



NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

October 2019

Hey ya'll! (sending you this from across the pond)! Hope this newsletter finds you well, I have received some terrific items this month so I hope you enjoy your read and thank you very much to Paul & Margaret & Andrew & Joan for their contributions. A new addition to the Newsletter is "Items For Sale" so take a peek! And for all you petrol heads a special car quiz and to top it all....., a caption competition!! (I believe the Golf course was a little waterlogged)! Don't forget if you have any stories to share or pictures to show please send them through for November's edition via return email.

Enjoy your read.....,



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. Norcemog Borders 500 tour 2019

This was our first road trip with our Morgan and it was with excitement when we opened up our package from Scenic Car tours. Nice folder containing maps, directions, places of interest, basically all we could need. The final planning stage started.

Monday 2nd September 2019 was the departure date for the Norcemog Scottish Borders tour. Prior to that day the weather forecast was closely monitored to see what clothing was required to be packed for the days away. As it turned out it was to be wet weather gear.

Monday morning came (some stayed near Carlisle on the Sunday night) and we arranged that we would all meet at the Hogs Head Inn at Alnwick on Monday night.

Day 1

We left home (near Preston) and decided on a scenic route via Settle, Hawes, Askrigg and over to Barnard Castle. The roads from Hawes to Barnard castle were superb driving roads, extremely quiet and will definitely be on our 'return to' roads at some stage. The drive up was good, if not wet in places. The roof was up and down 3 times during the journey.

We were the last to arrive at The Hogs Head Inn where we met up with Linda and Brian (Fearn) Roy and Jean (Senior), Peter and Isobel (Moore) and Steve and Vivien (Grunner). Unfortunately Andrew and Joan had to return home to deal with family issues, so there were only 5 Morgans, a plus 8, a 4/4 and 3 plus 4's. Steve had managed to clean his car, making the rest of our cars look decidedly dirty. A 7 o'clock meet in the bar was followed by dinner.

Day 2

We all set off at the same time and the destination being The Best Western Hotel, Moffat. There was a group of 3 cars travelling together with the other 2 going separate ways. It was observed that 2 cars had kept their roofs up even though it was fine. (I will not mention names). We headed off to Holy Island before venturing over the border into Scotland and headed towards Moffat. Looking ahead we saw rain coming in over the hills. There was no discussion, the roof was going up. We were again last to arrive at the hotel. The usual pre dinner drinks get together, then a 3 course meal which we all agreed was good, before retiring for the night.



Day 3

Rain was forecast again with winds picking up later, so a walk around Moffat before the rain came was welcome. I was spotted taking photographs outside the hotel and was immediately nominated to do the tour report. The rain was to get worse, so roofs were all up. 4 cars set off in convoy, with us being the last car, before we broke off onto those 'white roads' again. Driving in low cloud and rain meant that we could not enjoy the scenery to its full extent, but still breathtaking. Single track roads with passing places for miles and miles and hardly a car to be seen. Glorious motoring roads. A detour to Bruce's Stone before heading to Newton Stewart and then the main road to Stranraer.



The ferry had just come in, so traffic heading out was busy, it was raining and there was a very strong head wind. Putting microfibre cloths in the car was a very wise move and put to good use. We were last to arrive again and used the leisure facilities before pre drinks and an excellent meal. Only one person stated that they had had no water ingress at all during the days journey. Hmmm!



Day 4

We all departed after a hearty breakfast having seen that rain was expected within the hour. A Morgan inspection took place in the car park and it was noted that Steve again had a clean car. He really is car proud. 3 cars had booked a further night at Gretna Green. We left to go to Portpatrick in convoy with Steve and Vivien.

The cars commanded admiring looks from some locals with the usual photo opportunities taken. It was then roof down for the rest of the day.



NorceMog at The Oulton Park Gold Cup 24th – 26th August 2019

What a fantastic week-end, thoroughly enjoyed by all who took advantage of free driver entry for this Historic Festival of Motor Sport in the heart of Cheshire. It has rapidly become much more than a couple of days of motor racing, with a feast of classic cars in the display areas in addition to artisan market stalls, motoring memorabilia and entertainment all day long. Most importantly it has also become a great social occasion for NorceMog and Deva Mog members alike with plenty of banter and sharing of information throughout the week-end.

Well, it didn't start off too fantastic as I drove to the allocated 'MSCC Northern Centre' position to join Brian Hill, Tony Sedgewick and Kevin Osborne who had just arrived. Middle of a field with no view of the track? – I don't think so! Off I trundled to our usual position overlooking the Avenue and Cascades and guess what? Room next to Jaguar Owners Club to fit at least 10 Morgans! Done deal I thought as the 4 of us took up residence in this vacant plot, relocated the provided 'MSCC Northern Centre' notice and installed the NorceMog banner across the entrance (thanks to David Roberts) to fully stake our claim. Further Morgans arrived and the sun shone all day.



Sunday Attendees basking in the sun!

This is such a relaxing event, free access to the paddock and a friendly crowd only too willing to talk about their vehicles, running costs and performance. Of course, many of the drivers are already known to some of our members either through past experience of competing together or simply neighbours / past neighbours.

The racing itself never fails to provide interesting entertainment though purchasing a programme is essential to realise that the Porsche 924, apparently down the field, is actually leading his class and driven by MSCC member Simon Baines. Everything from Formula Fords, ex British Touring Cars, Lotus Cortinas, gaggles of Minis (the British ones!) and demonstration laps from former Formula 1 cars make up the racing of cars from 60's, 70's and 80's throughout the week-end.



Simon Baines on way to Class win in Porsche 924



Touring Car Race – Tim Harvey's ex BMW on the track

Just walking around the track you cannot help but be impressed by the fine selection of classic cars on display. On the Sunday there was a 'proper' Concours exhibition with many fine examples of classic cars from the 1920's through to the 1960's.



1934 Aston Martin & 1935 Maserati



1930 Lagonda 3-litre Saloon



Weather forecast for Bank Holiday Monday was equally as promising and we arrived to find our banner still in position and more NorceMog and DevaMog members turned out to enjoy another fine day of motor sport.



Bank Holiday Monday Attendees

The glorious weather obviously enhanced our enjoyment of the event and we were 'honoured' to receive a visit from Dr. Jonathon Palmer who not only joined other spectators in admiring the Morgans on display but was also fortunate to receive 'advice' from Dave Roberts on former NorceMog member Dr. Harvey Postlethwaite.



**Jonathon Palmer arriving
in his helicopter**



**Jonathon Palmer in conversation with Dave
Roberts**

It was also a pleasure to meet some of our newer NorceMog members at this event. We welcome Jay and Yvonne Hale from Nantwich and David and Janet Leonard who were still bearing that amazing smile of 'new to Morgan' ownership. A pleasure to meet you and we hope to see you at future events.

Put it in your diary now – August Bank Holiday week-end – the Oulton Park Gold Cup organised by Historic Sports Car Club – let's make it a highlight of the NorceMog calendar.

More pictures will appear on the web site – When I get chance! - Andrew Threlkeld

Bicester Scramble 6th October 2019

Please find below the discount code for the next Bicester scramble:

Code:- MORGAN1019C

As always, we need 10+ cars to get a dedicated area for Morgans.

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/whaton/october/> when tickets are on sale a red 'Buy tickets' button will appear next to the FAQs button, click on the 'Buy tickets' button which will take you to the booking page

*Click on the 'Enter Promo Code' link towards the top of the 'Tickets' block on the booking page and input your **club discount code *******. The club ticket option will then become visible at the top of the list of ticket options. **Please note**, if any other ticket type is purchased instead of the **Club Vehicle ticket**, there will **not** be a space allocated in the club parking area. **The discounted ticket offer expires at the end of 6th September, after which time the club code can still be used to purchase full price club tickets and count towards allocated club parking.***

Please note

- There will be no tickets available on the gate
- Discount expiry date **6th September**
- Club ticket closing date to count towards club parking allocation, no later than midnight **Tuesday 1st October** (subject to availability)

Clubs attending with 10 vehicles or more (maximum 50) may be allocated their own club parking area. If this number is not achieved, and we are unable to provide a club parking area we will advise affected clubs after the ticket cut-off date of **Tuesday 1st October 2019** to give time for them to pass this on to their club members.

Sunday 13th October 2019 Lunch – Briars Hall Hotel Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, L40 5TH

Isobel Moore has kindly arranged an 'extra' noggin the 2nd Sunday in October (13th). If you are interested it is Sunday lunch at Briars Hall Hotel near Ormskirk.

Please book with Isobel by Thursday 10th October to give the Hotel fair notice and we can enjoy a great meal.

Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201
Email - isobelpeter@gmail.com

Briars Hall Country House Hotel, a perfect NorceMog venue with a large car park, a bar and a good Sunday Lunch. <http://briarshallhotel.co.uk/>
Arrive at midday!



After lunch you may choose to go for a walk along the canal as it is a lovely area and not too far for the people in the south.

Norcemog Noggin & Concours d'Etat

The Red Lion, Little Budworth
Cheshire, CW6 9BY

11am Sunday 17th November

The Noggin lunch will be preceded by a Concours d'Etat (Condition) with three of the four awards based on attendee votes:

- 1 Best Morgan (best overall condition)
- 2 Runner-up Morgan
- 3 Oldest Morgan (condition immaterial)
- 4 Carole's Choice (the landlady's personal favourite)

The small print – please read carefully: One vote per attendee, you may not vote for the Morgan you travelled in, the Norcemog committee do not accept any responsibility for mis-spoken opinions or any damages resulting therefrom, re-counts are prohibited, terms and conditions apply, cars must be road-worthy, be MoT'd and arrive at the venue under their own steam, the organisers' decision is final, if you borrow money against your Morgan and cannot repay, you may lose it, the value of your investment may fall as well as rise, and finally, this advert is not covered by the Advertising Standards Authority so you should not believe a word of this balderdash and nonsense.

A free welcome coffee available between 11:00 and 11:30.

To assist the Red Lion kitchen and bar staff with lunch, please choose in advance from the following two course options for just £15.00:

Soup, Chicken Liver Paté, Prawn Cocktail
— followed by —

Sunday Roast: (beef, turkey or vegetarian)

Steak & Ale or Cheese & Onion Pie or

Red Lion Beef Burger, Lasagne (beef or vegetarian),

Fish & Chips or Poached Salmon (£3 supplement)

Afternoon teas will be available served at The Old Post Office,
Little Budworth 2:45 pm onwards

Please make your reservation and main meal choices before 10th November.

David & Sue Roberts, tel: 01829 760 251, mobile: 07768 216305

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All Morgans Day 2020 at Blenheim Invitation

All Morgans Day 2018 at Blenheim Palace was a fantastic event with over 600 Morgans attending and we raised over £16,000 for Combat Stress. Following on from the success of the event, the Morgan Centenary Roadster 100 Register is pleased to announce that the sixth All Morgans Day will be on 7th June 2020 at Blenheim Palace.

As in previous years, we have two options for parking - in the Great Court of Blenheim Palace and in the Grounds and Drives surrounding the Palace. This year, we have increased the number of spaces available in the Great Court to 250. These will be available on a first come first served basis - limited number still available. We are asking for minimum donations of £10 (Great Court) and £5(Grounds) respectively. All the money we raise goes directly to Combat Stress. All those arriving in a Morgan at Blenheim are eligible for significantly discounted entry rates to Blenheim Palace and Grounds

The organising team is busily working on exhibitors and events for the day but currently includes the Morgan Motor Company, Morgan Sports Car Club to name a few.

Pre-registered Morgans will receive a commemorative rally plaque. A 2020 AMD car badge and associated merchandise will be available and released nearer the event.

If you would like to book, please reply with details of:

- Where you would like to park
- Whether you would like to make your donation by electronic transfer or cheque
- Your Morgan Make/Model/Car Registration
- Your contact details

I look forward to hearing from you soon - please do get in touch if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help

Best wishes
Rosemary

All Morgans Day 2020 at Blenheim Organising Team

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Name that Car

Photos from the 2019 Oulton Park Gold Cup car park. How many of these cars can you identify? Answers next month.

A



B



C



D



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IT'S NOT A TRIUMPH!

NorceMog at The Oulton Park Gold Cup – Caption Competition

More than just a motor sport event, it is a social gathering with advice freely shared.

Richard Cressy and Dave Roberts have been talking for at least 45 minutes. What is the lady in the chair thinking? Answers to norcemog@gmail.com before 25th October. The winning caption will be chosen by our

Editor, Amanda Greenwood





Items For Sale

BUYER BEWARE the Northern Centre of The Morgan Sports Car Club cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of the statements made in these advertisements whether as to the description of the goods themselves, their suitability or their quality.

Everflex Side screen bag with logo. £100 - Chris Bennion

<chrisbennion@btinternet.com>



Everflex side screen bag. No internal foam partition. £60 - Chris Bennion

<chrisbennion@btinternet.com>



Genuine MMC bonnet strap with antique brass buckle. Virtually new. £70 -
Chris Bennion chrisbennion@btinternet.com



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2019

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events
Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

Oct 13th Sunday 13th October 2019, Lunch – Briars Hall Hotel, Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, L40 5TH
Please book with Isobel by Thursday 10th October
Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201
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Oct 13th **Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club**
Click Here for [Details](#)

Nov 17th Norcemog Noggin & Concours d'Etat
The Red Lion, Little Budworth, Cheshire, CW6 9BY
David & Sue Roberts Tel: 01829 760251 or 07768 216305
Email: david.roberts@harboursa.com

Dec 8th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201
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