
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2011

Back from holiday, and finished looking through all of the e mails that were waiting for my return! Thanks to my Longest Day Walk sponsors – David and Una Haynes, Chris Gleave, Ken Hasleden and Edwin Singleton. Thanks also to Roy Wilkinson for providing most of the content of this Newsletter, and if he can do it, what is it that is holding the rest of you back? Please contact Roy to register for the Noggin on 17 July, and Geoff Mizon for Oulton Park before 24 July

Autotest and Concours 19th July 2011

It was one of those days, will it or won't it rain? I had got up early to check the weather for the day which is a habit when you are taking your Mog to an event especially one which includes a Concours. Whilst I have never entered a Concours on a voluntary basis I do like to make sure the car looks good when seen up against the keen polishers. So the day before I washed and cleaned the car prior to putting it away for the night and took it out of the garage early on the Sunday morning and raised the hood just in case and also to gain "brownie" points from Barbara when I collected her after breakfast.

I had arranged to pick her up at 9.30am so shortly before 9.15am I got myself ready and went out to the Morgan only to find a cat had walked all over the bonnet with her muddy paws! I decided I would have a go at cleaning them off later as I needed to be on my way. Then my current problem struck! I couldn't find my front door keys and so I then spent almost an hour looking for them and for those of you who have seen my bungalow you wouldn't believe it took so long for me to find them.

Eventually Barbara and I set off almost an hour late to find only three Morgans at the College, John and Irene having just arrived moments before us. In time we had a total of 5 Morgans which is the smallest number I have ever seen at this event. We decided to carry on, putting the disappointing turnout due to it being Father's Day.

We were back in the main car park again this year and the tests followed the "entertaining for spectators and testing for participants" format with the added blindfold test which was so much fun to watch and disconcerting to be part of last year.

Having only belated been asked to write this report, due to my short term memory, I made no notes but what I can remember is that John did sum speedy times around the course followed by Martin. My memory was of a steady pace on the auto test with almost the end of my "friendship" with Barbara as I hit the only cone in the middle of the car park in the blindfold test and only for Andy shouting "**ROY STOP**" I would have crumpled my offside wing on the iron gates at the end of the course!

We adjourned to the Italian Orchard for lunch and I was joined by my son and daughter-in-law to make up for, "not the best morning of my life." However, Andy made me feel a little better at the prize presentation by awarding me 3rd place by default in the concours, due to the cat. The full results will be provided in due course once Andy has got back from a business trip.

Roy Wilkinson.

Ye Olde Flying Horse and MOG 2011

After the nice hotel Barbara managed to book in Buxton last year I again left her to book an hotel near Cambridge for this year's MOG event. She again came up trumps with The Quy Mill Hotel on the outskirts of Cambridge and a straight forward run to Newmarket of approximately 9 miles.

However, I learnt about the Noggin at the Olde Flying Horse in Kegworth about a couple of

month's ago; this was the venue of the first ever Morgan Car Owners Club the 4/4 Club, which took place on the 30th of June 1951 just 8 years before I bought my first Morgan, a 1936 Series 1 4-4 Flat Rad. I thought a visit to the 60th Anniversary of that event too good to miss, so I persuaded Barbara to leave a day earlier and drive down on the Thursday 30th June, instead of our previous programme of leaving on the Friday. We managed to obtain a £15 room at the Travelodge at East Midlands Airport for the Thursday evening so after booking in we drove to the Noggin to find over 50 cars assembled on the front of the pub and the rear and side car park. We soon met up with members we have got to know at other events over the years although sadly we were the only Norcemog members in attendance. We both enjoyed our meal and had our photos taken in the front of the pub as had been done in 1951. We were number 51 on the arrival list and had just managed to get onto the front car park, those after us were not so lucky and had to park on a car park opposite the Olde Flying Horse. I am not sure what the final total was but it was several times the original list of 11 cars that attended the inaugural meeting in 1951.

So a good evening was had by all who attended on a lovely summer's evening including a gentleman who was there in his Morgan in 1951. Although a little unsteady on his feet his enthusiasm for the club still shone through.



So it was back to the Travelodge for the night with Barbara saying she had been speaking to Paul Fileman who organised the evening and it had been suggested to her that as we had plenty of time tomorrow we could visit Calke Abbey and Donnington Park. Having been to the Noggin the evening before I suggested we visit the Abbey.

All went well until we found the House shut on a Friday which seemed unusual as it is open every day except Thursday and Friday. So we viewed the grounds and gardens and also saw a short film show on the history of the Abbey, had some lunch and proceeded on our way. For those who may be interested it is a National Trust Property and not too far from Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome the venue for MOG 2012.

We arrived in Cambridge at approx 4.30pm to find one other Morgan in the car park from Tinnmog and whilst I was unpacking another Morgan arrived also from Tinnmog but on enquiring both cars belonged to the same couple "His Mog" and "Her Mog". They had booked in the hotel and taken one car to sign in for the weekend at Newmarket. We decided to sign in on the Saturday morning as we wanted to freshen up and have our evening dinner. Next morning we set off after breakfast and joined a posse of Mogs making their way to the venue. After signing in we met Peter and Anthea Grange with their friends and after a while we saw Bryan Rawlinson's son and partner whom we had last met at Le Mans in 2008. Apparently Bryan and Ann were somewhere in Cambridge, eventually they arrived and we spent some time with them before exploring Newmarket. Apart from the scenic runs and prebooked events nothing seemed to be happening on the Saturday. We did not feel like going on a scenic run after the driving we had done on the previous two days and also a visit to the stables did look interesting but as we had done that earlier in the year and came away with a share of the ownership of a racing horse, I didn't want that to happen again. On Sunday a lot more things were happening and Barbara said she had seen John and Irene and later I did see Irene with some ladies but she did not see me as I was wearing sunglasses all incognito. We left at 4.00pm-ish to get away for the drive home and arrived about 7.30pm-ish after a good run and one stop. We had glorious sunshine from when we left on Thursday afternoon until we arrived home on Sunday. Hood down every day and driving just in a shirt, no coats, how often can you do that in this country, four days non stop sunshine. Guess it will be raining by the time you read this.

Roy Wilkinson.



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THE ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AND CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

1130 hrs SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2011

Our annual Teddy Bears Picnic will once again be held in Macclesfield Forest (the nearest we can get to the Woods) The picnic site is on a hillside overlooking the local beauty spot of Tegg's Nose, with views over Teddy Bears and our of Classic Cars including looking at classic cars location, this is an



Awards are presented other make of car on

Bring your bear and

to the best Bear, the best Morgan, and best display.

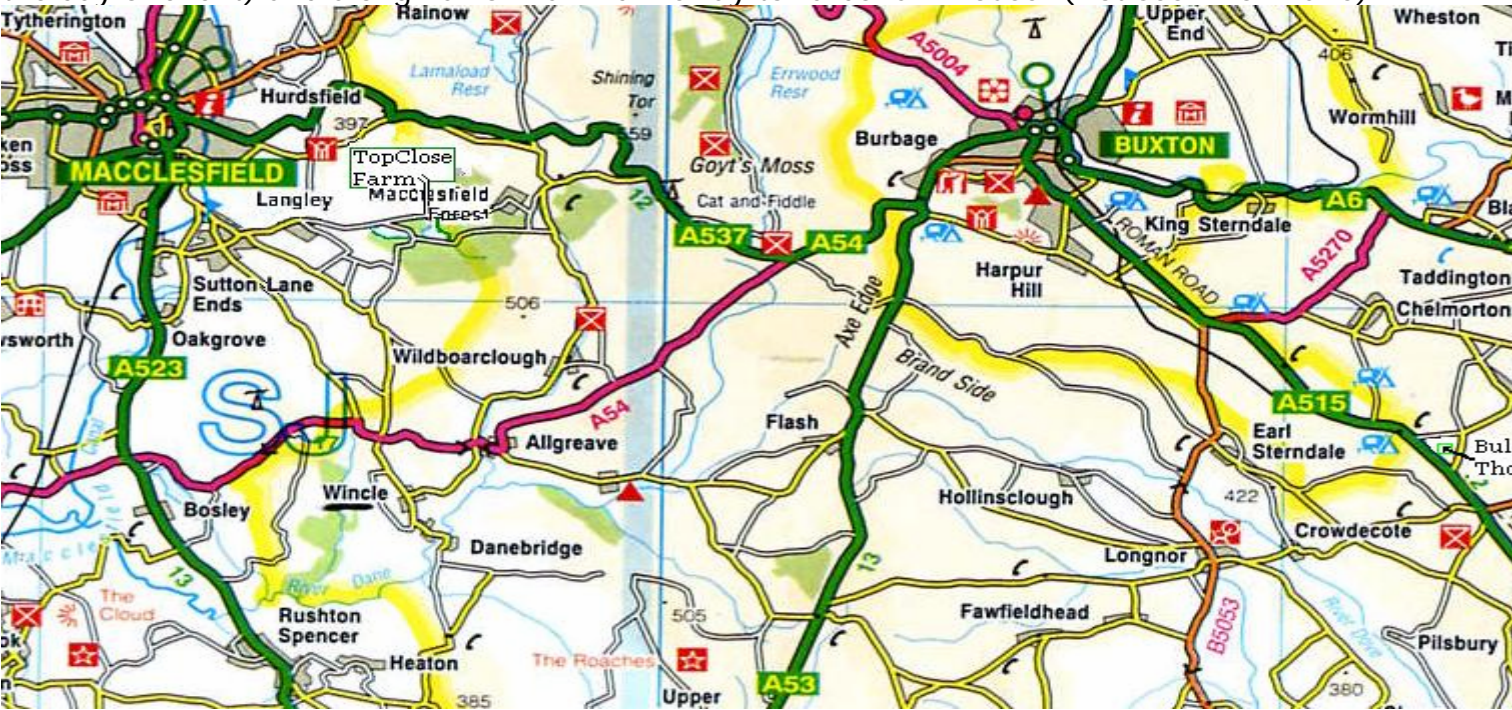
picnic basket and enjoy good company and

hospitality. This event is open to all MSCC Centres with invites to various local Clubs including Supercar Drivers Club, Porsche GB, Mini Cooper Register and Vintage Sports Car Club.

It would be very helpful but not compulsory if those attending could inform Jim Richardson on 0162 5528641 or Colin Hill on 01457 764804 three days before the event.

The most straightforward route is via the A523 in Macclesfield, following the signs for Langley and then Macclesfield Forest.
You can get to **Topclose Farm** (SK11-0ND) from the East (Buxton Area) by passing through the Macclesfield Forest from the A537. This is the most direct route when travelling from the 'Bull-In-Thorn'. It is however the most difficult as the last few miles are along narrow unmarked forest tracks.

Recommended Route: From Cross Street (A523) Macclesfield, into Byron's Lane (SP Langley 2 mile). Pass under narrow low Bridge.
Left into Jarman at 40 Sign (SP Langley). Left Langley Road at Church House PH. Past Specialised Auto Services on your right.
Bear Left into Main Road at Langley Methodist Church. Continue Clarke Lane passing High Low Farm on your left.
Turn left at the Leathers Smithy PH (SP Unsuitable for motor vehicles). Continue uphill until you reach start of Macclesfield Forest.
Turn left off track over narrow cattle grid between two white posts (will have signs displayed on the day of event) and along narrow farm driveway towards farmhouse. (Not seen from lane)



WARNING FOR THOSE WITH SAT-NAV

Some maps including Google show both the farm and the Post Code in Forrest Road. This is wrong. Using that map you can find the correct venue by dropping down to the left from Forrest Road continuing along the white/green border until the line reaches the continuation of Clarke Lane, the correct location. (CSH0710)

MOG 2012 will take place at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground on June 16th, 2012. FoxMog will be hosts, and a good number of other centres and individual helpers will join the process, to put on particular events, and help with the administration.

The web site for MOG 2012 is to be found at <http://mog2012.co.uk/> and although some of the event descriptions are not complete, and obviously there are no booking forms yet, it will be good to give the site a thorough look over to see the range of events proposed, and the way that centres can make what is a single day for all the events into a potentially very pleasant longer holiday, by adding trips and visits to the day before and the day after, and arranging all members from a given centre to book into the same hotel.

Now a message to all centre secretaries. Please publicise the web site to all your members, and try to form a view as to roughly how many of your centre members will be likely to want to come to Bruntingthorpe on June 16th. If you possibly can, please send me an email by the first week in May. We need this guestimate to complete the budget: the more that are likely to come, the lower will be the cost for the day. At present we are hopeful that it will not exceed £20 + VAT, and it may well be lower than this. For those that live within a two hour drive of Southern Leicestershire this will be a very memorable day out, at relatively little cost, bearing in mind that all the events will provide a continuous spectator experience for the whole day.

NorceMog Diary of Events – not only for the immediate future, but also in outline for the next 12 months

17 July Mid-month Noggin - The Owls at Standish

Roy Wilkinson 01772324134 roy.wilkinson@yahoo.co.uk

Being a member of the RAF Association Roy has invited members of the Wigan branch who own or are interested in Classic Cars to join us for our Noggin at The Owls and bring their cars along to chat about, as well as our Mogs. Whilst this is a change from our usual procedure Roy thinks it may provide a boost to further the interest in our cars and possibly increase the turn out at our meetings which tend to fall away during the holiday months. So if you are not away on holiday please realise this is not just another Noggin and there should be many more people wanting to chat about Morgans and Classic Cars in particular.

Please let Roy know if you intend to come along as soon as you can so he can let the venue know the numbers for lunch.

Venue on Rectory Lane (B5239) next to Standish Golf Club, Wigan WN6 0XD

14 August - Picnic Run with Fell Mog

Sara 015395 34407

28-29 August Oulton Park Gold Cup

Geoff Mizon - Tel 01253 892 733

We have been invited to attend the Gold Cup again this year and free passes are available to those who register as part of the Morgan Sports Car Club display. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the E Type Jaguar and they will be providing a special display and Parade Lap. If you would like to join in the MSCC Northern Centre Display let me know by email and by the 24th July at the latest. Be sure to include the following details:

Days you wish to attend (Sun &/or Mon)

Model (of car); Colour; Year; Reg No

Also please send me a stamped addressed envelope for me to send you your pass. My address is: 179 Garstang Road East, Poulton Le Fylde, Lancashire FY6 8JH

Your pass admits the car and its driver. Officially you will need to buy a ticket for a passenger.

You can buy in advance from - <oultonpark.co.uk> to get a discount. Senior tickets are available on the day at £15 each. Contact me if you wish to camp so that I can let you know the cost and method of booking.

9-11 September Morgans at Windermere

Andrew Hirst – Fell Mog

18 September - Autumn Gymkhana

John Anderson - Tel 0161 973 0169

16 October Mid-month Noggin

20 November Mid-month Noggin

11 December Christmas Party at Barnacre Village Hall.

Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

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15 January Mid-month Noggin –

Andy & Sue Bleasdale - Tel 01995 61718

19 February Mid-month Noggin

12-13 March Dinner Dance –

15 April AGM – Royal Oak Garstang

Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716

20 May Mid Month Noggin –

10 June Autotest & Concours – Myrescough College

Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

16-17 June MOG 2012 -