
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2011

Welcome to new members John and Pamela Day of Rochdale. Thanks to Geoff, John Alden and Roy Wilkinson for content.

Morgans to East Lancs Railway Steam Autumn Gala

After a damp start the day brightened up as eight Morgans, with drivers & passengers, arrived at Bury Transport Museum where we parked in front of a multitude of vintage buses. There was time for a brief look in the Museum, and for some a coffee, before we walked up to the Bury Bolton Street Station and boarded our train to journey to Rawtenstall. For the technical, our engine was No 80080, 2-6-4 std tank, built in Brighton. Our carriage was a BR Mk1A, from about 1960.



Deryk, from ELR, gave us an interesting introduction to ELR, with details of their engines and carriages. The first stop was Ramsbottom (make your own comments!!). Its skyline is dominated by the Peel Monument, built in memory of Sir Robert Peel, founder of the modern police force. We waited at Ramsbottom for the Sherwood Forester 45231, a Black Five 4-6-0 to pass in the opposite direction. The line was originally twin track, but is now single track, with the only passing places being Bury Bolton Street and Ramsbottom stations. Next a brief stop at Irwell Vale Rail Halt and on to Rawtenstall, where the engine changed to the rear of the

train for the return journey to Bury. For the commuters amongst us the train was on schedule and there were no problems with 'the wrong type of leaves..' ! Following an uneventful return journey we left Bury Station to partake of luncheon. Unfortunately the Trackside Cafe where we were due to eat was full, so we sauntered into Bury to take lunch in the Sir Robert Peel pub, where a splendid repast was enjoyed by all.



We returned to the Transport Museum for an hour or so, which contains plenty of very interesting buses, trucks & steam engines etc, before our next train journey from Bury to Heywood. When it came to departure only seven hardy morgan travellers boarded the train, the rest having headed home. We were back on 80080 for the short trip to Heywood. 80080 was aided by a small 0-6 0 tank engine, called the Sapper for the return to Bury Bolton Station where we arrived on time, just before 4:00 pm. It was then a short walk back to our cars and we departed for home.

Many thanks to Eric and Joan and Geoff and Gill for a very enjoyable day's outing.

John Alden

NorceMog Diary of Events

20th November Noggin – Derby Arms Inskip

November's Noggin is being organised by Geoff and Gill Mizon and will be held at the Derby Arms, Inskip, PR4 0TJ. (What used to be the "Motoring Pub"). On the B5269 west of Broughton which is on the A6 just north of junction 1 of the M55.

Arrangements have been made for us to dine at 12:00 noon and a special menu will be

available offering a two course lunch for £8.45. (Starter and main or Main and pud). Their normal full menu will also be available. Both menus include a "fish pie" which is very popular and it is best to order it to avoid disappointment, this can be done by telling Geoff or Gill when you ring to let them know you are attending.

Please note that the Derby Arms does not take cards but does have a charge free cash machine.

It will be most helpful if all people intending to attend would phone Geoff or Gill on 01253 892 733 before Thursday 17th Nov so that the landlord can plan a suitable area for us.

Gill might even bake a cake, you never know your luck!!

11 December Norcemog Traditional Christmas Party

Sunday 11th December – at Barnacre Village Hall PR3 1UN

Starting at 12 noon, the venue has been organised by Brian Rawlinson 01995 604716 and once again Susan Bleasdale and Isobel Moore have kindly agreed to plan the food.

The Christmas Party is a just that – a party with great food, and whatever you care to drink – because all those attending contribute to the feast, and bring along their own particular tipples, be it alcoholic or not.

If you are planning to join in the fun please ring either Sue Bleasdale on 01995 61718 or Isobel Moore on 01253 738201 to agree what dish you will bring along to contribute to the feast.

In addition, Brian is looking for volunteers to organise the entertainment, so if you have a favourite Party game or quiz please let Bryan know and bring it along for us all to enjoy.

It is important that you ring Sue or Isobel by the 30th November to confirm your attendance.

Directions to Barnacre Village Hall - From Preston, go north on the A6 towards Lancaster, through Broughton, Bilsborrow and Catterall, going past the windmill and the Crofters Hotel. After the Crofters Hotel, take 2nd right signed Trough of Bowland (Gubberford lane) and immediately over the bridge turn sharp right. Keep on this road over the railway and the M6, and the village hall is on the right before the church, with a (usually) muddy car park on the left. For the past three years at least, the weather has persuaded every attendee but one that bringing the Morgan is not the best idea, so you cannot use that as an excuse not to be there!

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15 January Mid-month Noggin – Andy & Sue Bleasdale - Tel 01995 61718

19 February Mid-month Noggin

12-13 March Dinner Dance –

15 April AGM – Royal Oak Garstang - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716

20 May Mid Month Noggin –

10 June Autotest & Concours – Myrescough College - B Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

16-17 June MOG 2012 - **MOG 2012** will take place at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground on June 16th, 2012. FoxMog will be hosts, and a good number of other centres and individual helpers will join the process, to put on particular events, and help with the administration.

The web site for MOG 2012 is to be found ³ at <http://mog2012.co.uk/> and although some

of the event descriptions are not complete, and obviously there are no booking forms yet, it will be good to give the site a thorough look over to see the range of events proposed, and the way that centres can make what is a single day for all the events into a potentially very pleasant longer holiday, by adding trips and visits to the day before and the day after, and arranging all members from a given centre to book into the same hotel.

Now a message to all centre secretaries. Please publicise the web site to all your members, and try to form a view as to roughly how many of your centre members will be likely to want to come to Bruntingthorpe on June 16th. If you possibly can, please send me an email by the first week in May. We need this guestimate to complete the budget: the more that are likely to come, the lower will be the cost for the day. At present we are hopeful that it will not exceed £20 + VAT, and it may well be lower than this. For those that live within a two hour drive of Southern Leicestershire this will be a very memorable day out, at relatively little cost, bearing in mind that all the events will provide a continuous spectator experience for the whole day.