

Mogspares

Spare Scheme of the Morgan Three-Wheeler Club Ltd

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There are no parts to announce this month but there are several in manufacture that should be available to order from us early in the new year. In addition to that several regular stock items are now out of stock with back orders already in hand so we have also to focus attention on replacing stock of those parts and in some cases new suppliers are having to be found for those items.

Regrettably we have had to withdraw the replacement F-type clutch plates from sale. The modern Borg and Beck driven plates have been found to be significantly thinner than the Ford E93A or 100E originals which causes a problem with F types. There is insufficient adjustment on the E93A cover plate toggles to make these work properly with the original clutch release mechanism.

Modification of the release bearing carrier sleeve to overcome this problem is impractical for most members to achieve. Unfortunately, that means members will only be able to get a new service exchange clutch plate from Small Ford Parts or the Ford SV owners club, or have their own plates relined by one of the few companies that still offer that service. In all cases the driven plate hub and splines will need to be in good unworn condition. That was why we decided fairly recently to stock these plates and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Steve Hughes
on behalf of the Mogspares team.

Roger Orford retires

Roger became the Mogspares Matchless Sales Officer in October 1988 and with over 35 years of continual service he must be one of the longest serving Club officers. He has been involved with Morgans since he first started to drive. For many years his Morgan was his daily car; in my opinion it's the iconic Matchless Super Sports.

Roger was a regular competitor in the Morgan Three-Wheeler Challenge series, firstly in the standard class and then he tuned a Super Sports into "the car he had always wanted to build" and immediately became the fastest in class and held the record at Loton Park for 20 years until only recently when it was beaten. As a result, Roger knows the Matchless engine inside out and has been able to pass on his knowledge to members of the Club.

During this time, among other activities, he ran his Morgan restoration business, featured in the cover article for the Good Woodworking Magazine in 2006. Also, one of his customers decided to do the Monte Carlo rally in the Morgan Three-Wheeler that Roger had restored for him. They set off



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from Edinburgh in the snow but soon realised it needed Roger's skills to drive the car in those conditions. They finally got to Monte Carlo winning one of the prizes.

Roger's contribution to the Club is second to none. And I must thank Christine who has always been at his side to help him.

Even if you do not have Roger's experience, if you can help Mogspares as the next Matchless Sales Officer or in any other role and would like to know more, please contact me.

Charles Smith