

MUGS MATTERS

HELLO folks!

We need to say this very, very carefully, just incase, but I think the sun has been seen out and about.

Yes folks after all that awful snow and rain and wind of the winter, we seem to have turned a corner and its going to be sun all the way from now on.

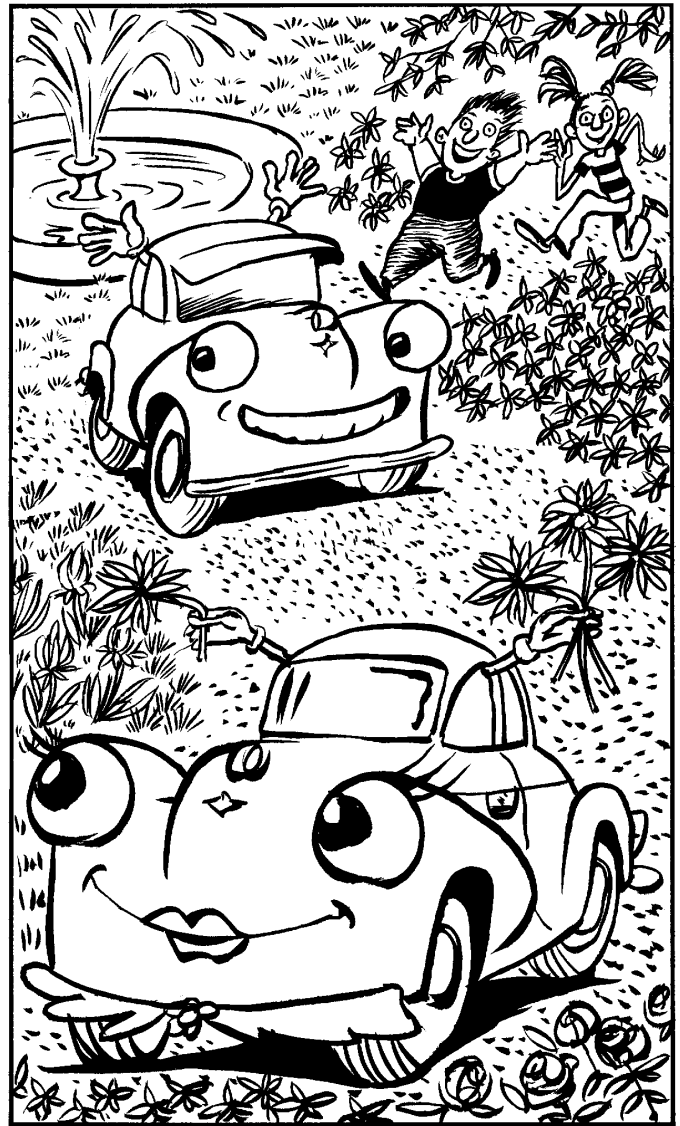
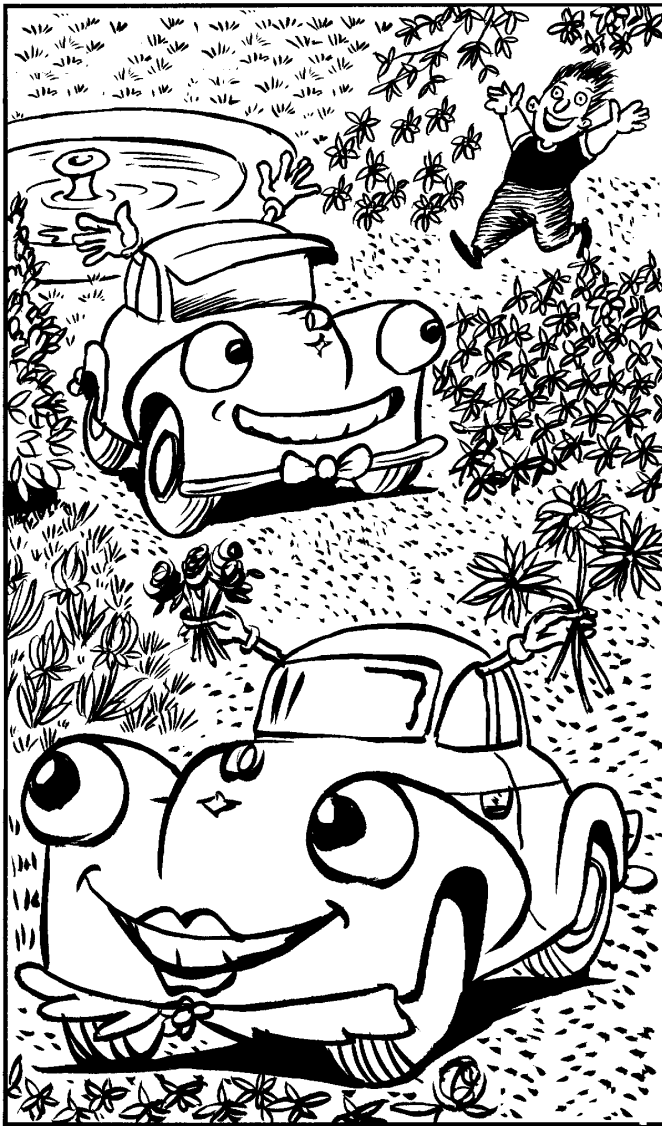
Ok, if its not, then blame **Meg**, why?, because she has decided to be called **Mystic Meg** and she reckons she can

see ahead of the weather game and predict what is going to happen for the next few weeks at least.

You know how grumpy she can get, so we will just let her get on with it for now, don't you think?

I hope you are all celebrating the good weather and having some fun. It would be lovely to hear from you, so why not drop **Meg** and I a line and tell us what you are up to. Just send in via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

MUG



COMPETITION CORNER

Well all this good weather has certainly brought out the flowers. In fact it is blooming marvellous!

So much so, that **Meg** and I decided to go for a run in the countryside and smell those scents. And what scents they were, there were so many flowers, I struggled to see Meg's bonnet for the trees the blooms.

Infact so dazzled were we, that we invited our pal **Peter Rigg the Artist** to pop along and see for himself and you can too with his amazing cartoon.

It's so great we decided to use it for today's competition and all you have to do is spot the difference between the two cartoons, it's as simple as picking a bunch of daffs.

There is no prize in it, although I may hand out a bunch of daisies if you send in your entries, so don't delay, get sending in today and email it in for **Meg** and I to see, via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**,

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May and June are our favourite times of the year because we get time to head outdoors and have some fun in the fresh air.

May 1st is a number one day too because it's a Bank Holiday and it means "holiday with ancient roots."

Across the world there are lots of celebrations going on for May Day:



In **England**, we traditionally celebrate by dancing around the maypole. A May Queen is usually crowned first and this is followed by a good old-fashioned dance.

Scotland marks the event with wild bonfires which involve dancing, music and sometimes people being naked and the celebrations follow Celtic traditions.



Finland uses May Day to indulge in a drink or two, with a favourite being mead or sima as its know and it just screams tradition!



Germany hosts a secret admirers or haters event, with the common way of running this event being to use chalk to draw a line between

your house and your crush's house to link you both forever, or until the rain comes down.

In **Bulgaria**, May Day is the time to stay away from fields for fear of snake bites and to use whatever methods possible to banish reptiles away.



And for Meg's favourite, head for **Hawaii**, which crowns a queen, but only one who possesses the skills of hula, language, lei-making and general charisma.

All good fun don't you think? Meg and I would love to hear from people who have experience great traditions around the world on May Day, so why not email your stories in and we might even send you a prize. Just send via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

MUG MIRTH

We have a spring our step today after all the funnies told by our pals Ruaridh and Flossie. Can you do any better? If you can, just send them in via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

**HOW EXCITED WAS THE GARDENER ABOUT SPRING?
(SO EXCITED HE WET HIS PLANTS)**

**DOES FEBRUARY LIKE MARCH?
(NO, BUT APRIL MAY)**

**WHEN DO MONKEYS FALL FROM THE SKY?
(DURING APE-RIL SHOWERS)**

**WHAT SEASON IS IT BEST TO GO ON A TRAMPOLINE?
(SPRING TIME)**

**WHAT'S IRISH AND COMES OUT IN SPRING?
(PADDY O'FURNITURE)**

**WHAT GOES UP WHEN THE RAIN GOES DOWN?
(UMBRELLAS)**

**WHAT MONTH OF THE YEAR IS THE SHORTEST?
(MAY (ONLY 3 LETTERS))**

**NAME A BOW THAT CAN'T BE TIED.
(A RAINBOW)**

**WHY DID CINDERELLA GET KICKED OFF THE BASEBALL TEAM?
(SHE ALWAYS RAN AWAY FROM THE BALL)**

**WHY WAS THE BEE MAD?
(YOU'D BE MAD TOO IF SOMEONE STOLE YOUR HONEY AND NECTAR)**



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I am sure there are plenty of Morris Minors out there. If you are under 16 then why not fill in the Join Us coupon so I can keep in touch.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OK folks, you have filled in the **Join Us** coupon and sent it in. But before **Meg** and I get in touch we need you to do some work and send in your competition entries, jokes or letters to the address at the top of the page.

THANKS