



# FolkMog News



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It is some time since the last FolkMog News but there has been little to report. Not that FolkMog has been idle, there have been plenty of evening noggins but it has been a quiet period for larger events. However, we have just had the annual gymkhana which we managed to attend for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed – I shall take a days leave in future to make sure I don't miss it again. Chrissie has written a report below. We also have several bigger events in the near future so read on.

### Recent events

A few of us met up with Wolfgang and Sigi Meyscheider who came over from Bavaria in June to have some work done at RPI Engineering in Horsford, near Norwich. Chrissie & I saw them again when we were on holiday in Bavaria recently and he is delighted with the work done. A lot of +8 owners who have seen his car are quite keen to improve their cars and a mass visit by German +8s may be on the cards in the future.

### FolkMog Gymkhana

During the week before the Gymkhana the weather wasn't looking too hopeful for a grass event, so a small team of trusty volunteers cleared an area of hard standing at Old Buckenham airfield of debris and detritus.; particular thanks to Richard Brown who helped with this despite the fact that he was unable to attend the event. Come the Sunday, further helpers laid out the course – many thanks to all concerned here. Most people then settled down



Craig Paice & Simon Rayfield with Simon & Cathlyn Davidson in the background

to a slightly chilly picnic, while some of us less stalwart folk had a very good snack lunch in the Airfield's Diner. We then travelled in convoy across the runway to the gymkhana site, where things looked most intriguing. White paper plates and a camping table and chairs laid out – were we to have afternoon tea? I guess we did, of sorts, but dry crackers and mineral water will never supersede scones and a nice pot of Twinings for me!

Those of us who had not been involved earlier then walked the course, with Maurice explaining what each event entailed. It seemed that even those passengers who normally did no more than a bit of light map reading would be involved – shock, horror! So off we went, driving over paper plates, catching fish, manoeuvring around obstacles, swapping seats, coasting like they did in the olden days (!! ) and then when we had finished, helping to marshal so that everyone got their turn. During all this

time the weather gradually improved and by the time the points were being added up, it was a lovely afternoon. The gymkhana is one time



Ken Prentice receives the trophy from Maurice Cook

when, sadly, the one with the most points does not win – and on this occasion Ken Prentice was the worthy winner with only 43 penalty points. There was a change to the awards this year with a prize for the best man and best lady runner-up. Those runners-up were husband and wife Alan and Diana Biddlecombe, who just happened to be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> over-all! Congratulations to the prize winners, many thanks to all who helped with the organization, well done to every one of the 27 entrants, and to those, myself included, who did not have a go – there's always next year!



Runners-up both- Alan and Diana Biddlecombe

## Forthcoming Events

Only a couple of weeks now to the FolkMog trip to Holland kindly arranged for us by Ian Charity, as last year with the aid of Continental Car Tours. Sadly Simon and Sylvia Rayfield

have had to drop out at the last moment so five cars will be leaving Harwich for the Hook of Holland on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for five nights at the Blooming Hotel in Bergen, just to the north-east of Amsterdam. On the Saturday we will be meeting up with some Dutch Morgan Club members who are arranging a scenic run and lunch for us, so we are looking forward to that as well as trips around the IJsselmeer and into Amsterdam, probably by train. I hope to persuade one of the party to provide a short write up for FolkMog News (any volunteers?)

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we are holding the treasure hunt, postponed from June, in the Cathedral Close, Norwich. Arrive from 1215 and enter the Close by the Ethelbert gate. This is not the big carved gatehouse by the Maid's Head Hotel but the smaller, older gatehouse a couple of hundred yards south on the same road. The gate is situated just at the back of a small triangular square, if that makes sense! On passing through the gate turn immediately left and line up in front of the west door of the cathedral. Chrissie and I, and Maurice and Eileen will be there already to show you where to park. Light lunches will be available in the refectory restaurant, or bring a picnic and sit on the green. The treasure hunt itself will start at about 1.45 and will involve walking, hopefully on a lovely day, around the close and its near environs followed by marking/prize-giving and tea in the refectory. Further details on the day. There will be a charge of £8.00 per car for this event to cover the cost of prizes and a donation to the Cathedral.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our annual planning meeting at the Black Horse, Thorndon to decide an outline for next year's programme. Please try to come along and bring some ideas for future gatherings. Last year Chris Dady said that he will be resigning as Chairman - so we shall need nominations for our new chairman to be put to the Planning Meeting attendees. It isn't too demanding a role really at all, just acting as a sounding board for Maurice with regard to finances, locations, event choices etc. and writing the occasional Miscellany report in his absence. So we need

someone who has been coming to FolkMog meetings reasonably frequently for a while and is a keen Morgan owner, of course!

There is a lunchtime meeting at the Chequers at Thomson, near Watton on 4<sup>th</sup> December and then the now-famous 'Not the Christmas Lunch' on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. The venue for this has yet to be decided so watch Miscellany and, hopefully, another FolkMog News in November/December for details. By then I should have some details on next year's programme as decided at the planning meeting, which you will all attend, won't you?!

## FolkMog Web Site

Diana Biddlecombe is working on a new FolkMog web site which she hopes to have up and running before too long – watch Miscellany for further information. Once it has become established we may well put FolkMog News onto the site rather than sending it out by e-mail. At the moment we have two methods of keeping you up-to-date with FolkMog happenings – Miscellany centre reports and FolkMog News. I try to expand a bit on the information Maurice puts in Miscellany as, unlike him, I am not constrained by the amount of space the editor allows. However, by putting FolkMog News on the web we can avoid doubling, or even tripling, up on the same information.

### Forthcoming Events

*Tue. 13<sup>th</sup> September – from 7.00pm. The Bell, Brisley. On the B1145, 2 miles west of North Elmham and 7 miles north of East Dereham.*

*OS sheet 132, ref. 668686.*

*Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> September – FolkMog trip to Holland leaving Harwich at 1040 am on S ena ferry.*

*Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> October- from 1215 pm. Treasure hunt in Norwich cathedral close. Enter via the Ethelbert gate and park in front of the west door to the cathedral.*

*OS sheet 134, ref. 234088. See text for further details.*

*Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> October - Snetterton Track Day. See FolkMog News 27 for Chris Dady's report of what to expect from this exciting day organised through Gold Track Driving Club.*

*Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> November - from midday for lunch followed by Annual FolkMog Planning Meeting at The Black Horse, Thorndon. Thorndon is just off the B1077 approximately halfway between Eye and Debenham, and the Black Horse is on the south side of the Street.*

*OS sheet 156, ref. 135696.*

*Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> December - from midday for lunch at the Chequers Inn, Thompson 3 miles south of Watton.*

*OS sheet 144, ref. 922969.*

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 'Not the Christmas Lunch' Details to be decided – watch Miscellany.*

I hope to see you all before too long, perhaps at The Bell, Brisley on Tuesday, the last evening meeting of the summer, though I won't be there for long as we are off to Harwich early the following morning. If I don't see you there keep on enjoying the cars and what remains of a not-too-bad summer.

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