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Front cover: pictures from the meeting at Hoghton Tower.

Contributions to NorceMog News always appreciated.  
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## **Noggin News**

By Andrew Threlkeld

**[PLEASE book ASAP if you intend to partake in any of the following](#)**

**August 11th** – Lunch at The Buck Country Inn at afternoon tea / cakes at Lodge Murphy! - **[Details](#)** **Closing Date 3rd August**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Thursday** – Visit to Hangar 42 at Blackpool airport followed by lunch at Waters edge, 4 miles away. - **[Details](#)** – **Booking Essential**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch & Privilege parking at Houghton Manor PR2 5SQ  
A Brunner & Price establishment – Menu available soon to pre-order meals - **[Details](#)** – **Booking Essential by 30<sup>th</sup> September**

We still have a vacancy for the November Noggin if you have an idea. Please contact [norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com](mailto:norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com) to discuss.

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## **NorceMog Regalia**

NorceMog has some newly produced car badges. Details of how to order can be found in the [regalia section](#) of the NorceMog web site.

Price is £42, if you need a clip as well that is an extra £2.50.





## **Fat Lamb 2025**

By Adrian Long

It's a three night trip, arriving on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 departing on Friday with two full days of scenic Touring / day out. No fixed plans yet and not sure of the costs but they are likely to be similar to last year plus inflation (which has hit the hospitality industry quite badly!).

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*Fat Lamb 2023.*

In 2023 the cost was £495 per couple + £95 per car for the excursions so budget for an extra 10% at least for 2025.

Here is the programme for 2023 to give a flavour of the event. The programme for 2025 is still being finalised.

**Fat Lamb Programme for 2023.**

A three-night trip to the Yorkshire Dales / Cumbria staying at the **Fat Lamb Inn Nr: Ravenstonedale** (Just south of Kirkby Stephen) [www.fatlamb.co.uk](http://www.fatlamb.co.uk).

**Day 1:** Meet Greet and booking in, you can arrive anytime after 14:00 by when the rooms will be ready, suggest we all try and be there by 17:00. The evening meal is at 7.00 for 7.30pm, drinks and chat.

**Day 2:** Vintage Coach Trip. We will depart between 9:30 & 10:00 for a day out on a Classic 1950's mystery coach tour. You will travel in an open topped double decker (assuming good weather) and there will be opportunities to stop and see the views. The day out will include a boat trip along Ullswater followed by a snack in Glenridding and a return over Kirkstone Pass, Kendal and the Fat Lamb by 4.30 pm. At 5.30 we will be entertained by a **lovely Trio** for evening drinks & chat followed by dinner at 7.00 - 7.30pm.

**Day 3:** Scenic tour of the Dales. The route is around 90 miles and begins with a gentle meander through some quiet country roads and sleepy villages before leading us northwards up towards Alston – England's highest market town, then returning via High Force – England's biggest waterfall (by volume), and then via Middleton in Teesdale and Kirkby Stephen back to the Fat Lamb.

The lunch stop is at Alston House where there is good parking, plenty of room inside and a variety of snacks and light bites available. Whilst in Alston you have the opportunity of visiting the South Tynedale Railway which may (or may not – depending on how many volunteers they have available) have a steam train. Opposite the station is the Hub transport museum – which will definitely be open and at a couple of pounds entry fee (mention the Fat Lamb) is well worth a look around.

**Day 4:** Today is home time but we have planned a nice drive to Morecambe for a walk along the prom, look at the site of the The Eden Project Morecambe, and enjoy a snack before returning home.



*Vintage Coach trip*



*Pictures on the scenic tour*



## **NorceMog at Hoghton Tower – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

By Peter Barnfield with additional pictures by Andrew Threlkeld

Arriving at the Gate House of Hoghton Tower, a long drive straight up to the house took us to a plateau, where 11 parked Morgans had a grandstand view over the Lancashire countryside.

And 11 Morgans viewed from bottom of the hill was pretty amazing too.

We welcomed 3 members attending their first NorceMog event, Rob & Sue Burnham from Alderley Edge and Bruce Bowley from nearby Chorley, proudly sharing his 1-month-old Plus 6 attracting a lot of attention!

In total 21 members arrived on time for the guided tour starting at 10.30. John, our very knowledgeable guide, provided a rich history of Hoghton Tower and kept us entertained for the next 90 minutes.

The current Tower was built in 1565 by Thomas Hoghton, but the first structures built here date back to 1066 when William the Conqueror was victorious at the Battle of Hastings, and the forebears of Thomas Hoghton first settled here.

The visitors book at Hoghton Tower reads like a Who's Who of English history – William Shakespeare, Dickens, Lady Godiva, and Kings and Queens of England. In 1617, in celebration of King James's visit to Hoghton Tower, it is reported that he was so impressed with the loin of beef served that he knighted it "Sir Loin", hence the current term "sirloin steak".

In 1692–1702 Sir Charles de Hoghton carried out repairs and rebuilding. William III was a frequent visitor to the house, being a personal friend of Sir Charles. In 1768 the family permanently moved to another property and Hoghton was let, and by the middle of the 19th century it was derelict.

In the last quarter of the 1800's architects were involved in renovation work on several rooms, including the banqueting hall, restoring the gateway tower and the adjacent walls, designing an entrance lodge, carrying out work on the offices in the east wing, building a new kitchen, new underground service corridors, and many other alterations. Further work on the stables and farm buildings was carried and from 1896 to 1901 the London architect Robert Dudley Oliver added nursery accommodation, a smoking room, a billiards room and a large drawing room, later used as the ballroom.

After the tour we enjoyed lunch in a private dining room before, inevitably, discussing Morgans overlooking the Lancashire countryside. The aforementioned Plus 6 was 'purloined' for a photo shoot including a young girl and many layers of crinoline!

Our thanks to Geoff and Gill Mizon for the organisation, a great event.











## **Hoghton Tower – Sweet Fifteen**

By Rosemary Murphy

We had finished an excellent tour of Hoghton Towers and enjoyed an extremely good lunch. Outside, where all the Morgans were parked, the men stood discussing cars. The ladies chatted about this and that. Suddenly a young girl appeared in a lilac crinoline dress, accompanied by two other ladies, - one taking photos, one posing the girl.

Could she be a bride?~No too young

A bridesmaid maybe?~ but why the photos?

We decided she was dressed in a prom dress and having her photo taken against a lovely backdrop of Hoghton Towers.

I decided that if the men were going to carry on talking cars then I would ask the girl if it was her prom dress.....but she beat me to it and came towards us with one of the women escorts.

“Go on put us out of our misery....is it a prom dress?

Oh no it was a “Sweet Fifteen “ dress.



This is a Spanish tradition when a girl becomes a woman. She will have a large party. Everyone will be in formal dress and the star of the show will be “Sweet Fifteen” in a lilac crinoline.

They asked if we knew who owned the Morgans as she would like to have photos taken with one of the cars ~ no problem. We decided on Bruce’s car as it was the newest and he readily agreed.

He moved the car to the entrance of Hoghton Towers for a lovely backdrop. Finally he asked if she would like to sit in the car for a photo. The girl would fit but the dress wouldn’t. The crinoline was dropped and removed and the photos were taken.

Everybody happy.



*Sweet Fifteen with Bruce Bowley's Plus Six. Photo by Bruce.*



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## **NorceMog at Arley Hall Garden Festival – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

By Andrew Threlkeld

“It’s like RHS Tatton without the crowds”! An apt description from one of our members as 9 Morgans proudly parked in front of the hall. Spanning 50 years of Morgan history they all looked the same but each one unique. I know, you’ve heard that before, but we did receive the other usual queries as visitors admired and sampled the cars on display.

“Does it still have a wooden chassis”? – No, they’ve never had one!

“Could you buy it as a kit and assemble it yourself”? – No, that was Caterham!

“Do you bring them on a trailer”? – No, they are all in full working order – well we use the term loosely, they are Morgans!

Members from NorceMog and DevaMog protected their pride and joys between the intermittent showers however the cars, as always, provided much interest to the festival attendees who were received warmly by the Morganeers. Offers of photos sitting in the cars were eagerly accepted, by all ages, coupled with bonnets raised at regular intervals.

The festival provides a gardener’s paradise with many vendors offering their wares in plentiful supply. From plants to arts and crafts the many stalls and marquees were doing brisk business in addition to ‘fun’ dog shows and tricks displays.

One of the stall holders, who sold wood carvings, approached us to ask about this Morgan event in Staffordshire for which she had a leaflet. Ah, Mogfest we chimed, and John Price was quick enough to suggest “now, if you can carve the outline of a Morgan onto a piece of wood you will sell them all, especially if you carve it on Ash”! She immediately took a photo of the outline on the bottom of NorceMog emails and returned with £’s in her eyes! – Did you attend Mogfest? Was she there? Did you buy one?

Apart from the plants on sale there were also guided tours of the Arley Hall gardens, and Q & A sessions, on various subjects, in one of the marquees through the afternoon.

Other attractions included band concerts, a very talented saxophonist and singer (obviously 2 people, difficult to play sax and sing at the same time!), a steam engine, various food stalls (with mixed reports on quality!) not to mention self-guided house tours and the ubiquitous café.



Thanks to all who provided the classic car display. We dutifully stayed until we were given permission to leave the site and enjoyed our journey home, hood down of course.











Superb line up of Morgan's spanning 50 years.





*Young family enjoying Andrew's Morgan.*




*Viscount Ashbrook holds 'court'.*



*Thomas Green steam roller built 1924.*



## NorceMog Events 2024



### Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Keep a check on this Website for any Event Updates

# 2024

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

**Jul 26 Oulton Park Gold Cup-3-day race weekend**

-28 Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

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[Full Details](#)



**Aug 11 The Buck Country Pub, Near Clitheroe**

32 Members Maximum Followed by Tea & Cakes at Lodge Murphy

Contact Rosemary & Peter Murphy

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[Full Details](#)



**Aug 18 Picnic in the Forest** - in aid of North West Air Ambulance  
Top Close Farm, Clarke Lane, Near Macclesfield, SK11 0NE  
Bring your own picnic to this Classic Car Invitational event  
Contact - Peter Farley.

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[Full Details](#)



**Aug 30 Chatsworth Country Fair** - Chatsworth House, Bakewell  
to Invitation from High Peak Centre - TorMog

Sep 1 Contact - Julie Baines

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[Full Details](#)



**Sep 1 Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show**

At Arley Hall, Northwich, CW9 6NA

Organised by Great British Motor Shows

[Full Details](#)



**Sep 12 Hangar 42 Spitfire Visitor Centre followed by lunch**

Thursday Contacts - Jay Hale and Peter & Isobel Moore

Please see FULL DETAILS for contact information and trip content

[Full Details](#)



**Sep 17 Best of British Festival of Motoring, Isle of Man**

-24 Organised by Scenic & Continental Car Tours

NorceMog members have booked this trip and contact SCCT for availability

[More Details](#)



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**Oct 13** **Haighton Manor**, Haighton Green Lane, PR2 5SQ  
Lunch & dedicated parking area at this Brunner & Price establishment  
Contact David Sims  
[Full Details](#)



Nov 3 TBD

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**Dec 8** **Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation**  
Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston, PR3 5AA  
Contact Linda Fearn at [lindafearn737@icloud.com](mailto:lindafearn737@icloud.com)  
[Full Detail](#)



## And Finally

Thanks to all the contributors this month, having been away most of July I feel like I've missed some great meetings.

I'm off to the Oulton Gold Cup event on Friday and Sunday and to MogFest on Saturday then on August 11<sup>th</sup> I'll be at the Buck Country Pub meeting organised by Peter and Rosemary Murphy.

As always, I would encourage members to submit articles and/or photos.

All the best

Roger  
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*There was this empty space at the end of this newsletter so I couldn't resist filling it with something nice. This is me driving over the Alps.*