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MSCC
Yorkshire Centre
Newsletter

Editorial

Following Freedom Day, members of our centre have certainly been out and about - two away trips, two scenic runs and three YUMMS, not to mention the noggins that have started up again. The first trip 'abroad' was the fantastic mid-week visit to Llangollen, organised by Mike Green; you can see his report on page 6. And for the trip out west to the Bowland Forest and Lancaster, go to page 26.

Sheila mentioned in our last newsletter that she had run out of puff. The truth is that after nearly five years, we have both run out of puff, and so we have decided to give up the editorship of this newsletter at the end of the year. So the forthcoming Winter edition will be our last one. We hope that someone will pick up the reins and put their own stamp on our Centre newsletter. Of course we'd be happy to answer any queries anyone may have and to help with the transition to the new editors. To get a glimpse of what maybe involved, have look at page 28.

The front cover picture was taken at the YUMMS at Appletreewick in July and the rear cover is of the Cheddar Gorge - both taken by Ken Grindrod, who also took several other photos that appear in various articles. Many thanks Ken, what would we do without you? And grateful thanks are due, too, to our writers, Graham & Karen Corrigan, Mike Green, Steve and Anne Kettley, Russ Sayers, Nicki Williams and John Forrest. Without these contributions, there wouldn't be much to read! So please keep them coming.

Francis and Sheila

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John's Jottings



Although the Covid rates are not falling particularly quickly, they do seem to have stabilised somewhat.

However, we still need to be watchful but as we move towards something which is starting to look a bit more like normality, our optimism and confidence does seem to be growing. This is very much borne out by the excellent attendances we are experiencing at our events, YUMMS and Noggins with most getting booked up quickly or even oversubscribed, the most excellent weekend away being a case in point with 55 in attendance and around 35 or so staying for the extra night on the Sunday. Certainly that confidence appeared to be there

with everyone relaxed, mixing and enjoying each others company.

Our thanks must go to Jan who organised what was a superb weekend.

As can be seen when you read on, we have made up for lost time with MouseMog, a Polo and Teddy Bear's Picnic, two scenic runs, a two day trip to Llangollen, a weekend away, three YUMMS and our regular Noggins all since the end of June.

Although we are now into Autumn where things tend to slow down a little, we still have a couple of YUMMS, our 70th MSCC anniversary lunch, a re-visit to the Allerton Waste Recovery Park and the Christmas weekend at Raven Hall to look forward to, plus our usual Christmas Noggin get-togethers.

Sadly as you will have read, our Editors, Francis and Sheila, have decided after around five years editing our Newsletter, to lay down their quills at the end of the year. This, unfortunately, means we will be needing someone to take over this role. If this is something you would like to have a go at, please contact me for a chat. Our Newsletter is an important part of our Centre and gives an insight to those who were not able to attend an event as to what went on and hopefully encourages those who have not to become little bit more involved.

It was nice reading Graham and Karen Corrigan's letter as new members. Their enthusiasm is obvious, Graham and Karen joined us at the height of lockdown so had no opportunity to sample Yorkshire Centre fellowship but they have been busy making up for it since.

Our numbers continue to grow with ten new members joining us in the past 3 months so a warm Yorkshire welcome to Steve and Val Waudby, Tony and Linda Jude, Gillian and Jack Salter, David and Shirley Mitchell, Andrew Murphy and Chris Saxby. Again a warm welcome to you all and I hope to meet with you at some event in the not too distant future.

As usual, our thanks must go to our Editors Francis and Sheila for bringing yet again a full and interesting edition.

To close, Mal and I wish you the very best and here's hoping we can still continue along the road to that normal we all long for.

John and Mal



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A Letter from a New Member

Hi John,

I wondered if you would like to use this in your communication as a thanks from me and Karen.

... Blinking, we emerged into the light, post Covid to our new and exciting membership of MSCC Yorkshire Centre, ably assisted by John Forrest, whose email response set the perfect friendly tone for our first event.

Having considered our Morgan in June 2016, configured in May 2017 and following seven factory visits, I think they thought they had a new volunteer. Still, no, I just waited with bated breath for the call from Dave of Lifes Motors, Southport, 'Graham, your Aero8 AR will be ready, April, June, September, October.' November 2017, it was ready! It was delivered in the dark, snow in the weather forecast, rain, more rain, and January ice, but it will surely be worth the wait! Well, almost no sooner had we started to enjoy our fantastic, unique vehicle when Covid restrictions hit.

Time to contemplate time wasted with 18 months of Covid restrictions, Karen and I were ready to try to make the most of our untapped membership.

We acclimatised to our new car, using it on the occasional run in 2018. Before even ordering the vehicle, I embraced the club membership idea, impressed by the members' breadth and fun and evident enthusiasm for the car and magazine. However, no sooner had we started to enjoy our fantastic vehicle, and before we had the chance to attend our first Noggin, Covid seemed to be on us. Months of staring at my new car in our garage, listening to government instructions on the radio, occasionally getting permission to drive it; who would have believed it. The roads were deserted, but only to justify essential journeys, would we be nabbed for daring to travel in our conspicuous vehicle?

The car was ridiculously due its first MOT before we ever got to attend our first Noggin. Was it worth the wait? Well, no, but not for any part of the abundant generosity of our first host. But with hindsight, it was thirty months too long!

For everyone we have met so far, too many to single individuals out, at our first three events in June and July. However, Thank you to Jan Lawson for generously organising our first event at your lovely home. Didn't we enjoy beautiful weather? Thank you, John and Sue Clayton, for our first YUMMS and to Ian Bullock for the tremendous scenic run to Sewerby Hall and Gardens. What a fantastic sight to see so many wonderful Morgans gathered together in a beautiful setting!

The visceral pleasure of the way our Morgan Aero drives had made us wonder, 'Why hasn't everyone got one of these?' Having met so many lovely members in Yorkshire, we find ourselves now asking why hasn't everyone tried this.

From Karen and me, thank you.

Kind Regards,

Graham & Karen Corrigan

Llangollen July Break 2021

(Or 'Here We Go round the Mulberry Bush')

Mike & Susan 'The Keen Greens'



It all started way back in October 2019, when we were asked by friends if we'd like to make up the numbers on a short break coach trip to The Mulberry inn, near Llangollen, in North Wales.

Never being ones to say no, we readily agreed and duly headed off with the keep fit club that had organised the trip (that was the first time me and 'keep fit' had been used in the same sentence for decades).

Well, we were so impressed by the hotel, its management, staff and stunning scenery in the area that I just mentioned to Mine Host, Allan, that it would make an excellent venue for a break away for the Morgan Car Club, and would he be amenable to hold a block booking for us, if we could generate sufficient interest.

Of course he would, was the response, and after a bit of 'Yorkshire negotiation' - starting with "How much?" a fixed price for a 2 night break, with the possibility of extending it to 3 or 4 nights stay was settled on.

Once back home again, we floated the idea with Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Centre and a brief draft proposal was floated at the next 'annual planning meeting'. The idea got the thumbs up and shortly afterwards details were circulated to all Centre members, setting the core dates as Tuesday & Wednesday 7th & 8th July 2020.

Bookings quickly came in, and we'd secured all the available rooms, and all systems go - until the dreaded "C" word struck. Yes Coronavirus or Covid-19, just as bad whatever you call it.

Frantic phone calls and emails were passed over the international border (I did mention it was in Wales), and a large shadow of doubt was cast over the whole trip.

Fortunately, Allan kept us fully up to date with all the latest twists and turns and the possibility of postponing the event until October 2020 was looking like the way forward. However, that wasn't to be and the decision was made to move the date to 8th & 9th July 2021.

So, on the 7th July 2021, the first of the Morganeers headed towards Llangollen. A party of 10, in 5 Morgans had taken the opportunity to add an extra night at the start and the end of the break. For some of us the journey from home was rather wet to say the least. Torrential rain and a shroud of fog kept us amused over the Lancashire border and well past Manchester, on towards Chester. Once we'd escaped from the worst of the rain, it was time to look for a lunch stop and that was easier said than done, with Neil's sat-nav throwing a wobbly and taking us on a diverse route towards Ruabon. At that point our sat-nav came out in sympathy and suddenly changed from the delightful voice of 'Sally Sat-Nav' to a computer generated voice that no longer wanted to give us road numbers or destinations!

Those minor hiccups were overcome when we turned right at the side of a large hotel and restaurant where we stopped to ask the locals if it was a good place to eat. The first group of 3 young people were as much strangers to the town as we were, but a very friendly lady walking her dog came to our rescue and recommended the hotel we'd just passed. A done deal, and after suitable refreshments (and compulsory toilet stop), we travelled the last few miles to the Mulberry inn, following Allan's very explicit directions (although our 'pathfinder' couldn't read the small print). Eventually, at Chirk, Sally Sat-nav was made to behave properly, being made to revert to her usual voice she led us straight to the Mulberry Inn, where a warm welcome awaited, as we followed the other Morgans of our early arrivers into the car park, then into the lounge for afternoon tea/coffee and cake.



A Room with a View

We were soon settling into our rooms, and enjoying the views.

After settling in some of us found our way to the bar or for a walk around the gardens, it was time for a quick freshen up before meeting in the socially spaced dining room, where 'bubbles' were formed. The excellent evening meal was served at an earlier time than usual to accommodate a football match of some significance being screened live, later in the evening.

Whilst some chose to watch the match (which England won of course), others stayed in the lounge area or bar to relax and chat with friends.



A Couple of views of the garden area

Following the delightful 3 course meal, with a choice of menu and a complimentary glass of wine, time to adjourn to the lounge area for a chance to catch up with friends old and new.



Eagerly awaiting to being fed!

Thursday morning started bright and sunny for a short while, before clouding over, but not to be deterred, it was hoods down and head out after a splendid breakfast that was enough to keep you filled until the evening meal. After a very loud exit from the carpark, caused by our car bottoming on a high lip on the kerb edge that caused dismay and consternation, expecting to see a trail of oil and part of the exhaust pipe laying on the ground, fortunately, no damage done, except for some underseal being scraped of the bottom of the chassis cross member.

Everyone did their own thing, with some travelling far afield to search for testing byways and mountain tracks, others decided to visit the nearby National Trust property of Erddig near Wrexham, and stopped off on the way back at the magnificent Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, designed by Thomas Telford, on the Llangollen Canal, near the town of Trevor, where we met

with our Hon. Sec and his good Lady, before a steady amble across the aqueduct and back to the small but interesting visitor centre, and for something to eat, but not for us after that breakfast! But we did manage an ice cream while we sat and watched a lady very skilfully manoeuvre her 70 foot long narrowboat as she turned 90 degrees from the main line of the Llangollen Canal, into the Llangollen branch. Expertly done and nowhere near bumping the bank that seems almost compulsory according to Timothy West & Prunella Scales!



*View along
the side of the
aqueduct*

*The easy way
to travel -
Alright for
some!*



Back to the hotel for a little after 3pm to meet the main party as they arrived. In total there were 29 of us in 15 cars, nicely within the current restriction on numbers. Once each had checked in, back to the lounge for tea/coffee and cake (again), before settling in, and following a similar format to the previous day, the walk round the gardens, a visit to the bar or for the more adventurous, a walk or even run around the locality.

Following the delightful 3 course meal, with a choice of menu and a complimentary glass of wine, time to adjourn to the lounge area for a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Friday morning saw everyone starting the day with a hearty breakfast before venturing out for the day. Again we chose to visit another National Trust property, Chirk Castle that is only less than 10 miles from the Mulberry Inn. We were in the company of Mike & Karen Pullen, who, although they now reside 'down south' still maintain an active part in Yorkshire centre

activities. It was good to see them again and that they had travelled far to join us. After a good, long(ish) walk around the gardens & grounds we were pleasantly surprised that one part of the castle was open for the public to explore. It was one of the towers that led into another area via the narrow passageway cut out of the curtain wall. Sadly the dungeons below the tower weren't accessible, although I'd seen enough of dungeons in a previous life. We were obliged of course to partake of tea and scones before entering the tower.

On our way back to the hotel, it was decided that we'd travel a little further, towards the head of the Glyn Valley, at Glyn Ceiriog. On entering Ceiriog, Mike saw a sign for the New Glyn Valley Tramway & Industrial Heritage Trust, so a quick about turn saw us heading into the carpark where we were directed to privileged parking spots close to the main building. On alighting from the cars, we were met by some very friendly staff who informed us that their local MP was present at a special opening of the site, and would we like to have a look around? The only condition was that the MP and other dignitaries were allowed to be photographed with our cars. Not a problem.

We were given a personal conducted tour of the site and told the full history of this narrow gauge tramway from its days of hauling slate & stone to the canal basin at Chirk, right up to the recent acquisition from the Local Authority.



*Inside the
Tramway
Museum &
Archive*

*Making a splash
at World's End!*



Returning to the Hotel, we were in need of light refreshment, so found our way into the garden, to meet up with other travellers who had been busy exploring far and wide, going to exotic places such as Oswestry, Ruthin, 'World's End' and the Horse Shoe Pass & Falls and the like.



*Chin-wagging in
the beautiful
hotel gardens*

After the drinks, time to freshen up and hit the dining room once again for another delicious 3 course meal with wine of course, before heading for the lounge for one of Allan's speciality general knowledge quizzes. Arranged in bubbles (they used to be called teams), the quiz comprised of 5 rounds of 10 questions per round, 2 points per correct answer except for the last round, where 4 points per answer could easily skew the whole result. Each team marked their own answers so as not to break any 'Covid rules'. There were some close results for the first 2 or 3 rounds, but then a clear leader emerged. Heading into the last round it all seemed cut & dried until the final 'tie-break question was set. That had a points score of, miraculously, just half a point more than the difference between the highest and lowest scores. Surprise, surprise, the last shall be first, so the winning team - '2 Blondes & 2 Old F---ts' (their words not mine) secured the coveted prize, a large box of Maltesers but in the spirit of good humour and friendship, they were generously shared with all (at a safe & hygienically secure distance of course).

Saturday morning saw the majority of members loading up their cars and heading towards home via various routes. Some took the opportunity whilst in the area to visit family and friends, while those of us that remained for another night went exploring more of the delightful countryside. We went via The Horseshoe Pass to the 'Ponderosa Café', high on the pass, with spectacular views. Very popular with cyclists, motorcyclists and car enthusiasts of all kinds. There we met with Stuart & Jean, near neighbours of ours and fellow Morgan enthusiasts, they were amongst those heading for home and after spending time chatting over a welcome coffee we said farewell as they set off back towards Llangollen and us towards Ruthin on a circular tour.

En route, we decided to drive into Llangollen ourselves and maybe park up for a walk around the town. Having forgotten that it was Eisteddfod week, found that the town centre was heaving with pedestrians and vehicles. A quick circuit of the car park proved that about a dozen others were trying to find a parking space, so we cut our losses and asked Sally Sat-nav to find our way back. Nobody told her that some roads were temporarily closed, so following a very diverse route, and much calling of names, we exited via the road we'd come in on, passing another of our group also heading out of town. Nothing else to do but to head back to the hotel and enjoy a G & T before another superb feast.

A quiet and rather subdued late evening followed as those of us that remained there were collecting our thoughts and planning for the return home and having to cater for ourselves.

Sunday morning arrived, the weather forecast was for rain by the time we were passing Chester and around Manchester before returning to God's Own County, so sadly it was hoods up before setting off (we thought it was better than trying to explain exactly why we classed it as an emergency should we have had to stop on the motorway to put the roof up). In the event, the forecasters were wrong - no surprise there, they have been wrong before - no rain at all and with climbing temperatures it was rather a warm run safely back to Halifax where we waved goodbye to fellow travellers who were heading for home in Keighley.

All in all, a very enjoyable and scenic break, long awaited but well worth it. The Hotel Staff and Management could not be faulted and neither could the quality or quantity of a wide variety and choice of food at every mealtime.

As I write this (July 2021) plans are being formulated to run the whole event again next year, in fact, we've already rung Allan at the Mulberry Inn and booked our slot.

We hope that all participants enjoyed the break as much as we have, and maybe we'll see some of them there again next year, and with luck, we hope to see others there too, who maybe were unable to make it this time round.*

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone for making it such a success, and particular thanks to Dave & Diane Bright for the use some of their photographs in this article and to the Quiz competition winners for generously sharing the Maltesers!

Here's to doing it all again in 2022!

Mike and Susan Green

* NB: next year's trip is already fully booked.

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Yorkshire Centre Visit to the White Rose Polo Club



Sunday the 8th August saw Anne and myself joining around 40 or so Yorkshire Members for a day out at the White Rose Polo Club for our Polo and Teddy Bears Picnic.

This was a most enjoyable day out for us watching the Polo and viewing the various Teddy Bears on display. It was also great to see 12 Morgans on display, plus quite a few members, because of the uncertainty of the weather did decide to come in their tin tops, however we were very lucky in that the weather did not distract from the enjoyment either! The Morgan crowd are certainly a friendly and informative bunch and we had some laughs with them. Again to attend a sporting event like this was a first for us and we were very impressed and we are really looking forward to many more outings like this one.

Finally a thank you to Rod Bentley for organising a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Steve and Anne Kettley



Some Teddy Bears spotted having a grand day out!

Russ and Ange Enjoying Retirement

At the end of March, past Centre Secretary Russ, and Ange Sayers both retired from their jobs with Leeds City Council, and have spent many hours out and about in their Morgan 'Barbara', including a holiday in Norfolk with Stuart and Jean Kellet.



Above: Russ and Ange with their leaving present: a Haynes 'Retirement Manual'

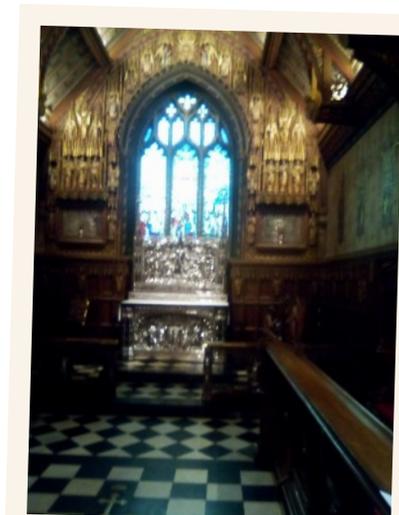


Above and below: Cattle 'Russelling' in the Yorkshire Dales in July



Above: At Dunston Hall in Norwich where they holidayed

Right: The 1½ tonne solid silver altar in Sandringham Church



The Bull Run to Sewerby Hall

By John Forrest



*Meeting up at the Duke
of Cumberland*

Sunday August 22nd saw us holding our East Yorkshire Bull Run to Sewerby Hall, which had been kindly organised for us by Ian Bullock.

The plan had been to run this last year but Covid managed to kill that idea. So it was postponed to this year but even then with the uncertainties earlier in the year and the council being unsure whether they would be opening Sewerby in time for our visit, holding the event was still possibly in question. However, it was decided to work on the basis it would go ahead so a route and permit were sorted and we awaited the day. Then, Ian learns of a 3 month bridge closure on the route - would we have to re-route? Fortunately the bridge work, unusually, finished early so we were good to go.

As the day approached the weather forecast for the Sunday - rain: how wrong could they be, it turned out to be one of the best days of August.

The day eventually arrived with no further hiccups and we made our way to the Duke of Cumberland in Cottingham, where coffee and bacon baps were available for those that felt the need for sustenance before their epic journey to Sewerby Hall.

As Mal and I were playing parking attendants at Sewerby, we, along with John Wilding and his Dad skipped the run so we could there beforehand to set up the parking area. Suitably attired in our hi-vis tabards we neatly parked 33 Morgans for display. There should have been 34 but unfortunately the rather unique flat rad owned by Nick Riley didn't make it, having gear box bearing issues and had to return home.

As I said previously, the day was beautiful, sunny and warm, which along with our Morgans looking their best brought many visitors and admiring comments. After our picnics, it was time for a bit of socialising or exploration of the Hall, grounds and zoo with maybe a walk to the cliff tops for a grand view of Bridlington Bay and some bracing sea air. Finally to top off what one might consider to be a traditional Sunday day out we had the pleasure (for some)

of a brass band concert in front of the Hall, so along with an ice cream what more would you need to round off "A Grand Day Out"?

As usual, our thanks go to Ian Bullock for organising a splendid day out, also not forgetting John and his dad for their assistance in traffic management. Although Mal and I didn't do the run I know it was much enjoyed by those who did. Well done Ian and hopefully more of the same next year.

John and Mal



34 Morgans on parade at Sewerby Hall in the sunshine



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Ken Grindrod's North Yorkshire Tour



The weather forecast for Sunday, 22nd August was a bit 'iffy', so we set off from home hood-down, but ready for a quick hood-up if necessary, to Jackson's Farm Shop in the village of Cracoe, not far from Grassington. There we met up with a good turn out of Morgans (*see above*), including for the first time on one of our runs, a three-wheeler belonging to a new member. Coffee and bacon sandwiches were available at the café where we all signed in, and in what seemed no time at all after catching up with people we hadn't seen for an age, we began to set off.

The route was an anti-clockwise circuit covering 80 miles taking us into territory not often (if ever?) visited by our runs, going far into the western corners of North Yorkshire, with at one point the Cumbrian border only a stone's throw away. We were treated to a mixture of roads: some single width infested with cyclists, others, nearly empty, in the remote hilly areas of the Dales, and some 'A' roads much loved by motorcyclists (and Porsches, and oh, Morgans!). The hood stayed down all the way round, although we had to use the wipers on several occasions. If you can keep moving, the rain goes over the top! That is until we got to the finishing point, the Devonshire Arms in Cracoe, where many were already tucking into a late Sunday lunch. We had hardly got out of the car when the heavens opened and I got rather wet putting the hood up. But the pint in the bar was worth it.

Many thanks are due to Ken and Helen for all the effort they went to, to organise such a wonderful day out. The collection for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance raised £103, which apparently is enough to pay for one 12 minute flight, so thanks also to all those who donated.

Francis



The M3W and its proud owner



We're off!



The route passed by the Settle to Carlisle railway line and the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct. Sue Franklin captured this photo of the Flying Scotsman as it steamed past, which explains why there were so many people parked by the roadside at Ribbleshead as we drove through.



Parked outside a tea room are the Linmog gang's cars, belonging to Steve Coulson, Dereck Bacon and Tony Franklin.

Three Yummy YUMMS

We have had three YUMMS since the last newsletter - the first was to the ever popular Craven Arms in Appletreewick in July, organised as always by John Clayton. The pub boasts a traditional cruck barn at the back - the first to be built since the time of Henry VIII - which we managed to fill with over 30 diners. As usual the pub's owner parked his vintage Bentley amongst the many Morgans out in the front - John even managed to blag a spin in it! The weather stayed fine and a great day out was enjoyed by all.



Les and Daphne Ledger take their leave from the Craven Arms (above). (See also the 'front cover' with Chris Murgatroyd and his early Plus 8).

The venue for the August YUMMS was the Stone Trough Inn, an old stone building situated on the hillside overlooking the ruins of Kirkham Abbey, which lies on the banks of the River Derwent, not far from Malton. Sheila and I arrived early enough for the suggested walk along the riverside, only to find a grey Morgan already parked up. Steven and Catherine Reynolds had beaten us to it! We worked up an appetite with a two hour walk following the Derwent downstream before turning up over

Kirkham Abbey (right)





A view of the River Derwent taken on our walk

farmland and down through the woods back to the pub for lunch. Again a good turn-out; over thirty of us filled the glassed-in terrace in front of the inn with a lovely view over the valley.

It was great to see so many who we hadn't met since before the lockdowns started. And the weather stayed dry!

Many thanks to David and Carole Haigh for organising it all.

Francis

And for our September YUMMS, a return visit to Russ Swift and his car collection, kindly organised by Russ and Ange Sayers, who also sent us this report:

A Meeting with Russ Swift, Stunt Driver

Twenty three of us met at 10.30 at the rear of the Queen's Head at Finghall in North Yorkshire. We just had a short walk through the village to meet with Russ Swift and his very interesting collection of classic cars.



The Queen's Head car park with stunning views to the north

Once we all were assembled together Russ gave us a talk about how he had become a stunt driver, including the making of the iconic Austin Montego advert filmed in 1987. And how it was during the filming that he had first performed his now trademark parallel-park manoeuvre



Russ Swift, on the left, chats to members about his career and car collection.

across the valley. Before long it was time to make our way back to the Queen's Head where an enjoyable lunch was served.

Russ asked that he would like the members to make a donation towards the Finghall Church roof fund. During the visit six members were given a guided tour of the church, which they found to be very interesting (*see next page*). In total we raised £140.00 for the roof fund.

Russ and Ange



An E-type, two Aston Martins and a Lotus Elan on display

which he's performed all around the world. He also talked of his time working with Jeremy Clarkson on Top Gear.

We were then shown around his collection of classic cars which included the first right hand drive 1962 AC Cobra, along with Aston Martins, Convertible Minis, Mk 1 Ford Escort, Lotus and an Austin Seven pedal car.

Tea and coffee were served during the visit plus there was a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather and the fantastic view

Visit to the Church at Finghall



Whilst some continued to talk 'cars', Marjorie Blake (AKA 'Marg', a friend of Russ & Ange Sayers) offered to take those who were interested on a short visit to the small but very beautiful Church of St. Andrew's, Finghall.

The Church is a 12th Century building but it's thought there was an earlier Anglo Saxon Church on the site. The Church is known as 'The Little Church with a Big Heart!' and as those of us who joined Marg found out it has a number of interesting, historic features. Marg is very knowledgeable, she talked about the local landowners the Wyvill family patrons of, and worshippers at the Church over the centuries to the present day.

Some of the fascinating features include a 13th Century font, a small, rare Pipe Organ (1894), a 14th Century coffin cover, a sword carved into the floor, medieval windows and a rare Anglo Saxon headstone cross set high in the wall.

However the Ten Commandment tablets above the choir were the most fascinating! Do not commit Murder! That's not right! Marg went on to tell us about a murder committed on the Finghall Road in the 1770's. Evidently, or so it's thought, that's the reason why the commandment was altered. You visit, listen, live and learn!

Outside the history unfolds further. There's a Priest's Door and evidence of an earlier doorway from the Anglo Saxon building before 1140. The bell cote contains a rare double bell holder and on one of the bells is written 'God save this Church' dated 1620. There are also War graves in the Churchyard from both World War 1 and 2.

An amazing 'little Church.' It is well worth a visit and Marg brought its history to life.

Our heartfelt thanks,

Nicki Williams

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Westward Ho!

The 'Break-out' Weekend to Lancaster via Bowland Forest



Ken Grindrod

29 Morgans gathered at Bolton Abbey Station Car Park

This year's Yorkshire weekend broke outside of God's own county to the ancient city of Lancaster. How many times have you driven up the A65 to the Lake District and seen signs to Bowland Forest and wondered, 'What is Bowland Forest?'. Or on the A59 to, say, Southport and asked yourself the same question. Or on the M6 - 'Why is there such a long gap (13 miles) between J32 and J33?' The answer is that the Forest of Bowland lies in the triangle made by these three roads. An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that hardly anyone has heard of. So Jan Lawson, who organised the weekend, set a scenic run that took us through this AONB to our hotel in Lancaster.

The weekend started on Friday morning, 17th September, at the Bolton Abbey Station tearoom of the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, with a 'historic' bacon and sausage butty, with tea or coffee. After signing on, looking at the trains and affixing the rally plaque from the goody bag, we all set off up the A65. Eventually we turned left into the 'Forest' leaving the traffic and traffic jams behind us.

After passing through some pretty villages, some with enticing tea



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The Trough of Bowland

rooms, we came to what was for us the highlight of the run - the Trough of Bowland. This valley is surrounded by low hills where the road follows a babbling brook in places with beautiful scenery all around. A steep descent then brought us back to the real world, passing under the M6 and on to our hotel just to the south of Lancaster, near the University. There we checked in, had a swim in the decent sized pool (the first since before the lockdowns) and (after a long wait) a good dinner. And so to bed.

Apart from the group dinner in the evening there were no formal activities arranged for the Saturday. Morgans were seen setting off to Morecambe or driving up the coast road towards the Lake District; places visited included the RSPB bird sanctuary at Silverdale, the pretty resort of Arnside, the Lakeland Car Museum and no doubt many others. Sheila and I opted to go into the City of Lancaster. We, along with several others, left our Morgans at the hotel and took a bus into town as the prospect of the one-way streets and city centre parking did not appeal.

We took a guided tour of the castle, the history of which is fascinating having been built on the site of a Roman fort. It still has two functioning courts, civil and criminal, and was a prison right up to 2011. Historically the Lancaster Assizes were infamous for the high number of executions carried out, second in England only to London. The best known of these is probably the case of the Pendle Witches, of whom 10 were hanged in 1612.

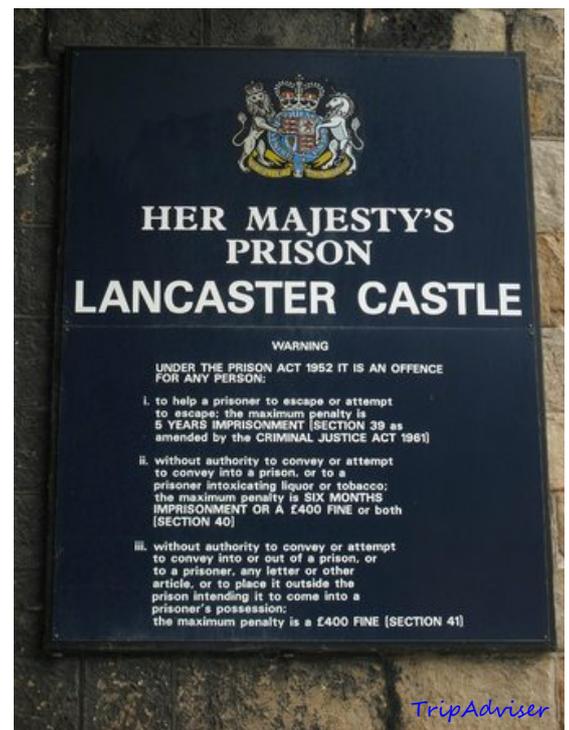
From the castle, we followed the Lancaster Heritage Walking Trail, which took us down to the riverside and the very interesting Maritime Museum. Here we learnt about Lancaster's heyday as a bustling port with trading ships from all corners of the world. The trail continued around the old town, past other interesting sites, but unfortunately we missed the former Judges' Lodgings. This is now a museum and, we heard later from those who went, was well worth a visit.

Then a bus back to the hotel, another swim, the bar and our event dinner in the Dalton Suite. Here we were each allocated a place at one of six round tables and served with our pre-chosen three course meal. Each table was given a quiz sheet to complete - a multi-choice quiz with an automotive theme. All the right answers were somewhere there, it was just a matter of picking the right ones - easier said than done. The winning table received a selection of drinks and the runners up (our table), after a tie-break for second place, a box of sweets. None of us got even half the answers right.

Most people stayed for another day and a third night, but we had to get back home, so left on the Sunday morning, retracing our steps through the Trough of Bowland.

So many thanks to Jan Lawson for organising it all so well, setting the run, devising the quiz, providing the goody bag etc, etc. And to the hotel staff, always very friendly and helpful.

Francis



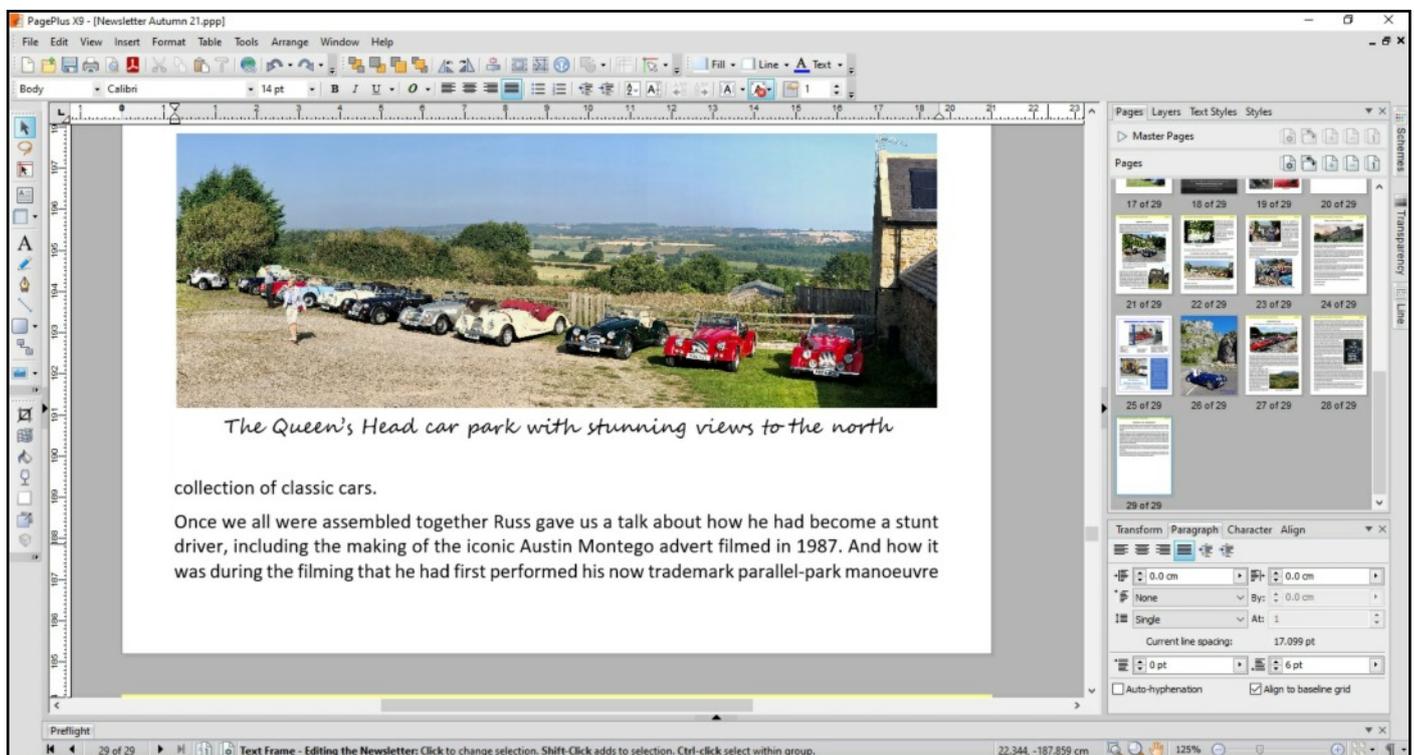
Editing the Newsletter

We thought that some information on how we produce our newsletters would be helpful to anyone who might be interested in taking over the editorship. Of course, how we do it is not necessarily the way anyone else would, but we felt that the following would be of some interest.

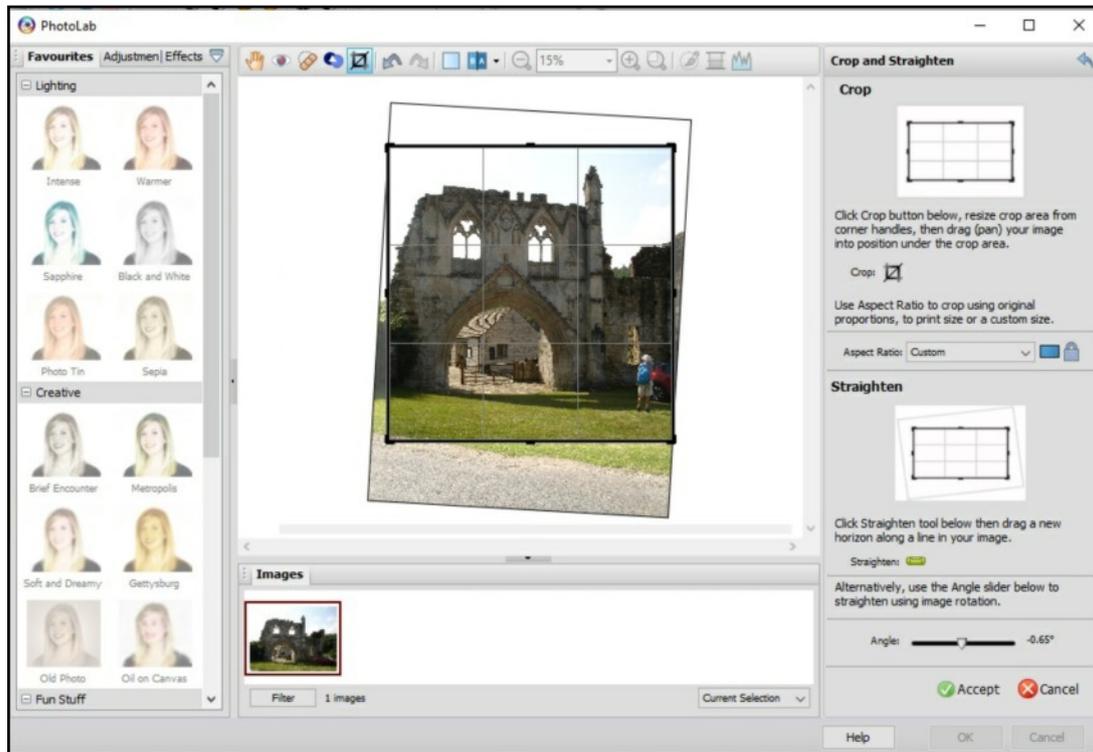
Ever since we've been members (over 25 years now) our Centre's newsletter has come out quarterly. Originally it was a few photo-copied sheets sent out in the post. Mostly it was about future events and who to contact etc, as there was no universal e-mail in those days - everything was done by post or arranged at noggins. Later, the newsletters became more sophisticated, but as membership grew, printing, stuffing into envelopes and posting them became more of a chore. Eventually, when it became apparent that nearly everyone had e-mail, the then editors decided that the newsletters would only be sent out electronically, which is where we stand today.

You have to be reasonably proficient on pc's or laptops to be able to do this. We are MS Windows people, and we use a desk-top publishing program to produce our newsletters. It would be possible to do it all in MS Word, or of course a suitable Apple/Mac application.

We use 'PagePlus X9' from Serif. This is now obsolete, but seemingly it is still possible to get on-line relatively cheaply (£5 on e-bay???, I'd be very wary). This program enables you to assemble text and pictures, alter fonts, tweak photos and has capabilities far beyond what we have ever used. The current Serif equivalent is their Affinity suite, which apparently is not compatible with PagePlus. There are, naturally, many other suitable programs available.



This picture is a screen shot of page 22 being edited - this text is in a text box inserted into the main story



Straightening and cropping the photograph on page 21 using the built-in 'PhotoLab' picture editing tool

The main task is to get copy for the newsletter. Some come in unsolicited, others need a bit of persuasion and some we end up writing ourselves. Photographs seem to be easier to come by and can sometimes be 'borrowed' from the Web. And we have to liaise with our advertisers for their copy, especially those who want a new advert each issue.

Francis

And a few words from Sheila:

Falling into newsletter-editing...

You might wonder how Francis and I came to be editors of Yorkshire Centre's newsletter and my go-to answer is that "we fell into it". Some of the best things in life get fallen into, for example; you fall in love, you fall asleep, you fall about laughing. Sure, there are some things you can fall into that wouldn't be so great, such as sink holes or a pit of vipers. However, I firmly place the nearly five years of co-editing the newsletter into the positive category of falling into. It's been a bit of a journey since our very first issue and wondering what the heck we are going to fill the pages with. But, and it's a big but, we had the freedom to write and put together the long-standing newsletter in a direction of our own. Plus, an overall desire to create a publication that would spark a little happiness when it appeared in your in-box. I ran out of puff a little earlier than Francis and feel now is the right time to hand over the reins to a new editor. Huge thanks to all our contributors and to Russ and John, the Centre Secretaries we have worked with. Francis has done a great job explaining what the job entails but really at the end of the day, you could just fall into it like us! We're proud as punch of every issue, including this one, the penultimate.

Sheila



'Cheddar Gorgeous'

by Ken Grindrod

(We can't help wondering if Ken is referring to Helen, his Morgan or the Gorge!)