
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

September 2012

A delay to the construction of this issue, but sadly, more because I have been extremely busy at work and not because any of you overwhelmed me with input.

Three events to bring strongly to your attention – **the visit to the Anderton Boat Lift on Sunday – looks like the weather may be benign, so get in touch with the Threlkelds, and register your attendance. Then, on 12 September, next Wednesday, there is a committee meeting, so transform all of your moans and groans about the club into a telephone call or e mail to Geoff Mizon so that he can have your hobby horse discussed. And lastly, Geoff is offering a very last minute opportunity to register for the weekend retreat on 19-21 October before he has to rescind the rooms he has got held at the hotel.**

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NorceMog Diary of Events

Sept 8th-9th Morgans at Windermere Andrew Hirst

Sept 9th Mid Month Noggin - Anderton Boat Lift
Andrew & Joan Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852 395

Oct 19th – 21st Weekend Away – Palace Hotel, Buxton.

Nov 11th Mid Month Noggin – Boundary Mill Barbara & Roy 01772 324134

Dec 9th Christmas Party – Mollington Banastre Hotel, near Chester

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Jan 13th Mid Month Noggin Volunteer required

Feb 10th Mid Month Noggin Volunteer required

Mar 9th – 10th Weekend Away Volunteer required

April 14th AGM

Brockholes Country Park Sunday 8 July

Once again the sun shone on us on our Sunday run. Despite being told that over 40 flood warnings were out across the country. We arrived early in time for coffee on the floating terrace with the Bleasdale family, to where we were joined by more Norcemogers. It was decided to have lunch and then explore our surroundings.

Roast beef and its trimmings were on offer along with other culinary delights so conversation about John Aldens new red + 8 came to a halt as the beef was devoured. To walk off the dinner and pudding it was off to explore the park, shops and wildlife. The architecture of the visitor

centre is amazing, and the creation and development of a wildlife centre so close to the M6 unbelievable. If you haven't been, put it on your list!

A big thank you from us all to Andy and Sue for organising the lunch and bringing some fresh air into our day.

Isobel Moore.

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Noggin 12th August at The Punchbowl, Churchdown.

(and afterwards @ Bryan & Linda Fearn's)

We had put the Noggin at The Punchbowl in the diary a few months ago. It sort of sat nicely in between holidays and family commitments. Sunday 12th dawned and it wasn't raining, and that was a good start. It's a long run up from Shropshire to any event in the Northern Centre 'homeland' ie. mid Lancashire but we find it worth it.

Apparently the landlord had promised a bottle of wine if we displayed the cars in front of his restaurant – difficult, as it was a narrow road and what space there was, was filled with picnic tables so we didn't bother even though there were only six cars (Where were people, this is your home turf?)

We had been pre-warned about both the quality and quantity of the food and were not disappointed on either account. Reserved tables, excellent dining and excellent company meant dining and Mog-talk took over two hours, but the bottle of wine never did appear. Adjourning to Bryan and Linda's a short 10 minute drive away presented us with even more delights, a good job we declined dessert at the restaurant. The weather held and coffee and goodies were had in their lovely garden. It was here that I learnt about the unfortunate incident involving the Baines' car, tough luck. Also the first, second and third thoughts of the wisdom of ordering a new three-wheeler from Bryan F and Bryan R. Discussion moved on to the next Noggin at the Anderton boat lift where a better turn out is expected.

We know from experience that organising any Mog event is a joint affair so thank you Bryan and Linda for finding such an excellent venue and the après lunch goodies. Oh, we trust you will enjoy the bottle of wine if it should ever materialise. Heading south beckoned, the weather held and we made the near 100 mile run home in the dry.

David & Una Haynes.



9th September 2012
Anderton Boat Lift
Lift Lane, Northwich, Cheshire
CW9 6FW



The Anderton Boat Lift, located near Northwich, was originally built in 1875 to transfer boats between the Trent & Mersey canal and the River Weaver some 50ft below. It was fully restored in 2001 and now boasts an interactive visitor centre and tours. Itinerary for the day is:-

Car Parking For all Morgans free car parking is in the Drop-off zone adjacent to the visitor centre. (tin tops should use the pay and display!).

Timing for the Day

From 10.00 – Arrive, view visitor centre and enjoy morning coffee or tea with a fresh pastry.

11.30 – The Boat Lift. Enjoy the experience of travelling through this historic structure and marvel at this Victorian masterpiece from a truly unique vantage point. With full commentary.

12.00 – The Cruise. Travel along the Weaver Navigation to Northwich and listen as we delve

in to the times when this was a vibrant commercial waterway and an important part of this countries waterway history.

12.50 - Lunch at visitor centre

- Soup of the Day - A choice of 2 – 1 suitable for vegetarians
- Freshly prepared sandwich of your choice
- Tea / Coffee

Total cost including Morning Coffee and Lunch £17.50pp

To reserve a place please complete the form below and send with a deposit of £10 per person
<http://www.andertonboatlift.co.uk/VisitorsArea/visitorsarea.html>

Anderton Boat Lift Application Form

Please reserve ___ places for the Anderton Boat Lift Noggin on 9th September 2012

Names of participants _____

Contact details Phone _____ Email _____

Please return this form together with £10pp deposit (payable to MSCC Norcemog) to:- J & A Threlkeld, Grasmere, 38 Milton Rough, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF

NORCEMOG AUTUMN RETREAT THE PALACE HOTEL BUXTON 19TH – 21ST OCTOBER 2012

Following discussion at the AGM when the vote confirmed a desire to have a weekend away in the autumn (not having had a dinner dance earlier in the year) arrangements have been made to hold this event at The Palace Hotel, Buxton.

The Palace was used as the main hotel for the MOG2010 which many of you will know as a very comfortable and excellently located hotel, with secure parking for our Morgans.

Buxton has many things to take advantage of, being situated in the heart of the Peak District. Places such as Bakewell, Castleton, Leek and Matlock offering opportunities for scenic runs, whilst properties like Chatsworth House, Hardwick Hall, Kedleston Hall and Biddulph Grange within easy reach if historic houses and gardens are more to your liking. For a more strenuous day, what about a walk in the Manifold Valley or Dovedale?

In Buxton itself there are caves, gardens, a gallery not to mention the Opera House several good pubs and shops aplenty.

Private dining in the Conservatory has been arranged for dinner on Friday and Saturday with waitress service and the full restaurant menu available. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will also be in the Conservatory, again for our exclusive use. B&B is offered for Sunday in case you would like to visit one of the many local restaurants (within easy walking distance) or eat early and go to a performance at the Opera house.

A significant discount has been arranged for MSCC members for this event, the rates for the rooms we have allocated to us for the weekend being:

DB&B at £70 per person per night for Friday and Saturday nights based on 2 people sharing, or £90 for a single.

DB&B at £55 per person for Sunday night based on 2 people sharing or £75 for a single

B&B at £40 per person for Sunday night based on 2 people sharing, or £60 for a single.

To join this event simply ring the Reservations Team at the Palace Hotel on 01298 22001 to book your room for the nights you wish to attend being sure to mention that you are

joining the Morgan Event (to get the above rates). They will ask for a credit/debit card to guarantee the reservation but will not take any payment until you leave the hotel. Should it become necessary to cancel your reservation this can be done until 14:00hrs on Thursday the 18/10/12 at no charge.

Any rooms in our allocation that are not booked by September 7th will be removed from our allocation for the hotel to use for normal guests.

When you book please email me so that I can keep a record of who is attending and for which nights.

Geoff Mizon

Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel on Sunday 9th December 2012

A favourable response to the idea of holding our Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel on the 9th December 2012 was received from the membership, the majority of whom have chosen to have the standard Christmas Lunch as a sit-down meal at a cost of £14.95 per head. We have provisionally booked a room which will seat 24 members and have had booking requests from 18 members so far. If this room is oversubscribed we will endeavour to obtain a larger room, so in fairness to the hotel we would appreciate an early response from those who have not registered their interest in attending by the weekend of 14/15th July which is the weekend of the Oulton Park Classic Car Race/Show. Roy and Barbara are attending this event so they would like to finalise numbers that weekend.

As for staying overnight at the hotel, a rate of £40 per person has been agreed for either the Saturday night before or the Sunday night after. Just phone the hotel quoting Morgan Christmas Party, and you will be booked in at the preferential rate. Roy and Barbara will be there on the Saturday evening to show people around who have not stayed before. Guests have free access to the Leisure facilities which include a nice indoor pool.

The intention is to meet for pre-dinner drinks at the bar at 12.00 noon and follow this with our lunch.

The hotel number is **01244 851471** and Roy can be contacted on **01772 324134** (home) or **07754 565955** (mobile)

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NorceMog Goes South ?

After two aborted attempts to put an itinerary together for an interesting Continental trip here is number three, and the final one!

Reasons for earlier failures were,
For a bespoke tour, 'We are no longer able to undertake bespoke tours for 2013' It took them six weeks to tell us! (Continental Car Tours' CCTs)

Meeting up with a local group, 'Les Mousquetaires Club has almost ceased to exist due to many problems of age, illness and *worse*'. (This response I found quite touching as I know, knew, some of them!)

So this is the proposal.

Centre the trip around The Laon Historique weekend Fri 17th - Mon 20th May 2013
See information below. Extending the trip before or after the weekend is possible but to ensure an entry to the event and hopefully all of us in the same hotel we need to book now. That is book the entry and accommodation.
Details of actual ferry crossings and prior or post accommodation can be sorted a little later.

Una & I have booked the Ibis Laon (see [attached](#)) for the event but will be arriving in

France on the Wednesday and staying approx 20Km from Calais for two nights prior to the event.

Anyone wishing to join us wuld be most welcome and should contact us direct for more information. Daid.una@hotmail.co.uk; 01630 652498.
