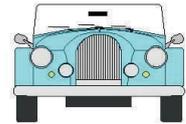




# FolkMog News

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## Recent Events

A lot has happened since the last FolkMog News. In February we had an excellent meal at the Golden Key in Snape with no less than 37 FolkMoggers attending, and then in March we had a lunch meeting at the Crown Inn, East Rudham. It was a lovely day and 18 FolkMog members enjoyed a good lunch and the chance to admire Reg & Lynne Lowe's new yellow +4.



Morgans (and Ian Charity's Porsche) at the Golden Key, Snape in February

April brought the annual FolkMog Treasure Hunt on a lovely sunny spring morning. We started with coffee at the Sun Inn in the centre of Dedham, followed by the walking Treasure Hunt

around the village. We then drove a short distance to the Garden Café at Lawford for lunch and prize-giving. The winners this year were Graeme & Liz Riley, so expect next year's event to be somewhere near Woodbridge, as the winners get to organise the next Treasure Hunt. Many thanks to Ian & Elizabeth Young for arranging a great day out for us this year.

Stratton Motor Company hosted a well-attended open evening in their showrooms on 23rd April at which we were given a slide preview of the new Aero SuperSports which was not officially unveiled until the following day at Villa d'Este. A really stunning car, I think it's even better than the Aeromax. We also had the chance to chat to the Stratton staff and to Matthew Parkin, sales director for the Morgan Motor Company. We saw a short video of Charles Morgan's introduction for visitors to the factory's new Visitor Centre and had plenty of time to chat and admire the cars on display, and to buy tickets for the raffle of a 4/4 Sport in aid of Children in Need. Thanks to everyone at Stratton for a great evening.

You will all have heard by now of the sad loss of Brian Turner who died whilst working in his garden in early April, so it was particularly nice to see Jenny at the Swan Inn at Hoxne on Wednesday 6th May, our first evening noggin of

the year. Although she has never driven it Jenny has said that for the moment she plans keep the Morgan, so we hope to see L144 EDV again soon.



Members at Stratton Motor Company's open evening in April (photo by Allan Smith)

On Sunday 17th May we held our first ever "Lunch Quest" navigation test. The weather was reasonably kind, with only the odd shower, for a morning driving around the lanes of mid-Norfolk. We met at the Angel at Larling for coffee and to work out the first part of the test, which was to visit a series of grid references, but before setting off, at 5-minute intervals, we had to arrange the mixed-up grid references into the right order so we passed them all in the shortest possible distance without using any road twice.

We had also been given three envelopes before driving off and, upon reaching the last grid reference we opened the first envelope which gave a series of tulip diagrams for the second part of the test. These were originally devised for the Tulip Rally many years ago and consist of a series of diagrammatic road junction symbols such as



this, which indicates that you should turn left at the next T-junction, your direction of travel into the junction always being towards the top.

On passing the last of the 21 tulip junctions we then had to park and work out the last part of the route, contained in the second envelope.

This was the really tricky one; we were presented with a series of small pictograms of grid squares showing the roads in each square, which we had to match to the Ordnance Survey map. To add to the fun, like the first stage, these were not in order, so we had to work that out too. We were given the place in the order of a few squares and then had to work out the rest, which took a while, but we eventually set off again to find that the route took us, not completely un-expectedly, back to the Angel for lunch.

On the way round, to check we had actually followed the correct route, we had to spot small boards which had been placed in the left-hand verge, each one bearing a three-letter word. Seventeen in all apparently - we only found twelve! Congratulations to Caroline Page and son Chris who must have found more as they were the winners, Chrissie and I managed to come second with David & Heather Kennett third.

And the third envelope? This was for use in "emergency" and gave the final lunch destination.

A great day out and well worth holding again if the organisers are prepared to do so. I'm sure even those who didn't complete the course for whatever reason had an enjoyable morning cruising around, and there was a good lunch at the end. Many thanks to Chris & Sally Dady and Alan & Diana Biddlecombe for all the time and effort, which must have been considerable, in arranging this for us. They even had to pick up all the three-letter boards after the rest of us had set off for home.

### Future events

And there's lots to come too. Our next outing is on Tuesday 9th June for an evening noggin at the Bell, Brisley, just west of North Elmham in Norfolk, meeting from 7:00 pm. Menu choices are not required in advance, but please let Diana know you are coming so the pub can get some idea of numbers

Then on June 28th we have the next of our major events, the annual Gymkhana, once again courtesy of Ian & Dilys in the grounds of their home at Combs, just south of Stowmarket. The organising team have come up with another set of fiendish tests for you so do come along and have a bit of not-too-competitive fun. Arrive at Combs by 10:30 as the tests have to start promptly in order to get them all in. Bring a picnic which will be eaten between the morning and afternoon test sessions - as usual there will be three tests in the morning and a further three in the afternoon. As it is the Morgan centenary this year tests will be geared towards that celebration, and there will be a prize for the best Edwardian head gear (optional).



Morgans gathered at Dedham for the annual FolkMog Treasure Hunt in April

Between 14th and 21st June Foxmog, the Leicestershire Centre, will be visiting our area. They have lunches booked in a series of hotels and Inns during the week and would be pleased if any FolkMog members would like to join them. Details should appear on the website shortly, or contact Maurice.

On 12th July we are meeting at Holkham Hall, on the north Norfolk coast, for a picnic. Enter via the north gate which is on the A149 about a mile west of Wells-Next-The-Sea. Park within the estate on the grass to the north of the Hall and bring your own picnic. The grounds are open from 8:30 am, but FolkMog will be meeting from the more civilised time of midday.

Friday 24th July to Sunday 2nd August is the period of the big Centenary events organised by the Morgan Motor Company. Plenty of information is available either in Miscellany or on-line via the factory website.

Saturday 8th August is the date for the Bentley Drivers Club annual meeting at Silverstone. There is usually a Morgan race and lots of Morgans in attendance.

On Wednesday 12th August we have an evening noggin at the Gamekeeper, Old Buckenham. Menu choices are required in advance for this evening; the menu will be on the FolkMog website in due course. Please let David Kennett have your choices on 01842 765437 or [kennett59@btinternet.com](mailto:kennett59@btinternet.com)

On Sunday 23rd August, the Braithwaites are hosting a Morgan "Bring and Braai" at Wits End, Swingleton Hill, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7AD, from 12.00 noon. Alan & Pat say " 'Bring' is because we are asking you to bring your own meat, fish, or whatever takes your fancy which you can then cook on the barbeques. 'Braai' is the South African term for Barbeque which means it is fine if you burn your food! Also bring your own alcoholic drinks if you want to imbibe. Otherwise, we will provide the barbeques, bread, salads, fruit, puddings and soft drinks. We will also provide glasses, plates and cutlery. There will be some outdoor chairs but if you can bring your own portable chairs or rugs for the lawn that would be great. There will be no charge, but a small contribution to the local church would be very welcome. Let's hope for fine weather, but we will have a Plan B with canopies. There are some nice walks for after lunch. Parking will be on site and down the hill on the green. Please let us know by email, [alan.braithwaite@lcpconsulting.com](mailto:alan.braithwaite@lcpconsulting.com) or 'phone 01449 740813, if you are intending to come along as it will help with planning".

There must be plenty here to whet your appetite, so hope to see you soon.

Roger

## Dates for your diary

- June** Tuesday 9th June. From 7:00 pm. The Bell Inn, Brisley. On the B1145 2 miles west of North Elmham, Norfolk  
OS sheet 132, ref. 955214. Post Code NR20 5DW
- Sunday 14th to Sunday 21st. Foxmog visit to FolkMog area*
- Sunday 28th June. Meet at 10:30 am. FolkMog Gymkhana. Combs, Stowmarket.. 3/4 mile South of Stowmarket., Suffolk  
OS sheet 155, ref. 050567. Post Code IP14 2EH
- July** *Sunday 5th July. Peter Morgan Memorial race meeting, Mallory Park*
- Sunday July 12th. From midday. Bring your own lunchtime picnic at Holkham Hall. Off the A149 about 1 mile west of Wells-Next-The-Sea, Norfolk.  
OS sheet 132, ref. 884430
- Friday 24th July - Sunday 2nd August. Morgan Centenary events at Prescott & Cheltenham.*
- August** *Saturday 8th August. Bentley Drivers Club race meeting at Silverstone*
- Wednesday 12th August. From 7:00pm. The Gamekeeper, Old Buckenham. 3 miles south west of Attleborough, Norfolk.  
OS sheet 144, ref. 063916
- Sunday 23rd August. From midday. Picnic and barbeque (bring and cook your own food). Kindly hosted by Pat and Alan Braithwaite at their home, Wits End, Swingleton Hill, Monks Eleigh, Suffolk. Monks Eleigh is on the A1141 between Lavenham and Hadleigh.  
OS sheet 155, ref. 961471
- September** *Saturday 5th September. Powertorque Morgan Motor Company Challenge race at Cadwell Park .*
- Friday 11th - Monday 14th. FolkMog weekend at Brickwall Hotel, Sedlescombe, East Sussex.
- Thursday 24th September. From 7:00 pm. The Olde Windmill Inn, Great Cressingham, Norfolk. 5 miles south-west of Swaffham on a by-road linking the A1065 and the B1108.  
OS sheet 144, ref. 846018
- October** *Saturday 3rd October. Powertorque Morgan Motor Company Challenge race at Snetterton*
- Sunday 11th October. Visit to Old Cannon Brewery, Bury St. Edmunds.
- November** Sunday 15th November. Lunch and 2010 Planning Meeting. The Duke's Head, Somerleyton.
- December** Sunday 6th December. Lunchtime meeting.

*Non-FolkMog events in italics*

**If you know of a good pub where we could hold a lunchtime or evening meeting, and are prepared to make the arrangements please contact Diana.**