



Who's your Valentine?.. It's a racing certainty!

Valentine's Day 1929: page 6

Welcome to your February Newsletter. In this issue: John Stephens reports on The Inn at Whitewell Noggin - Mog Restorations and Mods - Members Messages - Morgans the Name - St.Valentine's Day Massacre - and more . . . Enjoy!



I'm waiting for your proposal!

Seriously though, I'm happily married, and I wouldn't presume to compete with the real love of your life, that your partner will be happy you're thinking of on Valentine's day.

And not just on Valentine's day, I'm certain it's the love of your life you'll be thinking of all year round - your beloved Morgan. A real beauty that any man or woman couldn't resist falling in love with and proposing to cherish for evermore.

But I would still like you to propose to me, making a commitment to send articles and photographs (see page7) that I can feature in forthcoming editions of the Newsletter.

In the traditions of Valentine's day, I would love to hear from you.

Les Burgess: les@lbacreative.co.uk

Noggin at The Inn at Whitewell

Sunday 16th January 2022



A 'Happy New Year' get-together at this Old Historical Inn.

The Inn at Whitewell is famous throughout Great Britain for its excellent food and as one of the most beautiful vistas in the land, and it certainly didn't disappoint in providing again, the perfect venue for the first of our New Year Noggins. The inn is of historical heritage, having been an original 14th-century coaching house with additions made in the 17th century, and has all the Old World charms inc: mullioned windows, centuries old stone-flagged flooring and offering views over its private garden and an outdoor terrace sitting high on the banks overlooking the River Hodder.

In addition to NorceMog members, lots of famous faces have visited The Inn at Whitewell, including the Queen who popped in for lunch in 2006. Now, we were there enjoying our get-together over a delicious Sunday lunch.

Most of the members then went to Andy Bleasdale's home for tea and cake. I am impressed how Andy can get other members to make cakes so scrumptious. Thank you for them (you know who you are). And as well as those tasty treats, it was a chance to peep into his man cave (aka Andy's garage) for a taster of his Mog rebuild skills.

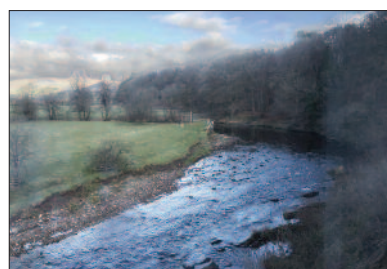
Andy is progressing very well with his latest project, a slightly modified Plus 8. It has a 3.9 litre John Eales engine that makes a glorious bark when it starts from cold but is as smooth as silk at idle. All he needs is for the wings to return from the paint shop, a couple of days to assemble and he will be out and about road testing it.

Hopefully by next January Covid will have disappeared and more members will be out and about for this Noggin, driving the numbers up to full capacity.

Make a note for January 2023, It's well worth the trip.

Thank you Andy for organising such an enjoyable event.

[John Stephens](#)



Note: Latest Noggins for February, March and June (See Diary Page 9)



Mog Restorations and Mods

Members work on Morgans



Restoration projects and Modifications inc: Maintenance

Restorations

David Roberts

1960 4/4 Series II Rebuild

The 4/4's rebirth enters the final lap with final assembly of the painted bodywork, fitting out the interior and template for the race specification oil breather catch tank. With a fair wind, the car is just a month from being roadworthy.

November Week 4

The original tonneau cover is in serviceable condition although to prevent clothes being snagged or ripped during entry and exiting the cockpit, I replaced the cars original Lift-the-Dot fasteners on and around the doors with Durable-Dot press studs. Six circular doubled patches are sewn into the tonneau cover to reinforce its Everflex material sufficiently to withstand tension.

December Weeks 1 and 2

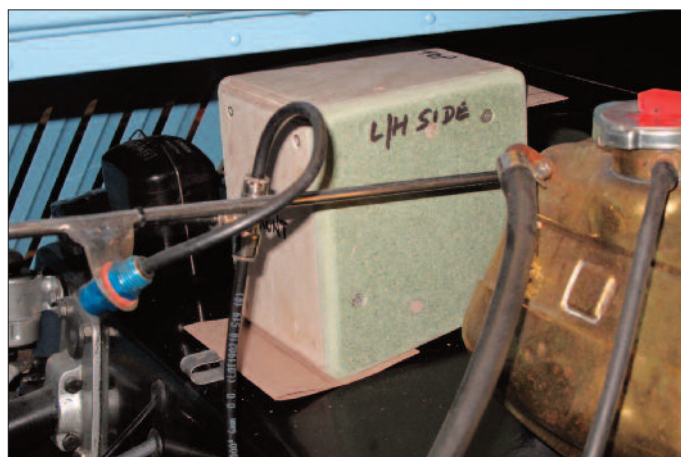
I take a rest from the body exterior to commence finishing all the upholstery; although the benchseat back and seat squabs have been upholstered by Steve Summers (ex-Morgan trim-shop foreman), the tops of the doors need upholstering as well as the sills under the doors; these need careful cutting and shaping before the threshold strips are fitted with a smear of clear silicone to prevent rain water from creeping under the threshold. Finally, the interior is complete and looking absolutely stunning.



One item of bodywork that remains to be fitted is the 4/4's petticoat or apron / bib, or as one Morgan wag referred to it – knickers – well it does provide a modesty purpose by hiding the 4/4's front undercarriage. The 4/4 can run in two configurations: with chrome bumper and number plate for touring or, without bumper and number plate, with oil cooler exposed and, for sprints and hillclimbs, with regulation timing trip fitted.

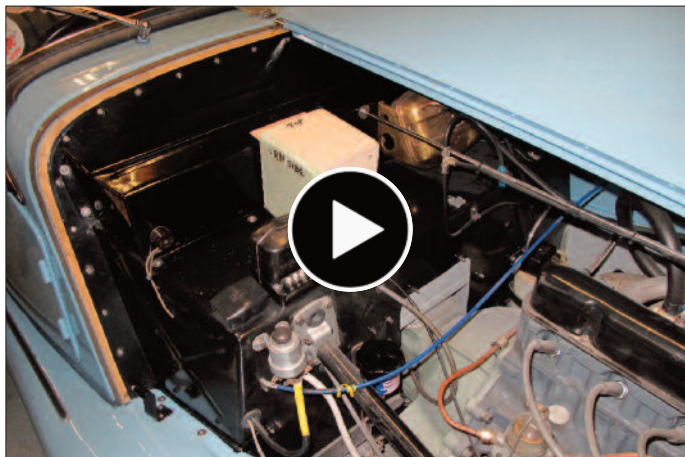


To comply with race regulation requirements, the 4/4 needs a two litre oil breather catch tank. Proprietary ones are available however, I do not like the fit, particularly as I wish the tank to follow the 6° angle of the bulkhead's surface so there's no alternative but to either fabricate one myself, or find a suitable specialist to make one for me. Whilst I can create the necessary drawings, I choose to make a dummy tank in plywood and MDF; this route enables me to trial fit the dummy tank and place mounting brackets precisely where I want them. The dummy tank is posted to Newark for fabrication that will include internal baffles and swaged unions.



December Weeks 3 and 4

To comply with Motorsport UK race regulations, the 4/4 needs an oil breather catch tank of two litre capacity. There's nothing available that is suitable, so I make a template using MDF and plywood; the tank will be mounted on the bulkhead against the toolbox. The template is sent to a fabricator to create a functioning tank with sight-glass, unions and baffles in 2mm aluminium.



Although the engine has run on a test bed, since fitting the engine into the 4/4's chassis and particularly plumbing in the oil cooler system, the oil pump has lost its ability to raise pressure, so it needs priming. I can either remove the pump's end-plate or, alternatively, use the oil pressure gauge union and a suitable oil feed to back-fill the oil pump by filling main oil gallery within the engine block.

With the engine oil pressure problem resolved, all I need is a suitable positive 12v feed for the ignition coil and to put petrol (E5 rather than E10) in the fuel tank. The battery, starter solenoid and battery cables were fitted eighteen months ago so, with some temporary wiring, I have a convenient supply with which to try firing up the engine. Fingers crossed.....

After adding coolant into the radiator and spinning the engine without sparkplugs fitted to allow the mechanical fuel pump to draw fuel up to the carburetor, it's time to fit the temporary coil cable and operate the solenoid button. Without the aid of a lightning storm yet borrowing those immortal words uttered by Boris Karloff in his cinematic role of Henry Frankenstein – "It's alive!".

[**< View the Video**](#)

So what's next?

Painting the reverse side of the rear deck; it is virtually impossible to wield a spray gun inside the spare wheel well aside from problems of over-spray coating all and sundry. Once it's done, the fuel filler hose and filler cap assembly, indicator lights and the important Morgan script badge can be screwed into place. Sidescreen mounts need placing and mounting, temporary sidescreens refurbished (original sidescreens, common to 1950s and early 1960 Morgans and very different to the current style need a lot of work to refurbish), hood straps sewn, original hood inspected for useability, wiring loom fitted together with a myriad of tasks before the 4/4 goes for an MOT at the beginning of March.

Arwyn Williams

1955 Plus 4 - 4 Seater Rebuild

For the rebuild of a dismantled 1955 Plus 4 Drop Head Coupe, introduced in the December Newsletter, the latest job completed in my workshop is the retubing of the clutch/brake pedal assembly.

The original was in a real state with a bodged repair and the pivot tube seized in the alloy pivots. A healthy bit of heat from a propane torch was needed to free the seized tube from the pivots.

When I last did this job on my 1968 Plus 4, I made up a jig which fortunately could be adapted to suit the earlier arrangement. After careful measuring up, I hacksawed the old lugs from the tube and bored the remains of the tube from the lugs in the lathe/vertical mill.

As practice for a retubing exercise on a three wheeler chassis, I drilled and pinned the lugs to the tube before brazing them up (silver solder on the Super Sports chassis) - the pins are 3" wire nails from the local DIY shop! After cleaning the surplus flux off, it's been added to the pile of parts to go for coating.



Members messages help in this rebuild ...

Members Message Exchange plays its part in Arwyns 1955 Plus 4 - 4 Seater Rebuild

Arwyn Williams

Does anybody have a spare rear brake drum like this??? 3HA 1955



Martin Cocks

There could be one in Andy's bits in my unit, I'll have a look.

David Roberts

I have at least a pair, possibly two pairs, also two pairs of backplates.

Andy Bleasdale

I think I have some.

Arwyn Williams

Great! Have broken the rim on the one on my axle. Brake shoes have seized against the drum and not even oxy propane will shift the f***king thing.

David Roberts



Arwyn Williams

Dismantled the fly off handbrake, tube is very pitted and can't really have it powder coated!. Two discoveries, the tube is actually metric (16mm) and is only soft soldered into the casting at the bottom!!

Andy Bleasdale

Martin, I found these - any use?

Arwyn Williams

Looks like what I need!!
Who was looking for a set of Girling callipers?
Found a set!!!

Andy Bleasdale

Martin, need a set of those?



Martin Cocks

Yes the disc's look ok and yes I need callipers.

Arwyn Williams

OK, I'll dig them out.

Any Bleasdale

Looks like you two have a result.

Arwyn Williams

Inn at Whitewell for the trade.

I'm looking forward to your messages
which I want to share with all the members
les@lbacreative.co.uk

On Valentine's Day - we share love for the Mogs, but on Feb 14th 1929 - no love lost between the Mobs!

**On Valentine's Day and all year round, we love driving the Morgan,
but the fateful event on February 14th 1929 was driven by bitter gang rivalry
between the mobs of Al Capone and Bugs Moran.**

February 14th is the date we now regard as the day we propose and pledge our feelings for our loved ones. Not so on this day ninety three years ago, as one of the most infamous incidents in the history of the United States took place: **The St.Valentine's Day Massacre.** On Thursday, February 14th 1929 seven men were murdered at 2122 North Clark Street, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago's North Side. Four men dressed as police officers entered gangster Bugs Moran's garage warehouse, lined up his men against a wall and shot them. The massacre was the culmination of an ongoing gang war between the bitter arch rival mobs of Al Capone and Bugs Moran.



Rival gangsters Al (Scarface) Capone and George (Bugs) Moran.

In running his North Side gang in Chicago during the prohibition era of the 1920s, Moran fought bitterly with 'Scarface' Capone for control of the smuggling of bootleg whisky in the Windy City. Throughout the 1920s, both they and their gangs survived several attempted murders. On one notorious occasion, Moran and his associates drove six cars past a hotel in Cicero, Illinois, where Capone and his associates were having lunch and showered the building with more than 1,000 bullets.

A \$50,000 bounty put on Capone's head was the final straw for the gangster, so he ordered that Moran's gang be destroyed. On February 14th a delivery of bootleg whiskey was expected at Moran's warehouse. Moran arrived late and saw what he thought were police officers entering his establishment. He waited outside, thinking that his gangster mob inside were being arrested...not shot!

Amongst the murdered mob lying there, one of the men was reportedly still alive when the real officers appeared on the scene. When he was asked who had shot him, the mortally wounded gangster kept his code of silence, responding, "No one, nobody shot me."

The St.Valentine's Day Massacre proved to be the last confrontation for both Capone and Moran. Capone was jailed in 1931 and Moran lost so many men that he could no longer control his territory. He was reduced to small-time robbery until he was jailed in 1946.

On the seventh anniversary of the massacre, one of the St.Valentine's Day hitmen, was shot dead in a crowded bowling alley. His killer remains unidentified, but it was likely Moran, though he was never charged.

Capone died of pneumonia and a stroke in 1947 at his home in Palm Island, Miami Beach, Florida, Moran died of lung cancer in 1957 in Leavenworth Federal Prison.

It was widely assumed that it was Al Capone who was responsible for ordering the massacre, despite him being at his Florida home at the time and that he had planned it as an attempt to eliminate Bugs Moran, who was head of his rival North Side Gang. The motivation for the plan was thought to have been instigated due to the fact that Morans mob had highjacked a large consignment of bootleg whisky, while it was being illegally imported from Canada to Capone's warehouse in Chicago.



A graphic art, silk screen image of Al Capone, one of a series of prohibition posters I created, marketed in the 80's. Capone had links with 'The Purple Gang' (hence the colour) in the smuggling of bootleg whisky, often from Canada. I still have a couple of spare prints (75 x 50cm) in my studio if anyone is interested: les@lbcreative.co.uk

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from your Newsletter Editor**

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Your Newsletter Needs **YOU**



Send me your articles as below, or anything of interest

Mog Moments

A Photo-gallery of members Morgans

Your Morganeering moments captured on camera out on location, either at home or abroad. Send the photo with brief details: Your name/s, your Morgan model, its year of registration, and the location and Date.

Featured in Sept / Oct / Nov 2021 Newsletters



Members Mog Birthdays

Wish your Morgan a Happy Registration Birthday

To be featured on the same month as its first registration date. Send a photo and details: The model, day, month and year of registration. Send prior to the same month of the Newsletter publication.

Full Details in Nov 2021 Newsletter



All things Morgan

Collectables that reflect our love of the marque

I'm sure I'm not the only one where the love of the iconic sports car is reflected in the collectables we have on display at home or stored away as keepsakes. Send your photo/s and brief details.

Featured in Dec 2021 Newsletter



Mog Restorations and Mods

Members work on Morgans inc: Maintenance

Whether you've undertaken, or in the process of restoration or modification to your Morgan, or any maintenance. Send photo/s showing the progress or result of your work together with details of the project.

Featured in Dec 2021 / Jan 2022 Newsletters



Members on the Med

Recollections of your holiday experiences abroad

You're aware of my love of Greek Islands and in particular Paros. Tell us of your Mediterranean holiday experiences, whether in Italy, Spain..... with or without the Morgan. Send photo/s together with the story.

Featured in Aug 2021 Newsletter



Morgans the Name

People and Places with the famous name

The name of our iconic sports car is also associated with a number of well known people and places throughout the world, even a fictional character. For Morgans you're aware of - Send details of the persons name or place.

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Morgans the Name

The name of our iconic sports car is also associated with a number of people and places - even a fictional character. Here's a few that I'm aware of. **If you know more, let me know - Les is the name!** les@lbacreative.co.uk

People



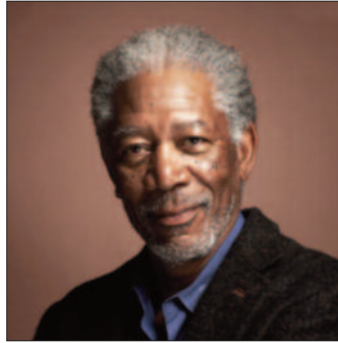
Morgan Brittany

American actress, born December 5 1951. Best known for her role as Katherine Wentworth, the scheming young half-sister of the characters Pamela Ewing and Cliff Barnes, portrayed in the popular prime-time TV soap opera Dallas.



Morgan Fairchild

American actress, born February 3 1950. Also appeared in the prime-time TV soap opera Dallas for one episode with her portrayal of the character Jenna Wade, before she moved on and appeared in several roles in series on US television.



Morgan Freeman

American actor and film director, born June 1 1937. He won an Academy Award in 2005 for his roll in Million Dollar Baby and Oscar nominations for many of his film performances, plus a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award.



Morgan Spurlock

American documentary filmmaker, humorist, television producer, screenwriter and playwright, born November 7 1970. He was the executive producer and star of the US reality television series 30 Days in June 2013.



Morgan Wallen

American country music singer songwriter, born 13 May 1993. Appeared in 'The Voice' as a member of Adam Levine's team. He signed for Panacea Records, releasing his debut album, Stand Alone in 2015 and on to many more hits.



Jeffrey Dean Morgan

American actor and producer of films and television, born April 22 1966. Best known for his role as John Winchester in the fantasy horror series Supernatural and now plays major characters in many US television series.



Piers Morgan

Journalist, and TV personality, born 30 March 1965. was a former co-presenter of the ITV Breakfast programme Good Morning Britain. A man I identify and mostly agree with, for not fudging the facts in this sad PC, snowflakes society.



Morgan le Fay

A fictional mythological Character, Morgan le Fay (Morgan the Fairy), is a powerful enchantress in the Arthurian legend. Portrayed as a goddess, a fay, witch, or sorceress and related to King Arthur as his magical saviour and protector.

Places



Morgan

A small town in South Australia on the right bank of the Murray River. Located about 100 miles north east of Adelaide, and about 195 miles upstream of the Murray Mouth. At the 2006 census, Morgan had a population of just 426.



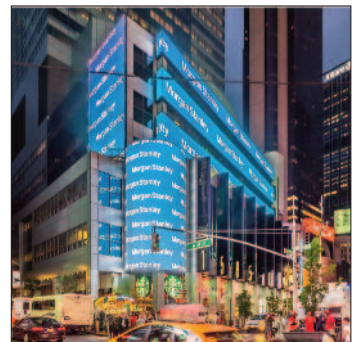
Morgan Hill

A city in Santa Clara County, California, at the southern tip of Silicon Valley, in the San Francisco Bay Area. A residential community for Silicon Valle and known for 'A Taste of Morgan Hill Car Show'. in Downtown Morgan Hill.



Morgan Library & Museum

Formerly Pierpont Morgan Library, a research library and museum in the Murray Hill neighbourhood of Manhattan in New York City. Located at 225 Madison Avenue, between 36th Street to the south and 37th Street to the north.



Morgan Stanley

Founded in New York City in 1935, it has evolved into one of the world's foremost financial institutions. The NY headquarters offers financial products and services to individual investors, companies, institutions and government agencies.



Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

2022

Please note: Events are subject to Corona Virus restrictions

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

[Full Details](#) 40 MEMBERS MAX



Feb 13

The Clink Restaurant, Styal, Wilmslow

Contact John Stephens Tel 07845 938493

jrstephens@talktalk.net

[Full Details](#) 20 MEMBERS MAX BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Mar 13

The Leigh Arms, Little Leigh, Northwich

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

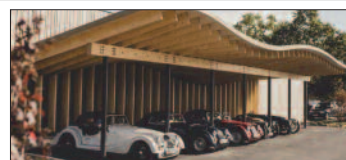
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April 9

MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern



April 10

Lunch & AGM, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitegate

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

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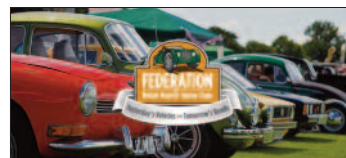


April 24

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,

martincocks@btinternet.com

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May 8

Autotest & Concours, British Commercial Museum, Leyland

Contact Brian Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716

[Full Details](#)



June 12

Lytham Hall, Private Dining, Lytham

Contact Isobel Moore Tel 01253 738201

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[Full Details](#) BOOKING ESSENTIAL



June 19

Arley Hall Garden Festival

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

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[Full Details](#) 10 CARS MAXIMUM



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 **To be Confirmed**

July 29-31 **Oulton Park Gold Cup 3-day race weekend**
Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768
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[Full Details](#)



Aug 14 **Speedboats at Windermere**
To be Confirmed



Sept 2-4 **Morgans at Windermere**
Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348
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Sept 11 **Gymkhana – Farmer Parr’s Animal World**
Fleetwood



Sept 16-18 **Isle of Man Festival of Motoring**
Contact www.mscctravelclub.com



Oct 9 **To be Confirmed**

Nov 6 **To be Confirmed**

Dec 11 **Christmas Party & Annual Awards Presentation**
Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston
Contact Bryan & Linda Fearn Tel 01253 891539
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For updates on any of these Events, please Check the Website
www.norcemog.com

If any member has an idea for a future event, we welcome proposals
Contact Andrew Threlkeld, Club Centre Secretary
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She's a beauty!

**I know you men will agree
and I think you ladies will too,
she's absolutely stunning,**

**that beautiful body
showing off those shapely
and eyecatching curves,
yes, she really is a beauty,
a perfect Valentine...**

**...and the girl standing by her
doesn't look too bad either!**

Enjoy the beauty of your Morgan - every members Valentine

Cheers - Les les@lbacreative.co.uk





Hilary Rushmer

**We are saddened to announce the passing
of Hilary Rushmer in December 2021.**

Hilary joined NorceMog with Roger Benton in 2021 having just bought a new Plus 4.
They attended recent noggins when we had the chance to meet and enjoy their company.

Hilary was a celebrated musician, noted for her ability especially on the Harp.
She also arranged traditional music as well as playing her own compositions.

Some of her CD's are available from Amazon music.

Words can do little to comfort her family and friends,
and we offer our sincere condolences to Roger at this difficult time.

RIP Hilary

