

NOGGIN NOTES - Thursday 4 November 2021 at Holt Lodge Hotel

Hello All

Thursday's Noggin was my first Noggin as your new Centre Secretary. From my email on 1 November you will know that I would prefer a less formal format to Noggins, so I had asked the staff at the Holt Lodge to lay the room out in a less formal manner. Unfortunately, something got lost in translation and there was the table at the front with a slide projector and screen and rows of chairs! We obviously have different ideas of 'informal'. My idea was more of a sociable set up. Anyway, it was easy enough to just turn a chair around from the front row so that I was part of the 'audience' instead of in front of it.

So what did we talk about ?

### **Membership Form**

We have conflicting information from the MSCC on the form which we hope to resolve soon but can confirm that going forward you won't need to complete a form annually. In the meantime, a form does still need to be completed for this year and sent to Linda Cleary at [devamog.membership@gmail.com](mailto:devamog.membership@gmail.com)

### **Noggins**

As I said, I want us to review what a Noggin is and where and when they are held. My view is that if you can attend great, but it's intended to be informal you don't need to send apologies if you are unable to attend.

Many Centres have moved away from formal Noggins, and I believe this is the way forward. What is important is that there is an environment for Members to meet, catch up and share their enjoyment of Morgan ownership - this can be done equally well at a car-related event or over a drink/meal - during the day, at the weekend or a different evening of the week. **Please** let me know what would work well for you and send me suggestions of places we could meet that would make attendance easier for you. I am conscious that we have a wide membership area, so meeting somewhere not too close to the extremities would be helpful.

Members gave examples of what other Centres do which we could consider, including Lyme Regis Centre which meets monthly for a Sunday Breakfast Noggin. The Cholmondeley Car Club used to regularly meet for Bacon Butties and a chat in the Pub's Car Park on Sunday mornings. Indeed, the Egerton Arms (venue for Christmas lunch) have said they would consider hosting us for bacon butties or similar before a run, or just for a catch up. If you know of a pub/café with good parking perhaps you could find out if they would consider providing us with space for a Noggin there?

### **Communications**

We have a great website, which I would like us to make more use of, as well as the free and safe app WhatsApp. Going forward, information will first appear on the website (<https://www.devamog.co.uk>), and will generally be followed up by an email with a link to the website. We also have a Devamog WhatsApp group, this is restricted to our Members

and is a quick and easy way to inform members of events at short notice. Kevin Osborne looks after our communication needs, so please contact him via the website (<https://www.devamog.co.uk/contact>) if you want to be added to the WhatsApp Group, and you may want to bookmark the Devamog site to your favourites.

### **Events**

In my opinion, this is what being a member of Devamog is all about, it's about enjoying your car and meeting up with a wider group of Devamog members and getting to know them better. Joe Cleary led the discussion on this and a calendar of events will be put together over the next couple of months by Joe and Pryce Davies, but your input is needed. We want to put together a range of events that will appeal to most members, the wider the range the better! Events don't have to be all scenic runs, in fact it is often more appealing if they are not! Previous events have included a tour down a copper mine, visits to Bentley Motors and JCB so the range can be quite diverse.

If you have ideas for visits and are happy to organise an event please get in touch with Joe or Pryce, or if you an idea but are not confident in organising an event still contact Joe and Pryce and they will help you or take it on themselves. From above, you can see no idea will be dismissed out of hand and remember there are nearly as many women as men in our centre!

We only have two firm events in the calendar at the moment - the Christmas meal on Sunday 5 December and a trip to Beamish 13-16 May next year. Regarding the latter, there are still places available, the plan for the trip is to visit the Museum on Saturday, a scenic run with the local centre on Sunday, and a tour of Durham Cathedral with lunch on Monday. Please contact me if you are interested. By coincidence next year's MogFest will be in Beamish from 24-26 June.

Discussions on ideas of past or potential events included piggybacking other Centres' events - when we have something to share, visiting Pembrokeshire/Cardigan, demonstration from Dan the detailing man, RHS Bridgewater, National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.

I think that about sums up the evening, so get those minds whirring and lets have some ideas for the future!