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Noggin News

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

Please note the **CLOSING DATE is THURSDAY 7th AUGUST**

August 17th– Invitation from TorMog - Picnic in the Forest - [Details](#)

August 31st – Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show. Inviting all members of NorceMog & DevaMog to participate. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

CLOSING DATE 23rd AUGUST

September 13th – Mid-week social run and visit to trout farm – [Details](#)

October – Mid-week visit to Abbeywood Estate & Gardens (CW8 2HS). Details being finalised.

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

Upcoming Events

The Cheshire Signature Classic & Performance Motor Show

Arley Hall CW9 6NA – Sunday 31st August 2025

Organised by Great British Motor Shows we are inviting members from **NorceMog** and **DevaMog** to attend and proudly represent the Morgan marque at this event.

We can command our own reserved parking area by applying for at least 5 places (the more the merrier!) from the 2 centres and details of how to do this are as follows.

Use this link (as shown on our Calendar of Events)

1. [Cheshire Signature Classic & Performance Motor Show - Great British Motor Shows](#)
2. Select 'Club Exhibitor and Registration'
3. Select 'Club Member and Stand registration'
4. Select 'I'm registering to join my other club members'
 - a. A space will appear 'Tell us your club name'
5. Use "**Morgan Sports Car Club**" as club name
6. Complete the application form and pay
7. Please let us know at norcemog@gmail.com so we can monitor numbers.
8. **Applications will close 23rd August 2025**

We look forward to a great display of Morgans and mingling of the 2 centres



Your Views on The Northern Centre. **NorceMog - Member Survey**



At our recent committee meeting we discussed how to ensure the continuing success of The Northern Centre.

We further agreed to seek your views on what we need to provide to ensure we meet / exceed member expectations. Consequently, an on-line survey has been developed and is available at this link – [**MEMBER SURVEY**](#). It should only take a few minutes of your time.

We hope to provide something for everybody so please feel free to share your views. Some questions have multiple choice answers and there are text boxes included to record your thoughts.

It would help if the answers given represent 'the car' i.e. both partners opinions. It might be that 1 partner hates social media but the other partner loves it, hence, if we develop that media we know that at least 'the car' will be aware of communication through this channel.

We will publish results in a future Newsletter together with actions to be implemented.

NB – Some Apple users may experience difficulty accessing the survey. It has been compiled on Microsoft Google forms which have been known to conflict with Apple Operating Systems. Please let me know if you experience such difficulties.

Many thanks
Andrew Threlkeld
Centre Secretary
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Arley Hall Garden Festival

By Roger Benton with additional pictures by Geoff Goodman

This was a lovely day with good weather and great atmosphere. David Roberts volunteers at Arley so we were treated to an excellent tour of the house before it became too busy.



Most brought collapsible chairs, not John Price. It was so secure I think John couldn't undo the knots so he never used it!

The tour of the Hall by David was excellent and the view from the windows was not bad as well.





There were numerous stalls selling all kinds of stuff for the garden. Some couldn't resist buying a few plants. Transporting tall plants in a Morgan is challenging but they arrived home intact.



It was a great day out. Big thanks to Andrew for organising this event and arranging some nice weather.

Oulton Park Gold Cup: 25th to 27th July

By Roger Benton with contributions from Heather Lambert & Tony Cory

Our reserved parking was the usual spot with a commanding view over Cascades and along Lakeside with an easy walk over to Knickerbrook where the cars accelerate out of Hislops. For the two days the weather was good, the odd spot of rain but nothing to worry about and some warm sunny intervals.



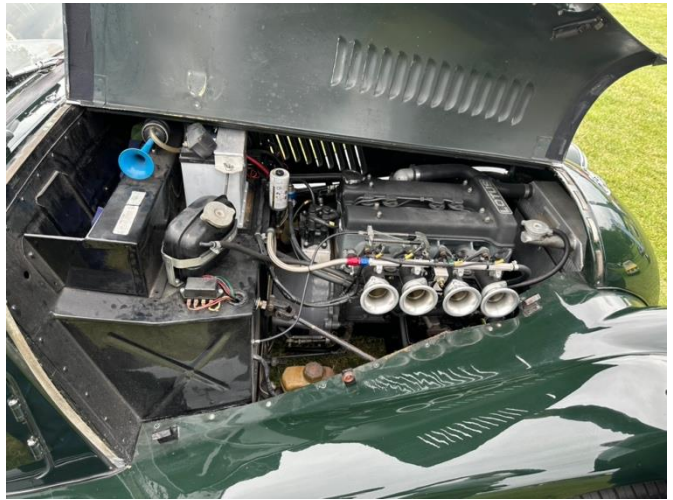
David Robert's friend, David Saxl, was racing his 1930's Riley TT Sprite. A beautiful car that David drove up from London on Saturday morning arriving just in time for scrutineering.



To try and 'help' David, some of us went trackside to measure his lap times and post them on a board that David could see on the next lap. Not sure how much help it was but we were as close to the track as possible without being on the track giving us a great view of the cars as they raced by.



There was a good turnout of cars on both days with some interesting cars including a 4 seater from 1973 owned by John Denton and bought new by his father. The car is fitted with a highly tuned Lotus twin cam engine.



Parking proved a challenge for some with David Roberts causing Simon Drew to have a bit of a panic as David manoeuvred his +8 to within inches of Simons car.



It was a good display of Morgans attracting lots of interest and kids were delighted to be invited to sit in a Morgan.



One of the challenges of race meetings is to try and take that 'perfect' picture of the racing cars on the track and to capture the sense of speed. I tried, and failed, but Tony Cory succeeded and passed to me some amazing shots, thank you Tony. Tony's pics are so good I thought it best to include them at a reasonable size.





NC 500 in a Morgan

By Simon Drew

Heather and I embarked on the Scenic Car Tours trip of the NC 500 (North Coast 500).

The NC500 is a route that was established in 2015/2016 by the Scottish Tourist office and technically starts and finishes in Inverness and goes up and around the East, North and Western coasts of Scotland. Our route though was slightly different, as we didn't want to end back in Inverness, instead we continued to Fort William and then Loch Lomond.

On Saturday 7th June we set off in rain (at times heavy) to Peebles in the borders to meet up with 6 other cars and their respective occupants. We managed to weave our way to Peebles by the long route though Kirby Lonsdale, Sedbergh, (waved at the Fat Lamb), Kirby Stephen, A66 to Penrith, then A6 to Carlisle to pick up the A7 across to Selkirk and then on to Peebles.



We managed most of the A7 with the top down arriving at about 4:30 pm to the hotel.

Dinner was set for 7:30pm with the “group”, and we duly met the owners of 2x Mazda MX5's, a couple that in the end drove their Toyota instead of their 1970 E-Type, then there were 3 chaps in a Maserati MC20, Porsche 718 Spyder & a CLS AMG Mercedes.

A fun evening was had by all – hick !

The Sunday opened with encouraging skies, and we set off for Inverness via Perth, Braemar, Balmoral, Tomintoul, and then Inverness. We drove pretty much all the way with the top down though there was still the odd patch of snow up high on the Cairn Gorms.

We stopped for lunch with the King at Balmoral (well sandwich in the car in the car park but no one will know).

The highlight for me was passing the infamous “snow gates” at Cockbridge, which you hear on Radio 2 travel bulletin which are the first to close in the early Winter.

Monday morning arrived and Heather drove us into Inverness for fuel then on to Dornoch for coffee. We accompanied another couple in an MX5. The day started to deteriorate in terms of weather as we set off for John O’Groats with the hood up. We drove though Wick, which we had hopes of being able to stop at a fish restaurant for lunch, but to be fair, we drove around the harbour and then made a swift exit.

On arriving in John O’Groats the weather brightened up, and we had the obligatory photo next to the sign (see pic).

Onward then to Bettyhill for our overnight stay.

The Tuesday opened with blue skies and we decided to take a walk after breakfast around Bettyhill and some of the coast line. It really is stunning – especially with blue skies. After the walk we headed off to Lochinver and stopped for coffee on the side of the road and visited smoo caves.



The route till then had been normal 2 lane roads of quite good quality but the road after Bettyhill became single track road with passing places every 200 yds or so. The drive became a game of watch the pot hole, watch cars coming towards you and watch for bumps and indents that if taken at speed would file 1mm of prime Morgan stainless steel exhaust off.....



Lochinver was stunning, and the loch itself was a mill pond, and you could see all the way to Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. We treated ourselves that evening to Lobster! Trawler to plate in about 90 minutes..... Yum yum.

Wednesday, we headed to Gairloch, via the back road from Lochinver, this was a little challenging in places, but we were well rewarded with stunning scenic views – and the odd scrape of the tail pipe!

Enroute to Gairloch we passed Loch Ewe and took a pic of Adrian Longs former Cornish Shrimper moored peacefully in the Loch – this was again a nice day of driving with the hood down.

Gairloch itself was similar to that of Lochinver – hotel on the banks of the Loch looking out to see with the Loch looking like a mill pond.

The Thursday morning was goodbye time, as this was the last stop of the Scenic Car Tours tour – you were then left to your own devices as to how to travel home.



3 of us (2 x Mazda MX5s) and us decided to travel via Applecross peninsular and journey down the Bealach na Ba (the pass of the cattle). This is the UK's version of the Stelvio Pass. With some exhaust crunching, we made it.....and we are glad we did it. Though I would not recommend this in the height of summer with motorhomes attempting it – it would be very stressful.

For us we went on Fort William for a night, in a glamping pod in the foothills of the Nevis range, then onto Loch Lomond for a night staying in Luss.

The Saturday was forecasted to be wet, and wet it certainly was. As we headed south on the M74 towards the borders, we were hit with a thunderstorm and torrential rain for about 30 minutes. We were down to 30mph on the motorway with the three little wipers frantically trying to deal with the deluge of water, but we made it through unscathed. I bet you didn't know that the roof joints and door shuts leak water ☺ !!!

We arrived back home mid-afternoon after travelling 1,430 miles in 7 days.

It was well worth doing the NC500, the scenery is spectacular, and we were glad that we did the route anti clockwise. I know we could have booked up our own accommodation but booking it via Scenic Car Tours did allow us to meet other like-minded people and allowed us to engage in wider conversation, which added to the holiday.

If you are planning to do the NC500, do it.... You won't be disappointed, but pick your time. We were lucky in early June, not too much traffic, in July / August I think it would be hell, with all the motor homes.....



Commando Statue at Spean Bridge

Fat Lamb

What a great few days we all had but for now you will have to wait till next month for the write up.

However, to wet your appetite here's a picture of our Morgans parked at the Inn.



The Day of the Scone

By Roger Benton, Mal & Simon Westwood-Bate, Peter & Rosemary Murphy.

It was mid-afternoon on the last day of the Fat Lamb event, we had all enjoyed a fantastic day at the Forbidden Corner, but it was time to head back to the Fat Lamb Inn. The Forbidden Corner is near Leyburn in Coverdale but we decided to take a scenic route back to the Inn. We headed East to Middleham then North over moorland to Leyburn in Wensleydale. From Leyburn we continued North-West to Grinton entering one of my favourite dales, Swaledale. We headed over the River Swale to Reeth where the Reeth show was on, but traffic was good, and we continued by following the river through some delightful villages, through Gunnerside and on to Muker.



It was just after 3 when we arrived in Muker which just happens to have one of the most delightful tea shops so the five of us sat outside and relaxed with good strong pots of Yorkshire tea and scones all round. There was almost a slight hitch when the proprietor announced he only had cream for one serving, fortunately for me I was the only one who wanted cream with their scone, everyone else seem to want butter.



At Muker we parted company from the River Swale continuing on the B6270 to Thwaite then to Keld rejoining the River Swale for a few miles before entering Birkdale. Heading for Nateby and Kirkby Stephen we passed over moors and hills with some stunning scenery. From Kirkby Stephen it was a quick blast along A roads back to the Inn in time for a relaxing drink with friends. Thanks to Mal for some great pictures.



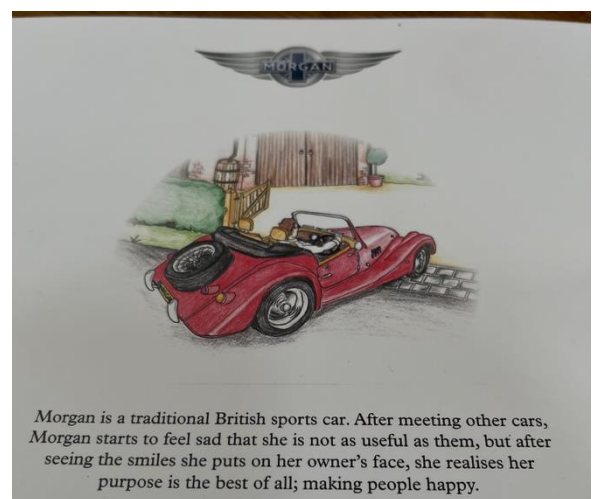
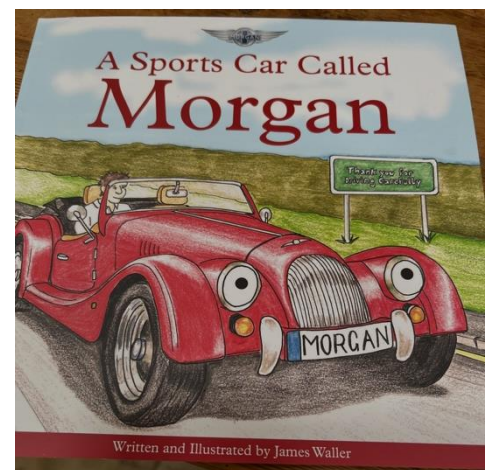
A Factory Visit

By John Unterhalter

Last week we visited friends in Ledbury who suggested that we visit the Morgan factory for a light lunch.

We had an enjoyable morning and looked at the showroom, museum, and shop. In the shop I spotted this little book which is ideal for those members who wish to indoctrinate their grandchildren! It's a lovely little story actually written by an employee and ideal for a 5-8 year old.

We chatted to the sales manager who told us that he had just sold a Supersport to a frustrated Porsche owner. Apparently the buyer wished to trade up his Porsche but was furious to be offered a paltry sum in part exchange, so he kept the Porsche and bought a new Morgan instead – excellent decision!



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

Aug 13 Wednesday	Peover Hall – Exclusive Tour Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9HW Contact – John Unterhalter Email - damhead@btinternet.com Full Details	
Aug 17	Teddy Bear Picnic in the Forest - Organised by TorMog Top Close Farm, Langley, Macclesfield, SK11 0NE Contact Peter Farley. Email: peter_farley@sky.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 Owners 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 this month, hope you enjoyed the articles.

This past month has been quite busy with some great events. I particularly want to thank all those sending me pictures as they, more than anything, help make the newsletter interesting so please keep sending me pictures.

Please take the time to complete the NorceMog survey, it will help form the future path of our club.

Best wishes
Roger.

Just to fill the page this pic is not a Morgan but it is a BRM 1.5L V16 which made an incredible sound as it went round the track at Oulton Park.

