
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2012

The delay in distribution of the Newsletter this month is due to my being on holiday in Boston in the last fortnight of October. Our return was not affected by Superstorm Sandy, but I had to deal with the overwhelming volume of submissions for inclusion to this edition, as evidenced by the content below.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201 To access the Jancraft clothing and print details the web site is www.jancraft.com. They have our badge on their computer system, and you can go onto their website and order garments that they will badge for you. However, to ensure that you get both the fit and the quality that you expect, you can also buy elsewhere, and then send it to them to put the badge on.

Buxton Autumn Retreat 19 - 21 October

Geoff & Gill Mizon had done much work preparing for the weekend and had arranged special terms, including free reserved parking, a nice touch when you have a Morgan. In its day the Palace Hotel must have been a rather splendid place and much evidence remains of its grandeur and it's prominently positioned in the town centre.

As with all Morgan events one carefully watches the weather forecast days in advance, why I'm not sure as we always take full weather equipment for the car and its occupants. This weekend was set fair, a little misty in the mornings but then bright and dry. Two Plus 8s, three 4/4s and a Ford Focus! were used to transport our party of 12 Morganeers.

Pre-dinner drinks on Friday saw Geoff looking for someone to write something for the Newsletter. Now currently having a stress fracture in my left foot meant I couldn't run away as fast as the others so here I am writing this. Geoff at this point produced his 'Quiz' all 76 questions and some suggested touring routes. Discussion rapidly moved on to the various ailments that others were nursing, human ailments not Morgan. Twenty-five years ago at such events as this the topic of discussion was more likely to be on squeaky bonnets. Does this tell us something?

The table d'hote menu on each night was more than adequate and the meal and service very good. Conversation over dinner centred on what to do the following day. It was surprising just how many of our party had relatives or close friends in the area and were intending to make a number of visits. In fact Nigel & Julie had driven up from Devon taking in various family commitments en route and intended to do more on the return. Weather not being a problem some folk opted for a walking tour of Buxton. Now not being able to walk too far I spent a lot of time ploughing up and down the hotel's rather nice 15m pool.

Back to the 'Quiz' - all 76 questions of it. Some were car based whilst others required a good knowledge of TV advertisements and sitcoms, and there were a smattering of general knowledge questions. The box of chocolates was won by Nigel & Julie. Just how much time have they spent watching TV? Not to be out done Peter & Isobel produce a quiz for Geoff & Gill to complete, a mere 30 odd question in which they did rather well.

From experience we know that for a weekend to run as smoothly as this one the attention to detail can not be overlooked and I know the time Geoff & Gill must have put in to the organisation. Thanks to both of you.

David & Una Haynes.

NorceMog Diary of Events there are a small number of dates after the AGM which need to be confirmed, so although the whole year is planned, in this edition, only the first months are shown to prevent you entering the wrong dates for the far future events.

- Nov 11th Mid Month Noggin – Boundary Mill Barbara & Roy 01772 324134
- Dec 9th Christmas Party – Mollington Banastre Hotel, near Chester **See below**

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- Jan 13th Mid Month Noggin - Andy & Sue Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718
- Feb 10th Snowdrops at Lytham Hall Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201
- Mar 10th Salts Mill - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336
- April 14th AGM – Royal Oak Garstang - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716

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.

Advance notice of this for the Yorkshire Centre 40th Anniversary/Spring Gambol



Spring Gambol 7th April 2013. will be visiting Fountains Abbey.

We are putting on 2 circular Scenic Runs, each of 30miles, starting and finishing at the Majestic Hotel Harrogate.

**Entrance to the Abbey and Grounds including Guided Tour
is free for National Trust Members**

(www.nationaltrust.org.uk/membership)

Non Members £8.15 or Group @ £7.70 p.p.

Tea/Coffee and light lunches are available in the Abbey Cafe

The Tour needs to be booked in advance.

Please forward this preliminary booking form to:

**Russ Sayers
28 Spring Bank Road
Farsley.
Leeds.
LS28 5LU**

We would like to book:

Abbey Tour (number of persons) _____

Name : _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Tel:** _____

Full details and payment request will follow nearer the time.