

## Morganeering with magnificent views on the North Coast

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Welcome to your September Newsletter. In this issue: Reports from Andrew Threlkeld on the VSCC meeting - Adrian Long on the NorceMog 'Escape from Lockdown' Spring Tour - Mog Moments, your Morgan-Photo gallery - and more . . . Hope you enjoy!



### Thanks for your response!

I asked you in my first edition to 'put yourself in the driving seat' and deliver news, with articles and photographs - here's a big thank you to those who responded.

You sent content that's been a great help to me in producing this follow-up edition, like the image I've featured above...what a view!..this is what Morganeering is all about, an open road, stunning scenery, just like when I'm nearing home on the A556.

So everyone, please put your foot on the pedal and deliver items of all things Morgan, stories, photographs, either at home, abroad, or anywhere out and about, to keep me busy, if only to stop me going on about Greek Islands!

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# NorceMog at the VSCC Meeting

## Oulton Park – 10th July 2021



**A welcome event as we 'Return to Normal' with 11 Morgans gathered at our traditional spot overlooking the Cascades corner.**

How good it felt to get together again with acquaintances old and new to enjoy half price admission at this meeting organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC).

In true NorceMog fashion, we ignored the allocated display area to be together in a more track friendly place where we could enjoy the racing whilst sitting in front of our beloved cars and engage with the other attendees admiring our vehicles.



The race list included pre and post war cars ranging from saloons to open wheeled racers using the full international circuit and the only disappointment of the day was a lack of entry to the pit area due to Covid-19 restrictions. I'm sure the competitors missed us admiring their machines at close quarters as they have always been accommodating and friendly in previous years. Ah well, perhaps the pits will be accessible again now, for The Gold Cup..

I must admit though, I wondered how a Lotus Cortina [1] could legitimately take part at a VSCC meeting until I realised, yes, it is over 50 years since the car was launched (Mk 1 Cortina shape). Where did those years go?



It was an entertaining day with morning practice sessions and seven races in the afternoon. My favourite vehicle of the day was "The Flying Bedstead" [2] which participated in the last race with the entry numbers stretching all the way down The Avenue, through Cascades and up to Island Bend.

There was also a classic car display area including a flat rad Morgan [3] MG's and Riley's [4] as the pictures show.

Andrew Threlkeld



Hope you're not missing the premier event, this Bank Holiday weekend – The Oulton Park Gold Cup.



## Mog Moments - captured on camera

A Photo-gallery of NorceMog members Morgans - Out & About.



Jay and Yvonne Hale, with their 2002 Plus 8, enjoying the stunning coastal scenery in the North of Scotland (featured on page 1) during their travels on the NC500 in July 2021.



Me with my 1994 Plus 4 in King Street, in the architecturally historic market town of Knutsford in March 2006

Creative Director!...with this photograph, who is he kidding, you might think. But the quality is due to being scanned from an early Cheshire Life magazine.

To have your Morgan featured in Mog Moments, just send me a photograph and brief details:  
The model and it's age: The location and date: [les@lbacreative.co.uk](mailto:les@lbacreative.co.uk)

Derek and Sue Hainsworth's  
2019 Plus 4 at Buttertubs  
Pass, during a drive on the  
high roads, with far reaching  
views, in the natural beauty  
of the Yorkshire Dales  
in June 2021



Kevin Osborne's 2001 4/4,  
hood up and ready for a  
rainy early morning start  
in the prestigious event  
at Chantilly Arts d'elegance  
France in 2019.

David Roberts in his  
modified 1976 Plus 8 at the  
Bently Drivers Club Meeting  
driving through the  
Luffield Complex of corners  
prior to Woodcote Corner  
at Silverstone,  
August 1993





# NORCEMOG 'Escape from Lockdown Tour' Fat Lamb Inn, Cumbria, July 20th - 23rd 2021



**Our trip to Cumbria /Yorkshire Dales was two years in the making, first planned for May 2020, then delayed to May 2021, we finally gathered in a glorious heatwave in July and had a wonderful three days, it was well worth the wait.**

Ten Morgans arrived on Tuesday afternoon with hoods down and side screens off, plus Peter and Isobel who's 4/4 was in dock so they arrived in their Honda to join in the fun, it was not long before drinks were flowing and an excellent dinner with a briefing for the next days drive.

The drive was to be a 100 mile scenic route, firstly taking in Eggleston Hall Gardens for coffee, ("Watch out for the unfriendly post Bryan") starting in a brilliant clear sky and sunshine we hit low lying mist over the top and a slight chill, not what we expected but by the time we finished coffee and enjoyed the gardens the sun and warmth had returned and we continued to the main destination of the day, '**Locomotion**' at Shildon.



Chris and Carol in their concours winning Plus 4



This is the lesser known of our two National Railway Museums - the other one being York, it houses many wonderful examples of our railway heritage including Locomotion 1 which was beaten by Stephenson's rocket in the Darlington trials in the 1820's.

The Morgans were parked on the museum apron resulting in lots of admiring glances from the visiting public with Steve and Viv inviting children to sit in their car, I think it was the highlight of the day for them.

After a couple of hours viewing and lunch we departed for home, most taking on the glorious high moors over to Swaledale past Amanda and Clive Owens family farm at Ravensseat.

It was here a few dark clouds gathered which rapidly turned rather threatening. Some of us managed to get our hoods up in time for the cloud burst some just got very wet! Hoods down again and on back to the Fat Lamb for a welcome rest and shower after a very hot enjoyable day.



Before dinner we enjoyed a Jazz trio and drinks including the results of our friendly concours competition which Chris and Carol deservedly won with their super blue Plus 4 bristling with gizmos which Chris had personally designed and made attracting many to look, learn and photograph.



The following day was a 'rest day' and vintage coach trip, on a 1960's double decker open top bus which last saw service in Llandudno and arrived to great excitement during breakfast.

Everyone climbed aboard and in the glorious hot sunshine we were treated to an amazing trip through the Yorkshire Dales over to Swaledale and up and over 'Butter Tubs' to Hawes where we stopped for a welcome break and Ice Cream. We then continued on to Semerwater, One of the only two natural lakes in the Dales with the other one being Malham Tarn.



The picnic was enjoyed by all at Semerwater with Andrew and Joan shading from the hot sun.- if only we had bought our swimming gear!

After our picnic we were treated to a visit to the Wensleydale Cheese factory at Hawes, after tea and a chance to sample and buy some cheese, avoiding the Wallace and Grommet experience! We were soon back at the Fat Lamb after a wonderful day, drinks and dinner were served with few staying up very late on a balmy albeit a little midgey summer evening!

The following morning saw most heading for home with a few stalwarts taking a drive through the Trough of Bowland to the famous 'Hark the Bounty' pub in Slaidburn for a snack and coffee before a very hot drive home after a wonderful Morgan trip.



Our thanks go to the staff of the Fat Lamb who looked after us so well and a huge vote of appreciation to Anthony who drove the bus over hills and Dales so expertly. We all found the roads a challenge in the Morgans - but in a bus!!

Adrian Long

**A fantastic time was had by all.**



Top: Some of the Morgans driving on the 100 mile scenic route. Centre: Members departing for the Yorkshire Dales on the open top bus.  
Below: The line up of Morgans creating an impressive fascia to the Fat Lamb.



# Back from driving my Mog - to a man's best friend

**Like my Morgan, Harvey is a real beauty.  
He's our 5th Golden Retriever - one of the most loyal,  
loving breed of dogs, truly a man's best friend.**

I only briefly mentioned Harvey in my introduction in last months newsletter, but in looking back, like all his predecessors, he's been an important part of my life. Although all our other Goldens have been special, it's not surprising that the bonding with Harvey has been greater, due to me being in my home studio on most days now, as apposed to previously leaving for my office in Manchester early mornings and not returning, often until late in the evenings and occasionally on weekends too.

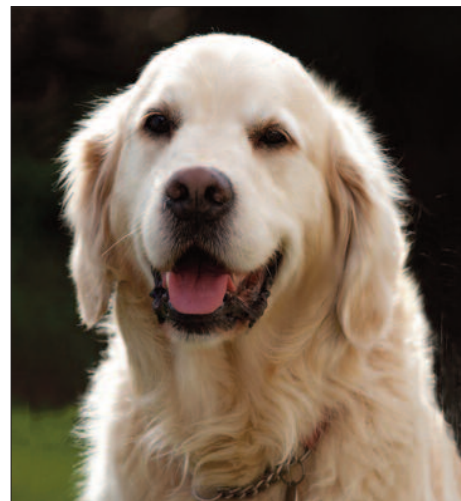
Whatever the circumstances and how I feel, he's always there, by my side offering that special golden glow of affection, and he's here now as I'm writing, wanting to be told 'good boy' - No! wanting to be taken for a walk!

And how lucky my wife and I were to get Harvey, a dog of immaculate pedigree, who was offered by The North West Golden Retriever Club. <https://nwgoldenretrieverclub.com> As members of the club, we were in regular contact with one of the officers and a friend, Pat Blackburn, who at the time of loseing his predecessor Teddy, was asked to keep us informed of any forthcoming litters that were to become available from one of their approved breeders.

I said how lucky - we couldnt believe it! A top breeder of show standard litters in Anglesey, had sold this puppy to a young couple, who after only 10 weeks found they couldn't cope with the care and attention needed in the early stages of rearing a dog, even though we've found Goldens very easy to train, so they took him back to the breeder. She in turn then contacted Pat to see if she knew anyone who'd be interested in him. No prizes for guessing who that was.

So Pat contacted us and brought him up to our home in Holmes Chapel, and as soon as I saw him I was captivated. With the price of Goldens today, he was a gift, with Pat just asking for a contribution to her club. Although money shouldn't be influential, I'd have paid whatever price for such a beautiful dog.

I don't want to think too much about it, but he's in his 14th year and my wife has been in touch with Pat. But we wont be as lucky again, so I'd better make the most of Harvey while I can and take him for that walk he's been asking me for, before taking the Morgan for a spin...**then it's back from driving my Mog to my best friend.**



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## **...and here's a Dog that just cant wait to jump into her Mog**

It's not just us Morganeers that love the Mog, it looks like dogs do too. As soon as the cover comes off this Morgan, Millie, a Cocker Spaniel jumps straight into the back, ready to be harnessed and enjoy a ride out.

Ready to oblige and join their four legged friend and back seat driver are the owners of this Connaught Green 1991 4/4, Andrew and Lynn Brown,

### **A Dog in a Mog - Poetry in Motion!**

(Remember this!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2yAanNhcql>

If you've got a Mog related story, at home or out and about, please forward it to me - I'll be delighted to publish it.

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# Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Please note: Events are subject to Corona Virus restrictions

# 2021

**Highlighted** Dates of Events organised by NorceMog. Items in **Red** to be confirmed/finalised

**Aug 15**

## Sunday Lunch

### The Golden Pheasant, Plumley

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**Aug 28/30**

## Oulton Park Gold Cup

3-day race weekend

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[Full Details](#)



**Sept 12**

## Sunday Lunch

### The Buck Country Pub, Paythorne, Clitheroe

Contact Isobel & Peter Moore 01253 738 201

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[Full Details](#) **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**



**Sept 26**

## Cheshire Candles Charity Run

Organised by West Cheshire MG Car Club

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[Full Details](#)

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**Oct 10**

## Sunday Lunch

### The Aspinall Arms, Mitton, Clitheroe

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[Full Details](#) **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**



**Dec 12**



## Christmas Lunch & Presentation

### The Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston

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[Full Details](#) **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**







Members Morgans line-up on the apron at Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon on 21st July, during the NorceMog 'Escape from Lockdown' Spring Tour.

**...let's all keep on track with Miles of Morganeering**

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