



NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2019

**Hi everyone, hope this newsletter finds you well. I have great pleasure in welcoming our new members Donald & Eva Plaskett, may you enjoy many Norcemog days with us. I would like to thank Neil and Andrew for their reports. Don't forget if you have any stories to share or pictures to show please send them through for our Christmas edition via return email.
Enjoy your read.....,**

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NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

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. Major Morgan III Goes to Briars Hall

Standing in my garage at night it is amazing what I can hear, even if I can only vaguely see through the pale blue dust sheet draped over my body. The rain had come and gone during the past few hours, and as the light has begun to brighten under the garage door I hear water running through the pipes above me. Someone is awake!

It has been weeks and weeks since I've been out, and I'm beginning to feel a bit stiff and achy. The house has been so quiet I guess that they must have been on holiday. I am a bit worried that I have lost all my get up and go, but perhaps today will be different!

Suddenly, I hear the door unlocking and I look at my clock, it is 8:30am. Then I feel my dust sheet being removed and there he stands in front of me. Goodness he looks rough! Then I recalled the music and laughter I heard last night and I quickly count the number of bottles in the wine rack beside me. All is explained, they must have had some friends round for a "Strictly" Saturday supper. I hope he is in a fit state to drive!

"Right now Major Morgan III" he mutters quietly to himself in his usual absent minded way, "first job is to check the tyres". Out comes the pressure gauge and pump and he proceeds to circle me putting one pound in each tyre. I mean to say, why bother; he must be an accountant!

I wouldn't mind but the lazy lump can't even be bothered to open the bonnet and check my fluid levels, he just turns the key drives me out of the garage, then has a quick glance at the cardboard on the garage floor in case there are any obvious puddles. Pretty lax if you ask me!!! Fortunately, I have not yet begun to suffer from incontinence, so we are nearly ready to go.

Having started first turn, I am feeling quite proud of myself. But I know I will have to be patient while they go through the usual pre-outing ritual.

"Do you think it is going to rain, I would really like to have the roof down?" he says in a commanding tone.

“That’s fine by me”, she replies, “but I’ll have to go back in the house and get my hat, and can you get the blanket from the back shelf?”.

“OK, but I must admit it looks a bit dark over Knutsford way” he says as the confidence begins to drain from his voice.

“We can always pull over and put the roof up at the side of the road!” she offers, reasoning that this may rule out him taking the quickest route to the Noggin. He likes to drive over the Thelwall Viaduct at an uncomfortable speed in the outside lane.

“Fine, in that case I’ll keep off the motorway as much as possible in case we need to stop” he concedes. He has to admire her negotiating skills.

So we finally leave the house but, as always, it is a bit later than planned. We manage about 5 miles before the big drops start to fall and they put the roof up!

As we get closer to Briars Hall they begin to get more and more excited.

“It feels like ages since we last attended a Noggin” he observes “I wonder how many Morgans there will be in the car park?”.

“I’d be surprised if Andrew and Joan are not in Ruby” she comments. “But Peter had a bit of trouble with his car last time we saw him, and as Isobel is organising the event they may be in their ‘tin-top’”.

“It would be great to see Martin and Amanda’s Roadster again, perhaps Martin can give me his thoughts on the new 5 Link rear suspension” he offered. Now I must admit that while he does a decent job of washing and buffing-up my paintwork, he really sounds a bit of a saddy at times!

Turning into the car park their predictions are correct. I spot the two Ivory cars plus Geoff and Gill’s red Roadster. Peter B’s magnificently blue Plus 4 110 plus a handful more Morgans appeared a little later .

Rather inconsiderately he parks me next to a large SUV which, I think, looks as if it is a bit full of itself and has never seen mud. It hardly says a word to me all the time we are parked Typical.

A couple of hours later they are very excited when they dive back into the car to get out of the heavy rain. They have obviously had a good lunch.

“It was a great turn out, and that small carvery was really tasty”, he says, “I couldn’t have eaten any more”.

“It was good value too”, she agrees, “and there is always plenty of room here, for parking and eating”.

“And the loo off the banqueting room was spotless” he comments.

Dear me, why is it every time they take me out and stop for a drink or meal they always critique the “facilities”? It must be an age thing.

Whilst I’m on the subject of age, I am a bit concerned that he is a bit past it. After lunch, he gets in the driving seat and starts the engine, puts me in 1st and releases the hand brake. Then, holding me on the foot brake, he puts me back in neutral and starts to ferret around looking for a lost glove, while she sets up the Sat Nav. He then turns to look on the back shelf and, absentmindedly, takes his foot off the brake. Then she looks up and realises that I am rolling across the car park straight towards Ruby you can guess the rest!!

It is a lovely run back home down the M61. I really started to feel back to my old self, especially after a fill of

Shell V Power. He even gives me a quick wash and dry before putting me back in the garage. Thank-you Isobel, I had a super time!

Autumn Trial. Organised by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club
Fishpool Farm, Delamere, CW8 2HP
20th October 2019



With the cancellation of the NorceMog Gymkhana we were delighted to be invited, once again, to The Autumn Trial organised by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club at Delamere. Competitors, volunteer marshals and spectators were all made to feel welcome as an eclectic mix of vehicles arrived to compete and pose on a dry, (thank heavens!) cool October morning.



This is a great venue for such an event. Acres of sloping grassland provide 6 different tests in a safe, non-damaging environment which are tweaked, during a lunch time tea break, to offer a slightly different challenge in the afternoon. Tea / coffee and cake / biscuits were available for an appropriate donation to charity and even portaloos were provided.

Six Morgans attended. Competing were John Stephens and Andrew Threlkeld from NorceMog plus Stan from DevaMog. Spectating were Peter and Sheila Barnfield (well, Peter navigated for Andrew whilst Sheila and Joan chatted), Dave and Janet Leonard, still with those 'new to Morgan' beams on their faces, and Geoff and Brenda Goodman arrived just as the event was almost over.

Ever the true competitor, John Stephens had already reduced the pressure in his rear tyres and 'walked the course' suggesting that some of the gaps were too small for a Morgan. Well of course they are, they don't want someone like us winning when there is such a variety of 'specialist' vehicles attending. The 2 classes were determined as pre-war vehicles and classic cars, naturally we were in the latter.

With signing on complete, a quick driver briefing basically told us we could do the 6 stages in any order we liked and please don't run the marshals over! John S couldn't wait and was soon roaring across the field in search of maximum points. Having tried this event a few years ago I was better prepared for the very tight, impossible left hand turn and proudly demonstrated a right hand loop before passing easily through the marked gates.



Each stage had 6 gates to go through and you were awarded 1 point for each gate you cleared. i.e. if you hit gate 5 you were given 4 points. Of course, you cannot stop or use reverse gear so, with damp grass, avoiding wheel-spin was essential and delicate clutch control the order of the day. The pre-war vehicles with their thin tyres however excelled at wheel spin whilst their passenger / navigator bounced up and down enthusiastically to keep the vehicle moving.

With the first runs completed and The Morgans competing for the NorceMog Gymkhana Shield, John Stephens was just ahead of Stan and Andrew. We did spot that he had removed the side-screens so I also removed mine and gained fewer points in the afternoon! It was not all navigator Peter's fault, (obviously couldn't be my fault, I was only driving!), the afternoon session had seen some of the gates reduced in width even more and some of the turns tightened with 'pre-loops' forbidden!



The Winner of the pre-war class was a lady and 1st in the Classic Car class was a gentleman driving an MG TF. John Stephens ran out a clear winner for the NorceMog Gymkhana Shield and I have duly instructed him to buy his tickets and select his menu choice for the Christmas meal at Barton Grange Hotel.

Make a date for next year, I'm sure we will be invited again!

Report & Photos – Andrew Threlkeld

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 inter-spousal disputes or any damages resulting thereof, 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 216 305 email:
david.roberts@harboursa.com

The Red Lion is opposite St Peter's church in the heart of the village and you can use the pub car park, double parking if necessary.

David has advised me that the Sunday service at St. Peter's starts at 11am and that members should a) ignore the church bells as it is not a call to prayer directed at those of the Morgan faith, and b) a request to please keep arrivals as quiet as possible in order that we don't unnecessarily disturb the Anglian flock - David does not wish for a fatwa to be served on him by the vicar! Although he is likely to be extremely guilty on the latter point with his Plus 8.

As it is now almost a fortnight to the Noggin, David has asked that you get your food orders in asap.

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 answers

Photos from the 2019 Oulton Park Gold Cup car park. How many of these cars did you identify?

A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



IT'S NOT A TRIUMPH!

Answers

A = Riley Elf
B = Austin Healey 3000
C = Ford GT40
D = Triumph TR5
E = Gilbern
F = E Type Jaguar
G = Vauxhall Cresta
H = MG TA
I = Brookfield Arrow



Linda & Meghan take on Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro or just Kilimanjaro, with its three volcanic cones, Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira, is a dormant volcano in Tanzania. It is the highest mountain in Africa, with its summit about 4,900 metres (16,100 ft) from its base, and **5,895** metres (19,341 ft) above sea level.

While climbing Kilimanjaro, trekkers experience five distinct ecological zones on their way to the top. Each zone gets colder and drier as the elevation increases. Plant and animal life also disappear. The summit is in the arctic zone, which is characterised by ice and rock. At this altitude, categorized as “extreme”, there can be no permanent human habitation as the body is in a state of deterioration (short exposures are OK).

You are probably wondering why we are including information about Kilimanjaro in the Norcemog newsletter??!! No we aren't arranging a Noggin in Tanzania! 😊

However, one of our members and her daughter are set to climb Kilimanjaro in January 2020. They are the wife of Bryan our treasurer, Linda and their daughter Meghan. Linda and Meghan are completing the 'Challenge' for two extremely deserving charities 'Sepsis Trust' and 'Dementia UK'.

Did you know someone dies every 3/4 seconds from sepsis! Many of us have experience of the impact on friends and family when someone they love suffers from dementia. Linda and Meghan have experienced first hand the impact of loved ones dying and suffering from both sepsis and dementia.

If you could help them in their endeavour to help others through sponsoring them, they would really appreciate it. If you can support them you can do so by:

- Contacting Linda via email lindafearn737@gmail.com
- sending a cheque via our treasurer Bryan and providing your address if you would like to gift aid
- visiting their 'Giving Page' using the link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=MeghanFearn&pageUrl=2>

Thank you in anticipation of your support for Linda and Meghan.

I'll be updating you in our February newsletter as to how they got on. The best of luck to both of them.



VENUE: BARTON GRANGE HOTEL, PR3 5AA

COST: £25 PP - DRINK ON ARRIVAL ☐ PROSECCO/BUCKS FIZZ/ORANGE JUICE, 3 COURSE MEAL, TEA/COFFEE ☕
MENU DETAILS ON NORCEMOG WEBSITE.

TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE AT THIS POPULAR EVENT.
MAKE YOUR MEAL CHOICES, EMAIL THEM TO LINDA BRYANFEARN@HOTMAIL.CO.UK
SEND BRYAN A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO MSCC NORTHERN CENTRE NORCEMOG
IF PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER EMAIL BRYAN TO LET HIM KNOW.

🎄 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ☐ 🎄



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2019

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

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](#)
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