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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

**NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE**

**January 2011**

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Contributions in December were as limited as ever. Hopefully your New Year's resolutions included sending me something. I am happy to edit what you send so that even if it arrives with mistakes, it will be distributed without them, so please send your contributions during January to [adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk](mailto:adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk)

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## **Christmas Party 2010**

The drive to Barnacre Memorial Hall was on one of those clear frosty days in December that we all love when the roads are not too slippery, but still care had to be taken on the country lanes. 20 intrepid Morgan less eers arrived at about lunchtime armed with boxes and bags full of goodies for our Jacob's Join lunch. Isobel and Brian had arrived early and set the tables, chairs and decorations out ready for our influx. Brian had worked very hard on the heating as it had been -6 0C when he had arrived! Cups of tea and coffee were supplied by the 'ladies of the kitchen' and the hard work of arranging the food took place. Once the initial gossip was over an orderly queue developed and we filled our plates from the variety of food displayed – roast turkey, ham, beef, salmon mousse, sausage rolls, sausages and a large variety of salads and complementary sauces. This was then followed by some delicious desserts and cheese. We should have slept for the rest of the afternoon! But no rest was allowed as Gill had found a wicked Christmas quiz with a North American bias to bamboozle everyone. It started off in an easy fashion but then threw some testing questions in. Do you know the names of all Santa's reindeer? The answer sheet had 10, but Andy, cheating, or was it curiosity, found even more on Wikipedia. Sue and Harriet achieved the highest score and won the greatly desired prize of a walnut whip each. The quiz was followed by our traditional carol singing. John Faulkner was greatly missed as choir master, so apprentice Geoff tried to follow in his well trodden path, ably assisted by John Anderson on the keyboard. I think cats' chorus was a good description of our singing this year and even Mary and Peter's dog, Tuppence, felt it necessary to help us out at times. But we enjoyed it and that was the point. It was then time to start clearing up as we had spent far too much time enjoying ourselves.....

Thank you Brian, Isobel and Sue for arranging such a great party for us all. We are all on the way now to a Merry Christmas and the same to all Norcemog members and readers. A Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all.

**Gill Mizon**

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## **WEDDING CAR REQUEST**

We are trying to find a 4 seater Morgan car for our wedding on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in Broughton near Garstang at St John the Baptist church. A close family friend, Nancy-May Wilton-Morgan, directed us to the Morgan Sports Car Club as we would really like to be driven to the church and then both be driven to the reception in a Morgan car.

My fiancé is called Tom Morgan and it was his idea for me, Hannah Leedham, to be driven to the church in a Morgan car and then for us both to leave together in a Morgan car as "Mr and Mrs Morgan"

We would love to have some photos with the car if possible too

If anyone can help us it would be fantastic and would really make the day

Please contact either myself or Tom on [hannahleedham@hotmail.com](mailto:hannahleedham@hotmail.com) or 07734 817 818

Thanks in advance

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## **Silverstone Classic 2011**

<http://silverstoneclassic.com/>

The Silverstone Classic has been growing every year and today it is the **World's Biggest Classic Motor Racing Festival** with around 800 cars racing in over 20 different races celebrating a racing heritage from the 1920's – 2000's. From F1 to Formula Junior no where will you see such varied and spectacular racing history on Britain's favourite motor racing circuit. A central feature of the event will be your ability to, 'Access All Areas' of the grandstands, car paddocks and race assembly areas meaning you can get right up close to the thrill of the cars and chat to the drivers. Off track there will be in excess of 6,000 classic cars on display from over 100 car clubs. A rare opportunity to admire famous marques such as Aston Martin, Jaguar and Bentley together with supercar brands such as Lamborghini and Ferrari.

It's not just for racing aficionados. With live rock and classical music acts, entertainment, demonstrations, a Concours d' Elegance, art galleries and shopping, fairground attractions, steam traction rallies, helicopter pleasure flights and a host of other attractions it's a weekend of flat out fun for all the family.

To make life easier for all, Routemaster buses will be making a return to the event in 2011, conveniently transporting you around all the site attractions.

### **Historic Racing At Its Best**

At the heart of the Silverstone Classic is the superb and unrivalled racing. Around 800 cars are expected to race in a variety of grids representing the cream of historic racing from the 1920's to the 2000's. From the Grand Prix cars of the 60's that were driven by famous drivers such as Jackie Stewart or Graham Hill to the F1 cars of the 70s and 80s, rally cars, touring cars and historic TT cars, these lovingly cared for racing machines are a fantastic celebration of British motor racing history.

### **Rocking As Well As Racing**

As well as all the racing action the Silverstone Classic is equally about the rocking! Rock Concerts are planned for the Friday and Saturday evenings of the event and, for the first time, an offering of Classical Music on Sunday afternoon providing a range of exciting entertainment for all the family to enjoy. Bring a picnic and enjoy the classical sounds of a 40 piece orchestra whilst enjoying the 'picnic in the paddock'.

In addition to the concerts you can also look out for a variety of musical ensembles that will feature throughout the circuit infield area made up of classic car displays, trade stands, off track demonstrations and all family entertainment.

We will be reintroducing a central meeting, catering and entertainment area on the infield, for 2011 in the form of a typical British village green – the loss of the 'Scarf & Goggles' has been the most mentioned criticism of the event during the past two years, so we needed to rectify this situation. The Friday and Saturday music concerts remain, but with bands more appropriate to the occasion and audience! In addition, Sunday of the event will feature an afternoon of classical music, a brand new attraction for next year.

The on-track activity is close to being finalised, for which we welcome back Group C and introduce a double-header for E-Types in celebration of the car's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In all, 15 race grids providing over 20 maximum capacity races over the weekend.

The E-Type 50<sup>th</sup> will also be a major feature of the infield classic car display in 2011 with privately owned cars travelling to the circuit from around the world. We are hoping that the numbers arriving will constitute the largest number ever congregated together and be worthy of a Guinness World Record.

The Silverstone Classic 2011 will be the first opportunity for public access to the new F1 Grand Prix Garage Complex at the circuit, scheduled for completion in May next year. The 800 plus race cars for the Classic will be accommodated in both these garages and in the existing garage block. The race assemblies will be in the new garage paddock area, the start and finish lines the same as for the British F1 Grand Prix on the straight between Club and Abbey. A number of the current grandstands will be relocated in line with these substantial circuit changes with access available to those providing the best views of the action. By utilising both the new and existing garage blocks we will inevitably open up the infield to ensure that no classic car club will be allocated a display area outside the former Pits Straight, as was the case in 2010. The new race circuit does, of course, take in the Wellington Straight so bringing the racing even closer to these infield displays.

### **Ticket Prices for 2011**

Early Bird tickets booked before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. 2 tickets for the price of one on production of car club code (See below). There is also a small booking fee to pay.

Friday £30  
Saturday £40  
Sunday £40

Friday and Saturday £60  
Saturday and Sunday £70  
Three day tickets £80

### **Camping on site**

- Exclusive access to members' camping area adjacent to the competitor's campsite between Woodcote and Copse corners for just £10 per person per night. Free for Children aged under 6 (must be accompanied by a Silverstone Classic Racing Club adult member). Facilities include Showers and Toilets. Electrical hookup also available. This can be booked when ordering tickets.

### **Booking.**

#### **Club Code.**

Please contact Michele Chapman for Car Club code on 01908 330273 or

[michele.chapman@btinternet.com](mailto:michele.chapman@btinternet.com)

To Book tickets call **0871 231 0849** or order online through:

<http://silverstoneclassic.com/tickets/>

**NorceMog Diary of Events**

**16 January 2011** – Noggin at the Inn at Whitewell, organised by the Bleasdales 01995 61718 bleasers@hotmail.com

**13 February 2011 – Noggin**, organised by Isobel Moore 01253 738201, possibly at Lytham Hall, and including a snowdrop walk there.

**March 2011** – Dinner and Dance weekend – see below.



The Northern Centre

**Shropshire Weekend**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The Longmynd Hotel  
Church Stretton

Shropshire Hills & Villages for the walkers or drivers.

Ironbridge, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, Cosford, RAF & Aerospace Museum, Much Wenlock the home of the modern Olympics all close by for the historians.

Shrewsbury and famous Ludlow for the foodies or shoppers.

**Saturday evening Ceilidh**

Friday + Saturday DB&B £132pp. Saturday only DB&B £77pp.

Extend your stay, Sunday DB&B only £55pp.

Our previous event here was a sell out so reserve your place for £25pp. Booking forms from

David & Una Haynes 01630 652498 [David.Una@btinternet.com](mailto:David.Una@btinternet.com)  
Geoff & Gill Mizon 01253 892733 [Geoff.Mizon@btopenworld.com](mailto:Geoff.Mizon@btopenworld.com)

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**Shropshire Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**At The Longmynd Hotel, Church Stretton.**

Please indicate what booking arrangements you would like for the weekend.

Name(s)	Friday	Saturday	Sunday


Any special requests?

Friday + Saturday £132 pp      Saturday only £77 pp

Extend your stay with Sunday dinner, bed & breakfast for £55 pp. There are a limited number of single rooms available at no supplement. A deposit of £25 pp (£50 for a couple) is required by the hotel. (Cheques payable to The Longmynd Hotel. I will not be presenting the cheques to the hotel until November.)

Please return completed form to,  
David & Una Haynes,  
Garthmyl,  
Christ Church Lane,  
Market Drayton TF9 1DZ

**April 2011 – AGM**, organised by Bryan Rawlinson

**May 2011 – Noggin** organised by Roy Wilkinson.

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

**SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES**

**With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011**

**UK Member                      £36.00**

**EU/Overseas Member      £42.00**

The Club has suffered financially in the last few years, along with many other organisations going through the recession. With hindsight the subscription increases in January 2009 of £2 per member were not enough. Since then, the economy has worsened, interest rates have continued to fall, (we are earning £10k less per annum on interest than in 2008) and general overheads have continued to increase. The increase in VAT from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 20% will also have an impact on the Club's subscription revenue. A recent review of subscription rates charged by other Car Clubs of a similar size has confirmed that the MSCC has the lowest charges where a monthly magazine is supplied.

Many members may ask why the increases are necessary when the Club still has substantial funds on deposit. If subscriptions are not increased the Club's deposits will reduce year on year. The deposits are necessary to safeguard continuity of the Club's activities. As an example, if a MOG event had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as the foot & mouth epidemic, the Club would suffer considerable financial losses.

The increase in subscriptions will not add to the cash deposits already in place, but will ensure the MSCC continues to provide a valuable service to its Members. Thank you for your understanding.

Vera Brown  
Treasurer