
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2012

The opportunity to do things with your Morgan continues in July, with the full details below. If you missed some or all of the events in June, there are reports to indicate how much fun you might have had. Thanks again for the feedback to me about the Newsletter.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Jancraft.com hold a copy of our NORCEMOG badge, they will either sell you items of clothing and add our badge or if you prefer you can buy your own garments and they will embroider the badge for you. If you would like more information you can look on their website or give me a ring – Isobel Moore 01253 738201 – I still have a few of our car badges in stock which are a good addition to your car.

Autotest - Sunday 10th June

British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland

This remarkable museum brings the compelling story of commercial vehicles to life. From the bygone days of horse drawn carriages through to the state of the art power trucks there is a visually rich array of buses, fire engines, delivery trucks and even a very unique lawnmower, not to mention a Popemobile!

There are entertaining displays that chronicle the evolution of vehicles that are all around us, but are often taken for granted. For instance, did you know:

- that 98% of all goods purchased in Britain are carried by trucks!
- Road transport carries over five million people every day!

The Museum also houses an impressive archive preserving over 80,000 images and incredibly detailed information on one of the largest manufacturing industries in the UK.

Autotest – In the Car Park

We knew it was going to be a great day from the start – the sun was shining! As ordered by Bryan in last months newsletter

I agreed to write the report as there was no way I could take part in the autotest. I saw the first test and thought I could never drive between the posts then I realised that the test was to estimate the height of the car and drive under a bar – the distance between the posts was considered 'wide enough to drive a bus through'.

There were 8 Morgans and from these 10 entered the autotest.

The ladies were reluctant to enter but three were persuaded to represent the

The test was made of 7 stages. The most test for the onlookers was the 'Limbo' were 3 drivers who would have lost their



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bar had been fixed and there were 3 drivers who had less than an inch to spare.

John Alden started and did a good round as the trailblazer.

John Anderson was next and he got the car under the limbo bar but had to duck to make sure his head got under.

Andrew Threlkeld was told he would have scored better if he had hit every cone! - He did manage to hit 1 of them.

Roy Wilkinson had a steady round. While Roy was doing the 'limbo' an interested spectator suggested we should have the bar on fire as the cars drove underneath – what a great idea for next time!

Isobel Moore was the first lady and judged the height of the 'limbo' to within an inch – fantastic start. Isobel worked hard during the rest of the test and was relieved to find the sun had come out which was the reason she was pink cheeked and not due to the exertion.

Ann Boyle had a steady round and enjoyed doing the test in spite of worrying about reverse gear.

Peter Moore was the first to 'lose his head' by underestimating the height of his car.

Geoff Mizon decided to make the same mistake to ensure Peter did not feel too bad.

Martin Cocks had a good round. His estimate of the height of the car was almost perfect, we thought it could not be bettered but we were wrong.



Brian Rawlinson handed his clipboard to John and completed the autotest including a very well judged reverse into the 'garage'

A late entry was Sue Bleasdale. She was driving Peter Moore's car so felt she could not afford to hit any cones. (Isobel was in the car with her and said it didn't matter, Peter wouldn't mind) However, Sue was not worried about the top of the windscreen as she drove under the limbo bar with a clearance of zero.

Andy Bleasdale presented the awards.

Concours – judged by a steward from the museum.

1st Geoff Mizon - Winner of Harvey Cup

2nd Andrew Threlkeld

3rd John Alden

Autotest

1st Bryan Rawlinson

2nd John Anderson

3rd Martin Cocks

4th and best lady Isobel Moore

5th John Alden

The Glendower Cup for best combined score in Concours and Autotest went to John Alden

A very enjoyable day was finished off with a trip around the museum then lunch in the pub.

Many thanks to Bryan for organising the day and to Bryan and Andy Bleasdale for the marshalling.

Joan Threlkeld

Photos Courtesy of Rick Roberts from BCVM

ARLEY HALL GARDEN FESTIVAL – 24TH JUNE 2012

It was with trepidation that 7 aqua-morgans bravely splashed their way to the Arley Hall Garden Festival on Sunday 24th June. It had rained all day on the Friday and all night on the Saturday causing floods across the country. The sun shone spasmodically on us as we happily parked on the courtyard in front of the house. We were lucky, probably the only dry-footed exhibitors present.

Once the gazebo was erected the guys were ready to explain the complexities of the Morgan sports car to interested visitors, while we ladies were able to wander freely amongst the exhibits, mud permitting. Xmas shopping in the craft tents, gazing at the blousy arrangements in the floral tent, and mentally redesigning our gardens while examining the plants on the nursery stands. Then around the glorious perfumed gardens that had survived the onslaught of the weather amazing well, and lastly around the ground floor of the beautiful Arley Hall. By the afternoon all trace of the impending rain had disappeared, to be replaced by a gusty wind.

After acrobatics performed by John Alden and Colin Hill stopping the gazebo from flying away we decided it would be better to dismantle it and sunbathe instead.

We all agreed we had had a great day out and if invited next year to attend, 'we will be there!' – will you be there to join us?





Thank you to Neil Gibson for the pictures.

Gill Mizon

NorceMog Diary of Events

July 8th Brockhall Nature Reserve Andy & Sue Bleasdale - Tel 01995 61718

July 14th – 15th Oulton Park Classic Car Race/Show Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 962936
See below for details and a form to return to Martin

July 22nd Tormog Event – see details below

August 12th Mid Month Noggin – Bryan & Linda Fearn – Tel 01253 891539

August 19th Cleveleys Classic Vehicle Show – application form below if you are interested.

Aug 26th-27th Oulton Park Gold Cup Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733

Sept 8th-9th Morgans at Windermere Andrew Hirst

Sept 9th Mid Month Noggin - Anderton Boat Lift
Andrew & Joan Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852 395

Oct 19th – 21st Weekend Away – Palace Hotel, Buxton

Nov 11th Mid Month Noggin – Boundary Mill Barbara & Roy 01772 324134

Dec 9th Christmas Party Volunteer required – South of Preston ??

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Jan 13th Mid Month Noggin Volunteer required

Feb 10th Mid Month Noggin Volunteer required

Mar 9th – 10th Weekend Away Volunteer required

April 14th AGM

OULTON PARK CLASSIC CAR SHOW JULY 14TH & 15TH 2012

We have been invited to provide a display of Morgan Cars for the above event. This is a new event for us which includes racing on the Saturday and Classic Track Cavalcades on the Sunday. I propose that we plan to attend the event on the both the Saturday and Sunday and have requested 16 free passes for both days. If you would like to attend and take advantage of a free pass give me a ring to reserve your place and then please complete the form below and send together with a stamped addressed envelope to me at :

Martin Cocks, 34 Hazelmere Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9UL

The latest date for sending me the completed form is 28th May 2012

Martin Cocks Email: martincocks@btinternet.com Tel: 07973488504

Request for Free Pass for Oulton Park Classic Car Show 14th & 15th July 2012

Name.

Make.

Model.

Reg No.

Year.

I wish to attend on Sat Only or Sun Only or both Sat & Sun (delete as appropriate)

Don't forget to enclose a SAE for your pass to be sent to you.

TORMOG CENTRE PRESENTS

'THE HIGH PEAK CIRCUIT THAT NEVER WAS SCENIC RUN'

SUNDAY LUNCH



STARTING GRID 1100 HRS ONWARDS ON SUNDAY 22nd JULY 2012

TORMOG are holding a Sunday Lunchtime Noggin at The Bull l'th Thorn Inn, which is situated midway between Buxton and Ashbourne, on the A515, in the Peak District National Park, Derbyshire, SK17 9QQ.

Join us at one of Derbyshire's oldest Inns and be free to explore the High Peak at your leisure. Or if you prefer, you could join in the nostalgia and explore the 'Road Race Circuit That Never Was' in your classic Morgan. A detailed route plan and directions of the 10 mile circuit will be provided. Answer to some questions along the way and you may win a prize on your return to the 'Bull' for your lunchtime meal.

Attached is a brief outline of Derbyshire's best kept secret, that during the early 50's, plans were put forward to build a Road Race Circuit on our doorstep, well a couple of miles away, just down the road from the 'Bull'.

The 'Bull' as it is affectionately known has been a coaching house for over 500 years and is situated on Ashbourne Road, (A515) Hurdlow, just outside Buxton. It is the venue for the High Peak Centres Noggins.



(Photographs courtesy of [Kevin Osborne Photography](#))

Rooms are available, as are camping and caravan spaces, if required.
(For vacancies please contact Mick, direct at the 'Bull' on 01298 83348)

For further information regarding the actual event please contact any of the below named.

Colin Hill on 01457 764804 email: colinshill@tiscali.co.uk

Richard Smith on 01246 413141 email: greystonesprint@btconnect.com

Jim Richardson on 01625 528641 email: jim@richardson.f2s.com



'THE HIGH PEAK MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT THAT NEVER WAS'



Try and imagine a motor racing circuit on the Queens Highway. Better still, one situated in the heart of the Peak District National Park in Derbyshire, and only minutes from the TorMogs monthly Noggin.

Well in 1950 this was a possibility when a few enthusiasts tried to get approval for a Race Circuit in the Peak District National Park. Exactly who initiated the scheme is not known, but Derbyshire resident and famous Aston Martin team driver Reg Parnell together with TT winner and local man Bill Lomas were involved in the planning.

The Start and Finish line together with the Pits and Main Grandstand were to be situated on the main A515 between Buxton and Ashbourne, at Parsley Hay. The circuit resembled a rough figure eight and was 12 miles in length starting and finishing around the tiny hamlet of Parsley Hay, just down the road from the 'Bull with Thorn' Inn.

The proposed circuit continued North along the A515 towards Buxton and the 'Bull', it is estimated that certain race cars would have been doing in excess of 180mph along this stretch, before turning right into Tagg Lane and onto the B5055 which curves downhill towards the village of Lathkill Dale.

Just before reaching Monyash, you would turn right into 'The Rake' an unclassified road heading towards the A515. Just prior to the A515 you would turn left at Benty Grange and along Long Rake, another unclassified road, passing over a small stream towards Youlgreave.

Before reaching Youlgreave you would bear right along the 'The Avenue' before turning right at the 'T' junction, 'Middleton Corner'. This long unclassified road now passes under the remains of a railway bridge just before joining the A5012 from Matlock, as it meets the 'T' junction back onto the A515. You turn right at this point and commence the long uphill straight which brings you back to the start / finish line in Parsley Hay at speeds approaching 180mph. Please note that today, the maximum speed permitted along these roads is 50mph, you have, as they say, been warned.

In early 1955 Derbyshire County Council backed the scheme and a Bill was drafted and put before and the Ministry of Transport Parliament. The Bill was well on its way to being approved. There was also a suggestion in late 1955 that the B5054 could replace the A515, thereby adding two miles to the circuit and dispensing with the high speed straight. However, following the tragic accident at the Le Mans 24 hr Race when the Mercedes 300SLR of Pierre Levegh was catapulted into the crowd killing 84 people and injuring 120, just weeks before the hearing, both circuits were doomed.

The County Council could still have presented a Private Bill for the planned circuit to go ahead. But only two months later, another tragedy this time at the Dundrod circuit near Belfast, during the World Sports Car Championship, finally scuppered any chance remaining of a Derbyshire Race Circuit on public roads.

The organisers of this event had unfortunately allowed an inexperienced driver to take part in the race in a Mercedes 300 SL. On this occasion numerous racing drivers were killed when on only the second lap the Mercedes was involved in an incident with a Frazer Nash and a Cooper. The Coopers fuel tank became detached and burst into flames engulfing the track in fire and thick smoke. In the smoke numerous drivers were killed driving into the wreckage or crashing trying to avoid it.

These two fatal crashes in France and Ireland finally spelt the end of any hopes Derbyshire had of ever having its own Road Circuit approved.



Organised by Cleveleys Association Commerce and Trade
Ukwheelsevents and the Lancashire Vehicle Club

Cleveleys Town Centre - Sunday 19th August 2012

EXHIBITORS PARKING

All vehicles entering must be either classic, modern classic such as Ferrari, Aston Martin TVR kit cars or special interest. All forms of wheeled transport from Bikes and Buses are welcome

If you are not sure please phone first to confirm. Entry acceptance is at the discretion of the organisers
Tickets will be posted out three weeks before the show.

Please check that you have received everything as soon as it arrives, as errors cannot be rectified at a later date.
Only Vehicles DISPLAYING A VALID EXHIBITOR PASS will be allowed into the exhibition area.

We will reserve you a place your vehicle in the display Area
You will receive a FREE commemorative plaque.
Entry acceptance is at the discretion of the organisers
Tickets will be posted out three weeks before the show.

EXHIBITORS ENTRY FORM

Apply early to avoid disappointment – The event is proving popular

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Qty: _____ CAR £3.00 Registration No _____ £ _____

TOTAL: £ _____

Cheques to be made payable to Thornton Cleveleys Association of Commerce and Trade Ltd
(Entry will be granted on a first come first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment)

OR I wish to pay by Visa / Mastercard / Maestro

Card No: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____

Switch Issue No. _____ Signature _____ Security Code _____

Worldpay Ref: (office use only) _____

Post to: ukwheelsevents 4 Thornbank Normoss Blackpool FY3 8QE

E-mail: ukwheelsevents@gmail.com Website: thecleveleysclassicvehicleshow.com

For office use:-

Cheque No: _____ Amount: £ _____ Received: _____ Tickets sent: _____

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26 and 27 August 2012 Oulton Park Gold Cup

This year's Oulton Park Gold Cup event on August Bank Holiday weekend is billed to be the best yet. The programme of racing from classic saloons, sports cars and single seaters will be

complemented by a plethora of period activities and a period-themed venue following significant investment in the event from circuit owner MotorSport Vision (MSV).

The organisers are inviting clubs to help create a unique atmosphere on the infield of the circuit and want this to mirror the era represented by the cars on the track. To do so, this year free infield passes will only be issued to vehicles manufactured before 1980. All other vehicles will only be able to enter via our regular public entrances at East Gate and Knickerbrook. Having purchased entry tickets (see below for prices).

It is hoped that drivers and passengers will enter into the spirit of the event by dressing in 1960s and 70s period costume. As an incentive, all those dressed accordingly will benefit from exclusive access to a grid walk before a race on the Sunday and Monday, where you'll be free to roam around the cars, meet the drivers and enjoy live music. (This sounds like an attempt to create an "Oulton Park Revival")

There will also be a track parade on the Sunday morning where you'll have the opportunity to take your vehicle around the Oulton Park circuit before the racing commences. This will be open to all display cars which fit our infield criteria, but only if the driver and passengers are suitably attired!

Anyone bringing a car for display will receive free of charge admission and a vehicle pass. Any additional passengers attending will need to purchase tickets, which are available at the following prices:

£21 per adult on the gate each day (£17 booked in advance)

£15 per senior on the gate each day (senior tickets are not available in advance)

Children 12 and under go free

Booking is via www.oultontpark.co.uk or by calling 0843 453 9000.

Camping is available to purchase at £25 per person (£16 in advance). Gates will open at 7am on each day.

If you would like to attend and have a "qualifying vehicle" please send an e-mail to geoff.mizon@btinternet.com including details of your car and whether you want a pass for Sun, Mon, or Sun & Mon by the **30th June 2012 at the latest**. (We don't want a repeat of last year's late issued passes).

Geoff Mizon 01253 892 733

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9th September 2012
Anderton Boat Lift
Lift Lane, Northwich, Cheshire
CW9 6FW



The Anderton Boat Lift, located near Northwich, was originally built in 1875 to transfer boats between the Trent & Mersey canal and the River Weaver some 50ft below. It was fully restored in 2001 and now boasts an interactive visitor centre and tours. Itinerary for the day is:-

Car Parking

For all Morgans free car parking is in the Drop-off zone adjacent to the visitor centre. (tin tops should use the pay and display!).

Timing for the Day

From 10.00 – Arrive, view visitor centre and enjoy morning coffee. A fresh pastry with Coffee or Tea

11.30 – The Boat Lift

Enjoy the experience of travelling through this historic structure and marvel at this Victorian masterpiece from a truly unique vantage point. Full commentary provided.

12.00 – The Cruise

Travel along the Weaver Navigation to Northwich and listen as we delve in to the times when this was a vibrant commercial waterway and an important part of this countries waterway history.

12.50 - Lunch at visitor centre

- Soup of the Day - A choice of 2 – 1 suitable for vegetarians
- Freshly prepared sandwich of your choice
- Tea / Coffee

If the weather is suitable the area is surrounded by pleasant walks.

Total cost including Morning Coffee and Lunch £17.50pp

To reserve a place please complete the form below and send with a deposit of £10 per person
<http://www.andertonboatlift.co.uk/VisitorsArea/visitorsarea.html>

Anderton Boat Lift Application Form

Please reserve ____ places for the Anderton Boat Lift Noggin on 9th September 2012

Names of participants _____

Contact details Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form together with £10pp deposit (payable to MSCC Norcemog) to:- J & A Threlkeld, Grasmere, 38 Milton Rough, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF

NORCEMOG AUTUMN RETREAT THE PALACE HOTEL BUXTON 19TH – 21ST OCTOBER 2012

Following discussion at the AGM when the vote confirmed a desire to have a weekend away in the autumn (not having had a dinner dance earlier in the year) arrangements have been made to hold this event at The Palace Hotel, Buxton.

The Palace was used as the main hotel for the MOG2010 which many of you will know as a very comfortable and excellently located hotel, with secure parking for our Morgans.

Buxton has many things to take advantage of, ₁₀being situated in the heart of the Peak District.

Places such as Bakewell, Castleton, Leek and Matlock offering opportunities for scenic runs, whilst properties like Chatsworth House, Hardwick Hall, Kedleston Hall and Biddulph Grange within easy reach if historic houses and gardens are more to your liking. For a more strenuous day, what about a walk in the Manifold Valley or Dovedale?

In Buxton itself there are caves, gardens, a gallery not to mention the Opera House several good pubs and shops aplenty.

Private dining in the Conservatory has been arranged for dinner on Friday and Saturday with waitress service and the full restaurant menu available. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will also be in the Conservatory, again for our exclusive use. B&B is offered for Sunday in case you would like to visit one of the many local restaurants (within easy walking distance) or eat early and go to a performance at the Opera house.

A significant discount has been arranged for MSCC members for this event, the rates for the rooms we have allocated to us for the weekend being:

DB&B at £70 per person per night for Friday and Saturday nights based on 2 people sharing.

DB&B at £55 per person for Sunday night based on 2 people sharing or

B&B at £40 per person for Sunday night based on 2 people sharing.

To join this event simply ring the Reservations Team at the Palace Hotel on 01298 22001 to book your room for the nights you wish to attend being sure to mention that you are joining the Morgan Event (to get the above rates). They will ask for a credit/debit card to guarantee the reservation but will not take any payment until you leave the hotel. Should it become necessary to cancel your reservation this can be done until 14:00hrs on Thursday the 18/10/12 at no charge.

Any rooms in our allocation that are not booked by September 7th will be removed from our allocation for the hotel to use for normal guests.

When you book please email me so that I can keep a record of who is attending and for which nights.

Geoff Mizon

Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel on Sunday 9th December 2012

A favourable response to the idea of holding our Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel on the 9th December 2012 was received from the membership, the majority of whom have chosen to have the standard Christmas Lunch as a sit-down meal at a cost of £14.95 per head. We have provisionally booked a room which will seat 24 members and have had booking requests from 18 members so far. If this room is oversubscribed we will endeavour to obtain a larger room, so in fairness to the hotel we would appreciate an early response from those who have not registered their interest in attending by the weekend of 14/15th July which is the weekend of the Oulton Park Classic Car Race/Show. Roy and Barbara are attending this event so they would like to finalise numbers that weekend.

As for staying overnight at the hotel, a rate of £40 per person has been agreed for either the Saturday night before or the Sunday night after. Just phone the hotel quoting Morgan Christmas Party, and you will be booked in at the preferential rate. Roy and Barbara will be there on the Saturday evening to show people around who have not stayed before. Guests have free access to the Leisure facilities which include a nice indoor pool.

The intention is to meet for pre-dinner drinks at the bar at 12.00 noon and follow this with our lunch.

The hotel number is **01244 851471** and Roy can be contacted on **01772 324134** (home) or **07754 565955** (mobile)
