Crispin, with our own room, great food and service. Usually, we have quite a few Mogs in the car park too, though some cars always seem to face the same way!

In recent months, we have joined forces with other centres, notable DonMog, Staffs Mog, Sherwood Mog and Yorkshire Mog. To me, this makes sense, it adds to the social aspect of Mog ownership, and we get to places we as a local centre may not think of visiting.

For instance: a great day out to the Yorkshire Wildlife park was enjoyed by about 15 Mogs.....around the same number, including a few 3 wheelers, went to the Wortley Top Forge, north of Sheffield, where we had a brill guided tour of the forge set up to make railway wagon axles. A tour of the Toyota factory near Derby...more recently, a visit to the Donington Car Museum, and by the time you read this, it will have

closed.... for ever. Crich Tramway Museum is always good for a day out, and this week, around a dozen trams were running, the place was very busy, but it will close soon, but just for winter.

So, thinking ahead.... the places earmarked to get our attention next year include:

The Peak Wildlife Park, near Leek

The Anson Engine Museum at Poynton

Foxfield Railway, near Stone

Jodrell Bank

Kelham Island Industrial Museum, Sheffield

Chatsworth Country Fair: 30 August –1 September 2019

There's nothing quite like the annual fair at Chatsworth. Featuring spectacular grand ring displays in the air and on land, demos from celebrity chefs plus entertainment for all the family, there's fun for all the family at the fair. Event dates have been confirmed so put them into your diary as we await an official invitation.

Please let us know of any other places the rest of us might be interested in; Just tell us when and where you are going, and those who want to can come along: you do not need to actually organise anything else.

So that's about it for now... The plan now is to publish all our newsletters on here, which makes our news available to the whole Mog community.

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