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Front cover picture: From the AGM, the picture is wide angle so the cars at the edges are a little distorted – apologies to the owners. I also cut John's car off completely (Wide angle lens was not wide enough) so the picture on the right here is John's car.



Contributions to NorceMog News always appreciated.

Please send your articles to norcemog@gmail.com



Noggin News

May 18th – Haighton Manor – Sunday lunch & privilege parking. **Food to be pre-ordered.** Click here for [Details](#) - **CLOSING DATE 11TH MAY**

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

June 29th – Arley Hall Flower Festival – All spaces now gone, waiting list in operation

July 13th – No venue yet – feel free to volunteer

July 22nd – 25th – Fat Lamb Trip – Fat Lamb full however alternative accommodation may still be available - [Details](#)

July 25th – 27th – Oulton Park Gold Cup – Tickets available at 50% discount - [Details](#)

August 13th **NEW** – Exclusive midweek visit to Peover Hall - [Details](#)

September 18th **NEW** – Mid-week social run and visit to trout farm – [Details](#)

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

2025 / 26 Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions (£10) for the forthcoming year are now due and may be paid at The AGM on 13th April as above.

For those preferring to pay by bank transfer details of the NorceMog account are:

Bank HSBC
Account Name MSCC Northern Centre (Norcemog)
Sort Code 40-43-56
Account No. 01160427

Please email Linda Fearn at lindafearn737@gmail.com if paying through the bank.

We thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 18th May 2025: Lunch at Haighton Manor

Haighton Green Lane, Haighton, Preston PR2 5SQ

Contact – David Sims

Tel - 07932 548047

Email = simswasindubai@gmail.com

BOOKING ESSENTIAL by 9th May 2025

After a successful trip in 2024 we return to Haighton Manor to enjoy a mid-summer visit.

Arrive by 12.30 for lunch to be served at 1pm in the Conservatory Restaurant at this Brunner and Price establishment. Meals will need to be pre-ordered,

We will have our own dedicated parking area to the left of the main entrance.

For many years the manor was used as a hospital and the beautiful views that you can now enjoy from our garden room helped to lift the spirits of those convalescing. Now the building has been lovingly transformed into what you see today, a country pub bursting with character and original features with a big old bar at the heart of all things, serving local ales and packed with our collection of whiskies and gins.

We have a mixture of rooms to suit your mood, light and airy or snug and 'beamed' with roaring fires. We even have a beautiful terrace just in case the sun shines.

Sunday June 22nd 2025: Gymkhana & Concours

Commercial Vehicle Museum, King Street, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 2LE

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

We are delighted to be back at this venue for 2025. With a refurbished café on site for morning coffees and lunch (not to mention the loo!) please feel free to join us for this fun event.

Arrive from 10.00 am

Registration by 10.30 am

Award presentation approx. 1.30 pm

Entry Charge £5 per driver (donated to the Museum)



Always good fun and an easy way to demonstrate your driving skill in a very safe environment. If you can find forward and reverse gear, can estimate the height, width and length of your (or a borrowed!) Morgan, this is the place for you. No previous experience necessary and open to anyone with access to a Morgan.



There will be nominal charge for entry to cover costs and there are trophies for 1st and 2nd place overall plus 3-wheeler and Best Lady.

There will also a very informal Concours competition using MSCC's "Mognificent" scoring procedure so maybe a wash and polish won't go amiss.

The Glendower Cup is awarded to the best overall combined Autotest and Concours placing.

Don't forget to book your place with Bryan Rawlinson on [01995 604716](tel:01995604716) or email - b42rawlinson@btinternet.com

Letter from our Chairman.

By David Roberts

Firstly, I'd like to thank members for voting me into the position of Norcemog chairman; it is an honour although I might suggest that you may regret your collective act of impulse. My second task is to thank the retiring chairman, Andy Bleasdale, for his devotion to his role as Norcemog's chairman for over a decade. My thanks go also to the committee members, both present and recent and particularly Norcemog's most dedicated, diligent and resourceful secretary, Andrew Threlkeld, for their sterling work on our behalf.

Some of you may know me reasonably well; however, many will not and so here's a brief introduction.....



I have been a Norcemog member since 1984 and, you may be surprised that I am not the only one! Many will know that I used to race my Plus 8, undertook a complete rebuild and re-engineering of my 1960 4/4 Series II and am currently building a period

correct and authentic replica of the car that Peter Morgan gave to his wife Jane on her 50th birthday – a 1970s Plus 8 Drophead Coupé.

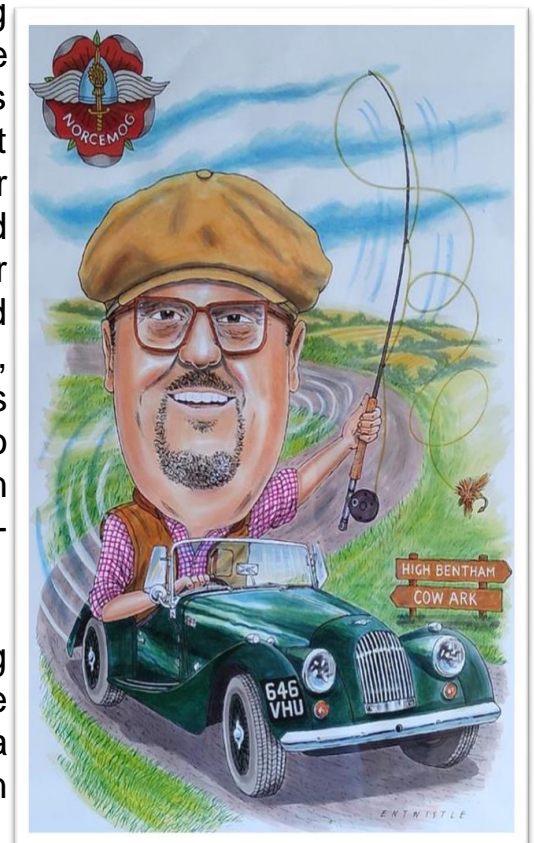
Many of you won't know that the role of Norcemog's chairman is not new to me as, in the early 1990s, I was its chairman following a major change in its committee. Norcemog, some 35 years ago, had declined to an active membership of a dozen members on a good day. Together with David Haynes, Norcemog's newly appointed secretary at the time, the membership was revitalised from around twenty to over eighty. So, I am reprising a role that I performed over 30 years ago!

I very much look forward to working with Andrew, together with all the centre's committee members. Here's to our mutual and continuing enjoyment of our wonderful motor cars and the companionships, friendships and fantastic experiences and memories that are created.

Andy Bleasdale

We'd like to acknowledge the endeavour of our retiring Chairman and recognise his contribution to The Northern Centre over many, many years. Andy's introduction to Morgans was a result of winning his first Morgan in a competition, and hence, the love affair began. During his membership he has performed several committee functions including Newsletter editor (probably in the days before email when it was posted to members), Centre Secretary and more recently, well, at least the last 13 years, Chair of the Centre. His enthusiasm, easy-going personality and willingness to politely 'bully' members to undertake Noggin organisation will be much missed and well-remembered.

Unfortunately, he was not able to attend the NorceMog AGM in April, however we look forward to the opportunity at a future noggin to present him with a framed version of this picture as a token of appreciation for all his efforts over many years.



Andy Bleasdale – Thank you.

Excitement at The Abbey

By Andrew Threlkeld

Final preparations were being completed at The Abbey as the residents of Whitegate were aware of a rumbling permeating the atmosphere on Vale Royal Drive. In the library spotless cups and saucers awaited the expected throng when, suddenly, the rumbling increased to a tremendous crescendo, golfers covered their ears, the windows rattled in their 13th century frames and Dave Roberts's Plus Eight parked on the lawn at the rear of The Great House!. Never one to make a quiet entrance our David.



Privilege parking at Vale Royal Abbey

Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club hosted the 2025 NorceMog AGM with members arriving from 11.00am to be served refreshments of tea and coffee whilst catching up on all the gossip since our last meeting.



Members catch up before lunch

Prior to food being served in The Great Hall there was cause for celebration for 3 of our couples attending.

Sue and Rodney Hughes had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary 10 days before, complete with a telegram from the King.

Arwyn Williams was celebrating his birthday on the day. That Sam knows how to treat a man, such excitement at attending the AGM!

Francesca and Neil McArthur announced they were expecting their 3rd grandchild.

The 46 members present expressed their congratulations to all the above. Minutes from the NorceMog AGM will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.



Sunday Lunch served in The Great Hall at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club

MSCC AGM / Dinner Dance Weekend – 4th – 6th **April 2025 Burn Hall, Huby Near York**

By Andrew Threlkeld

A great weekend weatherwise and superbly organised by the Yorkshire Centre led by Jan Lawson. Burn Hall was very much a conference Hotel and provided comfortable rooms perhaps more akin to Premier Inn than Clarridges!

Arriving at the MSCC table set up in reception we collected our envelope containing room key, itinerary for the weekend, wine order form for Friday and Saturday night (not compulsory!) and our comprehensive 'goody bag' containing a copy of Charles Neal's book – The March of Progress, as well as rally plaque, MSCC mug, MSCC branded notebook (or Morganisor!), slate coaster, insulated bag, suggested scenic runs in the area, packets of Haribos sweets etc.



There were probably over 100 people partaking of the informal dining on Friday night with a 2-course, buffet style meal consisting of Chicken and leek pie accompanied by appropriate veg and potatoes (cold meat salad also available) and a choice of desserts. Again, the organisation was slick with attentive staff and good quality food. Needless to say, plenty of alcohol accompanied the evening of this extensive noggin!

On Saturday morning, if you did not want to visit the on-site Yorkshire Bird of Prey Centre, there were the options of provided scenic runs or visits to nearby York and other tourist attractions close by. We chose the Bird of Prey Centre where we met Morgan, an owl sponsored by the Yorkshire Centre as part of their 50th Anniversary event, also held at Burn Hall. As we basked in glorious sunshine, we were able to tour the facility and get up close and personal to the 72 birds of prey they look after.



Volunteers were on hand to enable visitors to hold many of the birds and this was followed by the display show of birds skimming the tops of the audiences' heads, tempted by morsels of food! Extremely entertaining from baby owls attempting their first flight to enormous eagles, currently not allowed to fly free due to bird flu! The Eagles are tagged so, when they are allowed to fly, they are GPS tracked often being collected over 25 miles away from the centre. Tracking crews in cars around the area are utilised as they are never sure of which direction the birds will go.

The time flew by (see what I did there?) and soon it was time to get ready for the MSCC AGM. You've been getting off lightly in NorceMog. An hour later all reports had been completed and a new Board of Directors elected. An awards ceremony for the various Morgan related sporting competitions were presented to winners who attended the AGM.

Saturday night was the Gala dinner, black ties and posh frocks abounded whilst the cloth cap and tiara competition generated a lot of humour. Organisation was exemplary with over 120 attendees allocated to specific tables and the pre-ordered meals (and wine!) delivered promptly maintaining the quality of food set on Friday.

Entertainment was provided by "Plus 5", a group of musicians from CranMog providing live music befitting of the age range present. Dancing? Well, there was a 'dance floor' however we've seen larger chess boards!

All in all, a splendid weekend the format of which I suspect will be repeated next year, perhaps organised by a different centre.



Chaddesley Corbett

Kindly brought to my attention by John Unterhalter.

Lying midway between Kidderminster and Bromsgrove Chaddesley Corbett produces a rather nice monthly parish magazine. John kindly gave me a copy as it included a short article titled 'British?? Not Anymore' and Morgan was mentioned so below is a copy of the article. I really enjoyed the article as it covers two of my favourite things, Morgans (of course) but also chocolate. Thanks John.

BRITISH?? NOT ANYMORE

ROWNTREE'S, was a British brand and business based in York, England. Rowntree developed the KitKat and Aero in 1935.



Fruit Pastiles in 1981, Smarties in 1937 and



Rolo and Quality Street brands when it merged with Mackintosh's in 1969 to form Rowntree Mackintosh Confectionery. They also launched **After Eight** chocolate mints in 1962.



The Yorkie and Lion bars were introduced in 1976. Rowntree's also pioneered the **Festive selection box**, which in the UK has been a staple gift at Christmas for over a century.

Founded in 1862, Rowntree's developed strong associations with the Quaker philanthropy. Throughout much of the 19th and 20th centuries, it was one of the big three confectionery manufacturers in the the United Kingdom alongside Cadbury and Fry, both also founded by Quakers.

In 1981, Rowntree's received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for outstanding contribution to international trade. Just 10 years later, the company was acquired by Nestlé, it was the fourth-largest confectionery manufacturer in the world.

The Rowntree brand continues to be used for **Fruit Gums** and **Fruit Pastiles**.

KitKat is now produced in 16 countries.

● Rowntree's is no longer a British family owned company. In 1991 it was sold to Nestlé, a SWISS company.



MORGAN CARS, Morgan Motor Company Limited. This Malvern based company was owned by the Morgan family, but a press release dated 5 March 2019 announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Morgan Motor Company Ltd., by the Italian investment group Investindustrial.

Though it was announced that as part of Investindustrial's investment, management and staff were rewarded with shares in the company, this appears nowhere in the information registered at Companies House.

Though it was also announced that the Morgan family retained a minority shareholding and would continue to be involved in the company this does not appear on any statement filed with Companies House. Unbelievably, the sale price was approximately the same amount as a 2016 UK government grant which was used, to purchase back the land and buildings on Pickersleigh Road, that had been sold previously in 2005 to fund the company.

● Morgan is no longer a British family owned manufacturer, since 2019 it is majority owned in Italy. □

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

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 13 Wednesday	Peover Hall – Exclusive Tour Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9HW Contact – John Unterhalter Email - damhead@btinternet.com Full Details	
Aug 31	Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show Venue - Arley Hall, Northwich, CW9 6NA 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	Southport Classic & Performance Car Show Victoria Park Rotten Row, Southport PR8 2BZ Organised by Great British Motor Shows More Details & Tickets	
Sep 18	Visit to Kilnsey Park Trout Farm & Social Run Contact - Robin Askew In association with MG Car Club Email = robinaskew@yahoo.co.uk More Details	
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 all the contributors especially to Andrew who seems to have written this newsletter single handed!

The highlight of this last month must of course be the AGM with a great turn out and splendid venue. The AGM also marks the departure of Andy Bleasdale as the NorceMog Chairman after many years in the role so a massive thanks and very best wishes go to Andy. Congratulations go to David Roberts who now picks up the mantle of NorceMog Chairman.

Best wishes
Roger.

NORCEMOG AGM – 13th April 2025 **Minutes of the meeting.**

The Secretary welcomed Simon Drew & Heather Lambert-Drew, attending their 1st NorceMog AGM

1. **Apologies** – Andy Bleasdale, Bruce, Bill & Carmen Bowley, Rob & Sue Burnham, Martin & Viv Cocks, Robert & Sue Etherington, Jay Hale & Yvonne Chadderton, David & Una Haynes, Heather Holden, Dave & Jan Leonard, Adrian & Dot Long, Stuart & Judith Moore, Peter & Rosemary Murphy, Roy & Jean Senior, Tony Slack & Glenda Gaskell
2. **Present** – 46 members present as per sign in sheet.
3. **Acceptance of previous minutes – 14th April 2024**
Accepted By – Arwyn Williams
Seconder – Linda Fearn
Matters arising - None
4. **Secretary's Report**
 - The Secretary thanked those present for their support and attendance today – yet again an excellent turn out for an AGM.
 - Our events continue to be well supported, and we are grateful to all the members who arranged events in 2024 and the volunteers who have already stepped forward in 2025. We still have vacancies for July, Sept, October & November. John Unterhalter is finalising details for a mid-week visit to Peover Hall in August.
 - Just 2 remaining places at Arley Hall display, please let Centre Secretary know if you wish to attend. (Post meeting note – all places now full and 3 members on waiting list!)

5. Treasurer’s Report

Finances – See Report below
Membership renewal – subs (£10) for 2024 are now due.

Members accepted the accounts as reported

6. Election of Officers

Position	Current Officer
Chair	- Vacancy
Secretary	- Andrew Threlkeld
Treasurer	- Linda Fearn
Regalia Officer	- Isobel Moore
Newsletter Editor	- Roger Benton
Competition Secretary	- Martin Cocks
General Officers	- Bryan Rawlinson
	- Peter & Rosemary Murphy

All existing committee members were re-elected.
There were 2 ‘reluctant’ candidates for Chair and in a vote of those present David Roberts was elected by a majority.

All posts are for 12 months or until the next AGM

7. Any Other Business - None

The meeting finished after 7mins and 14seconds

		MSCC Northern Centre					
Income & Expense Account for the year to 31st March 2025							
Income			Notes		Payments		Notes
Balance b/fwd. 1st April 2024		3182.15			As per detail B	4560.44	
As per detail A		3859.10			Balance 30th March 2025	2480.81	
		7041.25				7041.25	
A. Income Details					B. Payment Details		
Subscriptions 2024 / 25		486.00			Trophies & Engraving	97.10	2
Subscriptions 2025 / 26		220.00			Web site hosting renewal	32.99	
Cross Keys Noggin		267.35			Cross Keys Noggin	267.35	
Hoghton Tower Noggin		736.00			Hoghton Tower Noggin	739.00	
Christmas Meal		2035.00			Christmas Meal	2035.00	
Regalia - 1 car badge		42.00			Regalia - Car Badges	1323.00	3
AGM		72.75	1		Bank Charges	66.00	
A. Total Receipts		3859.10			B. Total Payments	4560.44	
Excess Expenditure over Income = 701.34							
Notes							
1 3 members paid AGM meal cost into bank							
2 Autotest & Annual Awards							
3 25 Car badges purchased							
Prepared by - Linda Fearn							
Reviewed by - Neil McArthur							
Other Assets							
1 * Coleman shelter / Gazebo							
23 * Car Badges. Value = £966.00							
1 * Northern Centre Banner							

