



# FolkMog News

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### AGM and Planning Meeting

Thanks to everyone who managed to attend the AGM, planning meeting and lunch, of course, on a wet 10<sup>th</sup> of November. All officials (Chairman - Chris Dady; Secretary/Treasurer - Maurice Cook; FolkMog News Editor - Roger Tatton; Regalia Officer - Sandra Hunt) agreed, and were elected, to remain in post.

The Treasurer reported that FolkMog Funds currently stand at £111. We also hold 15 car badges valued at £363 (cost £24.20 each), making a total worth of £474. All regalia sales make an approximate 10% profit for FolkMog funds.

Fifteen events were staged in 2002. Particular thanks were expressed to Kelly Hunt (Homersfield lunch), Roger Tatton (Scenic drive to Duxford), Terry Hunt (Gymkhana), John & Debbie Flowerdew (Scenic Run & BBQ), Martin & Helen Nicholls (Treasure Hunt) and Peter Smith (Treasure Hunt prize flights).

It was agreed we should continue having Sunday lunchtime meetings in the winter but have Tuesday evening noggins once the clocks go forward. In response to the suggestion that we should gather in the south of the Centre more frequently, Malcolm Heath and Francis & Sandra Crawley agreed to check on the pubs near Snape Maltings for 16 Feb meeting, and a venue has been confirmed (see side panel). Other suggestions were put forward, a number of which are being followed up by individual members. Several members of OggieMog (Plymouth Centre) who had hosted FolkMog's April '02 visit to the West Country, had expressed a desire to join FolkMog for a weekend in 2003. This has now been arranged; for details see side panel.

The Gymkhana will again be held in June and, in response to the suggestion that a smooth grass surface would perhaps be preferable to concrete/tarmac, Peter Smith has agreed to approach Old Buckenham Aero Club as a possible venue. Arrangements will be as in previous years and, as always, suggestions for innovative tests are welcomed by Maurice. It was suggested that entrants should draw for their turn in each test to

### Forthcoming Events

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. From 1200.  
*The Plough & Sail, Snape Maltings. By the bridge on the B1069*  
OS Sheet 156 Ref. 392575

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. From 1200.  
*The Crown, Burston, near Diss*  
OS Sheet 144 Ref. 137833

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. From 7.30 pm.  
*Chequers Inn, Thompson, 3 miles south of Watton.*  
OS Sheet 144 Ref. 922969

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.  
*AngleMog lunch at Cornwallis Country Hotel, Brome near Eye. The entrance is just off the A140, 2 miles south of Scole.*  
OS sheet 144 ref. 136765.

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Apr. am - Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Apr. 12 members of OggieMog visiting Norfolk. They will be staying at the Scarborough Hill Country Hotel, North Walsham. There will be 2 occasions during their stay when FolkMog members would be most welcome to join the party:-

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avoid any perceived advantage of not going first. It was confirmed by Martin Page that from next April MSCC Family Membership would only apply below the age of 18 after which younger members had to join in their own right should they wish to participate in competitive FolkMog (MSCC) events.

Maurice said that his provisionally booked accommodation in the Morpeth area for Mog 2003, at the beginning of August, has all been taken up and he apologised for missing out some FolkMog members in his e-mailed trawl in September.

The Treasure Hunt, to be organised by the Henry family who swept the board with first and second places last year, will be held in September. Much discussion ensued on whether entrants had to be in Morgans but it was agreed that if we follow this year's successful format of just driving between villages and then clue-solving on foot, there would not be any advantage to being in a saloon and all could compete on an equal basis.

Many members expressed a desire to repeat the October 2001 Derbyshire weekend and it was agreed that a similar long weekend in North Yorkshire would be appreciated. John Flowerdew very kindly offered to advise on suitable venues and contacts in the area. Early October was proposed and John & Debbie have started on the arrangements. See John's article below.

Although the 2002 FolkMog trip had fallen through, much support for a week-long Centre visit to France was expressed. Dave & Jan Henry agreed to start things off for organising a trip to France in Spring 2004.

### Recent events

Twenty nine people lunched at The King's Arms in Reepham on 8th December, some of them arriving in 8 Morgans (Richard Brown drove his Bond Minicar the 400 yards from their house). The Kings Arms landlord actually taped off a large section of the square in front of the pub where we could park - quite illegal but much appreciated by us if not by all the other customers!

The traditional 'Not The Christmas Lunch' was held, once again, in the coach house at The Hare Arms. Lunch was followed by Chris Dady's traditional quiz. Dave & Jan Henry won the *Supporters of the Year* trophy, John & Debbie Flowerdew's Scenic Drive and BBQ last August was voted *FolkMog Event 2002* winner. The Raffle raised £35 for Centre Funds.

### North York Moors Expedition, or The FolkMog Foray in the Heather – October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2003 By John Flowerdew

As promised we've now completed the research for this expedition, including nearly getting stranded on Sutton Bank in the last snow storms when on the recce visit ~ glad on this occasion not to have been driving the Morgan!

We are staying at the village of Rosedale Abbey right in the middle of the NYM National Park, and hope to be joined by our neighbours from AngleMog for the weekend. We have arranged accommodation at

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*Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Apr. Evening, time to be decided but all To sit down together. Scarborough Hill Hotel, N. Walsham. OS sheet 133 ref. 290285*

*Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Apr. – 1200 prompt to all sit down together. The Bell Inn, Wiveton, near Blakeney. OS sheet 133 ref. 042428*

*Numbers might have to be limited for both of these events, so please book in advance with Maurice, but after he and Eileen return from South Africa on 30<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Apr. 750MC Race meeting - Snetterton*

*Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jun. FolkMog Gymkhana, hopefully at Old Buckenham airfield. Details to follow.*

*Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. FolkMog expedition to North York Moors. See article by John Flowerdew.*

the two inns in the village, and dependent on numbers attending will put FolkMog crews in one inn, and Anglemogs' in t'other. The weekend will include scenic runs, convivial drinking and dining, and a Multi Centre Get Together at Thirsk on the Sunday with Treasure Hunt, Prize Draw and Raffle. Accommodation cost will be around £60 per person per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. You can book for Friday and Saturday, or for all three nights, but not for just one night. Once we have your bookings in we will advise the Innkeepers and then ask you to confirm your booking direct with the Inn along with a £25 per person deposit.

As the planned weekend is a very popular date for visiting car clubs, places are limited and we need to confirm our bookings by end of March. We already have 8 crews who have expressed their desire to come – so 6 more means we can fill one Inn, or 11 more fill t'other. AngleMog will probably fill the one we don't! There are other B&Bs in the village we can use if we're overcome with Fervent Foraying Moggers anxious to do the N Y Moors 2003 Expedition.

**So we ask that you confirm your wish to book direct with John and Debbie Flowerdew, who are organising the weekend, by 15<sup>th</sup> March on 01953-885292 or email: [debbie@cranfordhouse.net](mailto:debbie@cranfordhouse.net)**

The outline programme is

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Arrive at Rosedale Abbey in time for dinner at 8pm

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Morning Scenic run finishing at Pub for lunch, and continuing in afternoon taking in an attraction or two (anybody like chuffing trains, or should it be puffing?) on the way back to Rosedale Abbey. – Dinner at 7.30 for 8pm.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Short Scenic morning run to Thirsk where we will use the Three Tuns Hotel as meeting point and food/drink venue. We are working with the Town Council at Thirsk to arrange a Treasure Hunt (on foot) around this North Yorkshire Market Town and they are allocating a large part of the Market Square outside the hotel for the cars. We have put out invitations to FellMog, NorMog, Tormog, and Yorkshire to join us for the usual Noggin. All have indicated they will join us. No formal lunch arrangements have yet been made, but the Hotel will be geared up to serve bar food as well as full Yorkshire “dinners”. The afternoon is free for you to tour, walk, drink and eat, or do what you will. Prize-giving for Treasure Hunt and Prize Draw/Raffle will take place at 4.00pm outside the Three Tuns Hotel. We're considering a Raffle and prize draw to raise funds for the Centres and/or local Charity in Thirsk. Prizes gratefully received. Dinner taken in small groups at Inn, or you can make your own arrangements at another location – we'll sort out when you book.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Return to Norfolk and home.

Thanks to John and Debbie for the above information on their arrangements for the Yorkshire weekend and, of course, for all the work involved in organising it for us. That's about all there is space for this time – not even one picture! I hope to see you in the near future, if I can manage not to be working for all the forthcoming events.

Roger