

# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2016

**Welcome to this edition. Apologies for its lateness, due to my having been away to see my grandchildren in America. If you are not yet booked for the November noggin, do it TODAY! And if you fancy going to the Christmas Lunch and have not yet sorted your booking, please do so ASAP. Thanks to Andrew Threlkeld for content.**

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NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201 Isobel gets the garments and hats from Lytham Embroidery, who have a website advertising Pencarrie Wear, so you can look online to see the delightful surprise that you are planning as a Christmas present before contacting her....

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## NorceMog Gymkhana – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Farmer Parr's Animal World,  
Rossall Lane, Fleetwood FY7 8SL**

Our second Gymkhana in recent years, at the same venue as 2015, was blessed with dry, fine, sunny weather though it was a little cool – It is October! What do you expect?

The organisation was superb and entries increased as 4 different tests were simultaneously assembled on the 'showground' allowing competitors to complete them in any order. There were the usual cones of course, the blindfold, the garages to enter and leave plus tennis balls and bean bags

necessitating passengers on at least 3 of the tests. A total of 19 competitors took part including 4 ladies, and there were 6 competitors in 3-wheelers and 13



driving the 4 wheel versions. After appropriate signing-on sheets completed it was side screens off and into competition mode to tackle each of the 4 tests laid out.



**Bryan, suitably dressed and armed with clip board and stop watch!**

**The Manoeuvres** – A simple exercise of driving forward or backward into and out of 3 'garages of cones' avoiding the central cone on all occasions. Any cones hit incurred a 10 second time penalty. Bryan Rawlinson was the marshal of this test.

**The Blind Driver** – The driver was blindfolded with a splendidly posh scarf and the navigator had to call the directions to guide through a slalom of cones and finish back at the start with the front axle across the finish line. I learned, from bitter experience, that a navigator who knows which way is left and which is right is a distinct advantage. Even then, in the heat of the battle, we witnessed some deviation from the planned course, almost from the field on one occasion, as passengers yelled instructions and drivers obeyed or at least they thought they obeyed! Peter Moore was the brave marshal with the stop watch.

**The Tennis Balls** – A large circle of cones, driving forwards, place a tennis ball on each of the 5 cones finishing with the one at the starting point and then reverse around the circle, collecting each tennis ball as you go. The time stopped as you picked the last 1 ball and crossed the finish line. Geoff Mizon was

the marshal you had to impress, or not, as the case may be!

**The Bean Bags** – Another large circle of cones and a passenger essential. On each cone was a bean bag. Passenger had to collect a bean bag and, before reaching the next cone, toss the bean bag into the centre of the cone circle. In the middle was a large iron tub, sitting on a blanket within a rope circle. Penalty points were awarded as follows

If your bean bag landed in the bin – no penalty.

If it landed on the blanket – 5 second penalty.

If it landed within the rope – 10 second penalty

If it landed between the rope and the circle of cones – 20 second penalty.

Yes, there were some hefty scores here! Bryan Fearn was the marshal shouting abuse at passengers who missed the rope!



### **The Results –**

Chris Harfield followed up his earlier Autotest win by winning the 3 wheeler prize from Steve Hughes in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Similarly, Ann Harfield, having won the Autotest, took the Best Lady prize at this Gymkhana from Ann



Hughes in second place.

In the 4-wheel category, last year's winner Andy Bleasdale was relegated to 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind son Matthew and overall winner Peter Pattinson who was quickest in both the Manoeuvres and Tennis Ball challenges.

Best Blindfold time was Roy Senior and best bean bag score was Andy Bleasdale.



Prizes presented it was off to a local hostelry for Sunday lunch followed by tea and cakes at chez Fearn. A driveway full of Morgans covering at least 50 years of Morgan production.

Many thanks to Bryan and Linda Fearn for the venue organisation and post lunch hospitality. To Geoff Mizon for course set-up and to the above plus Bryan Rawlinson and Peter Moore for marshalling. A really great day!

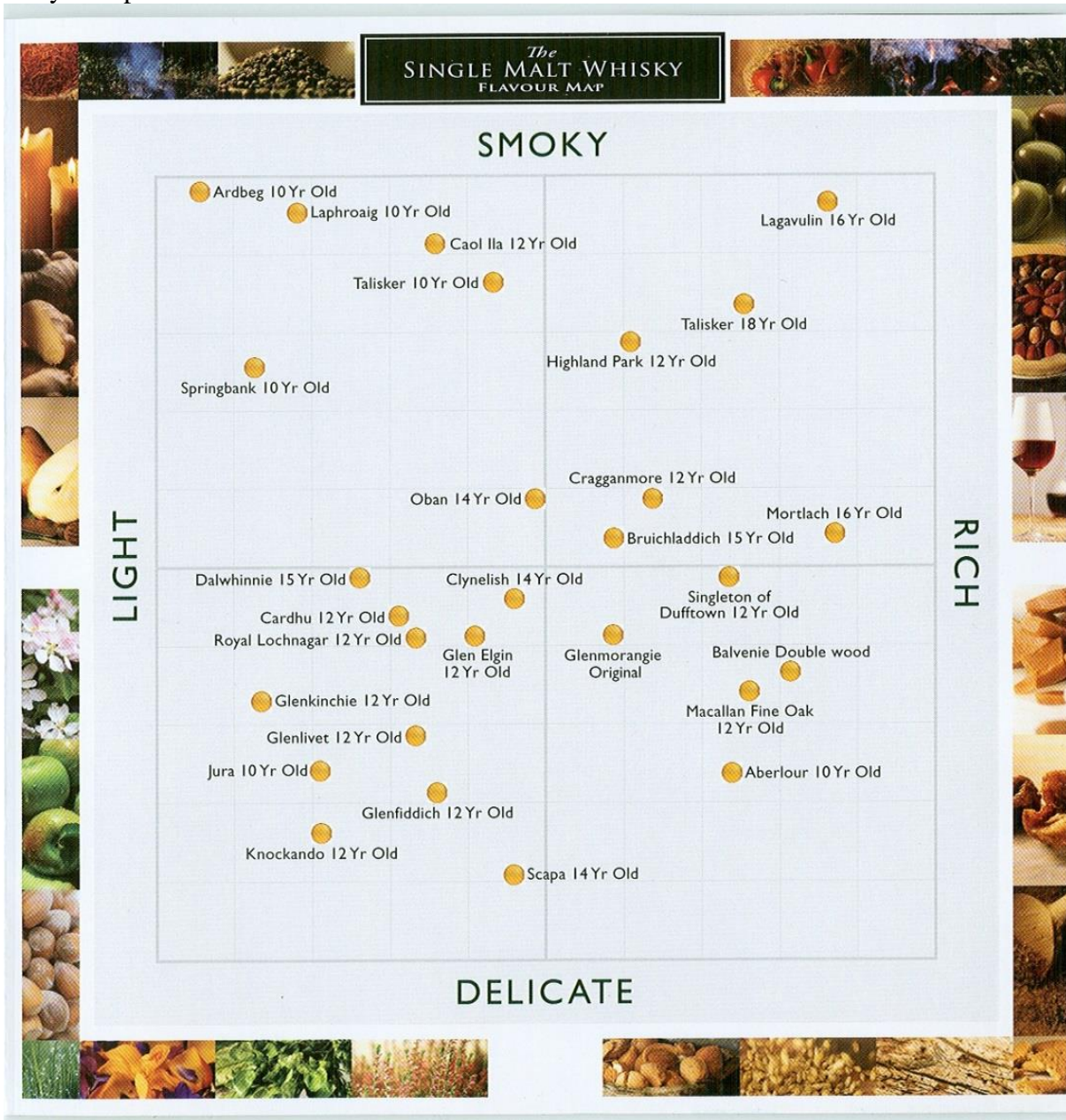
Andrew Threlkeld



# Morgans & Malt – Does it get any better? Part 1

## A NorceMog guide to a Scottish Island Tour with Scotch!

Our holiday for 2014 was an Islands & Whisky tour on the east coast of Scotland with Ruby, our Morgan. This missive is a summary of our experience which may act as a guide should you wish to plan something similar. Essential! – Before you go join the Diageo 'Friends of Classic Malt'. You can register here <https://www.malts.com/en-gb/friends-of-the-classic-malts/> You get free tours of the distilleries in the Diageo group (partner free as well in most cases or you can both join!) and a Malt Map which gives a description of the 4 principle tastes – Delicate, Light, Rich and Smokey. See plan below.



Though we started off on 4<sup>th</sup> September we were blessed with 13 days of continuous sunshine which obviously enhanced our enjoyment and made the 'hood up or down' decision a lot easier. With the start of our journey covering 200 plus miles of motorway we had intended to start with the hood up – mainly for the noise – however, as we packed the car in blistering heat the hood was down before we left home.

An overnight stay north of Glasgow left us a couple of hours to Kennacraig on the Kintyre peninsula, to board the first ferry to Port Askraig, Islay. Crossing time approx. 2 hours. We stayed at The Bridgend Hotel handily located at the 'Heart of the Island' in Bridgend! Plenty of other hotels around the Island however we would not recommend staying near the ferry terminal at Port Askraig.

The Islay roads are good, probably thanks to the 8 Whisky distilleries which support the economy.

Lagavulin (Rich / Smoky) – (Diageo Group) Good tour, very informative guide who was one of the staff and sister distillery to Caol Ila.

Ardbeg (Smokey / Light) – Very good café for lunch and great wooly hats with a peak, just the job for winter in a Morgan. We visited here after the Lagavulin tour.

Laphroaig (Light / Smoky) – Not keen on this malt so we just drove past!

Bowmore (Smoky / Rich) – visited shop and visitor centre but not the tour.

## ISLAY'S DISTILLERIES



Bruichladdich (Light / Delicate) – would visit if we went again. If you like gin, try Botanist – it is distilled and sold at Bruichladdich (and Tesco!)

Caol Ila (Rich / Smoky) (Diageo group) – worth a visit on the way back to the ferry at Port Askraig.

Bunnahabhain (Rich / Delicate) – Probably the most ‘Delicate’ single malt. Very generous with the samples, no tour available when we visited but good shop.

We did not visit the remaining distilleries.

You can also ‘hop across’ to Jura from Islay. We did not visit but probably would if we went again. There is another distillery there.

Islay is a lovely island, plenty of scope for driving and walking. Further details here - <http://www.islayinfo.com/>

We returned to Port Askraig for the ferry and stayed

overnight in Oban. The Oban distillery is in the centre of the town and well worth a tour. (it is a member of the Diageo group so it's free if you join the ‘friends!’). One of the friendliest distilleries to visit, good tour, good shop and good tasting samples.

It's my favourite!

End of Part One

Next time on the Morgans & Malt story

Ferry to Mull, 3 more Island visits and a great Morgan tour on the mainland.

Andrew Threlkeld



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## NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2016 and 2017

**NOTE THAT THE EVENTS PROPOSED FOR 2017 ARE PROVISIONAL AT PRESENT!**

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Sale Water Park for lunch and an optional walk **BOOK BY 9 November!!!** – John & Irene Anderson – Tel 0161 973 0169

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham, WA6 6HH – Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Harry & Kay Walker – Tel 01606 882772 or email [walkeruk@aol.com](mailto:walkeruk@aol.com)**

**Jan 15th** The Inn at Whitewell - Andy B.

**Feb 12th** Behind the Scenes at The Grand - Blackpool  
**Contact – Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**

**Mar 8th** Committee Meeting - 18.30 TAS Partnership, Preston

**Mar 12th** Daffodils at Lowther Castle, Cumbria  
**Contact – Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**

**April 9th** Lunch & **AGM, Vale Royal Abbey** - [Click Here for Details](#)

**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395**

April MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

**April 23rd** FBHV Drive it Day – Investigate joining other car club for the day

**Action** – All committee to look for ideas

**May 1st** Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield, SK11 9RN - Click here for **Details**

**Contact - Roy Wilkinson – Tel 01772 324134 or 07754 565955**

**May 14th** To be Announced

**Contact - John Alden – Tel 01253 726314 or 07963 253154**

**May ??** VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival @ Oulton Park

**May ??** Chipping Steam Fair – **Action**- AB to advise of date for 2017

**June 2nd** – 5th Irish Gordon Bennett Classic Car Run – Discounts available for groups of 6 cars  
4 day festival in Ireland <http://www.gordonbennettclassic.ie>

**Action** – AT to canvas membership for possible attendees

June ?? Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for **Details**

**Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504** Dis-satisfaction with no Morgan area in 2016,  
possibly because we only asked for passes for 1 day **Action** – MC to speak to organisers

June ?? Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)  
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH Contact TorMog

**June 11th** Autotest & Concours To be confirmed – building work planned at Museum  
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland **Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716**

**June 25th** Arley Hall Garden Festival - **10 Cars Max**

**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**

**July 9th** Scenic Run – Cheshire / South of area

**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**

**August 2nd** Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

**August 13th** August Noggin – TBC

**Contact - Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201**

**Aug 26 – 28th** Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end

**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395**

**Sep 3rd** Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL

**Action** – BF to contact Mr Parr re possibility

Sep ?? Morgan Challenge Race Series @ Oulton Park

Sep ?? Autumn Retreat – Ideas welcome **Action** – AT to look for suitable venues and advise

**Oct 8th** Noggin – To be confirmed

**Nov 12th** Greater Manchester Transport Museum

**Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336**

**Dec 10th** Dec 10th Christmas Party – **Post Meeting Note** – Isobel Moore and Linda Fearn willing to volunteer!