
NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

August 2018

Welcome to this edition and please enjoy the read. The August Noggin is a bring your own picnic at Barnacre Village Hall on Sunday 12 August, with an initial visit to Barton Grange Garden Centre at 10.30 and a bit of a scenic run finishing at Barnacre Village Hall. Please book your attendance with Bryan Rawlinson or Isobel Moore.

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NorceMog Reach for the Stars – 8th July 2018

This month's visit to Jodrell Bank (Lovell Telescope) was a great success. On a glorious day 8 Morgans arrived all with Hoods down and only one who didn't have side screens off, there were 4 other vehicles making up the group to 24 people (the maximum allowed).

Our first point of call was for a Tea/Coffee break where we were competing against lycra clad cyclists !!! The Morgan's on the car park were the outright winners.

Armed with our wrist-bands we were then allowed within the grounds and to the lecture theatre to be entertained by a 19-year-old future budding scientist who was clearly passionate about his business. Well, actually he didn't like astro-physics but he had to 'do it' as part of his Pure Maths degree, you would never have guessed from his excellent presentation. We learnt about the history of Jodrell Bank from its inception at Manchester University by Sir Bernard Lovell, his pre and post war work and the radio telescopes international role today.

In 1957 there is a suggestion that Mr Lovell was being investigated regarding mis-appropriation of public funds. He had been granted £120,000 (a lorra, lorra money in the 1950's) to build his radio telescope however delays and over budget money was not being well thought of. Fortunately, in the same year, the Russians launched Sputnik 1 to take pictures of the surface of the moon and the only instrument in the world, apart from Russia (this was the era of the cold war!) which could track it and receive signals from it was Jodrell Bank. The scientists nipped into Manchester, borrowed a fax machine from The Daily Express, ran the signals through the fax machine and printed out the pictures of the surface of the moon, probably before the Russians, and gave them to The Daily Express as a world exclusive. The rest as they say is history and Jodrell Bank's international reputation has grown ever since.

The maintenance and protection of such a large piece of engineering is also well documented. If it rains or snows the dish is merely tilted to let the moisture run off. If the dish is pointing straight up it is either receiving maintenance or it's Tuesday!

On to the more serious stuff, Black holes, exploding stars, Galaxies, radio waves, white dwarves etc, e.g. – in the 1920's Edwin Hubble and colleagues discovered that all distant galaxies are moving away from us – the universe is expanding. If we turn the clock back, the distance between galaxies shrinks and the Universe gets hotter and denser. Almost 14 billion years ago the distance shrinks to zero – this marks the beginning of the Universe, an event we call THE BIG BANG! So now you know!

After a walk around the site and arboretum to sort out fuddled minds we Morganned to The Crown Inn at Goostrey for an excellent meal and friendly banter before finally wending our way back home.

Many thanks to Adrian for organising this ₁event. **Steve Grunner**

Wigton Motor Club Classic Car Show - 19th August

FellMog are attending the above and have space booked. It is quite a big show, up to 700 cars attending in previous years, and is held at Dalemain House which is quite close to Junction 40 of the M6 at Penrith. We have attended as individuals in the past but one of our members is trying to organize an area just for Morgans, partly to celebrate 50 years of the Plus 8. We already have 10 cars booked in but more are very welcome. As our neighbouring centres I thought it worth an email to see if you would be interested.

Attendees will have to pay £3 per car to get in and arrival is between 9.00 and 10.00 am. If anyone is interested in joining us please let me know and I will pass on the details to our member who is coordinating the event.

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Chapter 7

Once I was settled back in the UK, I started looking for another Morgan to purchase and I hired a car to help with the search, because at that time I had not heard of Life's Motors... I drove down to London and visited a couple of agents including Basil Roy but couldn't find a suitable car. I also looked in the motoring magazines of the day and wrote to the Morgan 4/4 Club to see if they could help by advertising in their magazine. Their reply said:

Eventually I heard from a Bristol based dealer and I arranged to get the train from Liverpool to Bristol where I was met by the garage owner and his fiancé who drove me to Bournemouth, where, on the garage forecourt, there were two Series 2's and beside them a 1961 Series 3 in British Racing Green fitted with wire wheels. Although the Series 3 looked better than the others, it was a bit more expensive, but having come so far and looked for so long for the right car, I decided to make the purchase.

I was then taken for a meal and wrote my route back home on the back of an envelope, listing the various A and B roads for me, as in 1962 there were no motorways yet constructed to my home. With the car tanked up with petrol, I set off north on a frosty December evening and it was not until breakfast time the following day that I arrived. It took the rest of the day in bed, with strategically placed hot water bottles for me to thaw out. Thanks goodness it was Christmas Eve and I had a few days to recover!

Roy Wilkinson.



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2018

N.B. Dates highlighted are NorceMog organised events

Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

August 8th Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

August 12th Barnacre Village Hall - Bring your own picnic, with a start at Barton Grange Garden Centre at 10.30, followed by a short scenic run ending at the Village Hall. Hot drinks and chairs are available inside the Hall. Contact Bryan Rawlinson or Isobel Moore **Tel 01253 738 201**

Email - isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk

Aug 25 – 27th Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Aug 31st - Sep 2nd Chatsworth Country Fair in grounds of Chatsworth House. Display your Morgan and save £120! Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact High Peak Centre (TorMog) – Colin Hill chill4856@gmail.com

Sep 9th Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL
Click Here for [Details -](#)
Contact – Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539

Sept 23rd Aston Martin Owners Club invitation to join their concourse event at Hoghton Tower PR5 0SH. **Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395**

Oct 14th TBD

Oct 14th Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club
Click Here for [Details](#)

Nov 18th TBD

Dec 9th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
Click Here for [Details](#)
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