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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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**Welcome to this edition. The Minutes of the AGM in Garstang on 14 April are included in this edition, together with an update of the forward programme. Right at the end of the newsletter is the subscription form. If you are not paid up by the end of this month, this will be the last Newsletter you will be sent. So get it sorted....**

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NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201 To access the Jancraft clothing and print details the web site is [www.jancraft.com](http://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.

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## **NORCEMOG AGM MINUTES – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

The Annual General meeting was held at The Royal Oak, Garstang. 20 members were present and the meeting commenced at 14:00 after another excellent lunch.

**Apologies** - were received from Adrian & Alicia Grant, Margaret Martin and Bryan & Linda Fearn.

**Secretary's Report** – 2012 had had a full programme of events and it was noticeable that those events centred on a visit to historic buildings had the best attendance. The committee had tried to ensure that events and meetings were in line with what the members wanted and the AGM was the opportunity for members to comment on the content of the 2013 programme of events that had been prepared.

The committee had met 3 times during the year and the minutes of the meetings published in the Newsletter. Members should feel free to contact their committee members to seek clarification of the minutes if necessary or to ask for matters to be raised at future meetings. As will be reported later the club's finances remain healthy with sufficient balance available should an unexpected expenditure occur.

There had been no nominations from members willing to stand for the committee. The members present were asked to consider again if they would be willing to join the committee. All members were urged to complete the MSCC Survey if they had not done so already, this was a seldom offered opportunity to express your thoughts and comments on the way the MSCC was organised and run.

**Treasurer's Report** – Copies of the accounts were distributed which showed a small increase in the balance from last year. As of 18<sup>th</sup> April only 18 members had paid their 2013 subs and when the remaining expected subs had been received the accounts would show a healthy balance.

**Election of Officers** – All Officers need to be elected each year. No proposals for new committee members had been received.

Letters of resignation had been received from Margaret Martin and Eric Isherwood. All present supported a vote of thanks to Margaret and Eric for their valuable contribution to the running of the club.

It was pointed out that many of the committee members had been in position for over 10 years and that some new blood could bring the benefit of some new ideas. Geoff reported that he had completed 4 years as secretary and felt that it was time for a new person to take the helm. He would continue for a 5<sup>th</sup> year but would not put his name forward for next year.

Hopefully a volunteer would come forward during the year to take on the duties. All other members had confirmed their willingness to stand again. This resulted in the proposed 2013 committee being as below, which was accepted by a vote of members present.

Chairman - Andy Bleasdale  
Secretary - Geoff Mizon  
Treasurer - Bryan Rawlinson  
Regalia Officer - Isobel Moore  
Newsletter Editor - Adrian Grant  
Competition Secretary - Martin Cocks  
General Officer - Roy Wilkinson & Barbara  
General Officer - John Alden

It was agreed that by leaving 2 vacancies on the committee there would be an opportunity to co-opt new members during the year should volunteers come forward.

**2013 Diary of Events** – During 2012 attendances at events varied quite a lot. Events centred on historic buildings were best attended, the visit to the Anderton Boat Lift being a case in point. The Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre which included the presentation of awards was also a particularly successful event. On the other hand the attendance at the Autumn Retreat was very disappointing. This did not, however, stop those who did attend having a wonderful weekend. This year's programme has been prepared to reflect the successes of last year.

Drive it Day is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Norcemog cars attending will be joining in with Yorkshire, FellMog, LinMog and NorMog in a drive to Tann Hill. Neil has set himself a target of 100 cars this year. (Make sure you have a good breakfast, just in case).

John Alden is organising the May Noggin at Gawthorpe Hall members wishing to attend must contact John to register for the event.

Martin Cocks is organising the free passes for The Tatton Park Classic and Performance Car Show. To date only 3 requests for passes have been received. We have therefore opened the event up to the MSCC nationally and to the 3 Wheeler club. Martin will reissue the request for passes.

The Autotest and Concours will again be held at The Commercial Vehicle Museum in Leyland. This is a test of driving skills with a "fun" element. Members should be assured that they are not going to damage their cars or be asked to race around with squealing tyres.

So far 6 of our 10 free passes for Arley Hall Garden Festival have been allocated. This is an opportunity to display your pride and joy right in front of Arley Hall and get a free pass to do it. Contact Geoff Mizon if you want a pass.

In the absence of any other volunteer Gill and Geoff offered to organise the 14<sup>th</sup> July Noggin.

In August the Noggin has been organised by Adrian & Alicia Grant. They have arranged for us to visit Speke Hall, a National Trust property on the banks of the Mersey. Be sure to register with Adrian if you wish to join this visit.

Geoff Mizon was awaiting confirmation of our invitation to display at the Oulton Park Gold Cup over the August Bank Holiday. So far the organisers have not finalised their intentions and we are awaiting information regarding the format of the event.

In September we are promised another of Andrew and Joan Threlkeld's treats. We will either be visiting the National Trust property at Dunham Massey or the Kellogs Factory at Wrexham. Check the newsletter for final details.

It was agreed that although only a small number of members attended last year's Autumn Retreat it should be repeated this year as everyone enjoyed to weekend away. Following a discussion Geoff agreed to get a price for a weekend stay at The Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further details.

In November we will make a return visit to the National Trust Base Camp at Big Mose. (Between Kidderminster and Iron Bridge). This is a self-catering chalet with dormitory accommodation. John and Irene have arranged this for us and a deposit has been paid. If you would like to join the party (max no 20) you will need to register with John by the end of May and send him a deposit cheque for £10 each made payable to MSCC Norcemog. Check the Newsletter for the booking form.

Following the success of last year's Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre it was agreed that we should check if it was possible for us to use the hotel again this year. Roy and Barbara had checked prices which had been confirmed as the same as last year and they agreed to contact the hotel to see if the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec was available for us. There would be the opportunity to stay the weekend as before.

Andy's offer to check the possibility of us joining in a "Pickwick Night" held in Whalley on a Thursday evening in November was met with approval.

### **Any Other Business**

Andy proposed that Norcemog send a bunch of flowers to Val Thorpe following her recent loss. (many members attended Stan's funeral). This was supported by all present and Susan agreed to make the arrangements.

Isobel proposed that Norcemog should send a card to Oakmere Motors the new Morgan dealer in Cheshire who several members had visited following an invitation to their open days. (some even got a free bottle of champagne). This was approved and Geoff agreed to send a card.

There being no other business the secretary thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 15:10

### **Geoff Mizon**

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

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** The venue is Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham nr Burnley, preceded by lunch at The Best Western Higher Trapp Hotel, Trapp Lane , Simonstone, just off the A671 Whalley Road on the way to Padiham. We will meet at the Trapp Hotel at 12.00 and move on to Gawthorpe Hall for 2.15/2.30. We are being allowed to park in front of the hall to display our cars, up to a maximum of 20 cars, additional parking will be in the staff car park. For those who wish to there is a cafe at the hall for refreshments following the tour of the hall. The entrance fee to the hall is £4.00, £3.00 for concessions and free to NT members on production of their membership card. Please note this is not a guided tour.

Please confirm your attendance by 1st May so that I can confirm numbers to the venue. John & Kathleen Alden – Tel 01253 726314

**May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** Mog on the Tyne - Josie Sandford- Tel 01661 844778 If you haven't been, experience the enthusiasm of those who have, and book!

**June 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936 Last date to book is 6 May!

- June 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** Cholmondeley Festival of Power - Colin Hill - Tel 01457 764804
- June 23<sup>th</sup>** Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon –Tel 01253 892 733  
[geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com](mailto:geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com) There are now only TWO passes remaining...
- July 14<sup>th</sup>** Mid-month Noggin Geoff & Jill Mizon. Details next month.
- August 11<sup>th</sup>** Speke Hall - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 – Victorian on 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** MOG2013 Canterbury
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** Oulton Park Gold Cup - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** Morgans at Windermere - Andrew Hirst
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> NORCEMOG AUTUMN RETREAT,  
THE BULKELEY HOTEL BEAUMARIS 18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

Following agreement at the AGM to have a weekend away in the autumn again this year, arrangements have been made to hold this event at The Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris. The hotel has been previously used for the Wicked Welsh Weekend and is recommended by John and Irene. Geoff and Gill stayed there last October and also recommend the hotel, which is very comfortable and excellently located, with secure parking for our Morgans. The majority of our reserved rooms have views over the Menai Straits. Beaumaris and Anglesey has much to offer for the visitor with many beautiful beaches to visit as well as quaint towns and perhaps the best preserved Castle in the UK. You may even bump into the Duchess of Cambridge in the local Waitrose. Just across the Menai Bridge, Snowdonia opens up before you with a host of "Morgan" roads to explore and places to see, not to mention at least 3 small gauge railways. 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 £55 per person per night for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights based on 2 people sharing. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £15 per night. To join this event simply ring Reservations at the Bulkeley Hotel directly on 01248 810 415 to reserve a room for the nights you wish to stay. Be sure to mention that you are joining the group arranged by Geoff Mizon to get the above room rates. They will ask for a credit/debit card to guarantee the reservation but will not take any payment until you leave the hotel. If you need to cancel your reservation, you can do so up to 12:00 on the Thursday before the event - 17/10/13 - at no charge. We have been allocated a range of rooms all at the same discounted price, so book early to get a chance of a better room. Any rooms not booked by September 7<sup>th</sup> 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. If you have any questions give me a ring on 01253 892 733

**Geoff Mizon**

November 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>    **BIG MOSE, BASE CAMP WEEKEND, 8<sup>TH</sup> -11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

This year's stay in the National Trust Basecamp, at Big Mose Shropshire, between Kidderminster and Bridgenorth, has been booked for the above weekend. Our previous trips have proved highly sociable and most enjoyable.

Big Mose offers a wide range of opportunities to enjoy yourselves being located on the banks of the river Severn close to the Severn Valley Railway, within easy reach of Ironbridge, Kinver Edge and many other places of interest as well as offering walking opportunities.

If you would like to join the party, please complete the form below and send it with a cheque for £10 per person made out to "MSCC Norcemog" to:- John Anderson,22 Abotts Close,Sale Cheshire M33 2DD. For further details ring John on 0161 973 0169

Please note, there are only 20 places available and they will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of completed forms with cheques.

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**Big Mose Booking Form**

**Names**

**Tel Number**

**Email address**

**Deposit (£10 pp)**

December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market/Party/Award Presentation at Grassington – to be confirmed at the AGM

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**MSCC NORCEMOG  
SUBSCRIPTION FORM**

Annual Subscription **£6.00** (runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April)  
Please complete **Clearly in Block Capitals**

MSCC Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Forenames: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Morgan Car Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to E-mail/telephone reminders or details of events. Yes No

I am willing to allow my name, address and telephone number to be circulated amongst the Norcemog affiliated members. Yes No

Please return this form together with your remittance (payable to MSCC Norcemog) to: - Bryan Rawlinson, Treasurer, 21 Graham Road, Cabus, Garstang, Preston, PR3 1LB