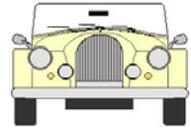




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Recent Events

Miscellany does not allow much space for Maurice to make other than a brief mention of events, so I thought you might like his account of the FolkMog trip to the West Country in April:

We set off independently and met up within 5 minutes of each other near Buckingham for a light lunch before following the Pages' splendid cross country route across Oxfordshire and Wiltshire in beautiful weather until we joined the A303 close to Stonehenge. Then the storm clouds raced in and we decided to erect hoods just before severe hailstorms started, which passed over just before we arrived at our first nights hotel in Ilchester.

Following a night disturbed by the jets from the nearby Naval Air Station at Yeovilton passing directly overhead, we set off after breakfast in sunny, warm weather for Bovey Tracey in Devon where we would be staying for 3 nights. We arrived by mid morning which gave us time to go our individual ways, driving and walking around Dartmoor for the rest of the day. Dinner at the hotel was excellent, though we had to delay our meal so the large party of bridge players also staying, could eat together early (they seemed to be almost more fanatical over their chosen hobby than Morgan owners, even discussing their previous night's play at breakfast!)

Some of us used the indoor swimming pool before breakfast, after which we went on a round tour of Devonshire. Following the coast we stopped at Slapton Sands to see the memorial to the American servicemen lost in the D-Day landing rehearsal before Maurice and Eileen led us to one of their favourite pubs for lunch, the Ship Inn at Noss Mayo overlooking a creek on the River Yealm. Afterwards Simon and Cathlyn took the lead across Dartmoor finishing at Widecombe for Devonshire Tea. That evening we dined a few miles away at The Mill at Avonwick.

Sunday saw many MSCC members from Plymouth and Wessex Centres arriving at our hotel for morning coffee before everyone set out in glorious weather to follow OggieMog's scenic route to Berrybrook Garage for their Garage Day. Unfortunately many other motorists had been tempted out by the sunshine and the route through Torquay became so congested that many Mogs (including some of our party!) took the short cut to Exminster. It proved to be a most enjoyable event with a live band to evoke a Morgan ambiance, friendships to renew, hog roast etc & appropriate beverages to savour, Roulette to play, cars ranging from a pre-war 3 wheeler to an Aero 8 to sit in, the freedom of the garage to explore plus the hospitality and patience of the garage owners and staff to enjoy. Over a page of signatures from just some of the attendees was obtained in the FolkMog Scrap Book. Altogether the whole Garage

Forthcoming Events

Sun. 4th August. Meet from 1130 am to midday. Scenic Run from The Crown, Pulham Market on the B1134 which is just off the A140, 4 miles South of Long Stratton. OS sheet 156, ref. 198862.

Fri 16th to Sun. 18th August. MOG2002 at Gaydon.

Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th August. MGCC race meeting at Snetterton with the 7th round of the MMC Challenge race series.

Sun. 31st August.. Bentley Drivers Club race meeting at Silverstone with the 8th round of the MMC Challenge race series.

Sun. 22nd September. From 1200 for lunch at the Olde Buck Inn, Honingham, just South of the A47 and 3 miles West of the Norwich Southern by-pass. OS sheet 133 ref. 103118. Followed by Treasure Hunt ending at Old Buckenham airfield.

Day had been up to the highest standards, and we again finished off the day with a splendid dinner at our hotel.

On the Monday morning we set off from the splendid Coombe Cross Hotel at Bovey Tracey to wend our separate ways home. By common consent it had been a most successful long week-end.

Other events



On Sunday 5th May. Several cars took part in the scenic run from Scole to Duxford where we were joined by two other Morgans, one, a brand new+8, from Derby collected after only 3 weeks on the waiting list, and one from Lincoln.

On 11th June we had a good turnout at the Bell, Wiveton where we had the pleasure of welcoming new FolkMoggers Graham & Peggy Roger to their first noggin, the first of many, we hope.

The FolkMog Gymkhana took place on Sunday 16th June at the old Flixton Airfield. I missed it again as I was at Le Mans with my son, Robin, watching the Aero 8 GT(N) doing well, but I understand from Maurice that a great time was had by all who did manage to attend. I'll try to get there next year, as long as it's not on 15th June! Apparently Eileen is a whiz with a calculator, abacus, fingers or whatever and computed the results as follows:

DRIVER	PASSENGER	POINTS	COMMENTS
STUART HUNT	AARON FENN	26	Winner and retained FolkMog Gymkhana Trophy
TERRY HUNT	ERIC BIRD	24	Runner-up
DAVE HENRY	JAN HENRY	20	
MAURICE COOK	EILEEN COOK	16	
KELLY HUNT	NICK HEANEY	14	First Lady
MARTIN NICHOLLS	HELEN NICHOLLS	13	+Charlie, Alfie & Ben the dog. Special Award for Style!
JAN HENRY	DAVE HENRY	9	
SANDRA HUNT	TRICIA BIRD	6	
EILEEN COOK	MAURICE COOK	4	

Scenic Run & Barbecue

Many thanks to John and Debbie Flowerdew who have put a lot of time and effort into arranging a scenic run and barbecue for us on 4th August. Lots of details below (kindly provided by John & Debbie) to whet your appetites so please come along and enjoy what looks like being a really great day out.

This scenic run totals 106 miles with 35 miles for Part 1 to Bressingham, 46 miles for Part 2 to West Acre and 25 miles for Part 3 to Saham Toney.

Starting point is The Crown Inn on the green at Pulham Market (Grid ref 198862). From 11.30am John and Debbie will be parked in Debbie's red +4 4 seater M44 MPF in the car park of the Crown Inn just outside the front door to log in members, check any special dietary needs (if not already notified), take your money for the BBQ (£10 per adult, £5 for children 12 and under) and a Bressingham pass if you've ordered one. Alternatively start from the Chequers Inn or Blooms Garden Centre at Bressingham (grid ref 080808), or come direct to Cranford House (grid ref 912021) from 4.30pm onwards just for the BBQ.

The route covers 3 of the main landscape types of Norfolk. The first section runs through small hamlets with a variety of buildings and church architecture along with a varied arable landscape. The second part starts with a run through the Brecks which is a sandy heathland landscape with heavy planting of pine forests but within this you will drive through avenues of lime, beech, and Scots pine with the omnipresent Douglas and spruce firs in the

Forthcoming Events (continued)

Sun. 13th October. 1200 lunch at Rose & crown, Snettisham followed by visit to Sandringham (house closes 1500, gardens 1600) OS sheet 132 ref. 686343

Sun 10th November. From 1200 at Scole Inn, Scole for lunch and 2003 FolkMog planning meeting.. OS sheet 156 ref. 149789

background and you will edge onto the Fenland soils with its varied planted landscape and finally coming over the roof of Norfolk at the lofty height of about 90 metres via Bradenham back into the sandy loams of mid Breckland.

We have used stopping points of plant nurseries that we can recommend to serious gardeners. Blooms of Bressingham are well known. West Acre Gardens are set in the walled gardens of the old hall and have many unusual plants, most of which can be seen planted out around the grounds. A mid way call in Part 2 is Magpies' Nursery in Mundford which is well known locally for its variety and quality of herbaceous plants, which are also planted out around the nursery (and at Cranford House!) Entry to all three is free.

You should have time for at least one visit and a lunch stop, providing you don't get lost, of course! If you wish to take time out to visit Bressingham Steam Museum and Railway we have arranged a special rate of £5 per car, but you must book this in advance with us. There is a Humber Car Rally taking place on the day of our run.

You can either take lunch at the Crown (opens 12 noon) before you start off or at the Chequers Inn (last orders 2.30pm). If there are sufficient numbers the Chequers will reserve a room for our use. It would be helpful if you could advise us when you check in which pub, if any, you intend to lunch at. A picnic lunch could be taken at any suitable place en route – the biggest area to choose from is the enormous village green at Old Buckenham – the beer at the Ox and Plough is good.

For those of you receiving this in advance of the run you can download a map of the location for Cranford House by using the following link and clicking onto the road map page www.cranfordhouse.net Contact numbers for John and Debbie are 01953885292, or mobile 07966 370123

BBQ starts with nibbles/drinks for 1715hrs and food from 1800hrs. Please arrive any time after 1630hrs

Sunday Lunch followed by Treasure Hunt

Our last major FolkMog summer event is the Treasure Hunt on Sunday 22nd September. The day will start with lunch at Ye Olde Buck Inn, Honingham which is just off the A47, 6 miles west of Norwich (OS sheet 133 ref. 103118) and finish at Old Buckenham airfield clubhouse for a BBQ and prize giving. If the weather is suitable the winner will also get the opportunity of a flight in a Stearman biplane, or even possibly in Peter Smith's Chipmunk. It is being organised for us by the Nicholls family and, it is hoped, should be a stimulating afternoon competing for the prestigious Crummog Treasure Hunt Trophy.

Sunday Lunch followed by visit to Sandringham House

A FolkMog visit to Sandringham on Sunday 13th October which will be preceded by lunch at The Rose & Crown, Snettisham (OS sheet 132 ref. 686343) where we shall have our own room and reserved parking. We need to meet no later than 1200 so that we can arrive in good time at Sandringham; the house closes to visitors at 3 pm. in October, although the museum and gardens are open until 4 pm. We have also been promised that a special parking area will be set aside for the Morgans in Sandringham, on the Vista.

Planning meeting for FolkMog 2003 programme of events

The planning meeting to get initial ideas for FolkMog's 2003 programme will take place on Sunday 10th November. Meet for lunch at the Scole Inn, Scole just off the A140, midway between Ipswich & Norwich (OS sheet 156 ref. 149789), from 1230. Maurice & Eileen put in a lot of work over the year planning and organising events for us. It's your Club and your Centre, so please try to come and support them, and bring along any ideas for events, pub lunches or whatever, for next year.

Roger