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Noggin News

September 10th - Lunch at The Buck Inn BB7 4JD. Morning coffee from 11am and Lunch at 12.30. Limited to 30 members. **Closing Date September 5th.**

Organiser – Isobel Moore Email - isobelpeter@gmail.com

October 8th - Private dining at Cross Keys Inn PR3 2EP. Food to be pre-ordered.

Booking essential, Closing date 3rd October.

Organiser - Margaret Johnson Email - mjohnson23@hotmail.com

November 5th – Private dining at The Swettenham Arms, CW12 2LF. Food to be pre-ordered and paid for. **Booking Essential, Closing Date – 21st October**

Organiser – Peter Murphy Email – petermurphy@live.com

December 10th - Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston

Organiser – Linda Fearn Email - Email = lindafearn737@icloud.com

Lakes and Dales Tour - Fat Lamb Inn, Cumbria

July 24th - 27th 2023

Our last Norcemog trip to the Fat Lamb was the same week two years ago when we enjoyed a mini heat wave, driving with hoods down and side screens off, this week however, we were a little apprehensive, but as luck would have it a window of two days with remarkably good weather including lots of sunshine which surprised us all.

Eleven Morgans congregated at The Fat Lamb on Monday afternoon plus Nick & Janet who arrived in their Mini owing to their Mogi being in dock, rally plates were handed out with the route for Wednesdays drive and it was not long before everyone convened in the bar for drinks with old friends and an excellent dinner with a briefing from Paul our host and Adrian the organiser.

Tuesday dawned bright and sunny, so after breakfast (You can't beat a full English before a day out!) We took advantage of the sunshine to photograph all with the Morgans looking resplendent in front of the Fat Lamb.



Our classic double decker bus soon arrived to take us into the Lakes. Alison, our lovely driver suggested a route avoiding the M6 through Lowther Castle and Gardens, Askham and on to Pooley Bridge on the Northern edge of Ullswater where we were to pick up our boat. She made sure the reputation of Cumbria Classic Coaches was upheld, by negotiating the narrow Cumbria country lanes with expertise and patience stunning all on board with the beautiful views and her driving in equal measure!

We soon arrived at Pooley Bridge in time for a coffee and to inspect the 'New bridge'; Sadly, at 2pm on Sunday 5th December 2015, the central span of the beautiful 16th Century bridge was swept away by the swollen river, a result of Storm Desmond which caused devastation to so many parts of Cumbria. The new bridge seems well built with a single span, but will it last 500 years?





We boarded our boat 'The Raven' at midday for a scenic trip down the Ullswater via Howtown and on to Glenridding for refreshments before once more boarding the bus.



Alison had agreed to return via Kirkstone pass and Kendal, she negotiated the pass as the expert she is, never missing a gear on the steep ascent. When we stopped outside the Kirkstone Pass Inn to allow the long string of following cars to pass I asked her how many times she had done the pass, "first time" she replied!!



Before dinner we all enjoyed the superb Bob Pickersgil's Jazz trio putting us all in a good mood for the rest of the evening with drinks and evening dinner relaxing all after a long day.

Wednesday was our Scenic drive day, a 90 mile route had us touring the beautiful Cumbria and Yorkshire Dales in lovely sunny weather with hoods down, Roger on his own in a superb Plus Four even took his side screens off, The tour took us through sleepy Cumbrian and Yorkshire villages with sheep on the village greens up and on over Hartside moorland to Alston.



Pretty Alston's main claim to fame is that, at 1,000 feet above sea level, it is England's highest market town, but it is well worth exploring for its steeply cobbled streets, hidden courtyards and quaint shops that invite exploration at every turn.



We had lunch at Alston House which was excellent and visited the railway station where there is a small museum full of early 20th century artefacts including a lovely 1932 MG PA, a 1926 Model T and a 1930's Humber and lots of photos and bits which reminded us of our childhood!!



A drive back over the moors to 'High Force', a fabulous drive in perfect weather and great roads with fantastic views. We all stopped at High Force and walked to the waterfall, (the biggest by volume in England) which was impressive due to all



the rainfall we had. We also drove on through Middleton-on-Tees to a viewpoint overlooking Tees-

dale and Lune-dale, a quintessential English view point. Returning back through Brough to the Fat Lamb to enjoy a relaxing evening of chat, drinks and meal.

We had planned a final day to visit Morecambe with walk along the port and view the site of the new Eden Project, but sadly Thursday dawned with low cloud and persistent rain so after breakfast we all decided to head for home after a wonderful three days in the Morgan in the convivial company of likeminded friends.



Our thanks go to the staff of the Fat Lamb who looked after us so well and big vote of appreciation to Alison from Cumbrian Classic Coaches who drove the double decker bus over hills and Dales so expertly, we all found the roads a challenge in the Morgans but in a bus!! A fantastic time was had by all.

Report by Adrian Long. Photographs courtesy Adrian Long & Andrew Threlkeld

Oulton Park Gold Cup, 28th – 30th July

So much more than a Motor Race



Members from NorceMog, DevaMog, FellMog and Yorkshire Centre visited the Cheshire motor racing circuit at some point over the 3-day race week-end that makes up The Gold Cup. Enjoying half price admission (no problem with age of vehicles this year!) MSCC members were able to park in our designated area overlooking Cascades for the duration of the weekend. I say 'designated area' however it is the area we roped off on Friday when not too many spectators attend!

More on the motor racing later however, as reported in previous years, the event is as much a social occasion to meet up with 'old friends' and enthusiasts from other car clubs in addition to activities on Saturday and Sunday providing great entertainment for spectators and petrol heads alike. In addition to the many car clubs attending there was a **"Supercar" display**, mainly Ferraris and a few Lamborghinis, parked on the hard standing so as not to get their tyres dirty (or catch front skirts on the undulating grass field!). There was also a designated area for **'young timers'** featuring classic cars from the 70's, 80's and 90's including Ford Escorts Capris, Minis Coopers, Hillman Imps and a beautiful Renault Alpine – the original!



Both days featured a **vintage music festival** including a Beverly Sisters tribute singing such classics as "Don't sit under the Apple tree with anybody else but me" and "Rum and coca cola" – my Mum's favourite tippie! Other artists included Nantwich concert band and vocalists celebrating the dawn of Rock n Roll.

A **TIGA GT286**, fresh from its recent 1st and 3rd place finish in class at Le Man classic was also on view. Its racing career started in 1986 with driver Charles Morgan (no relation!) in the IMSA GTP championship boasting a Buick V6 3500cc engine.



Hampson motor auction was commissioned for the Sunday with a vast array of motor bikes and cars going under the hammer after being displayed on the grass outside the auction marquee.



The Cheshire Concours D'Esprit was also judged on the Sunday with a range of vehicles built between 1908 (Brasier "voiture de course" racer) and 1975 (Ferrari 303 GTB GRP). Cars included 1920 Vauxhall, 1921 Bentley, 1922 Aston Martin, 1926 Sunbeam, 1927 Morgan Aero, 1928 MG 14/40 Mk4 in amongst Bugatti, Ford Model A, Lagonda, Triumph, Jaguar, Daimler, Porsches, Lotus, Austin Healey – you name it, it was probably there. How do you determine a winner from such a diverse collection?





There was also some Motor racing! Friday morning dawned bright for 'free practice' sessions for competitors with qualifying for grid positions in the afternoon. Spectators were able to wander around the pit / paddock area without restrictions to view the vast variety of vehicles including a pre-war 1929 Morgan Super Aero through to more 'modern' saloon cars from the 1990's.

There were 3 qualifying sessions on Saturday morning followed by a full race programme of 7 races. These commenced at 10.15 through to the last race scheduled at 15.50. The final 3 qualifying sessions were then completed up to 18.15Hrs. Sunday races commenced from midday (due to noise restriction bye laws) with a total of 9 more races completing the weekend programme.

Race 5 on Saturday was the first part of **The Historic Gold Cup** race with a second race on the Sunday. The competing cars were all historic Grand Prix cars from the 50's and 60's, dominated by Cooper and including Brabham, Lotus, BRM, Maserati and Assegai F1. These provided a mixture of Front and rear engine cars.

Justin Maeers won both races, and therefore The Gold Cup, driving a 1964 Brabham BT11A. Charlie Martin (1960 Cooper T53) was overall 2nd finishing 3rd in the first race and within ½ a second of the winner in Sunday's race. Tony Lees in another 1960 Cooper T53 finished overall 3rd after finishing 4th in the first race and 3rd on Sunday.

The Historic element was prevalent throughout the weekend races with cars dating back to the 1920's from the Vintage Sports Car Club through to touring cars from the 90's. Enjoy the photos!







V8 6.2L Morris Minor!
Modified Production Saloon



V8 Buick Mini!
(Not racing)

Great Scot – Celebrating the legendary Jim Clark

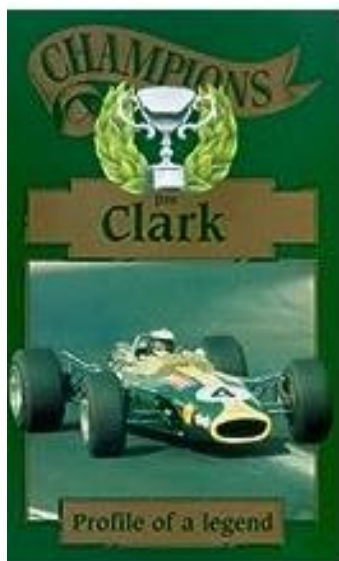
Reproduced from The Gold Cup Programme



The 2023 edition of The Oulton Park Gold Cup was extra special as the event celebrated legendary 2-time F1 World Champion Jim Clark, undoubtedly one of the sport's all-time greats. The celebrations come 60 years after the Scottish driver secured the first of his titles from the cockpit of one of Colin Chapman's iconic green Lotuses.

Oulton Park played a small part in the story of Clark's superlative 1963 season with the 10th edition of The International Gold Cup taking place in September of that year. In contrast to the super packed schedule of modern F1, there were only 10 point-scoring Grand Prix that year, leaving plenty of room for multiple, non-championship races.

In addition to dominating the main campaign with seven race victories, Clark and his Lotus 25 also enjoyed success in five non-championship races. The Gold Cup was the last of these following successes in the Pau Grand Prix, Gran Premio Citta di Imola, the BRDC International Trophy and the Kanonloppet at Karlskoga in Sweden.



During this period The Gold Cup was firmly established as a regular stop for the F1 circus with Stirling Moss winning each of the five editions run to F1 regulations prior to 1962, when Clark claimed the first of his 2 wins at the Cheshire circuit's signature event. The 1963 race was classic Clark, as the Scotsman dominated the event, claiming pole position, fastest lap and the victory.

Clark also made history by becoming the first driver to lap Oulton Park at an average speed over 100 mph. The Lotus was fitted with an early on-board camera during practice, which was very rare at the time and footage is available on You Tube. (Editor's note – There is a clip titled Jim Clark at OP in Lotus 25 but the track is the 'modern' track with chicane at bottom of Hill Top straight, that wasn't there in 1963! There is another clip of Clark in F2 car at OP from 1962 which depicts the track of that era).



NorceMog “Whistles Down The Wind” in Downham

Social run and lunch at The Assheton Arms

During this year’s AGM at Vale Royal Abbey golf club, Donna and I somehow managed to “volunteer” to organise the August Noggin. During the journey home we came up with a plan. As the event would be in mid-summer, a sunny scenic drive through The Forest of Bowland with its far-reaching views followed by lunch at a local pub, The Assheton Arms, seemed like a good idea.

Planning went well, and with some help and advice from Andrew, our club secretary gratefully received, bookings soon rolled in filling the 26 spaces available.

We arrived early at a damp and grey Shackleton’s Garden centre car park, not too sure who would turn up for a sunny scenic drive in the rain, but we were pleasantly surprised when a further 5

Morgans joined us, together with Duncan and Jen who arrived in their tin top, Jen having recently undergone knee surgery and relying on a crutch.



Thankfully the weather was kind to us, being dryish (but not that kind considering it is mid-August), when we set off on our 38-mile tour around The Forest of Bowland, which surprisingly has very few trees for a forest.

An hour and a half later we were up on Pendle Hill with views across to Pen-y-Ghent and Ingleborough in the far distance, before heading back down into the picturesque village of Downham, the setting for the 1961 film, Whistle Down the Wind,

to meet up with a further 8 Morgans which had gathered outside The Assheton Arms.

We were provided with our own dining room for Sunday lunch. The food went down well with most members, and while the smoked haddock risotto divided opinion the chocolate fondant was a great success. Following lunch and being joined by our club president Andy Bleasdale we moved outside to talk about and admire the 13 Morgans which attended an enjoyable day.



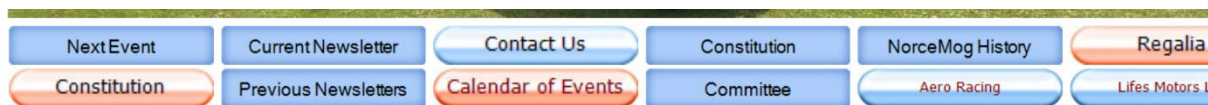
Report & Photos by Kate Robins

Taking the Plunge – Web Site Refreshed

Looked at the web site recently? Our initial web site was put together over 10 years ago using a free Microsoft package that is no longer supported! I have never pretended to be a technical wizard, even less a web designer, however, our initial effort proved functional and effective if not particularly cosmetically pleasing.

With the assistance of our previous Newsletter editor, Les Burgess, the Home page has been redesigned to appear as per the screenshot below. Now the tricky part – have I got the courage to delete all the existing web site files from the host server? As already stated, I do not consider myself a tech wizard so when the screen asks, “Are you sure you want to delete these files”? the “Yes” button was selected with more than a smidgen of trepidation!

Well, that was painless, and having downloaded the new files to the server it was with much relief that the new home page appeared, almost perfect! If you try www.norcemog.com and the link buttons appear as below (like mine did!) -



The problem is your computer / device storing previous versions of the page. The solution is to ‘refresh’ the page, or if that doesn’t work, clear your Browsing Data normally from the Tools menu.

The Home page as it should appear.



Welcome to Norcemog - We are a group of Morgan enthusiasts based in the North West who meet with like minded people in a series of organised events and meetings. (Also known as 'Noggins' in Morgan speak!). These range from meeting up for a Sunday lunch to an Autotest or Gymkhana where members can demonstrate their driving skills in a low risk environment.

We are invited to 'display' our cars at local events and shows including Oulton Park, and at the Arley Flower Festival usually with reduced / free admittance. We may also meet up with other Morgan Regional Centres and join in their activities

Membership is open to members of MSCC (Morgan Sports Car Club). Click the 'Join Norcemog' link for an application form

For contact details of our Centre Secretary, click the 'Contact Us' link.

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Please contact me should you find a link that doesn't work or have an idea which we can incorporate. Many thanks – Andrew Threlkeld norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

And Finally

Morgans feature outside The Lygon Arms, Broadway in the beautiful Cotswolds. NorceMog member, Jane Unterhalter, informs us her parents spent their honeymoon there after the war when it was an ordinary hotel and it cost 26 shillings a night! Today's prices start at £315 per room for B & B.

THE LYGON ARMS



For all the latest news on all our events please click this link.

<http://www.norcemog.com/Calendar%20of%20Events/2023Diary.pdf>

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