



Andy Bleasdale's 3-Wheeler Project Progress – Getting there!

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Noggin News

There have been numerous additions to the Calendar since our last Newsletter so please do check the year, as it stands, at this [CALENDAR LINK](#).

February 18th – The Hanging Gate, Weaverham, CW8 3HG, Lunch, optional walks and tea and cakes at Andrew & Joan's afterwards. Please pre-book your meal [HERE](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld, Tel 07912 494768,

Email = norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com **Bookings essential**

March – To be confirmed, please feel free to offer / organise a venue.

April 14th – AGM at Vale Royal Abbey, 2 course lunch followed by AGM

Organisor – Andrew Threlkeld, Email norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

Events for **June, August** and **September** have been added to the calendar since the last Newsletter.

Oulton Park

Applications are open for The Gold Cup (26th – 28th July) with half price admission for driver and 1 passenger in display vehicles and The British GT championship on Easter Monday with FREE admission for driver of display vehicles. The ticket application has changed again, and the required links are available here [GOLD CUP](#), and [BRITISH GT](#). I have already booked The Gold Cup without any problem – See also And Finally...!

Autotest – June?

Unfortunately, our usual venue at The British Commercial Vehicle Museum is not available this year. If you know of a suitable, large tarmac area which may be available please contact Andrew Threlkeld or Bryan Rawlinson.

Candles Charity Run – May – Organised by the South Cheshire MG Owners club, they have confirmed that Morgans, of any age, will be welcome. See the web site for full details.

Plenty of room at The Inn

The Inn at Whitewell – January 14th 2024

Andy Bleasdale's defence of his Wilkinson Sword award got off to an impressive start for our 1st Noggin of the year at the traditional venue of The Inn at Whitewell near Clitheroe. From Sale to Southport, North Wales to Northwich, Croston to Clitheroe, 43 members travelled (some of us with hoods down of course) to The Inn to enjoy fine food, great company and excellent service as the staff worked efficiently to satisfy our hunger without the need to pre-book meals.



Occupying 2 adjoining rooms reserved for the NorceMog contingent there was the usual plentiful chatter, Happy New Year offerings and experiences shared of our Christmas festivities.





Duly fed and watered Andy invited us back to his nearby home for afternoon refreshments and a visit to his garage for a progress report on the 3-wheel Morgan he is building. It is classed as 'renovation' however the finished vehicle will be unique! Andy is reconstructing it to his own bespoke specification being longer and wider than the original design! Nevertheless, the phrase "men in sheds" is the only way to describe our visit to his workshop.

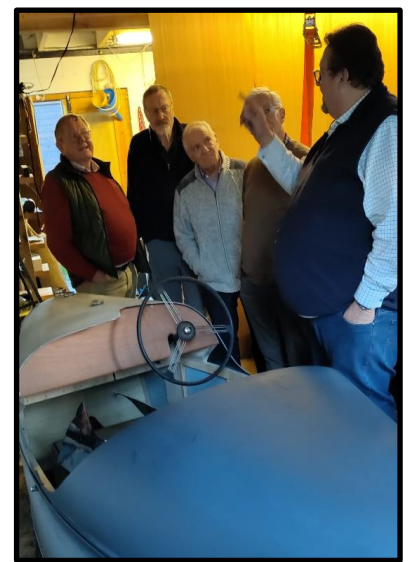


Members admire Andy's latest project whilst his previous +8



is ignored! Meanwhile, Roger Benton wonders where the pedals are?

Andy explaining to a rapt audience that all that Airfix, Meccano and Lego experience is coming in really useful!





Just need a full engine at this end and Tony Cory finds the 3rd wheel hiding under the rear cowling.



Our thanks to Andy, Maggi and Andy's daughter Harriet for the tea, cakes and hospitality

Life's Cup – Most Enthusiastic Member 2023

Due to other priorities Adrian & Dot Long were unable to attend December's Christmas meal and Awards presentation however the January Noggin provided us with the opportunity for our Chairman, Andy Bleasdale, to present the award in person to Adrian.



The Life's Cup was awarded to Adrian in recognition of his organisation of the very successful 4-day visits to The Fat Lamb, Ravenstonedale in 2021 and 2023. An original visit was cancelled due to Covid, however subsequent visits including Scenic runs, visits to transport related museums, bus rides in a vintage double decker not to mention a cruise on Lake Ullswater. Full reports of the trips can be found in the Newsletters of September 2021 and September 2023. We are pleased to add Adrian's name to the list of previous winners on this, the oldest award within The Northern Centre, Congratulations.

Next Event Summary

A reminder of forthcoming events and links for more details

February 18th – [THE HANGING GATE](#) Lunch

March 10th – Vacancy!

April 1st – [BRITISH GT](#) Championship ay Oulton Park – Free Admission

April 13th – **MSCC AGM** – Malvern See Miscellany for details

April 14th – [NorceMog AGM](#)

May 12th – [MG CHARITY](#) run

And Finally

Oulton Park v NorceMog Secretary

You may remember that in 2022 our application for 'modern' Morgans to attend the Oulton Park Gold Cup was rejected as "the cars were not of the era depicted by the festival!". This decision was reversed after we wrote to Dr. Jonathan Palmer Chief Executive of Motor Sport Vision (MSV) - (full report in June 22 Newsletter, Page 8). You can imagine my amusement therefore, when, applying for NorceMog members to attend The British GT Championship this year the application was initially rejected as follows:-

"Thank you for applying for MSCC Northern Centre to participate in the British GT Championship event at Oulton Park.

Unfortunately, your club application has not been successful for the event on this occasion.

Reason: Unfortunately, your car club doesn't fit the criteria of our event at Oulton Park. We are looking for modern sportscars."

I replied by email – "As they are still rolling off the production line in Malvern how modern do they have to be?"

Needless to say, they duly apologised, and we have now been accepted and applications for free admission are being accepted!

In fairness, as I applied as MSCC Northern Centre they hadn't realised we were a sports car club!

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<http://www.norcemog.com/Calendar%20of%20Events/2024Diary.pdf>

