

Morgans at Windermere, 2021

A quick check of the tyres, oil and water and we were all set for our first ever 'Morgans at Windermere' event. It was a great relief to be back on the road again, and with COVID restrictions fully lifted, we were eager to get on our way.



Friday 3rd September

We set off early so that we could park at the hotel and have a quick walk before the event started. The weather was good with no traffic delays, so we had plenty of time to do our planned Crooklands Canal walk when we arrived.



Enrolling was very well organised. We were greeted with a goody bag containing information about the weekend, a list of attending fellow Morganeers, a copy of questions for the walking treasure hunt, suggested routes for runs in the area, and a rolled-up blanket to keep us warm in the evenings.



The treasure hunt took you around the sights of Grange-over-Sands, a popular Victorian seaside town. You could combine the hunt with one of the scenic runs (number 3), which took you on picturesque roads from the hotel to Grange. The answer sheet had to be completed and returned no later than 2:00pm on Sunday.

By mid-afternoon the car park was beginning to fill up, and fellow Morganeers were chatting to old friends.



After a quick drink at the bar we made our way to the quiz and buffet evening. This was held in the Hayloft at the Crooklands Hotel, starting at 7.30pm and running through until about 10.30pm.

The food was good, but the quiz questions were a little too difficult. Needless to say, our table didn't do very well.

Saturday 4th September.

Organisers were available in the hotel reception on Saturday morning to welcome those guests who were unable to join on Friday, and a number of Fellmog members were there to chat and give advice on places to visit/avoid and places to eat/drink etc.

Whilst the overall theme of the weekend was to relax and enjoy such a beautiful part of the country along with fellow Morganeers, it was also an opportunity to explore the delights of the Lakes, Fells and Dales and all that they had to offer. With that in mind we drove to a car park in Troutbeck and set off on a walk to Wansfell Pike, where the views of Ambleside were quite spectacular.



Back at the hotel we attended the Gala Dinner, which was served in the Hayloft. Guests met up in the bar at around 7:00pm and the meal started at 7:30pm. The food was good and the distribution well organised. We were first up, which was a bonus.

After the meal there was raffle and my wife, Bernadette, won first prize.



Saturday 4th September.

From around 9:00am again members of Fellmog were in the hotel reception area to answer any questions. For those people completing the walking treasure hunt, Sunday morning was the last chance to explore the town of Grange-over-Sands as completed answer sheets needed to be handed in no later than 2:00pm, so that they could be marked in time for the award ceremony.

At 3:30pm a cream tea was served in the dining area of the Crooklands Hotel. This was followed at around 4:00pm by the traditional award ceremony and prize giving.

We never attended the award ceremony because we had booked two additional nights in a hotel in Windermere. We spent the next couple of days driving and exploring the area.





We thoroughly enjoyed the event, met some lovely, interesting people, and would definitely book again.