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Front cover picture: Top: Two of the Morgans owned by John Price
Bottom: Drop Head Coupé project of David Roberts and Roger Benton

Contributions to NorceMog News always appreciated.

Please send your articles to norcemog@gmail.com



Noggin News

By Andrew Threlkeld

March 9th – The Italian Orchard, PR3 5DB – **Closing date 1st March!**

April 13th – AGM at Vale Royal Abbey. It's not too early to book. Menu and costs now available. Click here for [Details](#) and to choose your meal

May 18th – Houghton Manor – Sunday lunch & privilege parking. Click here for [Details](#)

June 22nd – Revised date confirmed for Gymkhana, back at The British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, PR25 2LE [Details](#)

Thank you to those members who have already organised or are currently exploring venues for a Noggin. Your endeavour is greatly appreciated

New Members

Please welcome the following members who have joined the NorceMog group in January.

Scott Somerside from Blackpool and

Charles Goldman from Stockport who has already paid his 2025 / 26 subscription!

We hope you enjoy your Morgans and meeting up with like-minded NorceMog Members.

Upcoming Events

9th March: [Lunch at The Italian Orchard](#)

Sunday 9th March: Lunch at The Italian Orchard – Ristorante and Pizzeria
96 Whittingham Lane, Broughton, Preston PR3 5DB



Kindly organised by Simon and Heather but note booking is required by the 1st March, so please contact Simon by:

Telephone 07958 554761 or E-mail: simon.drew@live.com

The Italian Orchard, part of the San Marco group of restaurants, was established in 1985. Family-owned and run the restaurant has over 300 covers, with 100 of these being situated in the restaurant's glass-fronted extension, overlooking the fountains, ideal for alfresco dining in the summer.

The menu offers something for everyone, with a blend of traditional and modern Italian cooking.

[Click here for MENU](#)

Most ingredients are sourced directly from Italy. Seafood is also a speciality, and you will often find fresh lobster, monkfish, sea bass and dover sole on the ever- changing specials menu.



The menu looks excellent with a selection of Antipasti, Pasta, Pizze and Main dishes.

13th April: Lunch and Norcemog AGM

If you're coming to the AGM please let Andrew know on:

Tel: 07912 494768 or

E-mail: norcemog@gmail.com



Privilege parking on the lawn as per previous years.

Cost is £24.25 which includes Tea and Coffee on arrival and a 2 course lunch (Starter & Main course) served at 12.30. **Please advise Andrew of your choice of meal.** The menu can be found [HERE](#).

As in previous years Sue and David Roberts have very kindly invited everyone back to their home for Tea & Cakes plus the exciting opportunity to view David and Roger's Drop Head Coupé project. David has worked on the DHC project for over 30 years amassing a great deal of detailed knowledge and parts on the DHC. The project is to build a period correct version of Jane Morgans DHC, the rebuilt original still existing in the Morgan museum at Malvern. Over the past 12 months excellent progress has been made with the completion (well almost) of the ash frame, bulkhead and valances.



Jane Morgan's car in the Morgan museum.



Within the next two months we hope to send the car to be panelled so if you want to have a look at the ash frame, which is part of all our cars even the CX ones, before it is covered then come along to the AGM.

The Swan with Two Nicks Meeting: 9th February

By Peter Murphy

For February it wasn't a bad day, grey and cold but not actually raining, except at home of course, so the Morgan stayed wrapped up and the tin top had another day out.

Knowing the propensity of Norsemoggers for punctuality we aimed at being at The Swan nice and early and arrived at about 11.40. Driving up to the pub we were a little concerned that the gates were closed and there was no sign of the 38 members due to dine at 12.00.

Rosemary leapt out, managed to unlock the gates and we drove into an empty car park. A few minutes later cars which had been filling the adjacent lanes flocked in and we breathed a sigh of relief. As usual everybody started chatting in the car park. Some brave souls arrived in their Morgan's, including Roger with the roof down! Having arrived back from Kenya only a few days earlier the temperature difference came as a rude awaking to him.



I eventually managed to get everybody down to the pub, much to the relief of the management who had reserved most of the main restaurant area for us. We were soon seated and orders taken. Despite the pub being very busy with their regular customers the service was speedy and soon everybody was eating and the room filled with the sounds of conversations.



We had many complimentary comments about the service and food so were very happy with our choice of venue. As far as I know nobody ventured out for a walk over to Dunham Massey but maybe we could revisit in warmer weather, bring the Morgans and complete the day with a little exercise. *Ed: Thanks to Rosemary and Peter for organising this most enjoyable meeting.*

My Four Morgans

By John Price

I wanted to share these four pictures with friends I have made over the last year since rejoining the MSCC and NorceMog.

They were taken over a period of 35 years at the same spot on my drive and tell a story of my love of Morgan's that started at the age of eleven. I sat in a Plus Four at the Earls Court Motor Show and always dreamed of owning one. I never would have dreamed that I would end up owning four over the next six decades.

The first, a four seater, was great fun as our twins grew up. Then came the first of my red two seaters which I found in Southport. Lots of fun especially on holidays in Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.



When I lost my wife I started the hunt for another red Plus Four which I found in the Cotswolds with only 7,000 miles on the clock. It was delivered to Cheshire last January and I rejoined the MSCC and was given my old membership number 4718 back.

I have had so much fun going to Club gatherings and meeting new friends and enthusiasts.

In July I foolishly had a test drive in the new model and could not believe how it performed. Needless to say JP74 MOG was delivered at the beginning of September and so far I have done 800 miles and enjoyed every minute of it.

I can't wait for the new season to have more fun and I will also use E12 ANP for local runs. The registration was my wife's number plate and the car is named after her - "Pudding".

I look forward to meeting more new friends and enthusiasts this coming year and if you see either car please come and say hello.

Thank you Norcemog,
John Price 4718



Event Calendar Suggestions

By Andrew Threlkeld

Would you like to volunteer to organise an event? There is a list below with some ideas or if you know of another venue / event that would be suitable please let us know.

- Lancaster Canal cruise from Barton Grange
 - [Barton Grange Afternoon, Cream Teas, Lunch and Dinner Cruises \(kingfishercruise.co.uk\)](http://kingfishercruise.co.uk)
- Steam Museum, Poynton
 - <http://www.enginemuseum.org/index.html>
- Bowland Brewery at Clitheroe
 - [Bowland Brewery | Clitheroe, Lancashire](http://bowlandbrewery.co.uk)



- The Carding Shed –
 - <http://thecardingshed.co.uk/>
- James' Places – Different venues
- JCB tour – mid week includes lunch.
 - [Factory Tour | JCB.com](#)
- RHS Bridgewater in Spring or Autumn
 - [RHS Garden Bridgewater / RHS Gardening](#)
- WWT Martin Mere
 - [Martin Mere Wetland Centre | WWT](#)
- The Mill at Conder Green – Meal or midweek break
 - [Mill At Conder Green -](#)
- Skipton Castle
 - [Skipton Castle, Superbly Preserved Medieval Castle, Yorkshire](#)
- Lancaster Castle
 - [Home | Lancaster Castle : Lancaster Castle](#)
- St Catherines Hospice – organise a car meet on some Sundays.
 - [St Catherine's Hospice | Quality of life to the end of life \(stcatherines.co.uk\)](#)
- Bancroft Mill Engine Trust & Museum
 - [Bancroft Mill Engine Museum | Bancroft Mill Engine Museum, Barnoldswick](#)
- Anderton Boat Lift
 - [Anderton Boat Lift & Visitor Centre, Cheshire | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)
- Keighly & Worth Valley Railway
 - [Keighley & Worth Valley Railway - \(kwvr.co.uk\)](#)
- Bury Transport Museum
 - [Bury Transport Museum - The East Lancashire Railway \(eastlancsrailway.org.uk\)](#)
- National Trust property visit
 - Various locations [Home | National Trust](#)

Please contact Andrew at norcemog@gmail.com if you are available to volunteer.

NorceMog Events Calendar 2025











Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Keep a check on this Website for any Event Updates

2025

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

Mar 9	The Italian Orchard, Ristorante & Pizzeria, PR3 5DB Contact - Simon Drew Tel 07958 554761 Email = simon.drew@live.com Full Details Closing Date 2 nd March 2025	
Apr 4 - 6	MSCC Spring Dinner Dance & AGM Week-end Burn Hall, Huby, Nr York Contact - Jan Lawson Email: jan.lawson@janmail.co.uk Full Details Booking Form	
Apr 13	NorceMog AGM/Lunch, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitegate Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com Full Details	
Pre order Meals		
May 11	Cheshire Candles Charity Run Organised by West Cheshire MG Owners Club - Morgans welcome Entry fee £25 Limited to 150 cars Full Details	
May 18	Haighton Manor, Haighton Green Lane, PR2 5SQ Lunch & dedicated parking area at this Brunner & Price establishment. Contact David Sims Email: simswasindubai@gmail.com Full Details	
Jun 22	Gymkhana & Concours The British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland Contact Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716 Full Details	
Jun 14	 Leyland Festival, Worden Park, Leyland, PR25 3DH Organised by Leyland Festival Committee in association with South Ribble Borough Council Car display CANCELLED - Apologies for any inconvenience	

Jun 15	Lytham Car Show - Lytham Green, FY8 5QJ Organised on behalf of Rosemere Cancer Foundation Display £15 minimum donation - ALL proceeds to Cancer Foundation Full Details & Tickets	
Jun 27 - 29 50% Discount Ends 29 Feb	MOGFEST - New Forest, Hampshire Full Details & Booking Form	
Jun 29 Free Admission maximum 10 cars	Arley Hall Garden Festival, Arley, Cheshire Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com Full Details	
Jun 29	Lancashire Classic & Performance Car Show At Hoghton Tower Nr Preston, PR5 0SH Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Jul 13	TBD	
Jul 22 - 25	Fat Lamb Tour: Lakes & Dales Contact Adrian & Dot Long Tel 07831 377255 Email: adrian.long@icloud.com Full Details	
Jul 26 - 27 50% Discount	Oulton Park Gold Cup Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com Full Details	
Aug 10	TBD	
Aug 31	Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show Venue to be confirmed Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Sep 5-7	Morgans at Windermere. A FellMog Event Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348 Email: les2mog@gmail.com More Details	
Sep 14	TBD	

Sep 14 Southport Classic & Performance Car Show

Victoria Park Rotten Row, Southport PR8 2BZ

Organised by Great British Motor Shows

[More Details & Tickets](#)**Oct 12 TBD****Nov 2 TBD****Dec 14 Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation**

Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston, PR3 5AA

Contact Linda Fearn at

[Full Details](#)

If you have an idea for hosting one of our monthly events, we welcome proposals.Contact Andrew Threlkeld, Centre Secretary Tel: 07912 494 768 Email: norcemog@gmail.com

And Finally

Thanks to Andrew to sorting the February newsletter while I was away.

I really enjoyed the meeting at the Swan with Two Nicks with a great turn out, thanks to Peter and Rosemary for organising the event. Despite the cold it was a reasonable day so it was nice to give the car a run (with the hood down) even though I only live about 5 minutes from the pub, not even time for my heated seat to warm up! Full marks to John Price for also arriving with the hood down!

Thanks to all the contributors to this month's newsletter.

I will attending the 'Italian Orchard' on the 9th March which looks a really nice venue so hopefully I will see you there.

Best wishes

Roger.

The Future of NorceMog: Committee Membership

By Andrew Threlkeld

We are at that time of year where we seek nominations to join the NorceMog committee and shape the continuation of our successful centre through 2025/26. This year, we have a confirmed vacancy for Chair as the current chair, Andy Bleasdale, is resigning due to moving out of the area.

Committee membership is not too onerous; we currently meet once or twice a year with all other communication through phone calls, email, etc.

Below is a brief synopsis of the current roles at NorceMog, along with an invitation for members to nominate themselves if they are interested in contributing to the future of the Centre. While some incumbents may seek re-election, new offers of help and support are always welcome.

Apart from Centre Secretary, which is the preferred role of the MSCC as prime contact, the committee can be constructed however the Centre decides. All roles are voluntary and therefore it is more about how much individuals are prepared to commit to the role rather than “you must do this or that”! Our current structure consists of the following roles.

Chair

The Chairperson leads the Centre in collaboration with the Centre Secretary, guiding day-to-day operations, chairing meetings, and leading presentations, such as annual awards at the Christmas meal. This role also involves supporting other committee members, acting as a spokesperson, welcoming new members, and ensuring member satisfaction.

Vacancy: This role is currently open!

Centre Secretary (CS)

The Centre Secretary is the primary contact for the MSCC and coordinates the Centre's activities. In collaboration with other committee members, this role ensures compliance with MSCC requirements and delivers satisfactory services to NorceMog members. Whilst Andrew Threlkeld is content to continue he would be equally delighted to support a ‘new’ Centre Secretary if you desire this role.

Treasurer

The Treasurer handles financial responsibilities, including collecting subscriptions, managing records of expenses, and maintaining a list of paid members. Additionally, the Treasurer prepares an Annual Report, which is independently reviewed and presented at the Annual General Meeting. All expenses require the approval of two committee members before payment. Linda Fearn is prepared to continue this role.

Other Roles Currently Performed by Committee Members

Regalia

This role involves maintaining and distributing any NorceMog merchandise, such as car badges, and reporting sales and stock to the Treasurer. Historically, this role also included purchasing NorceMog embroidered clothing and caps. However, NorceMog embroidered items are now available through the MSCC club shop.

Competitions Secretary

The Competitions Secretary liaises with Motorsport UK (MSUK) regarding any permits required for Gymkhanas, scenic runs, and other events. Martin Cocks is the current incumbent.

Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor compiles, edits, and issues the monthly NorceMog News through the Centre Secretary. Roger Benton is prepared to continue in this role.

Co-Opted Assistants (no limit to number)

These committee members are involved in the general operation of the Northern Centre. They attend committee meetings and contribute to the successful continuation of the Centre. Bryan Rawlinson, Peter Murphy, and Rosemary Murphy currently occupy three of these posts.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and working together to ensure a vibrant future for NorceMog.

NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 19th February 2025 Minutes of the Meeting

- **Present** – Andy Bleasdale, Roger Benton, Martin Cocks, Peter & Rosemary Murphy, Bryan Rawlinson, Andrew Threlkeld
- **Apologies** – Linda Fearn, Isobel & Peter Moore
- **Minutes of 18th February 2024** – Accepted as true record
- **Previous Actions from Minutes** – Action Register updated; 2 actions ongoing
 - Purchase of feather banner
 - On-line access for bank account.
 - Will be completed with change of signatories due to Andy B's resignation as Chair in April 1025.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Current Balance at Bank = £2218
 - Current membership = 56 Members paid in 2024
 - 2025 Subscriptions – Agreed at £10 per family
 - Although the current balance is healthy it was decided to keep the subscription at £10.
 - NorceMog will celebrate their 60th Anniversary in 2028 and we intend to build up a 'war chest' to finance a celebratory event(s) in that year.
 - In addition to the bank balance, we also have
 - £8 collected in name badge fines! Currently held by Secretary
 - Car badges & clips worth approx. £1020
 - Coleman shelter stored by Centre Secretary
 - NorceMog banner!
 - Linda prepared to continue as Treasurer for 2025
- **AGM Preparation**
 - Notification to be included in March Newsletter regarding committee member applications and the vacancy for Chairperson.
 - Andy gave a brief synopsis of the role of the chair to those present
 - Details to be included in March Newsletter
 - Meal Cost 2025 = £24.25 pp. This includes a 10% discount.
 - Andrew prepared to continue as Secretary but would have no problem supporting a new candidate!

- **Diary of Events – 2025**

- Calendar currently has 23 events listed
- NorceMog Events required for July, September, October & November
 - Simon Drew is organising March
 - John Unterhalter is investigating Peover Hall probably for August
 - Check with Kate Robins for progress of possible visit to Stonyhurst
- June Gymkhana Venue – Bryan confirmed Vehicle Museum in Leyland is available but not for 2nd Sunday in June. Agreed to move to 22nd June if venue available on that date.
 - Post meeting note – Bryan confirmed availability for 22nd June
- Gymkhana with 3-wheeler club- Wrays café – Andy B attending 3-wheeler club meeting on 20th Feb – will invite their members to Leyland event.
- Christmas Meal & Awards – Confirmation of Barton Manor.
- Leyland Festival – The car display has been cancelled
- Venue ideas – Suggestions of combining 2 venue events i.e. lunch with an attraction discussed. E.g.
 - Tom Hardman, near Stonyhurst, sells exotic & classic cars
 - Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire with The Devonshire Arms for lunch
- Andrew has contacted DevaMog Centre Secretary regarding joining each other's events – To be discussed at next DevaMog committee meeting

- **Newsletter**

- Roger reported no issues and gets good support for inclusion of articles from membership.
- Roger prepared to continue in 2025

- **Regalia**

- Items available through MSCC club shop with NorceMog or MSCC embroidery and car registration optional

- **Competitions Secretary**

- New procedure for MSUK Permits (Gymkhana, scenic runs etc). Andrew to confirm procedure to Martin.

- **Website**

- A 'web master' from within the membership would be useful!

- **AOB**

- Consideration to be given to 're-configuring' awards. Some are outdated and some events no longer take place.
- Where awards have been donated by current members, they would be included in the discussion before any changes made.
- Our thanks to Martin & Vivien Cocks for hosting the meeting at their home.

Andrew Threlkeld
Centre Secretary
21st February 2025

