

# MORGAN MUSINGS

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# Jeremy's jottings

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of our revamped Newsletter which we are calling 'Morgan Musings' and my thanks to Jan Lawson for making this possible. We are still looking for someone to take on this role permanently so if anyone is interested, please come forward. We have introduced a few new ideas and thank everyone for their contributions. We have had a good response to the 'One thing I cannot do without' but where were the responses from the ladies! Maybe a lady's section in the next issue?

I have been a member of the MSCC for a long time but it has only been since taking on the role of Centre Secretary that I have fully appreciated just how much work and effort goes into making the centre so successful.

With the relaxing of the Covid restrictions our Noggins and YUMMS have resumed and have been well attended and are an opportunity to enjoy some good company and food across the region. We welcome a few new members to the centre and look forward to meeting them in due course. We have some exciting events to look forward to so keep an eye on the Events Programme. Some events get booked up early so early booking is advised.

The Yorkshire Centre was formed in October 1973 so we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. This is a significant milestone so any suggestions of how we can celebrate will be very welcome.

The National AGM will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at the Morgan Experience Centre as advertised in Miscellany. If anyone wishes to attend, please inform Peter Grange at [cosec@morgansportscarclub.com](mailto:cosec@morgansportscarclub.com). There are still some vacancies for National Roles so if you are interested, please make your intention known.

MOGfest is booking up quickly and will be held this year at the Beamish Museum between 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> June. Bookings can only be made through MSCC Travel Club. Visit [www.morgansportscarclub.com](http://www.morgansportscarclub.com) – follow the links to book and see more details of all the event options available or call 01732 879153. Gill and I will be there on the Saturday and look forward to catching up with friends and new members.

Gill and I wish you a Happy Easter

Happy Morganeering

Jeremy  
Centre Secretary, MSCC Yorkshire

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# Travel report

We are grateful to Ken & Helen Grindrod for the following write up of their trip to Scotland. Lots of ideas for us all and some super photos.



*Looks like they had a chilly start!*

When we booked a holiday to visit Scotland starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 back in 2019 little did, we think that would be the day when Scotland opened back up after the lockdowns due to the Corona virus.

So on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April we left home driving up the A1, A66, M6 and M74 to get into Scotland. Up until getting into Scotland we managed to drive with the hood down but the weather soon changed and sadly had to resort to putting the hood up due to the heavy rain which lasted the rest of our journey to our holiday home for the week which about a mile north of Blairgowrie.

We soon found that the holiday cottage was in a superb location to explore such a lovely area and set about planning the various drives we would do.

The first drive we did was to head north through the Bridge of Cally up to Glenshee (I'm not saying it was cold but the ice symbol soon came on the dashboard) then to Braemar. Once in Braemar I wanted to go and see where the Highland Games where held. What I didn't expect was to be able to walk around the site which was open and even managed to get some photos of my car with the royal buildings in the background. On the way back we went through Banchory, Edzel and Brechin before returning home.



*Very shiny car - think I need my sunglasses!*



*Could this be an audition for location, location or has Ken developed an enthusiasm for window cleaning?*



Another great drive was going again through the Bridge of Cally to Pitlochry then driving through the Tummel Valley to Kinloch Rannoch before heading back via

Braes of Foss, Dull, and Aberfeldy then through the Tay Forest to Birnam. We had been told by some very good friends of ours to go the Old Post Office in Birnam as they have a really nice cafe, so not ones to miss out on a good cafe of course we stopped and I must say they were right as the food was great. On that day we saw all the 4 seasons in one day with beautiful blue sky with plenty of sunshine then rain, hail and even snow before the sun came back out. Interestingly when we went through Dull we noticed that it was twinned with Boring in the USA, I think someone has a good sense of humour.

The other memorable places we visited were Glamis Castle and St Andrews both of which are well worth a visit.

Our return drive home was to say the least damp as I would say it was the wettest day of 2021, just our luck. Hopefully we will have better weather for our next visit to Scotland later in the year.

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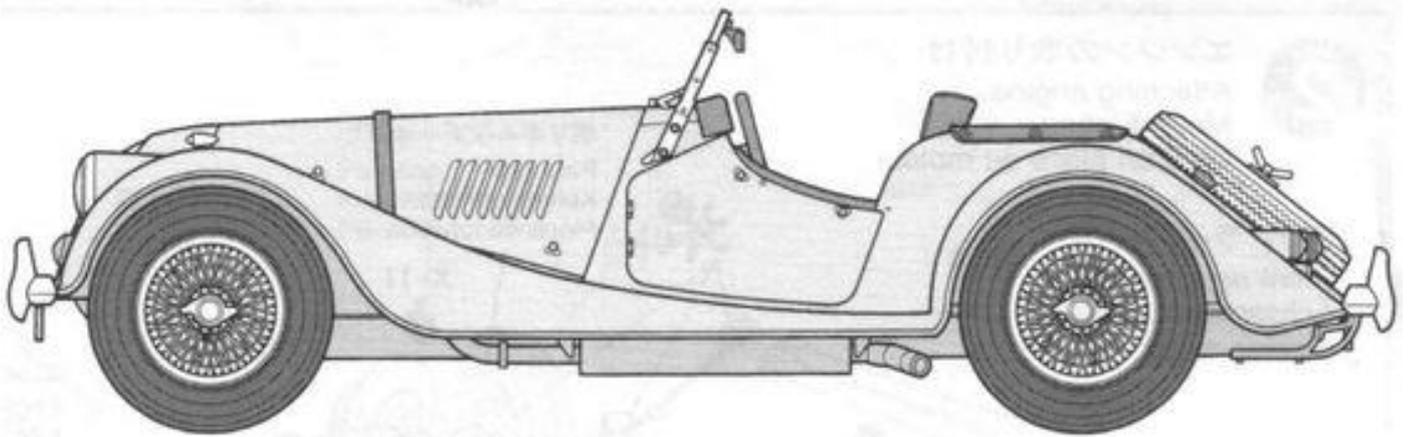
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# Craft Corner

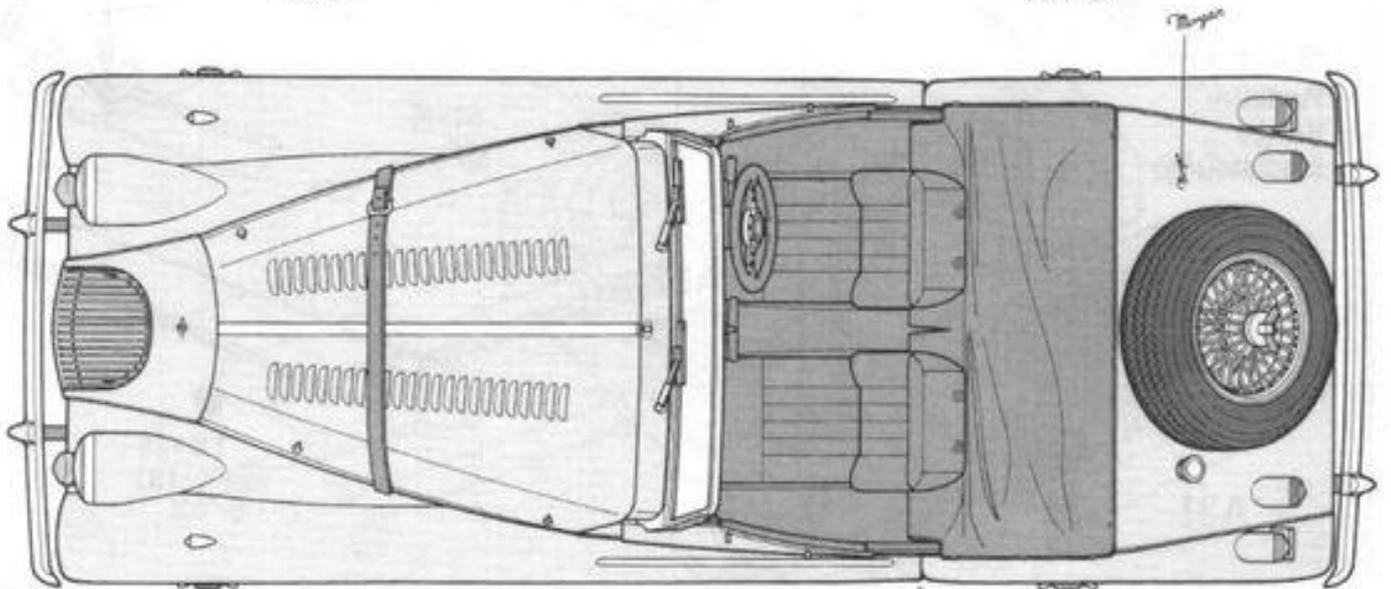
If anyone fancies making a cardboard cut-out Morgan or a colouring in picture just print out the pattern below – perhaps an Easter project for grandchildren? Makes a change from bunnies!



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# Hints & Tips

When I first got a Morgan 25+ years ago and took it on its first journey away overnight I couldn't believe how much there was to think about. Not packing my stuff but "essential" kit for the car. It seemed like I was packing for a baby – which I suppose I was – just a blue metal one!

Since then, like many people I have refined the things that absolutely must come on a Morgan trip and have a bag storing them ready to put on the parcel shelf before any outing.

The one absolute essential that I would never leave home without is a selection of cable ties – useful for a whole manner of tasks including temporary exhaust bracket, supporting a loose bumper, securing a faulty roof frame as well as affixing rally plaques etc.

So, I thought it would be fun to ask you the members "What is the one essential item you would not leave home without when going on a Morgan outing" and these are your replies in the order they were received: -

Gillian Wilson	Blanket
Keith Jackson	Umbrella
Andrew Lucas	Morgan Assist, Water bottle for radiator top up Sense of Humour - No it is SMILE
Mike Pullen	Peak Cap
Richard and Margaret Davis	Bar Towels
Michael Mackay	Peaked Cap
John Clayton	She who must be obeyed {no surprise with this one} and ear plugs!!!!
Jim Kirkby	Hat
Mike and Sue Green	Microfibre cloths
Brian Lee	Brain - must remember to change gear
Alan and Sue Swales	Wife
Carl Aveyard	Ski goggle type sunglasses
Maurice Denton	Ignition Key
Peter Dakin USA	Vinyl gloves for on the road tech support to 48 year old 4/4
Graham & Karen Corrigan	Grin
Stuart and Jean Kellet	Tool Kit
Paul Doherty	Mobile phone and Baseball cap
Paul Pickburn	Hand towel
Richard Cole	Custom made seat pad and lip cream
John Forrest	Large scale map, small tool kit, sun cream and hat
Mal Forrest	Rug

Ian Bullock	Wife
Simon Broadbent	Wash leather
Ross Amesbury	Baseball cap
Russ Sayers	Hats
John Anderson	Narrow driving shoes
Stephen Lindsay	Goggles/sun glasses
David Hutchinson	Wife

Other items I deem essential in addition to all the above are: -

- Neck Tube
- Headband
- Leatherman multitool
- Side screen tommy bar
- Strong grey elephant tape
- Moggie Mac
- Spare oil
- Phone charging lead with 12v adaptor
- Disposable rubber/latex gloves & wet wipes
- Small folding sit mat for kneeling on tarmac whilst trying to see under the car
- Torch to search for anything dropped in engine bay!

Andrew Baldwin sent his suggestion of the ignition key along with an explanation which is below - it's an interesting piece and a salient message.

QUESTION- One thing you cannot do without when going out in your Morgan! ANSWER – A spare ignition key!

Not perhaps for the most common occurrence i.e. “I have lost my key” but something more obscure and bizarre!

‘Twas the night of the Nags Head noggin in the days when enthusiasts turned up at noggins to “Kick tyres, talk cars and drink ale”. We arrived early and parked behind the pub where 10 or 12 can park – provided the drivers are careful to allow room for others as well as having enough space to open the long doors of the Morgan. I must have been over generous with the space I had occupied because I was asked if I would be so kind as to move my car, which I was happy to do BUT, it would not start! Not only would it not start but it was absolutely dead, as far as the ignition side of things were concerned, lifeless. I tried all the usual checks, short of the “Big Hammer” on the starter motor, all without success. Assistance was available, offered and accepted from my Morgan driving friends in the pub who were only too ready to suspend the “Drink ale” part of the evening’s agenda – briefly of course- and to indulge in the other two reasons for being there, all to no avail, I even declined the offer of the “**Big Hammer**” solution offered by big JC.

For the first time in my driving career I had to call out the RAC; they duly arrived and the Operative proceeded to ply his “Raison d’etre”..... No success!

“I will have to get you recovered by truck to a garage” he said, “But one last question, “Do you have a spare key, with you?” No, I don’t,

but I know a woman who does! to quote a rival roadside recovery service. Maureen delved into the lower reaches of her handbag and produced the spare key, it had never seen the light of day before, and, UREKA! The car started at the first attempt. The two keys were examined side by side and quite soon a difference was found: On my key there was a small hole, 2-3mm diameter, on the shoulder where the blade emerges from black plastic; On Maureen's key there was not, however, on closer inspection, the faint outline of a circle, could be seen. This hole is where the responder for the immobiliser should be housed, without it there can be no communication with the ECU and the car cannot be started.

Final surprise was that on a dark night in my car which has black pile carpets, we were able to find the black responder which is not much bigger than a grain of basmati rice!

The first job next day was to apply a small spot of super glue to each of my car keys, "just to be sure to be sure" as my Irish great grandfather would have said.

No trouble ever since!

Thank You Andrew – that must have been a major relief and well done to Maureen – what would we do without Ladies handbags to carry so many "essential" extras!



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# “Behind the Wheel” with John Forrest



## **What are you driving?**

I have a 1993 red plus 4 we call Molly

## **Is this your first Morgan?**

Yes

## **How long have you had it and why did you choose a Morgan?**

I purchased the car in 2010. I was born in Malvern and have a family connection with Morgan as my grandfather was foreman in the woodshop. As a youngster in the late 1950's and 60's I would go around the factory and always loved the cars.

I was bought a Factory Experience for Christmas one year and we enjoyed a happy day out. I joined the Club 2 years before purchasing the car which I saw at Lifes in Southport.

## **Have you had any other sports cars and if so, how did they compare?**

Molly is my first sports car so it has been a new experience with an open top car. I have had many company cars throughout my working life.

## **What has been your most memorable Morgan moment?**

Mal, my wife, and I are not long-distance travellers but we do enjoy the local trips and the occasional weekend away with the Yorkshire Centre and the fellowship

in the club. Maybe the most memorable Morgan moment was driving a car at the Factory Experience.

### **What 3 words sum up your Morgan experience?**

Unique, fun and fellowship



## Buy, Sell, Swop, Section

Peter Wingrove has a Morgan car cover (including cover of bonnet), unused and still in the packaging for sale. Cost £99.00 will sell for £60.00. Tel. 01765 688562

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Navy blue studded vinyl hood from a 1998/9 2-seater has been gifted by a non-member who replaced it with a speedifit hood. It's been stored folded for last few years but is in generally very good condition. Available from Mid- April onwards for a donation to Yorkshire Air Ambulance – our centre charity. Contact Jan for details. As above I can bring to Morgan Events to try for size.



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