



Me, my Mog and Members - 12 months on!

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**Welcome to your August Newsletter. In this issue: David Roberts reports on Arley Hall
Steve & Viv Grunner on Bridgewater Garden Centre - Beer Money at the Cheshire Show
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For the photo above, unfortunately David Bailey was no longer available.



Looking back - Looking forward!

Looking back it's been a great year. Back at the wheel of my Mog, after recovering from a medical condition, enjoying once again, that exhilarating driving experience. Then back re-joining the MSCC and NorceMog as your Newsletter editor.

During the last 12 months I've enjoyed slotting in the Newsletter in my spare time, when I've been focused on producing a series of editions that I hope you have found interesting, informative and most importantly, enjoyable to read.

Looking forward, your help is important and I hope you'll be sending me news and photographs, to continue making it great for me to be back!

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Arley Hall Garden Festival

Sunday 26th June 2022



Our Morgans feature, in a festival of Flowers Plants, food, craft stalls...and all that jazz!

On a dry, blustery day with sunny spells, our members set off to display their Morgan at this annual event. NorceMog's Fylde contingent and a few others were already there, as I discreetly arrived in my Plus 8 (as if!) trying not to redistribute the gravel, and sadly, despite their best efforts to start their Morgan, Adrian and Dot Long were unable to join us.

The Morgan line up, in front of the imposing, elegant hall was a treat for the festival goers, attracting admiration, as we were treated to collapsible lightweight chairs, strategically placed inside the hall's portico giving us shelter from possible rain.

Jazz saxophonists were on hand playing to their excellent high standard with one NorceMog lady taking it upon herself to undertake an excellent impersonation of Pandora from the Just William stories, but was frustrated at not being able to dance to the music on the courtyard's cobbles. Confronting Arley's General Manager she said she would "Scweam and scweam and scweam" if nothing was done for next year's event.

Other bands, one rag-time, the other (Lymm Concert Band) entertained also, whilst the visitors browsed in the gardens, shopped at the stalls, chatted, snacked or generally relaxed.



As the ladies went shopping to choose from the vast selection of garden products and plants, us NorceMog men could be seen lurking inside the portico swapping tales and our particular tactics for avoiding 'gardening' other than cutting the lawn by displaying feigned 'incompetence' by using a 'crash and burn' approach or purposely mistaking the recently nurtured seedlings for weeds and relocating them to the compost bin. However, at the end of the day's event, one male renegade was observed loading a 4ft cherry tree sapling into his Morgan 4/4 4 seater.

It was a great event with 4/4s, Plus 4s and Plus 8s gracefully displayed, and not a drop of rain to dampen the day.

David Roberts

Our Morgans and much more, at the Arley Hall Garden Festival



... all that ... and all that jazz!

After buying a 4/4 there in 2019 Dave and Jan only spent beer money this year at the Cheshire Show.



The Cheshire Show is a big attraction and a great day out for everyone to enjoy. The show is the most important summer agricultural event in the North West, that brings together the many and varied aspects that are a feature of both farming and rural life, attracting thousands of visitors every year. even if you're a farmer or not.

It's an opportunity for local producers to show off their wares and attract the public to buy off independent traders, and in 2019 what really attracted Jan and I was a Morgan 4/4 on the stand for Oakmere the Northwich Morgan dealer. We bought the 4/4 from Oakmere at the show that year (that's me proudly standing by her) just before the bad weather and lockdown. The car cost us a pretty penny and that's what we ended up calling her - Penny. Luckily this year I only came away with some beer from Weetwood Brewery - nothing quite as expensive as a Morgan this time!

On their stand this year, Oakmere had the new Morgan 3 wheeler model on display and together with their other vehicles they had the Jubilee floral display.

The Cheshire Show also has a classic car, truck and traction engine display. and with its roots in farming, holds competition classes for cattle and most farm animals.

There are also horse competitions, that include show jumping as well as many rare breeds of livestock, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and of course a dog show.

Celebrity chefs were also on hand to provide cookery demonstrations, along with the actor turned cheesemaker Sean Wilson, who is known for starring as Martin Platt in Coronation Street.



The show was cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020 and only took place as a one day event in 2021. This year it was once again held over two days and was blessed with glorious sunshine. So along with thousands, Jan and I visited the site in Tabley to make the most of the weather and enjoy a great day out.

David Leonard



Some of the Morgans that were on display, on the Oakmere stand, at this years Cheshire Show.

Bridgewater Hall Gardens

Sunday 10th July 2022



Members from North and South gathered to enjoy a great day out in these glorious gardens.



The 10th of July arrived, and it was a really hot day, perfect weather for trying something new. After much planning and looking for somewhere strategically placed for both North and South members from Cheshire and Lancashire, the newest RHS garden on the site of the now demolished Worsley Old Hall Manchester, was chosen.

On this bright and sunny hot morning 11 Morgan's (hoods down, with side screens removed) arrived at the venue on time, however because of a Morgan recall, unfortunately two of them could not make the journey. Nevertheless, for all those who arrived, it was good to meet up with new members and friends not seen for a while.

When we arrived, we were welcomed by an RHS representative and supplied with maps of the 154acre site and given an introduction and identification of all the important features on the map that also included cafes etc. Now where do we start? A coffee, or head out straight away to visit and review the array of gardens, walled garden, Chinese streamside garden (still under construction) or the many Community gardens - what a choice!!



The group of 25 members soon dispersed, some of them not to be seen again for many hours, others meeting up from time to time to catch up on plant identification and comments of "will it grow in our soil, or what is it called". Fortunately there was plenty of seating to rest from the extreme heat and also shaded walks through the woods and even cool lily ponds in the walled garden where children wanted to paddle (even grown up ones).

Lunch then enabled several members to meet up and share their thoughts on the day so far, they all agreed how enjoyable it was and said they would visit again to see the gardens at different seasons throughout the year.



A final place to visit was the Garden Centre, to browse at everything you could need for the garden and home. On display were collections of houseplants, unique plants and shrubs, gardening tools and accessories, and a great selection of gifts and homewares.

Arriving back at the car park there was our lone Morgan, so we could assume that no one had been lost in the woods or the 154 acre site.

We hope that all the members who came, enjoyed the visit and arrived home safely.

Steve and Viv Grunner

NorceMog entered a world of wonderful gardens at Bridgewater Hall



Some photographs courtesy of Bridgewater Hall <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater>

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Fulfilling creative plans, Morganeering and fun with the members

Me

Architectural design has been one of my main creative outlets during the past year, completing the creation of a contemporary linear designed house. After five years, first searching for suitable land, surveys, design, detailed plans, the planning process and project managing the build construction, my creative plans have been fulfilled.

Since completing the build, I've been working on the design and instalation of the internal furnishings, and preparing for implementing the landscaping, as will be noted by those at the White Island Buffet. *"[taleme meta, e filee mou](#)"*



It's no surprise that my design was influenced by, and is a contemporary twist on some coastal 'White Island' houses of Paros, where you will no doubt have noted from my previous Newsletter articles, Hilary and I spent many wonderful years. It's now our Cyclades home, here in Cheshire.

I've got planning permission for a single storey contemporary house on the land (perhaps for our future occupancy!) and now in the process of finalising the design, on the lines of the computer generated visual pictured here. >



My Mog

A classic in a contemporary - brought out of the garage regularly over the last 12 months, for a spin I've enjoyed since getting the Morgan in 2002 - except for a blip from 2016 when a medical condition made it difficult to drive.

I then loaned it to my son which created more difficulties - getting it back after he'd fallen in love with it. So much so, it featured as his wedding car. Since being back with me, my Mog and I are a marriage made in heaven.

Members

Slotting in the Newsletter in my spare moments has been a bit of fun over the past year, and I've appreciated the input from a number of members. Here were their contributions that they forwarded to me for editorial review. Articles and photographs that have helped to make producing the Newsletter well worthwhile.

David Roberts

The support from Dave has been superb, supplying informed, interesting articles on all things Mog, all year. (Aug 21 through 22)



John Stephens

John was up to speed, making it a fast turnaround for me with details he supplied for a Speedmog article. (Nov 21)



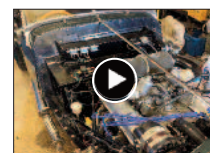
Yvonne Hale

Yvonne sent a photo taken on the NC500 I'd have been pleased to have art directed. (Sept 21) + Unusual Morgan article. (May 22)



Andy Bleasdale

No restoration was needed in publishing Andys' Plus 8 project news, with the added plus factor of a video link. (Dec 21)



Adrian Long

I escaped from any editing with Adrians' comprehensive report on the Fat Lamb, Escape from Lockdown Tour. (Sept 21)



Una Haynes

The Noggin report from Una on the Golden Pheasant flew into production, as it required very little editing. (Oct 21)



Dave Leonard

I only needed a bit of free time to produce Daves' article on his Freedom Day birthday celebration to Malvern. (Oct 21)



Neil McArthur

The article from Neil, on his son driving Major Morgan, was definitely a good idea for me to publish at the time. (Oct 21)



David Simms

Our members attention was sure to be summoned by Davids' report on the Clink Noggin at Styal prison. (March 22)



Peter Murphy

An article on restoring an old railway wreck from Peter, kept members interest on track. (May 22) + Driving Academy article. (July 22)



Andrew Threlkeld Centre Secretary

With his club reports, support and liaison with all the members, Andrew kept the club ticking over - more reliably than the Mogs!

Members photos of the year

A picture of a Morgan looks good anytime, in any setting, and these photographs taken on location looked really good, capturing that special Morganeering moment in time. It was a pleasure to publish them in the Newsletters.



Peter and Sheila Barnfield

Their Plus 4, at sunset by the sea and nearby La Corbiere Light house, on the south-west point of St Brelade on Jersey. (Featured Oct 21)



Richard and Vivienne Cressy

Their Plus 8 (right) at Lake Tekapo, with distant views of the southern alps, during the 2014 MONZA tour of New Zealand. (Featured Oct 21)



Jay Hale and Yvonne Chadderton

Pictured from driving their Plus 8, on the coastal route, during their travels on the NC500 tour in the North of Scotland. (Featured Sept 21)

Focus on forwarding articles and photographs to feature during the next year: les@lbacreative.co.uk

Time to say Goodbye!

Following his final chapter as your Newsletter editor last May, parting with Bluebell, ends another chapter of Philip's life.

Having thoroughly enjoyed my time as custodian of "Bluebell" my Granddaughters name for the Morgan, after much contemplation, I have sold the car, it was with a heavy heart that I waved good bye to her, as she left on the back of a low loader, and I have to admit, my eyes were a little moist, as it went out of site.



The car gave me hours of pleasure, I enjoyed talking to admirers of the car when I parked up, on my journeys around the hills of Lancashire.

At least my face won't ache anymore due to the "Morgan Owners Smile"

I am a man of many hobbies so the money that was tied up in the car and needed to keep it pristine and on the road, will be used on various activities.

In November I commence an online degree course with a Thomas Edison State University, the course is on the American Civil War, following my lock down study's on line with Harvard, Columbia University New York and University of Virginia.

I love attending live music events at the Bridgewater and The Stoller Hall, Manchester, and the Philharmonic Hall and Arena, Liverpool, enjoying many genres of music from Mowtown, Indie, R&B, Classical and the odd Opera, anything but improvised Jazz, I try to attend at least 1 concert every month.

Having played Golf in my youth up until my mid 30's, I intend to start playing again, with a new set of clubs I bought 4 years ago, that have still not been used in anger.

Now Covid19 is easing, I will be spending more time raising money for and speaking in public about a charity which is very dear to my heart, Macmillan Cancer Support.

And now that I am not working, I will be able to spend sme quality time with my children and grandchildren.

I also love to travel, the Greek Islands and Venice being particular favourites, of mine and In order to keep fit, I like to swim, and one ambition is to swim front crawl proficiently, even though I am a qualified swimming teacher, so I will be having swimming lessons in August.

During lockdown, I started litter-picking in the local park, trying to keep it neat and tidy. So as you can see, I like to keep myself busy.

I wish the members of NorceMog many years of happy motoring, and who knows, I might just get back into Morgan ownership one day.

Philip Shuttleworth



Here's thanks to Philip for his past article on when he chauffeured a groom.

His article in November 2021, helped give the Newsletter a lift, and I'm sure you will want to wish Philip all the best as his new chapters unfold in the future.

Les Burgess



Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Please note: Events are subject to Corona Virus restrictions

2022

Highlighted events organised by NorceMog. **Items in Red** to be confirmed/finalised. Check Website for Updates.

Jan 16

The Inn at Whitewell

Contact Andy Bleasdale Tel 07973 315676

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[Full Details](#)



Feb 13

The Clink Restaurant, Styal, Wilmslow

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Mar 13

The Leigh Arms, Little Leigh, Northwich

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

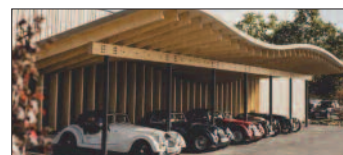
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April 9

MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern



April 10

Lunch & AGM, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitegate

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April 24

FBHV Drive it Day

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, with events to uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles on the road.

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May 2

Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield

Contact Martin Cocks Tel 07973 488504,

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May 8

Autotest & Concours, British Commercial Museum, Leyland

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June 12

Lytham Hall, Private Dining, Lytham

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June 26










Arley Hall Garden Festival

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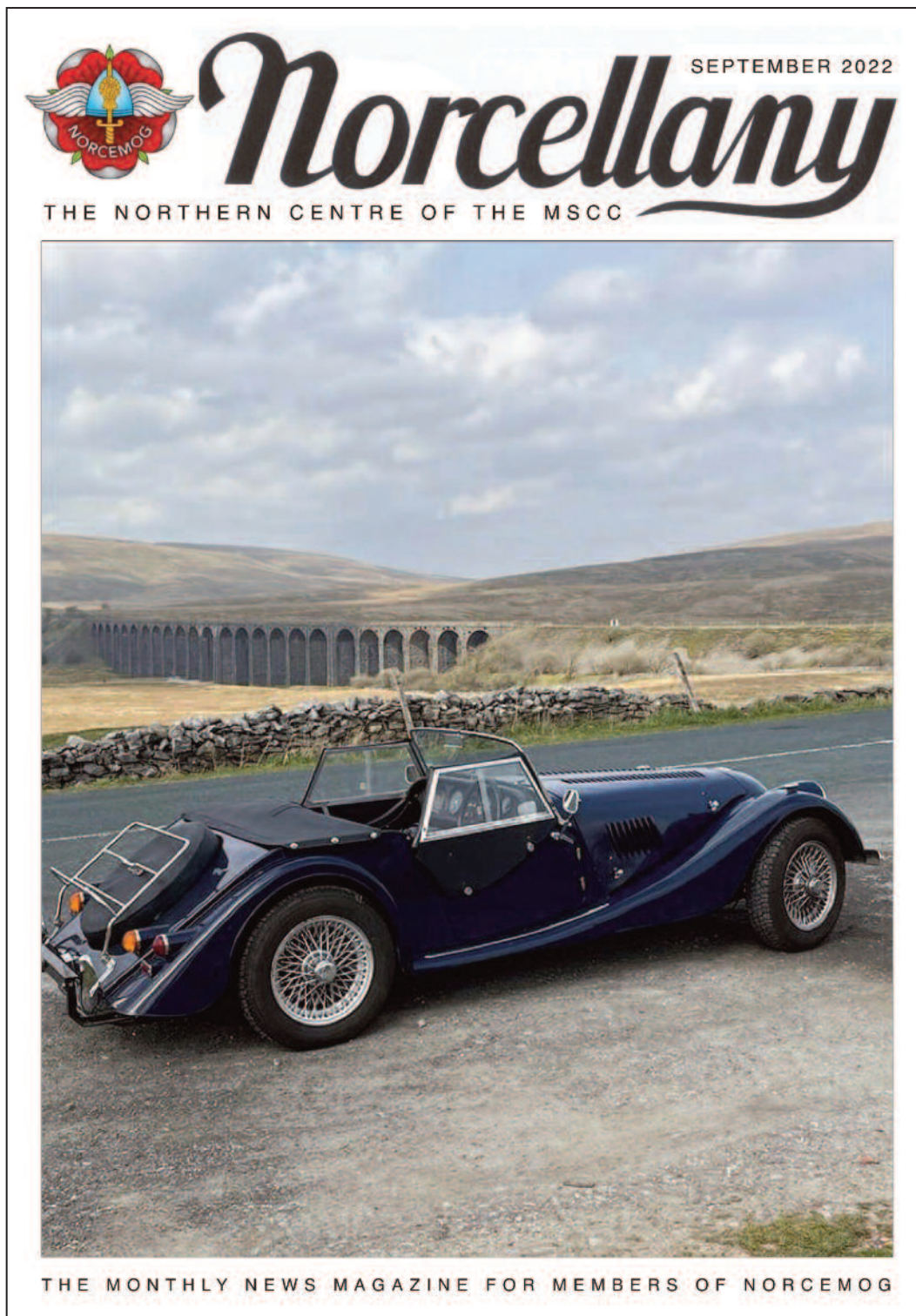
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June 24-26	MOGFEST 22 and Annual Dinner, Beamish Museum, Durham. https://www.morgansportscarclub.com/news/article/mogfest22bookingsopen Bookings can only be made through MSCC Travel Club	
July 10	RHS Bridgewater Gardens, Worsley, Salford Contact Steve & Viv Grunner steve.grunner@hotmail.co.uk Full Details	
July 29-31	Oulton Park Gold Cup 3-day race weekend Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com Full Details	
Aug 7	White Island Mediterranean Buffet, Nr Plumley Contact Les Burgess Tel 07711 165775 les@lbacreative.co.uk Full Details	 <div>2 PLACES AVAILABLE</div>
Sep 2-4	Morgans at Windermere Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348 les2mog@gmail.com Full Details	
Sep 7	Quarry Bank Mill Styal - National Trust Property Contact Adrian Long Tel 07831 3772565 adrian.long@me.com Full Details	
Sep 16-18	Isle of Man Festival of Motoring Contact www.mscctravelclub.com	
Sep 23-25	Week-end in Warwickshire & Classic Car Show Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com Full Details	 <div>2 ROOMS AVAILABLE</div>
Oct 8	Mersey Tunnel Tour - Pier Head Liverpool Contact Andrew Brown Tel 01745 343851 brown2deva@aol.com Full Details	
Nov 6	To be Confirmed	
Dec 11	 Christmas Party & Annual Awards Presentation Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston Contact Bryan & Linda Fearn Tel 01253 891539 bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk	

If any member has an idea for a future event, we welcome proposals
 Contact Andrew Threlkeld, Club Centre Secretary
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Looking forward - how about publishing this for the monthly news!

Developed from an inspired idea by David Roberts.

Photo courtesy of Sam Hibbert.

Cheers - Les les@lbacreative.co.uk

