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# NORCEMOG News

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### **1) Thank You - Amanda Greenwood.**

Amanda has been our Newsletter Editor for the past 2 years and immediately stamped her own individual mark on the introduction part and the general layout of the Newsletter. Sadly, for us, she is swapping their Morgan for a narrowboat to tour the waterways of England and Wales instead of our B roads. This has meant she has resigned from her role of Newsletter Editor.

On behalf of all the NorceMog members can we thank Amanda for her endeavour and input during her tenure as Editor where she has done a great job for us all.

We are also delighted, not to say greatly relieved, that another volunteer has stepped forward to undertake the role. Philip Shuttleworth is a relatively new member to NorceMog but has offered his services to take over from Amanda. I am sure he will introduce himself elsewhere in this edition, we wish him good luck and hope to meet him when our events can safely return in 2021.

Best wishes for the Christmas season and we hope you can stay safe and enjoy the festivities.

Take care – Andrew  
Centre Secretary

### **2) Good Bye NORCEMOG**

From the day Isobel approached Martin and asked him if he would be “Newsletter Editor”, yes that’s right, it was Martin she asked! He promptly responded “Amanda’s better at all that stuff”, how could I refuse the delightful Isobel? The lady I met first on our first Noggin at Skipton Castle, where she took me under her wing and introduced me to everyone. So that’s how it began, to be honest I have actually enjoyed doing the newsletter and getting lovely feedback from everyone and reading all the stories that come through, it made me feel more a part of Norcemog than just being Martin’s other half. I got to know people more and interact with them more at Noggin’s and you are a lovely bunch of people and I will miss the Noggin’s, it’s the only time I get Sunday lunch as Martin hates vegetables!

We are about to start a new chapter, with our new mode of transport “Ellen”, taking our time to travel and take in the lovely sights of England & Wales.



## 2) Good Bye NORCEMOG:- continued



Martin tinkering with his new beloved Gardner engine or with his glass of wine in hand meandering along the canals and me working hard doing the locks!! We will miss you all and hope to stay in touch and hopefully catch up if you ever have a Noggin near a canal we are currently on! I wish Philip well in his new role as newsletter editor, be kind to him and send him lots of stories and pictures to share.

Take care

**Amanda xx**

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### 3) New, News Letter Editor.

Let me, Introduce myself, I am **Philip Shuttleworth**, aged 62 from Bolton in Lancashire.

Welcome to the first news letter that I have produced, I hope that you approve of my effort, I would love to hear your comments about its appearance. Going forward I will need your help with the content, so please send in your news, if possible illustrated with photographs , and I will do my best to include them, in future news letters.

Please email your news to

**NorceMog-news@mail.com**

I have been married to Anne for 37 years, we have 2 children, Ian & Rachel and have 5 grand children.

In July 2020 after 16 years working as a Technical Manager for an International wood flooring supplier, I was made redundant, due to the reduction in trade caused by Covid-19.

I have taken a pension, and I have set up a Consultancy business, in order to top up my pension, I only want to work a couple of days a month.



I am a fairly new to Morgan ownership, I bought "Blue Bell" ( named by my grand daughter Amelia) for my 60th birthday, it is a 10 year old 4/4.

I have attended one Noggin in Derbyshire and The Thrill On The Hill twice. I tend to drive within a 50 mile radius of home, I really enjoy driving in the hills of and country lanes of east Lancashire.

In my spare time ,I am a Fundraiser and a Volunteer Speaker for Macmillan Cancer Support.

I am a season ticket holder at Bolton Wanderers, I also enjoy swimming.

I also enjoy listening to music and attending concerts, this year I should have attended 12 , unfortunately they were all postponed due to Covid-19.

The photograph on the first page was taken from the Miscellany Magazine, at a Noggin at Heage Windmill in Derbyshire, I can be seen in the 'electric blue coat'

As I am writing this, my family have been have been putting the NHS to good use, first of all Ella my youngest granddaughter has broke a big toe, in an accident at school.

Ian was taken into hospital with what turned out to be a dodgy appendix, so he is recovering in the Royal Bolton having had an appendectomy, Rachel has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is having to isolate. Amelia the eldest granddaughter has been sent home from school as her teacher has COVID-19, and all the "bubble" are in quarantine for 2 weeks.



#### 4) The Virtual Noggin Quiz, Report & Results, Friday 20th November.

On a cold, dark November evening,  
Not A Morgan could be out on tour,  
The world was in shock with the Covid pandemic,  
So free had they been months before.

So NorceMog brought people together,  
All knowing and some were well read,  
We sat and we thought and we listened,  
To everything Martin had said

“It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
As you sit with your books on the shelf,  
It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
Because you’ll only be cheating yourself”

Contestants were all sat and contented,  
In comfort, their own Living room,  
The library, or kitchen or study,  
For a Quiz Night delivered through Zoom.

A drink was a useful addition,  
Be it red wine, Gin tonics or beer,  
We all did ensure to drink a bit more,  
As Martin ensured we’d all hear,

“It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
As you sit with your books on the shelf,  
It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
Because you’ll only be cheating yourself”

Members gathered, apart, together,  
From Cheshire, Norfolk, Shropshire and Wales,  
Greater Manchester also represented,  
Plus a contingent from Lancashire’s swales

And so the questions continued,  
Points earned and so well deserved,  
Which borough contains the Holloway prison?  
As Martin confirmed we all heard

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What decade did scientists find Pluto?  
When was Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen?  
Can you pick the odd one and the reason?  
There is nothing here that’s routine.

#### 4 ) The Virtual Noggin Quiz, Report & Results, Friday 20th November, Continued

The topics were many and varied,  
Geography and decades of dread,  
I know where to find the answer to 10,  
But then remembered what Martin had said.

“It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
As you sit with your books on the shelf,  
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From Beatles to Romans, Initials to motions,  
The alcohol intake was sated,  
Smallest and oldest, hottest and coldest  
I’m sure that they’re not related.

The evening continued, the nibbles had been chewed  
The most active volcano retreated,  
Is Lima in Chile? Oh no that’s just silly,  
It’s Peru and Martin repeated.

“It’s no good you cheating on my quiz,  
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McArthurs in third place and DevaMog second,  
Represented by Williams and Brown,  
Of course, they’re also in NorceMog,  
With Johnsons the top of the town.

That’s Margaret and John in 1st place,  
A fine victory completed no doubt,  
Thanks also to organisers Martin and Viv,  
As all the contestants did shout,

“It’s no good us cheating in our quiz,  
As we sit with our books on the shelves,  
It’s no good us cheating in our quiz,  
Because we’d only be cheating ourselves”

Thanks to all participants, hopefully we can meet up soon!

**By Andrew Threlkeld**

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## 5) What have you done in yours. ( WHYDIY)) By David & Una Hayes.

I know some of our centre members use their cars for trips and holidays abroad, either at an event organised by another centre or independently. We've done both, plus going to other country's national events.



The picture shows some of the international meetings, that Una & I have attended since buying our first Morgan in 1984.

The events shown here were organised by the national club of the country visited, ie MogLux is the Morgan Club of Luxembourg.

These national events are not the same as the national UK event. They are a weekend of driving, visiting, dining and general Morgan activities. Great fun, usually running from Friday to Monday. Numbers can be limited by local regulations but they attract visitors from all over Europe.

They seem expensive when writing the cheque when booking but we soon found out that once you arrive, apart from fuel (for the car) you don't spend a further penny. Everything, and I mean everything, was included. Accommodation, all meals and drinks, all entrance fees, even car park security, etc. etc. All to a very high standard.

A couple of things stick in the memory. In 1985 in Luxembourg after a civic reception, and all the cars parked in the ancient town square, we were given a police motorcycle outrider escort to our next venue. On one of the Switzerland events we were taken up one of their highest mountain passes, tarmac giving way to shale, only to find a Morgan owner serving schnapps at the summit.

We were at such an altitude that many of the cars would not tick over, ours included. We could beat the cyclists up the pass but they beat us on the way down, those hairpins are just too tight! 1985, 1990, 1992. Luxembourg Mog

1996 Germany Mog

2000 Switzerland Mog

2006 Switzerland Mog

These events don't seem to be advertised as much in Miscellany these days.

On occasion we would link a couple of weeks and make the event part of a longer holiday usually driving down to Provence. We've used the Morgan for many continental holidays over the years not always linked to a Morgan event.

Clocking up over 20,000 miles on the continent.

The two points that I had to stand firm on were that Una, couldn't take her complete holiday wardrobe with her, after all it's a Morgan, and convincing the load master of the ferries that the Morgan has very little ground clearance and there was no way I was going up that ramp. We always finished up with the HGVs and coaches – makes you realise just how small, and vulnerable, your Morgan is!

## 6) NORCEMOG Spring Tour – Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th May 2021

A three-night trip to the Yorkshire Dales / Cumbria staying.

### 1 Room Available.

Amanda had to cancel, and has paid a deposit, so whoever takes her place will need to pay the deposit to Amanda and let the Fat Lamb know they are replacing her booking.

For more information, please contact Adrian & Dot Long Email – [Adrian.long@icloud.com](mailto:Adrian.long@icloud.com)

Staying at the well-known Fat Lamb Inn Nr: Ravestonedale (Just south of Kirkby Stephen)  
[www.fatlamb.co.uk](http://www.fatlamb.co.uk).

#### *Day 1: Tuesday 11th May*

Meet Greet and signing on, evening meal at 7.00 pm for 7.30, drinks and chat.

*Day 2: Wednesday 12th May* After Breakfast depart around 9.30 am, The days run is to 'Locomotion' in Co Durham a total round of 98 miles. Locomotion is the National Railway Museum at Shildon. <https://www.locomotion.org.uk>

This is the lesser known of our two National Railway Museums – the other one being York – but it is where much of the restoration work is carried out and houses an interesting collection. It is from here that the very first steam hauled passenger train departed in 1825 on the Stockton to Darlington Railway.

It will be a glorious ride with a coffee stop at Eggleston Hall Gardens in the morning and a similar stop at a café for tea in the afternoon with a short cut for those that have done enough driving!.

Entry to the museum is free as is the car park. Detailed route notes will be provided.

We will return to the Fat Lamb for evening drinks and Dinner.

#### *Day 3: Thursday 13th May*

A day out on a Classic 1950's mystery coach tour including a picnic / packed lunch. There is an alternative wet weather plan just in case. We depart around 9.30 and return to the Fat Lamb by 5.00 pm for evening drinks and dinner <https://www.cumbriaclassiccoaches.co.uk>

#### *Day 4: Friday 14th May.*

This our final run before we all disperse for home. I have planned a scenic run to the Trough of Bowland for Coffee and/ or lunch, it is only 40 miles I have considered taking coffee at the 'Hark to Bounty' PH and continuing on to the seaside town of (bring your buckets and spades), Morecambe with a visit to the iconic Art Deco Midland Hotel fresh from it's £11m renovation.

I have now taken an executive decision to forego the Fish & Chips, as a few have pointed out, after a full English Breakfast and coffee it's unlikely we will feel like another full meal at lunch time.

We can always continue on the Morecambe after our break at the 'Hark to Bounty' for a drive along the sea front if enough want to do that, it would be a nice way to end the trip

The Cost

*The price for a mid week stay is £390.00 per couple for three nights dinner, bed and breakfast.*

The price includes the route planning service, tour notes, arranging tea/ coffee/ lunch stops and visits to local museums or attractions, booking bus tours etc.

Extras:

£60.00 per couple to include:

The Bus tour

Packed lunch / picnic. Rally Plaques

Not included:

Coffees and Lunches whilst out and entry to any attractions visited.

**By Adrian Long.**

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**6) Finally.**

As this, is the last news letter of the year, may I wish and your family, a very Merry Christmas, happy holiday or however you choose to celebrate the festive period.



Lets hope 2021, is a much better year for one and all, and that we can meet up soon.



**PS,** A big thank you to all, who have contributed to this New Letter, it is really appreciated.

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