



## Moggyfest Open Mic Sessions Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May



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- 2pm** **Kim Henson**, internationally known Classic car journalist, classic car author and founder of the motoring and classic car website 'Wheels Alive'.  
Kim will discuss the Morris Minor experienced 'BMC's own Competition Within' with BMC's, competing models, badge engineering and the competition from our European neighbours with the then popular foreign competing car models.
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<b>2pm</b>	Announcing best dressed period winners where a 1st and 2nd prize for those arriving in their best period finery! 1st Prize consist of £100 from Moggyfest sponsors of the 'Best Dressed' competition Adrian Flux Classic Car Insurance Vouchers.
	Moggyfest 2026 awards, judged by Richard Lee and judging assistant, Janice Lee. Presentation of trophies with <b>Laurie Blewer</b> , Dorset MMOC Chairman.

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