
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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Welcome to this edition in which begins a series charting the life and Morgan ownership of Roy Wilkinson, though you will struggle to detect the word "Morgan" in Chapter 1!

I remain happy to receive anything that you care to send, make any necessary corrections to grammar and spelling and then publish it! Please get writing.

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THE CHRISTMAS DO! – A PLEA FROM THE ORGANISERS

IF YOU ARE BOOKED FOR THIS, PLEASE CAN YOU BRING YOUR PAYMENT AND YOUR MENU CHOICES TO THE NEXT NOGGIN AND GIVE THEM TO LINDA FEARN.

You can access the details on the website using the link in the calendar of events below.

SEPTEMBER GYMKHANA 3 September 2017

(After the style of Andrew Threlkeld)

The day before was bright enough
The car was washed and given a buff
And since the day was sunny and bright
The Gymkhana weather would be all right
But sad to say it was not so
And I had confirmed that I would go
I'd phoned to Bryan to ask the way
So I could not bale out on the day
The weather really was not good
I had to struggle and put up the hood
Time was already rather tight
And one of the fittings did not fit right
But eventually off to find the field
And hoping the faulty bit would stay sealed
Bryan's directions were mostly fine
And soon I saw the tourist brown signs
So I followed them to discover Farmer Parrs
But without a trace of Morgan cars
So up the road and back again
Before turning into the correct lane
Drive up a bit and through the gate
I'm maybe twenty minutes late
There are Morgans lined up in a row
But nary a driver or co-pilot on show
They must be having cake and tea
Back down the road I go to see
And there they all are without a doubt
Long faces because the day's washed out
And to add to this an extra rub
It's still too early to go to the pub
For the lunchtime treat Bryan has in store
We have to wait an hour or more
The time goes past with friendly talk

Then back to the field we slowly walk
And clear the cones that were laid out
While a three wheeler tries the field course out
I follow John Alden who has satnav
In my Morgan it's something I do not have
And we get to the pub in timely fashion
Where all indulge their favourite passion
Then on to Bryan's house we go
I note that we seem to be driving slow
And it's not because the car's not right
We need time to regain some appetite
Because Bryan has purchased great big cakes
And several ladies have brought their bakes
So we indulge in a second feast
And put on half a stone at least
Before we thank our host and leave
He says it's difficult to believe
We changed the date to get better weather
And it's rained all day, I wonder whether
We should do what we did before
And try to Gymkhana in October once more
So please be sure to save the date
It's Farmer Parr's field on October 8!

CHAPTER 1

My first interest in cars came with my grandfather's Singer at the beginning of the war. This was my father's father who was a photographer and needed a car for his job. Whilst this early part of my life is a little sketchy, it started with a German aircraft on a bombing raid over Liverpool which was being chased by Spitfires and Hurricanes towards Liverpool Bay away from the city centre and docks. To lighten its load as it was passing over the tip of the Wirral Peninsula, it decided to release its load of land mines.

Unfortunately, they landed on part of Wallasey which had a new estate which had been built during the 1930s. In fact, to this day I can show you each house that was hit and demolished that night. One house at the back of my parent's house and just to one side was flattened and debris came through our roof. At the time I was in the air raid shelter in the back garden with my mother, my father being away in the army. After the "all clear" we went back into the house and as I usually did, I scampered up the stairs and pushed open my bedroom door but it did not open because of the ceiling and other debris behind the door.

As a result, it was decided that my mother and I would move with my father's parents to a cottage he had in North Wales near St Asaph. I started school when I was five and my first teacher, Miss Jones, lived in the cottage next door. I wasn't happy to go and my grandfather had to carry me crying into school on my first day. I don't remember having any other problems so I must have settled down in the end.

We returned to Wallasey after a year or so when the danger of bombers had receded after D-Day. After the end of the war more and more pre-war cars appeared on the road and I found the MG sports cars of particular interest.

During my later school years I was keen on cycling and often rode all the way back to St Asaph. I began to take part in time trials after I joined New Brighton Cycling Club. The time trials often ran from just outside Chester towards Whitchurch and back, a distance of about 50 miles; and when we got back, we could join ₂ with the rest of the Club on their day's cycling!

When I was seventeen, rather than wait for the call up to NationL Service, I joined up for three years. there was a six month delay after I had had to get my longstanding grumbling appendix removed, during which I started my accountancy training with the British Plasterboard Company (now British Gypsum). I joined the RAF and after basic training at Hednesford near Cannock, I was posted to Padgate near Warrington, training in the Equipment Accounts Department in a small part of the camp called Houghton Green. It was sufficiently close to my home in Wallasey that I could cycle home and back on Wednesday afternoons which were devoted to sports. Notably, the fellow at the next desk to mine was Jim Dale, who went on to star in the Carry On films.

I took advantage of the opportunity to serve overseas and was posted eventually to Singapore in April 1955, where I spent the next two years. By the time I came out, I was a corporal and had significant accountancy experience.

Roy Wilkinson



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2017

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events

Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

Easter Monday – April 17th St Georges Day – April 23rd

Oct 8th GYMKHANA – FARMER PARR'S FIELD FY7 8SL BRYAN FEARN 01253 891539

Oct 27th – 29th Autumn Retreat – Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 5AL

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Nov 12th Greater Manchester Transport Museum – Click here for [Details](#)

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Dec 10th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation

The Barton Grange Hotel, Walled Garden Restaurant, PR3 5AA

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**The Northern Centre's Annual
Autumn Retreat Oct 27th-29th 2017**

The Buckatree Hall Hotel

The Wrekin, TF6 5AL Shropshire.

1,2 & 3 night options at £45 pppn DB&B

Had a busy year? Unwind and enjoy the company of fellow Morganeers for a quiet weekend. Dining in our own reserved suite on Friday & Saturday evenings, and guaranteed no Disco!

There's a great selection of local attractions nearby to cater for all tastes.

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