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**Welcome to your June Newsletter. In this issue: David Roberts reports on the Gawsworth Hall Show - Andrew Threlkeld on the Autotest and Museum - Set for the Super 3 Morgans the Name - Gold Cup Saga - Primary School Invitation - and More ... enjoy!**

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### **Treat me to some news!**

On Fathers Day it's a special day of family celebration in the Burgess household.

Not only as is traditional, will I be looking forward to receiving gifts from my children, but also a treat from my wife, who enters into the spirit of the occasion with a bottle to celebrate with, whether it's Captain Morgan or his spiritual mate Johnnie Walker.

I hope as I'm proposing above, that all you 'Morgan Men' will be treated to a tipple from your loved ones, and I also hope that both of you will be treating me, by sending news and photographs to add content to my Fathers Day celebrations.

I'm here to make it 'the Daddy of all Newsletters'.

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# Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show

## Monday 2nd May 2022



### Members mingle with the classics at this historic Tudor Manor

**The Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show is not to be missed and this year's May Bank Holiday event was no exception, a wonderful location in the grounds of a Tudor Manor.**

The event attracted a large number of visitors who were able to view a wonderful collection of classic cars that were displayed throughout the grounds with marque clubs gathered together.

Morgans were represented by NorceMog members as well as those from surrounding MSCC centers and were parked in their regular position in The Rookery amongst the blooming bluebells. These included one of our members, Adrian Long's 2017 Plus 4 2.0i GDi pictured here - a blooming beauty amongst the bluebells! (none were harmed taking this photo)

Other Morgans that were on show ranged from a late 1950s 4/4 series II and TR engined Plus 4 to a 2022 Plus 4 LM62, including all carburettored and fuel injected models, (except for Three Wheelers - sadly) which created a wonderful display.



One of the delights of the Gawsworth Hall classic car show is that, with the hall now in private ownership, the event avoids the feel of a commercial event, in fact the atmosphere is more akin to a garden party.

Although the event was not bathed in sunshine, it was a dry day and despite the slightly cool temperature, many of the members had taken picnics, and bottles of bubbly could be heard being uncorked.

For those who were interested in a peek inside this Historic Manor that is now actually lived in and was once the home of Queen Elizabeth 1st chief lady-in-waiting, could gain admission for the princely sum of one pound. You could tour the Hall with its numerous features, centuries of history as well as viewing the William Morris stain glass windows in the chapel.



Gawsworth Hall, with all its history and wonderful display of classic cars in the beautiful grounds, provided us with a great day out.

David Roberts



# NorceMog Autotest

## British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland

### Sunday 8th May 2022

**After a 2-year absence due to Covid, we were delighted to assemble once again, at our home base for the annual Autotest event in Leyland.**

It was great to be back, and with all the necessary preparations completed, the competitors began to arrive including one 3-wheeler driven by Amy Anaffi, for this annual event that was organised by Bryan Rawlinson and assisted by Martin Cocks.

The staff of the museum just couldn't have been more helpful delivering cones and markers to our roped off area and parking their pick-up truck across one of the entrances to prevent the public encroaching on our test area, a problem in previous years. We were lucky to commandeer one of the museum staff to judge our 'informal' concourse and demonstrated our gratitude by donating the competitor entry fees to the museum.



There were 11 competitors including 2 using the 3-wheeler, and once they and the marshals 'signed-on' the trials (and tribulations!) began. The tests focussed on the height, width and length of cars plus a positional test when we had to park our rear nearside wheel (rear wheel for the 3-wheeler) on a "policeman's foot" (aka a plastic mat with a shoe outline on!). Split into two sets of 3 tests the marshals were particularly canny by offsetting the start gate from the height bar and width markers - so let's take you through the driver's experience.



Parking your Morgan between the 2 cones at the starting gate and looking diagonally across to the height bar some 8 metres away the driver would instruct the marshals to raise or lower the bar to have minimum clearance (measured by tape) between the bar and the top of the windscreen. Too low, i.e. the car would not fit under, and you were placed in last position for that particular element of the tests. Robin Askew judged it perfectly closely followed by Stan Foxall, Roger Benton and Amy Anaffi in the 3-wheeler. Neil McArthur's effort was also very close, unfortunately just too low!



From the height bar competitors drove round and reversed up to a plastic tube getting as close as they could without knocking it over. 3 wheel design had a distinct advantage here with both Amy Anaffi and Steve Finch getting very close and Roger Benton the best of the 4 wheel Morgans. Oh dear Stan! It was going so well after the height test but a little too close to the tube on this occasion.

A route around the car park and the Policeman's foot test was the final element of the first set. The distance between the centre of the wheel and the centre of the mat was measured with Steve Finch getting closest challenged by Amy Anaffi and Roger Benton.



A quick re-setting of the course and we were ready for the second set of tests. Parked at the same starting gate the driver would instruct the marshals to move 2 buckets to a width that they could reverse their car between. The narrower the gap the better, unless of course it was too narrow. Estimating the width from a diagonal angle was particularly tricky, as we were to witness.

The first element was to drive from the starting gate and stop as close as possible to the plastic tube. Gosh, how long is that bonnet on a 4-wheel Morgan! Yours truly was the closest with a gap of 3 inches with both Roger Benton and Amy Anaffi (who else?) within an inch of me.





From the post and around to a “garage” where the driver had to reverse as close as possible to the cone at the back without disturbing the 2 cones marking the entrance. Finally, through a slalom of cones and reverse between the 2 buckets whose gap was set from the starting gate.

The gaps were again measured and results recorded. Andy Bleasdale had just 2 ½ inch clearance on the width between the buckets with the next best being 20 inches (Paul Johnson). Just goes to show what watching 8 previous competitors can do! Peter Barnfield was also close to Andy but a bit too narrow.

Now then, strictly speaking Amy Anaffi would have walked away with 3 trophies however we made an executive decision that a person could only win 1 award from the Autotest section of the day.

### Autotest Results

Overall Winner	Amy Anaffi
2nd Autotest	Roger Benton
Best 3 Wheeler	Steve Finch
Best Lady	Kate Robins

### Concours Results

As previously stated, a volunteer from the Commercial Vehicle Museum conducted a review of the cars to determine our winner.

1st Place	Roger Benton's 2021 Plus 4
2nd Place	Peter & Sheila Barnfield's 2018 Plus 4
3rd Place	Andy Bleasdale's Series II 4/4

We also award the Glendower Cup to the person with the best aggregate finish in the Autotest / Concours combined.

The winner for 2022 was therefore, Roger Benton.

Make room on the shelf Roger, this trophy will be presented at the Christmas meal in December.

Andrew Threlkeld



### Photographs

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- 1 The competitors Morgan line-up on arrival.
- 2 Amy Anaffi with family support at the height bar.
- 3 Roger Benton judges the height perfectly.
- 4 Paul Johnson reverses close to the plastic tube.

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- 5 Neil McArthur - the bonnet is not quite that long Neil.
- 6 Kate Robins instructing the marshals for the height bar
- 7 Robin Askew reversing between the width buckets.
- 8 Peter Barnfield - not quite that narrow Peter!
- 9 The winners - left to right: Roger Benton - Amy Anaffi  
Steve Finch - Peter Barnfield - Kate Robins.



# The British Commercial Vehicle Museum

## Leyland, Lancashire

### A vast display of historical commercial vehicles

Now enjoyed by our members as our home base for the annual Autotest, the museum displays a vast selection of commercial vehicles, that were designed and built by British manufacturers, from an 1898 horse drawn fire appliance, a 1927 Charabanc, through to the Popemobile used by His Eminence when he visited Britain in the 1980's.



In Anglo Saxon times the area of land that was named 'Leyland' referred to nothing more than an area of unploughed fields through which the Roman roads passed. The town of Leyland as we know it today, has developed largely due to the past growth and expansion of the former Leyland Motors, a famous name in the manufacture of trucks and buses, which was to become British Leyland, forming a major part of the town's history.

The museum building was formally part of the then Leyland Motor's South Works and dates back from the 1930s. For most of its life it housed the Customer Inspection Department, where trucks and buses arriving from production were closely inspected by the purchasers before they took delivery.

It was in 1983 that the building was transformed into The Museum. It was then too cold to open to the public in winter months and the roof frequently needed repair to keep out the rain. However, there has now been a complete transformation as a result of Heritage Lottery Funding, and generous support too from several sponsors. The old café and cinema were demolished, and new facilities provided. There has been new heating and lighting systems installed, and the layout of the exhibition hall totally changed.



Whilst some of the vehicles are 'open' for the public to board, others are only accessible if invited by one of the volunteers. Roger Benton was invited to sit at the steering wheel of a 1927 Leyland Lioness Chara (centre photo below) It was ordered by King George V and delivered to Buckingham Palace in August 1927. It was used to transport the King's servants and luggage to the various Royal estates and available to the King as a "shooting brake / estate car" before returning to the Royal mews.

Another vehicle of particular interest was The Intruder. A 14 Litre, 240 Ton towing cab used to transport electrical transformers worldwide. In operation from 1978 through to 2002 (last job in the Bahamas!) it has been fully refurbished to its original specification and I was invited to sit in this cab.

**The museum is well worth a visit if you are in the area, or, better still, join us at the 2023 Autotest and you will benefit from a discount on admission!**

Andrew Threlkeld





# Morgans the Name

Following on from the article in the February 2022 Newsletter - featuring the name of our iconic sports car that's associated with people and places, it's also associated with a subject close to my heart - Wines and Spirits

## Here's the wine I've been made aware of, and a spiritual friend!



**Morgan Pinot Noir**

A red wine grape that I'm very familiar with as one of the many reds I enjoy with a good steak. This bottle was spotted by one of our NorceMog members on the shelf at The Inn at Whitewell, during a recent Noggin.



**Morgan Chardonnay**

Another from the Morgan Winery and a grape I enjoy regularly with a meal. This particular variety will become a 'Morgan Must' on my wine rack!



**Captain Morgan**

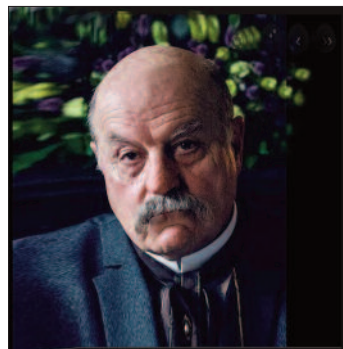
Named after a 17th-century Welsh privateer of the Caribbean, this is a spirit I often enjoy mixed with Coke. Captain Morgan can now be seen standing alongside a spiritual mate, Johnnie Walker, in my drinks cabinet.

## More People with the famous name



**Morgan Shepherd**

American professional stock car racing driver, born October 12 1941. He last competed in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, driving a Chevrolet Camaro for Shepherd Racing. He competed for over 50 years having one of the longest careers in sport and became the second oldest winner at the age of 51. He also holds the record for the oldest driver to start a race at the age of 77.



**J P Morgan**

American financier and investment banker, born April 17 1837. He dominated corporate finance on Wall Street throughout the Gilded Age. As the head of the banking firm that ultimately became known as J.P. Morgan and Co, he was the driving force behind the wave of industrial consolidation in the United States that spanned the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



**Lee Morgan**

American Jazz trumpeter, born July 10 1938. Came to prominence recording on the John Coltrane 'Blue Train' album and with drummer Art Blakey before launching a solo career. His song 'The Sidewinder' became a Jazz hit in 1964. He then worked prolifically with Hank Mobley and Wayne Shorter, becoming a cornerstone of the Blue Note label. A Jazz great in my CD collection.



**Sonja Morgan**

American television personality and reality star, born November 25 1963. Rose to fame with her role as the main cast member of the TV show The Real Housewives of New York. She studied marketing at the Fashion Institute of Technology and has long been involved within the fashion industry. Her fashion line, Sonja by Sonja Morgan, was launched in 2015.

Tell me if you know of any person - place - or anything including the name, [les@lbacreative.co.uk](mailto:les@lbacreative.co.uk)

# June gets set for the Super 3

**Following months of what Morgan claims to be their most intensive development programme to date, the all-new Super 3 is set for delivery this June**

With deliveries set to commence this month, the new Super 3 comes with advanced built-in quality from the ground-up, with improvements in packaging, design and performance. At the core is an all-new aluminium monocoque, a platform using expertise derived from the development of models such as the Aero 8 produced over two decades ago.

With stressed 'A-surfaces' to provide rigidity and structure, Morgan has improved packaging for an increase in interior space and a low 635kg (dry) weight figure.

Out went the 2-litre S&S V-twin of the 3 Wheeler and in comes a 1.5-litre naturally-aspirated three-cylinder from Ford, with turbocharging ditched to reduce complexity, weight and to improve packaging.

Placed behind the front axle for optimum weight distribution, the new Morgan Super 3 sends 118bhp and 110lb ft of torque through the same Mazda-sourced five-speed manual as its predecessor - 0-62mph is said to stand at 7sec, a second slower than the outgoing model, however the top speed is quoted at a higher 130mph.

Though it retains a similar looking silhouette of the previous 3 Wheeler models, the design of the Super-3 takes inspiration from the jet age, and inspired by aerodynamics and mechanical requirements as opposed to the V-twin three-wheelers of the 1920s. The design of the wheels is also one of the most noticeable of changes, with more contemporary, aero-centric units wrapped in a set of bespoke Avon all-season tyres.

In order to build in an improvement in both its useability and performance, Morgan has improved many elements such as the turning circle through the use of 'sideblades', by fitting the new radiators behind the thin, flat panels as opposed to either side of the engine, which provides more space for the front wheels.



The pullrod suspension setup not only reduces unsprung weight, it also helps direct air to the radiators, with the headlight structure and wishbones also contributing.

Inside, the Super 3 features trademark Morgan design and elements from the 3 Wheeler such as the 'missile release' start/stop button, but look closely and you'll spot a number of modern touches.

The new minimalist dashboard features traditional dials which now incorporate digital displays, and you can even opt for niceties such as a heated footwell. Everything down to the USB sockets are also IP64 dust and water resistant; handy given the complete lack of a roof.

Morgan say that in the design and development of the Super 3, they had a comprehensive degree of configurability in mind, and they have certainly delivered, with in excess of 200 options and accessories available.

You can choose from five vehicle liveries with multiple luggage mounting options and with the ability to add your home country flag, and even the 'pilot' and 'co-pilot' names. There's not much that can't be customised.

**Although us NorceMogers drive on all 4's  
if you would like the option of driving a Super 3,  
check out the configurator:**

<https://configure.morgan-motor.com/super-3>



Edited with acknowledgement to Sam Jenkins evo.



# The Gold Cup Saga - Sorted!

## Andrew was steadfast - and secured a result!

Tal y Dyffryn sounds like a stage of Rally Wales GB (RAC rally in old money) to some of you, but it is actually a 1 in 6 hill on Anglesey. I was about halfway up, on my bike, wind against, when the damn 'phone rang. (Actually, I was grateful for the rest)! It was Andy from The Gold Cup Team at Oulton Park to let me know that Morgans, registered after the year 2000 would now be accepted for the Classic Car display area at the 2022 Gold Cup – **Result!**

The saga started when some of our members applications for The Gold Cup were rejected due to an enforcement of the 'rule' that cars needed to be registered before the year 2000. This was not for the first-time, as our previous secretary had encountered similar refusals and we had been in this situation twice before in previous years. Usually, a 'phone call to the MSV team resolved the issue, however on this occasion the team were adamant that they would only accept cars if the model was introduced before 2000 and they were refusing some Morgans. "We've also refused MG's and Porsche's" they told me. Obviously confused me with someone who cares about Porsche's – the cheek of it!

I had appealed that our cars were a classic 1950's design, the members who had already been refused were regular attendees at The Gold Cup, our cars were always very popular wherever we displayed them and that there had been acres of space in the display area at the previous 2 Gold Cups. Nevertheless, the man was not for moving...

### ... I was steadfast too - so a letter...

Sent to the CEO of Motor Sport Vision, Dr Jonathan Palmer, I explained our situation and requested that Morgan applications were accepted.

Within 4 days I received a 'phone call from Dr Palmer saying he agreed with our sentiments, clarified the situation including what steps we had already taken and told me he would speak to the Gold Cup team.

He did warn that there might be something he hadn't thought of but was basically in favour of traditional shaped Morgans being included.

Hence, 2 days later and true to his word I received the 'phone call. Top Man Dr. Palmer and probably one of the best 95p's (gosh, the price of a 1st class stamp now!) invested on behalf of Norcemog.

**Sorted!**

Andrew Threlkeld



**Don't miss the  
Oulton Park Gold Cup  
3-day race weekend  
July 29-31**





# **A NorceMog Invitation to the Roe Lee Park Primary School Jubilee Celebration Saturday 21st May 2021**

During the Autotest in Leyland we were approached by a teacher from the Roe Lee Park Primary School to enquire if any of our members would be interested in displaying our Morgans at their Jubilee celebration on 21st May.

He appreciated it was short notice, however Jim Robinson, Vince Atherton and yours truly all attended with the Plus 8, 2.0L 4-seater and 4/4 respectively.

The teacher suspected that many of the children at the school will never have experienced a true British classic (I think he was referring to the cars!) in person, and so it was the case with the cars proving to be very popular at the well-attended event.

There were no questions about the wooden chassis, however many of the children asked, "do they still work"? "Did you bring them on a trailer"? in addition to the inevitable "how much do they cost and how fast do they go"?

We knew what to expect and we were not disappointed as the youngsters (and parents!) climbed into the cars, as they attempted to twiddle and push all the knobs and buttons and even managed to release Vince's handbrake on one occasion! Nevertheless, the cars survived and we all returned home in one piece.

Most of the children were very polite and one, let's call her Min Lee, even returned to share her truffles with us!

[Andrew Threlkeld](#)



**A good day with plenty of smiles and excitement from children and parents!**





# Diary of NorceMog Events

## Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Please note: Events are subject to Corona Virus restrictions

# 2022

**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](mailto:jrstephens@talktalk.net)

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



**Mar 13**

### The Leigh Arms, Little Leigh, Northwich

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

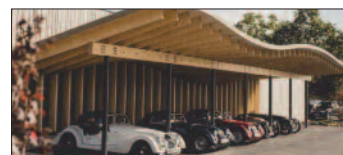
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**April 9**

### MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern



**April 10**

### Lunch & AGM, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitegate

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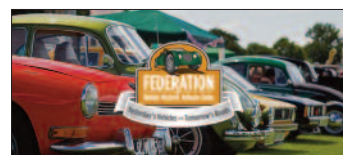


**April 24**

### 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](mailto:martincocks@btinternet.com)

[Full Details](#) [Download Entry Form](#)



**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](#)



**June 19**

### Arley Hall Garden Festival

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June 24-26	<b>MOGFEST 22 and Annual Dinner,</b> <b>Beamish Museum, Durham.</b> <a href="https://www.morgansportscarclub.com/news/article/mogfest22bookingsopen">https://www.morgansportscarclub.com/news/article/mogfest22bookingsopen</a> Bookings can only be made through MSCC Travel Club	
July 10	<b>RHS Bridgewater Gardens, Worsley, Salford</b> Contact Steve & Viv Grunner <a href="mailto:steve.grunner@hotmail.co.uk">steve.grunner@hotmail.co.uk</a> <a href="#">Full Details</a> <b>BOOKING ESSENTIAL</b>	
July 29-31	<b>Oulton Park Gold Cup 3-day race weekend</b> Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 <a href="mailto:norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com">norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com</a> <a href="#">Full Details</a>	
Sept 2-4	<b>Morgans at Windermere</b> Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348 <a href="mailto:les2mog@gmail.com">les2mog@gmail.com</a> <a href="#">Full Details</a>	
Sept 7	<b>Quarry Bank Mill National Trust Property</b> Contact Adrian Long <a href="mailto:adrian.long@me.com">adrian.long@me.com</a> <a href="#">More Details to follow</a>	
Sept 16-18	<b>Isle of Man Festival of Motoring</b> Contact <a href="http://www.mscctravelclub.com">www.mscctravelclub.com</a>	
Oct 9	<b>To be Confirmed</b>	
Nov 6	<b>To be Confirmed</b>	
Dec 11	 <b>Christmas Party &amp; Annual Awards Presentation</b> <b>Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston</b> Contact Bryan & Linda Fearn Tel 01253 891539 <a href="mailto:bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk">bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk</a>	

For any news updates on any of these Events,  
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If any member has an idea for a future event,  
 we welcome proposals  
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Adapted with acknowledgement to 'Talk Morgan' Forum

**Whether it's being expressed on Father's Day or not  
us Morgan men know that it's a fact,  
and I'll bow to equality - but only for Morgan owners  
in accepting all you ladies are perfect too!  
(well almost)**

**We've got the perfect car - so keep enjoying that perfect drive!**

**Cheers - Les [les@lbacreative.co.uk](mailto:les@lbacreative.co.uk)**



### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

I'm sure I speak for everyone in offering congratulations  
to The Queen for her 70 Glorious Years.

