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Welcome to the October Parish Notices.

Introduction and September Activities

As I'm sure many of you are aware, John Hayes has relinquished the role of Centre Secretary and is no longer a member of the MSCC. I have agreed to stand in as the Acting Centre Secretary until the AGM in a couple of months time when elections for new officers will take place in the normal way.

Briefly looking back at September, it was quite an active time for the Centre. Steve and Diane Wilson arranged a great afternoon on the Mid Norfolk Railway complete with high tea. Sandra Ward took us all to Pensthorpe Water Gardens which was most enjoyable.

Six Morgans ventured to Torquay for our Autumn break where we enjoyed excellent camaraderie, fun and laughter. On International Morgan Day we joined Berrybook Morgan for a 30 car convoy through the lanes of Dartmoor. Fortunately half the group got lost somewhat easing the congestion.

Just last week 10 Folkmog members (also members of Anglemog) were lucky enough to participate in the Anglemog Autumn Break to the Charles Bathurst Inn high up on the Yorkshire Dales. Stunning scenery, good company and good food all contributed to Morgan ownership perfection.

The highlight of September was of course the 10th Folkmog Track day - John Riley's swan song! It was a great success and a fine tribute to all his hard work on behalf of Folkmog.

Committee Update and Request For Volunteers

For a variety of reasons we have a number of committee members looking to stand down at the AGM late November. Quite normal for an organisation such as ours and it is a great opportunity to bring in new ideas and approach. Also you don't have to stand for a specific role, although this is preferred. You can ask to have your name put down for a ballot on the day. Please give the matter some consideration and please let me know if you are interested.

The roles becoming available are as follows:

1) Treasurer. As Chris Bennion takes over full control of organising the Track day, the role of Treasurer will become vacant. Already Soren Sjolin has put his name down as a candidate but as with all vacant roles there will be a ballot on the day of AGM if more candidates forthcoming.

2) Webmaster. A key role as the Website is the go to point for the latest news, events, photo gallery and club documents. Whilst with the introduction of What's App the Website has been over shadowed in the last year, the intention is to keep What's App but to refine the contributions to shorter more pertinent last minute content and let the Website fulfill its proper role once more. Already Nick Sampson has put his name forward but again it is an open ballot on the day if you would like to put your name forward.

3) Membership. Nigel is stepping down having done a great job of setting

up the Folkmog membership database so the role will be to ensure it is accurately maintained, also to ensure our new members are included on email listings and notices so that they truly feel welcomed to the Centre and are fully informed. A vital job as new members are the future. We have no volunteer at the moment.

4) Regalia. Not an onerous task but still an important one. We have a stock of car badges and stickers that are paid for. Our stock items such as shelters and flags need to be kept track of. (Steve Hodds looking into the purchase of new shelters for car shows etc). We have no volunteer at the moment.

5) Safeguarding and Ladies Events. Bev is stepping down after doing a great job of creating the Ladies events initiative. We need Ladies on the committee to at least lead the Ladies events. Those held so far to The Angel and the Yum Yum Fudge factory were very well received.

There are no candidates to date for this role(s) although Helen Eaton has offered to champion the Ladies events but will not join the committee. There have been no safeguarding issues in 2026 and currently no volunteers for the role.

Finally:

6) Centre Secretary. Not to be influenced by my standing as caretaker - the last few days have been something of a whirlwind - the position is not a done deal and open for anyone to put their name forward in a ballot.

AGM November 2026

I will send out the agenda late October/early November. Do let me know if there are matters you would like included. We have a committee meeting on

October 20th where it is hoped we can fine tune many of the proposals and topics for the AGM.

The meeting will be held at The Crown, Great Ellingham (as will the NTCL). Names are currently being taken through the Website and you will be asked for menu choices early November.

Upcoming Events

Noggin North - Oct 13th *
Noggin South - Oct 21st*
Guy Fawkes Lunch - Nov 4th - please advise Caroline you will be coming. Always a lovely event.
Noggin North - Nov 10th*
Noggin South - Nov 18th*
AGM Nov 22nd
Hintlesham Xmas Dinner - Dec 3rd - rooms still available. Liaise with John Riley
Noggin North - Dec 8th*
Noggin South - Dec 16th*
Not The Christmas Lunch 2027 - Jan 10th - menus etc early December.

Noggins are under review. October meetings will go ahead and thereafter dependant upon support. I will make best effort to send out a note a few days before every event to ensure venue and timings are clear. Also to give a last minute nudge to support!

Apologies if the Parish Notice is less comprehensive than usual, but I was keen to get the notice out with the uncertainty that inevitably exists. Otherwise it is very much business as usual with all events going ahead.

I will use my own email address for now as no point changing everything if I do not stand or not elected in 8 weeks time.

Best wishes

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