



NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

December 2019



**Hi everyone, Seasons Greetings! Well, it's certainly cold enough for Christmas. Welcome to our returning members Jeremy & Gill Harrison, nice to have you back. Hope you're all looking forward to our lunch at Barton Grange Hotel on Sunday! I would like to thank Brian & David for their reports, which I am sure you will enjoy reading. Don't forget if you have any stories to share or pictures to show please send them through for the New Year. If I don't see you on Sunday I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020!
Enjoy your read.....,**

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. Brian's Cautionary Tale

They say, "pride comes before a fall".

Being recently retired we've indulged ourselves, I've bought my long time dream car and we've bought a mobile home in Porthmadog. Driving my Morgan around the beautiful Welsh mountain roads and walking our dog on the beach is all quite idilic.



Everywhere we go people want to ask about the car or take photos, it can go to your head.



Then I realised, oops, the car's MOT is due in 2 days time. I contacted Deva Mog and asked if a local member might recommend a Morgan friendly garage that would carry out the MOT and be sympathetic towards the foibles of these lovely cars. Sure enough a recommendation came back and it was duly booked in at the main Toyota dealership in Harlech.

At the garage I was greeted by a super mechanic who told me I'd been "papped" 2 days ago? He showed me a photo of my car on his phone that had been forwarded to him by his friend who had spotted me in Porthmadog. (I didn't even know what "papped" meant).

Anyway MOT sorted off I went with a big proud smile.

Then the fall!

Decided to go for a run out to Bala to see a friend who works at the preserved railway, topped up the fuel and off we went. The car was not happy, running awful, miss firing etc. On the drive back to the caravan, it had no power and rumbled and pinked all the way.

Parked it up and spent a couple of days contemplating all manner of possibly causes. My wife said "did you put diesel in". I informed her that I wouldn't be so daft and anyway the larger diesel nozzle won't go into a "petrol" filler because it's too small.



Having considered all sorts of options I came home, hired a trailer from Barlow Trailers and went back to recover the car, which was now running so bad, it had to be winched onto the trailer.

Took her to the lovely Lifes Motors and left her in their capable hands. Next day a phone call from Matt confirmed my wife's suggestion. I had put diesel in her, how stupid did I feel?

It turns out that the fuel filler on my car is the early large type and I'm not as careful as I like to think I am.



All's well that ends well I guess, my thanks to Deva Mog, Barlow Trailers and of course Lifes Motors.

Those Welsh mountain roads can be fun but might leave you feeling very "sheepish".

Brian.

Little Budworth

The morning of Sunday 17th November dawned and all was peaceful in the Roberts household – most definitely and emphatically not!

The situation wasn't helped by Sue's decision, on the 1st November, to re-decorate the kitchen; by that I mean I was to decorate the kitchen. Not only that, she decided to refresh the paintwork on the shabby-chic chairs and even reupholster them. To compound it all, I had spent recent weeks refabricating rear brake backplates and engine mounting bearers and meeting a number of false starts before returning full circle to my original ideas! My desk (I work part-time on my business in the kitchen) was as organised as an Arabian souk (as in none) and the garage was a replica of Beirut in the 1980s. Great decision Sue!

Anyway, we arrived at Sunday morning with only some minor clearing and cleaning to finish before David & Una Haynes dropped in early to say an early "Hello!". Regardless, all remaining tasks were completed in time before I realised that I needed to change the concours scoring method otherwise the count would take weeks and the results announced in 2020; not a great idea and no time to reprint the score sheets. Drag the Plus 8 out of the garage growling and spitting for the 100 yard run to the Red Lion car park trying desperately not to encourage any bad or foul, or even fowl language by the assembling Christian congregation of St. Peter's church.

From here, many of you, dear readers, will have experienced first-hand the complimentary coffee laid on by the Red Lion, the excellent fayre, and to my knowledge there wasn't a mistake in matching plate to attendee, and the excellent and friendly service by those waiting-on. The Red Lion even managed, without any bottom or wrist slaps or even sharp words directed at the culprit who arrived unannounced (you know who you are Brian Rawlinson!), to muster up a main course without a wait.

For those who couldn't make it, we had a total of 43 attendees including young James Goodman, Geoff Goodman's grandson (yep, I approve of the application of Jesuitical techniques and plain mischievous influence to get him enthused and Morgan indoctrinated at a young age), 6 Devamog members, returning members after a 15 year absence Gill & Jeremy Harrison, new members Andrew & Lynn Brown and at least 16 Morgans (I wasn't counting) varying from 1955, 1969, two 1971 4/4s through the decades up to 2017.

The Concours d'Etat was meant to be a bit of fun and we were only interested in the best Morgan, runner-up and the oldest Morgan. Carol & Alan of The Red Lion kindly donated a prize of their own. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Morgan (Magnum of Prosecco)
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Jim & Trudy Robinson, 1990 Morgan Plus 8,

Runner-up Morgan (bottle of Prosecco)
HTF

Chris & Carol Bennion, 2015 Morgan Plus 4, K1

Oldest Morgan(Chocolate Truffles)
SuperSports, MVJ 101

Rupert Richards, 1955 Morgan Plus 4

Landlady's Choice (Sunday lunch for two) for two

Chris & Carol Bennion not satisfied at Runner-Up slot, they sneaked in to win this prize

Afternoon tea was served at an amazingly tidy and newly decorated Old Post Office 100 yards up the road where jaws were exercised energetically on consuming cake and shooting-the-breeze and mostly the men (ladies dragged in reluctantly) inspecting the contents of my garage including the progress of the 1960 4/4 Series II restoration project. Andy Bleasdale and Martin Cox were observed dismantling my Plus 8 rolling chassis and Andy went home with a carrier-bag of new and used goodies for his Plus 8 project (and yes, I did an inventory count and there were no discrepancies) and Martin loaned me an inlet manifold and Weber DCOE carburettor to assist me in determining how to install a twin DCOE carburettor set-up on the 4/4 without surgery to the wing and wing valance.

By 6:30pm, the last guests departed, I hoovered up the remaining trifle, cake and biscuits, we flopped in front of the log fire before turning in for bed, very happy and satiated bunnies.

A big thank you all those who braved the elements to join in the event and making it such a success!

David Roberts

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

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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.



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2019

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

Dec 8th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
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