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Contributions to NorceMog News always appreciated.
Please send your articles to norcemog@gmail.com



Noggin News

July 13th – In Progress, Keep an eye on your emails!

July 22nd – 25th – Fat Lamb Trip – Fat Lamb full however alternative accommodation may still be available - [Details](#)

July 25th – 27th – Oulton Park Gold Cup – Tickets available at 50% discount - [Details](#)
APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE 5TH JULY!

August 13th – Exclusive midweek visit to Peover Hall - [Details](#)

August 17th – Invitation from TorMog - Picnic in the Forest - [Details](#)

September 13th – Mid-week social run and visit to trout farm – [Details](#)

Thank you to those members who have already organised or are currently exploring venues for a Noggin. Your endeavour is greatly appreciated

New Members

We welcome Mike & Isobel Skelhorn from Sandbach. Mike is the Centre Secretary (CS) for DevaMog and our CS has reciprocated by joining DevaMog. More about potential joint ventures elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We also welcome the return of Martin and Amanda Cooper who have rejoined after buying a new Plus 4, their 4th Morgan (picture below) . After a sojourn enjoying the canals of Lancashire, Cheshire, Shropshire and surrounding areas they are now looking forward to meeting up again with the NorceMog members..



Upcoming Events

The Cheshire Signature Classic & Performance Motor Show

Arley Hall CW9 6NA – Sunday 31st August 2025

Organised by Great British Motor Shows we are inviting members from **NorceMog** and **DevaMog** to attend and proudly represent the Morgan marque at this event.

We can command our own reserved parking area by applying for at least 5 places (the more the merrier!) from the 2 centres and details of how to do this are as follows.
Use this link (as shown on our Calendar of Events)

- 1) [Cheshire Signature Classic & Performance Motor Show - Great British Motor Shows](#)
- 2) Select 'Club Exhibitor and Registration'
- 3) Select 'Club Member and Stand registration'
- 4) Select 'I'm registering to join my other club members'
 - a) A space will appear 'Tell us your club name'
- 5) Use "**Morgan Sports Car Club**" as club name
- 6) Complete the application form and pay
- 7) Please let us know at norcemog@gmail.com so we can monitor numbers.

8) Applications will close 23rd August 2025

We look forward to a great display of Morgans and mingling of the 2 centres

Fat Lamb - Lakes & Dales Tour

Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th July 2025

Contacts – Adrian & Dot Long

Email – adrian.long@icloud.com

Tel – 07831 377255

A three-night trip to the Yorkshire Dales / Cumbria staying at the Fat Lamb Inn Nr:

Ravenstonedale (Just south of Kirkby Stephen) [Details](#)



Oulton Park Gold Cup

July 25th to 27th

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld, Tel - 07912 494768

Email – norcemog@gmail.com

Booking is essential **CLOSING DATE 5th July 2025** [Details](#)

Oulton Park's signature **Historic Gold Cup** returns for another glorious celebration of motor racing's past with three days of nostalgic entertainment in July. Saturday and Sunday will act as the showpiece race days, with a wide range of machinery from yesteryear on show.



NorceMog Gymkhana – 22nd June 2025

British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland: Permit No. = #203558

Loads of fun with a few cones, a height bar, a plastic pipe, some tennis balls and a variety of Morgans driven responsibly in a low-risk environment.



We are grateful to The British Commercial Vehicle Museum who 'sanction' our use of the adjoining car park where we cone-off an area and set up the tests for the day. The driver briefing stressed that we were not racing and should a member of the public stray into our coned off area we were to halt proceedings until they had cleared the perimeter.

The tests were set up as 2 sets of 3 elements and with signing on sheets and safety briefing completed the competition commenced. Each of the 6 elements were individually marked so a 'failure' in 1 element did not necessarily ruin the chances of an overall win.

Element 1 – The Height Bar

Competitors waited at the start line and instructed the marshals to 'raise the bar'. The start line was offset to the bar and some 7 metres away. Once the final height was agreed the driver would move forward and, hopefully, drive under the bar. The height between the top of the windscreen and the bar were measured. If the bar was too low it was a failure.

Paul Johnson won this test with a gap of 1inch (2.54cm!)

Element 2 – The Front Post

Driving from the height bar competitors had to stop as close as possible to a plastic (self-standing) post without touching.

Andrew Threlkeld parked within 2 inches to win this element

Element 3 – The Policeman's Foot (or black plastic mat in reality!)

Reversing from the post and turning right the car had to be positioned so that the near side front wheel was in the middle of the mat.

Robin Askew and Tony Slack positioned their cars perfectly to take maximum points from this test.

At the halfway stage there were just 4 points separating 8 drivers

Element 4 - Target Time Slalom

A slalom course was set up using the cones and drivers had to negotiate the course, leave a tennis ball on 2 of the cones, reverse park into a garage and return to the start line. Penalty points were collected if the tennis balls were knocked off the cones. With a target time, of a generous, 2 minutes to complete the task (negating the need to 'race'), penalty points were added if the target time was exceeded or subtracted if below.

Tony Slack won this element with a time of 1 minute 55 seconds.



Tony with the best time.



David, ever the racing driver, had the quickest time but also managed to knock one of the tennis balls off, not satisfied with that David then proceed to reverse over it. Fortunately, the tennis ball survived.

Element 5 – The Rear Post

Similar to Element 2, however cars were reversed up to the post without touching. Paul Johnson was closest at 6 inches.



Paul showing how it's done.



Close



but too close!

Element 6 – Parallel Parking

Drivers had to reverse parallel park into a garage of cones with their nearside wheels as close as possible to the white line. The distance of front and back wheel from the line were measured and added together.

Roger Benton was the winner with a gap of just 1 ¼ inches total.



Close



Closer

The Results

A close contest with just 4 points separating the top 6 drivers.

Winner – Paul Johnson

Runner up – Stuart Dundas



Winner Paul



Runner up Stuart

The entry fee of £5 per driver was donated to the museum and spectators and drivers alike enjoyed lunch in the on-site café.

Our thanks, as always, to Bryan Rawlinson for booking and coordinating the event.

Coffee time



4 hours, 3 wheels, 2 blokes, 1 ambition

By Roger Benton

The ambition was simply to have fun so Peter Murphy and myself (the 2 blokes just in case you missed it) decided when visiting the Morgan factory to rent a Super 3, with Rosemary's permission of course. So, we had that car for 4 hours on a sunny afternoon and headed West into Herefordshire.

The first obstacle was getting in the car and doing the seatbelt up.



The seats aren't adjustable in position, instead the peddle box can slide forwards and backwards to give the correct leg room which worked well for me but Peter found there wasn't quite enough movement back to make it comfortable.



Then we're off on a 4 hour scenic tour of Herefordshire.



Quick stop for lunch in Weobley and like all Morgans the car attracted lots of interest. Then heading East along some wonderful roads back to the Morgan factory.

The Super 3 is quite a car, we really enjoyed driving it. It handled very well, despite having only 3 wheels! I found the engine had plenty of torque and the gearbox was delightful being smooth and precise. The sense of speed is amplified so 45mph feels like 60 and it handled well taking even pot holes without too much trouble in fact better than my +4 with the original shocks. The car was very comfortable and snug so there was no chance of moving around as you negotiate the corners.

The ambition, to have fun, was well and truly fulfilled, both Peter and myself enjoyed the experience enormously. Would I buy one? It is a very different car from the +4, the driving sensation is amazing, the fun factor is there in bucket loads, the car just oozes character, there is nothing quite like it. So, would I buy one, I would love to own one so one day maybe.

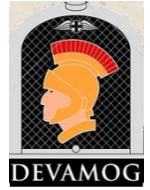


Stunning car



Joint Centre Activities

NorceMog & DevaMog



The camaraderie among Morgan enthusiasts has always extended well beyond local boundaries. With members eager to experience the charm of diverse regions and the unique character each centre offers, it's not uncommon for friendships and allegiances to overlap across multiple groups.

Whether it's a scenic drive through rolling countryside, a driving skill challenge, or a leisurely lunch at a historic inn, these collaborative ventures foster a sense of belonging that transcends geography. Shared road trips frequently spark conversations over the finer points of engine tuning or the best places for a picnic stop, while joint social gatherings become fertile ground for sharing stories, advice, and good-natured rivalry. The spirit of inclusion is palpable, making every member feel welcome no matter which badge they wear or how long they've been part of the Morgan family.

This interconnectedness not only enriches the social fabric of each club but also opens exciting opportunities for shared experiences and new traditions. As friendships criss-cross these invisible borders, the prospect of coordinated activities becomes ever more appealing—enabling enthusiasts to maximise the enjoyment of their Morgans and deepen their connection to the wider community.

Recognising this vibrant overlap, both NorceMog and DevaMog (Chairs and Centre Secretaries) have begun to reflect on how best to nurture and celebrate these natural connections. The motivation is not only to avoid duplication or scheduling clashes where possible, but to intentionally weave a richer tapestry of events that capture the imagination and interests of all members. There is a growing appreciation for the value of collaborative planning—combining resources, local knowledge, and creative spirit for the benefit of both Centres.

Both centres recognised the importance of maintaining the traditions and loyal spirit that make each centre unique, while also embracing the promise of collaboration. Early discussions include encouraging members to display at The Cheshire Signature Classic and Performance Motor Show at Arley Hall on Sunday 31st August (see details elsewhere in this Newsletter) and a potential Gymkhana (probably in 2026) at Gawsworth Hall. By fostering open channels of communication, both NorceMog and DevaMog hope to create a vibrant, adaptable programmes that welcomes innovation and encourages participation from all corners of their communities.

Further progress will be reported in due course and if you have any ideas please feel free to share them with a member of the committee or email to norcemog@gmail.com .

Feedback from the Board of Morgan Sports Car Club

You will remember that at the last AGM, the membership approved a change of structure to the operation of The Morgan Sports Car Club and appointed a Board of Directors. To ensure a transparent communication process the board will feedback to Centre Secretaries through Zoom calls on a regular basis. The first of these was on 30th June and summarised below. No doubt there will be a more detailed report in July's Miscellany.

- **Calendar**

- 2026, the 75th Anniversary of MSCC, will be the last printed calendar issued to all members.
- From 2027 on a digital version will be issued and a printed copy available to order at cost price.

- **Miscellany**

- Production and postage costs of Miscellany are the largest expenditure of the club.
- Advertising revenue is dropping as other media and social channels are used by suppliers.
- Due to print scheduling and deadlines, the January issue of Miscellany is produced in parallel with Decembers. Consequently, the January issue is usually lower on content.
- This year, there will be one issue in December covering both December and January saving production (and postage) costs of January.
- In the future the magazine will be approx. 75 pages and issued bi-monthly saving £70,000 p.a.
- Centre reports will be included in the digital monthly edition of Morganeer which is sent to all members with an email address.
- The possibility of Miscellany going digital only (as currently available through the MSCC web site) is a consideration for the future. (CS Note – it is currently an option with other organisations e.g. National Trust, RSPB etc.)

- **Finances**

- Current projection is a £20K deficit
- To cover this, subs would have to increase to £60+ p.a. (TR Register already charge £70 p.a.) hence savings being explored as above.
- Income from 'Logo that Polo' is 12.5% of orders placed. The Centres are 'entitled' to 50% of this if Centre Logo used. However, it is more cost effective for the centre to 'donate' it to the MSCC!
- The contract with Peter James insurance realises £7K+p.a. and is a 3-year deal
- Bank interest earns £7K p.a. but interest rates are decreasing.

- **MSCC 75th Anniversary**

- 2026 is the 75th Anniversary of MSCC
- A Mogfest style celebration will be held at Malvern college where HFS built his first Morgan
- Morgan Motor Company will host a reception on the Friday night
- Centres are requested to contribute some activities to the event

NorceMog Events Calendar 2025









Diary of NorceMog Events






Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Keep a check on this Website for any Event Updates

2025

Highlighted - Events organised by NorceMog. **Dates/Events listed in Red** - to be confirmed/finalised

Jun 29 Free Admission maximum 10 cars	Arley Hall Garden Festival, Arley, Cheshire Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com Full Details	
Jun 29	Lancashire Classic & Performance Car Show At Hoghton Tower Nr Preston, PR5 0SH Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Jul 13	TBD	
Jul 22 - 25	Fat Lamb Tour: Lakes & Dales Contact Adrian & Dot Long Tel 07831 377255 Email: adrian.long@icloud.com Full Details	
Jul 26 - 27 50% Discount	Oulton Park Gold Cup Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com Full Details	
Aug 13 Wednesday	Peover Hall – Exclusive Tour Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9HW Contact – John Unterhalter Email - damhead@btinternet.com Full Details	
Aug 17	Teddy Bear Picnic in the Forest - Organised by TorMog Top Close Farm, Langley, Macclesfield, SK11 0NE Contact Peter Farley. Email: peter_farley@sky.com Full Details	

Aug 31	Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show Venue - Arley Hall, Northwich, CW9 6NA Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Sep 5-7	Morgans at Windermere. A FellMog Event Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348 Email: les2mog@gmail.com More Details	
Sep 14	Southport Classic & Performance Car Show Victoria Park Rotten Row, Southport PR8 2BZ Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Sep 18	Visit to Kilnsey Park Trout Farm & Social Run Contact - Robin Askew In association with MG Owners Club Email = robinaskew@yahoo.co.uk More Details	
Oct 12	TBD	
Nov 2	TBD	
Dec 14	Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston, PR3 5AA Contact Linda Fearn at Full Details	

If you have an idea for hosting one of our monthly events, we welcome proposals.

Contact Andrew Threlkeld, Centre Secretary Tel: 07912 494 768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com

Tip of the Month

By David Roberts

If you are making plans for touring abroad in your Morgan, at this time of year, supermarkets Aldi and Lidl, often have special offers for European touring packs comprising spare bulbs, UK sticker (GB now no longer legal), headlamp beam deflectors and warning triangle.

It's worth noting that for Spain, there is the requirement to carry two, yes two warning triangles, one to be placed a number of metres in front of the car, the other behind.

A useful device that I purchased from Lidl was a portable jump starter with power pack, you might call it an automotive defibrillator. Price £15.

Finally, as we enter summer, those whose Morgans are decorated with badges in front of the radiator grill will have rotated their badge bar by 180° degrees and remounted the badges as per last month's tip. This will improve the air-flow through the radiator and help the car's engine cooling system.



For Sale

Librands slimline badge bar for a Morgan for sale.

It will be a straightforward fit on any Morgan except those recent Morgans (21st century) with front overrides where the front number plate covers the lower part of the chrome radiator grill. Having fitted a badge bar to a CX chassis Plus 4, this Librands badge bar could be adapted to fit without too much difficulty.



£37 without postage; I can bring it to a Norcemog Noggin.

Contact details: David Roberts, mobile: 07768216305,
email: david.roberts@pevm.co.uk

And Finally

Thanks to all the contributors this month, hope you enjoyed the articles

This Sunday I'm off to Arley Hall Garden Festival and with a good weather forecast looking forward to an enjoyable day. Later in the month I'll be at the Fat Lamb then straight after the Oulton Park Gold cup, both also great events.

The week after next I'm going to Northumberland for a few days on a MSCC organised scenic tour, fingers crossed for good weather.

Best wishes
Roger.