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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

August 2014

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**Welcome to this edition. I expect that you have put more miles on your Morgan this month than for many of the previous 12 given the fine weather. There is a committee meeting next Wednesday 6 August, so if you want to come along and make input, let me know by e mail no later than Tuesday, so I can give you directions. If you want to make input, but not attend, e mail or telephone Andrew.**

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## NORCEMOG WEBSITE

Andrew Threlkeld has taken this over, and will welcome any contribution you want to make, especially photos.

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### Arley Hall Garden Festival – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

(With apologies to The Lion & Albert)

There's a famous hall that they call Arley,  
That's noted both near and afar,  
And Mr & Mrs McArthur,  
Went there, with The Major, their car

A great piece of work is The Major,  
British built and hand made to the core  
And when it arrived at Arley,  
It was joined by another 9 more,

They all looked fine in their splendour,  
In the mid June sun they did shine,  
They attracted a lot of spectators,  
Most saying "I wish one was mine"

Apart from the Morgans there's plenty,  
To see and to buy from the stalls,  
There were plants and flowers and ice cream,  
Even tours around great Arley Hall,

The Norcemog group sat in the corner,  
Not to buy would have been a great sin,  
So Linda was there with her money,  
But how would she fit them all in?

Plants and flowers she vastly collected,  
Bryan watched as more flowers would come,  
"And where will you sit my sweet dearest?"  
"Just watch and I'll sit on my **seat**"



The Walkers who had seen the occasion,  
Just stared at the bit of to do,  
“We sorted the problem of storage,  
With our cars, we always bring two”



The Mizons were parked by the doorway,



From their visor a notice in white,  
This Plus Four's for Sale if you want it,  
Alas, there was no buyer in sight.

We all had a good time at Arley  
The sun shone, always a must,  
The only down side of the visit,  
Our loved ones were covered in dust.

**Andrew Threlkeld**

**Norcemog Scenic Run - 13th July 2014**

The day started with the dilemma of every unseasoned Morgan driver, hood-up or hood-down?

We chose hood-up and, with grey clouds and tree-lined lanes delivering their final drips and splashes we arrived at our rendezvous, Oakmere Motors in Northwich. Most of the 12 Morgans were already in situ and made an impressive lineup as we entered the forecourt.



Andrew and Joan hosted the day with meticulous planning and directions and we welcomed new members Pat and Alan Bradshaw. Oakmere had kindly offered to provide coffee and bacon rolls on arrival. These went down very well as we started the first of three sessions of "Morgan love", the Morgan owners favourite pastime, a detailed comparison of each other's cars and those on display by Oakmere.

As we talked the weather improved and hoods and side screens were stowed. So at 11:00 prompt Andrew lead us out to explore the West Cheshire lanes. With every junction and turn described and mapped in detail the morning route was taken at pace without any problem. It was unfortunate that the quality of the route was not equaled by that of the road surface.

In just over an hour we arrived at the Bear's Paw in Warmingham for lunch. The spacious rear section of the dining room was perfect for the party of 24, and "mine host" was well prepared with a comprehensive menu and slick service.

Lunch was followed by our second, if briefer, session of "Morgan love" as we delightedly found not a drop

of rain on the storm covers. With the sun beginning to break through the patches of blue sky Andrew provided us with up to the minute road information, and we set off for the afternoon drive. The warm rays were on our heads and Cheshire was at it's most beautiful and best as we drove northwards threading our way around Middlewich and Northwich, through Tarporley, Utkinton, Kelsall and Kingsley. As we drove the hills got steeper and the corners sharper, and the keen eyed caught a tempting glimpse of the Mersey Estuary amongst a fine example of England's "green and pleasant land".

All too soon we saw the obligatory gesturing and waving, inviting those who were able to join Andrew and Joan for afternoon tea. The final session of "Morgan love" was enjoyed accompanied by a fine selection of Joan's homemade cakes and scones along with jam, cream, strawberries and of course, a nice cup of tea!

Sitting on the lawn in the warm afternoon sun reminiscing on the drive was the perfect end to a most enjoyable scenic run - driving the best of British through the best of Britain - way to go!!!

### Neil & Francesca McArthur

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**NorceMog Diary of Events** Here is the current version, which is due to be updated at the Committee Meeting next week, so next month this will be comprehensive, far reaching, and detailed..

**August 6** Committee Meeting - Guildhall House, Guildhall Street, Preston 18:30 e mail to be sent to committee members with directions, and to you if you let me know on 01772 204988.

**August 10** Oulton Park Classic Race - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936

**Aug 15-17** MOG2014 Harrogate - Neil Edwards (Yorkshire)

**Aug 24-25** Oulton Park Gold Cup - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733

This year's Oulton Park Gold Cup event on August Bank Holiday weekend is billed to be the highlight of the historic racing calendar. 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). Anyone bringing a car for display will receive free admission and a vehicle pass. Any additional passengers attending will need to purchase tickets, which are available at the following prices:

£22 per adult on the gate each day (£18 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](http://www.oultontpark.co.uk) or by calling 0843 453 9000.

Full details can be found at the "Oulton Park Gold Cup" website.

If you would like to attend please send an e-mail to [geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com](mailto:geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com) including details of your car (Model, Year, Colour & Reg no). This year weekend passes will be issued. Send your details by the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 at the latest. In addition please send a SAE (with 1<sup>st</sup> Class stamp) so that your passes can be sent out to you.

Send SAE's to

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- Sept 12 – 14**      Autumn Retreat      – Venue suggestions, Murder Mystery?, Volunteer
- Oct 12**          Gymkhana ??          - Volunteer Required
- Nov 9**          Noggin Venue TBC      – John & Irene Anderson?? – Tel 0161973 0169
- Nov 14-16**      Christmas Cabaret Weekend – Abingdon, Oxford – Andrew Threlkeld  
Friday – dinner plus tribute act  
Saturday – dinner plus disco  
£55/night/head – value and well recommended.
- Dec 7**          Christmas Party,      – Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134