
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

December 2012

Thanks to Geoff and Roy for input to this edition. The forward calendar of events is in here for you to mark the dates into your 2013 calendars as soon as you get them.

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.

Boundary Mill Noggin

On a sunny autumnal day, 15 Morgan and 2 MG/Morgan enthusiasts met at Banny's Fish & Chip Restaurant next to Boundary Mill at the end of the M65. Originally we expected two other Morgan owners but unexpectedly they had sold their Morgan the day before. They were friends of MSCC members and potential "Norcemog" members Richard and Junny who had rung and asked if they could join us with their friends the week before. They had seen the venue on our Centre News in Miscellany and being relatively near to them thought it a good idea to join us. As we appreciate other enthusiasts joining us we made them welcome and hope that they will join us as a group.

After introductions it materialised that Isobel and Peter knew the history behind the Morgan that had just been sold so some time was spent with them discussing the background of the said Morgan. We had four Morgans in attendance namely those of Geoff & Gill, Martin & Viviene, John & Irene and Richard & Junny. Whilst Richard had mentioned on the phone about owning an "old" Plus 4 it turned out to be a rather immaculate 1991 car.

On entering the restaurant we were greeted by friendly staff and shown to our table which had been reserved for us. Apart from a large portion of fish and chips there were alternative dishes of other fish and non fish varieties. I heard no complaints so I took it that the food went down well.

We had discussed some retail therapy for the ladies whilst the lads initially chatted about the cars and other subjects but decided that it was a little too cold to go for a walk by the canal so retired into the Boundary Mill Cafe for a warm drink. Surprisingly the ladies were waiting for us at the agreed time with their purchases which I gather were not "over the top" so we said our goodbyes and looked forward to the Christmas Party next month.

Roy Wilkinson.

NorceMog Diary of Events here is the latest update, covering most of the next 12 months.

Dec 9th Christmas Party – Mollington Banastre Hotel, near Chester. Roy Wilkinson has done a great job getting reservations, price reductions, rooms, etc, which you will know about if you have booked, and he will have been in touch with you to confirm final details. But, If you have not already booked, IT IS TOO LATE, so you will have to content yourself with reading about how well it went in the next edition.

2013

Jan 13th Mid Month Noggin - Andy & Sue Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718 They have not exactly confirmed this yet, but it will likely be at the Inn at Whitewell.

- Feb 10th Snowdrops at Lytham Hall Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201 or an equally attractive alternative, if, like last year, the Hall is not open on the date.
- Mar 10th Salts Mill - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 A walking tour of Saltaire Village, with instruction about Titus Salt's "benevolent" exploitation of his workers, explanation about pisstakers and shit stirrers, the significance of the number of panels on your front door, how Mrs Salt did and didn't get her way in church, and much much more. Tour lasts 2 hours, costs £4 per head, will be followed by food, and the opportunity to spend time looking at what's in the Mill, which is a World Heritage Site.
- April 14th AGM – Royal Oak Garstang - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716. The food is good, and this is your opportunity to influence the forward programme for Norcemog. The weather is always chancy – so you can get the choice of top up and top down!
- April 21st FBHV Drive it Day - Tan Hill at 12:00 – Geoff Mizon 01253 892733 a good drive out, and an astonishing number of Morgans were there last year, though the weather was poor, and the service of the food was erratic, though the food itself was good.
- May 12th Mid Month Noggin – John & Kathleen Alden – Tel 01253 726314 Details in due time.
- May 17th-19th Mog on the Tyne - Josie Sandford- Tel 01661 844778 If you haven't been, experience the enthusiasm of those who have, and book!
- June 1st- 2nd Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- June 9th Autotest & Concours – Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland -. Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716 Always more fun than you imagine it is going to be, whether you are driving, or watching.
- June 14th-16th Cholmondeley Festival of Power - Colin Hill - Tel 01457 764804
- June 23th Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon –Tel 01253 892 733
- July 13th–14th Oulton Park Classic Car Race/show/picnic - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- August 12th Speke Hall - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 – Victorian n the inside, but with an entertaining external tour by people costumed from Cromwell's time, and a chance to use your National Trust membership.
- August 16th – 19th MOG2013 Canterbury
- Aug 25th-26th Oulton Park Gold Cup - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733
- Sept 7th-8th Morgans at Windermere - Andrew Hirst
- Sept 9th Dunham Massey - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852 395 Another National Trust property, and with gardens, lake, deer, and other attractions to complement the very interesting interior.

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 would be most welcome and should contact us direct for more information. Daid.una@hotmail.co.uk; 01630 652498.

NOT IN THE DIARY OF EVENTS

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.

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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Last year, Isobel and Peter went to the Silverstone Classic, the largest gathering of classic motors in the world! They enjoyed it so much, that they have decided not to keep it a secret from the rest of Norcemog.

In 2013, this takes place on 26-28 July, and Isobel and Peter have explored the possibility of a group reservation at their very good hotel near Banbury, and have already had a positive response. Early contact with them, on 01253 738201 is encouraged to ensure that you are included, not disappointed!