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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Dear Members, please note that NorceMog subscriptions (£10 p.a.) are due on 1st April 2024. Bank transfer details are shown below or post cheques to our Treasurer, Linda Fearn, please contact Centre Secretary (email address below) if you need her address. If you are attending the AGM we can collect subs on that day.

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Noggin News

More events have been added and finalised since our last Newsletter so please use this link for the latest version of our Calendar of Events

<u>March</u> – Unfortunately there have been no volunteers (YET!) to arrange an event this month.

<u>April 14th</u> – **AGM and lunch at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club** – bookings being taken now and several members have already chosen their starter and mains. Formalities are scheduled to last less than 10 minutes and David & Sue Roberts have kindly offered to host 'Tea and Cakes' at their home nearby after the meeting. An opportunity to view the progress of David's latest renovation project. **Details**

<u>May 12th</u> – Autotest & Concours – Thanks to Robin Askew we have a new venue near Clitheroe for 2024. Always good fun in a safe, lighthearted environment - <u>Details</u>

<u>June 6th</u> – A mid-week get together at a private American war vehicle museum followed by lunch at The Cross Keys, Whitechapel, near Preston. <u>Details</u>

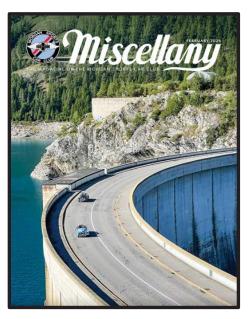
June 30th – Arley Hall Garden Festival – Free entry for display cars, 10 cars max. Contact **Centre Secretary** to reserve a place.

Other Events

April 1st – **Easter Monday** – Free admission at Oulton Park for display vehicles at the British GT & GB3 Championships. **Details**

April 28th – Oulton Park – A round of the Morgan Challenge





Did you notice the cars featured on the front cover of February's Miscellany belonged to our members David & Sue Roberts and Stan Foxall as featured in our December Newsletter? The photo was taken by Adrian Long as they crossed The Chevrill Dam.

Once you have finished with your February Miscellany David would appreciate receiving your copy as he develops 'wall art' for his shed, garage, lounge, kitchen, dining room....

Bring it along to a forthcoming Noggin and we'll ensure David receives as many copies as possible.

The Hanging Gate - February 11th 2024

The tension was palpable as the seconds ticked towards the 9pm deadline. With 4 places still available we issued a 'Final Call' for Sunday lunch at the above establishment, and another 12 members expressed an interest. Thankfully the deadline passed without further additions and the management at The Hanging Gate were able to accommodate the expected 38 of us in the same area, only for 39 members to turn up on the day! Our thanks to Arwyn & Sam who took advantage of the armchairs just outside our main area.





Joan and I travelled with the roof down as the day was dull but dry and I even did without my cap for the tremendous journey of less than a mile. Competition for spaces was at a premium as many members arrived early and congregated in the car park prior to the pub opening at midday.





It goes without saying that the room was soon buzzing with conversation as everybody caught up with the latest news and happenings in our lives, the hustle and bustle only reducing as meals were served.















Our thanks to The Hanging Gate team in accommodating our group and serving the pre ordered meals in a timely fashion – apart from 1 – sorry Sam H!

I think everybody received what they had ordered and, judging by the clean plates, enjoyed their meals.

Suitably fed and watered 30 members plus a new member John Price – Welcome John – gathered at Joan & Andrew's home for tea and cakes and to continue the conversations, car comparisons and sharing holiday plans with or without a Morgan.



In Memory of Bryan Fearn

Sponsorship for London Marathon

Bryan's daughter, Meghan, is running The London Marathon this year in aid of the British Heart Foundation and would appreciate any sponsorship our members can offer.



To donate please follow this <u>link</u> to her "Just Giving" page or contact her Mum, Linda Fearn, through <u>norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com</u>

Morgan Memories David & Una's trips to Europe

Some of you will know that Una & I have attended several national Morgan events organised by some of the European Centres – Luxemburg (3), Germany (1) and Switzerland (2). These events are not run along the lines of the main annual home event, and numbers are limited.

The events are normally a weekend based in a hotel and all activities and dining etc. are included in your booking.

We've many fond memories of these events. Being escorted out of the centre of Echternach Luxemburg by Police outriders after taking part in a drinks reception!

Taking morning coffee at a local Swiss Morgan owner's home on a rocky outcrop only accessible by a draw bridge! Taking Schnapps at the summit of a high Swiss pass, so high the Plus 8 would not tick over! And more.

On one occasion the main formal dinner was held on a privately hired period River Rhine cruiser. We were welcomed aboard by the captain and our Morgan host and advised to tour the boat, including a gem of an engine room, and then find our seating in the dining salon.

The photo below was our place setting, personalised napkins and hats. Obviously, they knew our names but also the colour of our car – Red.



When leaving for home we were presented with various little mementoes including a large (very) bloc of Swiss chocolate which Una put into her bag and kept it in the footwell. Need I say more, it gets quite hot in a Plus 8's footwell!

David & Una Haynes.

NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 18th February 2024 Minutes of the Meeting

- Present Linda Fearn, Peter & Rosemary Murphy, Andrew Threlkeld
- Apologies Andy Bleasdale, Martin Cocks, Isobel Moore, B. Rawlinson
- Minutes of 5th April 2024 Accepted as a true record.
- Previous Actions from Minutes Action Register
 - 3 items in progress Items 111, 158 & 174
 - 2 to be started Feather banner & Purchase car badges Items 173 &
 178
- Treasurer's Report By Linda Fearn
 - Current balance = £3089.82
 - On-line account access to be investigated by Linda

LF

- Accounts to be reviewed by Neil McArthur prior to AGM in April

LF

AGM Preparation

- Current Committee members are prepared to stand again.
- Details on web site and members have started to book.

Diary of Events – 2024

- Vacancies for March & November
- David Sims has volunteered to organise October
- 2 Thursday events this year Attendance / acceptance to be reviewed after events
- Autotest permit & Cones required.

MC

- Morgans at Windermere NorceMog presence? Plan for 2025 event via Newsletter
- Autotest / Gymkhana with 3-wheeler club. Andy B has emailed Steve Hughes re possibility. Action register item 174
- Christmas Meal & Awards Barton Manor confirmed, awaiting price & menu.

Noggin Possibilities

- Peter M suggested listing potential events in the Newsletter and ask for volunteers to organise in 2025.
 - This will be completed in next months Newsletter- AT

Newsletter

- AT prepared to act as editor up to May Newsletter then we need another volunteer
- Alternatively AT will carry on and we need another Centre Secretary!
- AGM agenda item.
- Regalia No report due to Isobel absence.
 - Consideration of holding stock, caps, polos, jumpers?
 - Register NorceMog logo with "Logo that Polo" as used by MSCC.
 Members can then order any clothing items directly.

Competitions Secretary

- No report
- Certificate of Exemption required for Autotest in May New venue MC

• Website AT

Refreshed web site in use, NorceMog domain renewed.

• AOB AII

Sponsorship for British Heart Foundation in memory of Bryan Fearn.
 Meghan Fearn is seeking sponsorship for London Marathon. Request sponsors in Newsletter

Andrew Threlkeld Centre Secretary 19th February 2024

And Finally...

Attending NorceMog events can be more than just a pleasant experience with good food and great company as Simon and Heather Drew discovered at February's Noggin. Not only did they meet fellow NorceMoggers Vince & Gina Atherton who live 5 minutes away in the neighbouring village but also a work colleague from a previous company. It's a small world!

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For all the latest news on all our events please click this link. http://www.norcemog.com/Calendar%20of%20Events/2024Diary.pdf

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