

NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

September 2013

Welcome to this edition, after a month where I have started to limit my use of the Morgan because I am close to the mileage limit for the insurance cover, having used it extensively in the early part of the year when we lent a car to friends for a while. Note the details of the Christmas Lunch, and the need to book and pay before 1 November.

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.

Norcemog Noggin – 8th September 2013 Wrexham

As the sun shone on a bright, cool Sunday morning 20 intrepid Norcemog members and 9 ½ Morgans (I think Ann's Focus has a 1600 sigma engine!) crossed the border into Devamog country to visit a factory of The Greatest Name in Cereals – Kellogg's!



Though visits are not normally available to the general public we utilised an ex employee contact and pulled in a few favours to set up this tour followed by Sunday lunch at a nearby hotel

We were greeted by Claire from HR and Dewi the dragon (yes, Danish pastries as we assembled in the conference room guests. Plant Director, Karen and Operations Manager Mike gave a brief history of the plant and the ubiquitous 'induction importance of food protection and personal safety.



really!) with coffee and awaiting the arrival of all made us most welcome, video' stressing the

Then the fun began – blue hairnets, ear plugs, protective food from us) and hi-vis vests were issued, donned and didn't Fortunately there is no photographic evidence to show us epitome of sartorial elegance! As a further food protection was removed and mobile phones securely stored whilst we set off into the factory via the hand washing and sanitising station.

overalls (to protect the we look grand? demonstrating the measure all jewellery

We followed the Special K process through the cooking, drying, pelletizing, milling and toasting processes then on to the packing area. The packing lines never cease to fascinate as the product and additives, in this case chocolate for the French market, are weighed, the bags formed, filled and sealed and inserted into cartons which are delivered as flat packs and erected ₁ as the bags of food are available. After further quality

checks passing through check-weigher, metal detectors, date coding and open flap detection systems the cartons are collated into cases and conveyed into the warehouse. Unmanned, laser guided vehicles collect the pallets of cases and transfer them to storage either on site or via road transport to other depots of the Kellogg distribution system. To watch these vehicles trundling around the floor without an operator in sight is truly mesmerizing.



After this really interesting insight into cereal manufacturing we returned to the conference room to collect our belongings, thank the tour guides and set off to Holt Lodge Hotel, home of the Devamog Christmas party, for Sunday lunch.



After a fine carvery meal six cars (5 ½ Morgans!) set off in convoy for a scenic run through the Cheshire lanes, even being joined by an E Type for part of the way. Peter & Isobel and Roy & Jean set off up the M6 where Roy reported his recently acquired Morgan did not leak through the heavy rain showers. No leaks? Is he sure it's a Morgan?

Meanwhile 6 others joined Andrew & Joan for afternoon tea and a piece of bran loaf, made with Kellogg's All Bran of course.

Joan & Andrew Threlkeld
 Photos courtesy Neil & Francesca

NorceMog Diary of Events here is the latest update, as agreed at the Committee Meeting.

**October 18th -20th NORCEMOG AUTUMN RETREAT,
 THE BULKELEY HOTEL BEAUMARIS 18TH – 20TH 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 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. If you have any questions give me a ring on 01253 892 733

Geoff Mizon

November 8th -10th BIG MOSE, BASE CAMP WEEKEND, 8TH -11TH 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.

Big Mose Booking Form

Names

Tel Number

Email address

Deposit (£10 pp)

December 8th Christmas Party at The Mollington Banastre Hotel near Chester.

As last year there has been favourable response from the membership to the idea of holding the Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel again, this time on Sunday 8th December 2013. The majority of whom have chosen to have the standard Christmas Lunch as a sit down meal at a cost of £17.00 per head. We have provisionally booked the same room which will seat 24 members which seems adequate for our current membership. A response from those who wish to attend by 1st November would be appreciated. It has also been decided that the full cost of the meal should be paid by the 1st November too, by cheque payable to "Norcemog" for £17 per head and forwarded to Roy to enable the hotel to finalise the arrangements. As for staying overnight at the hotel, a rate of £40 per person has been agreed for the Saturday night. Just phone the hotel quoting "Morgan Christmas Party" and you will be booked in at the preferential rate. Whilst you could have the same rate for Sunday evening, last year only Margaret booked the Sunday and she stayed on her own. For those 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 at 12.30pm.

The hotel number is **01244 851471** and Roy can be contacted on **01772 324134** (home) or **07754 565955** (mobile) roy.wilkinson@yahoo.co.uk

- Jan 12th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC - Andy & Sue Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718
- Feb 9th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC - Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201
- Feb 12th 2014** Committee Meeting - 19:30 Mizon's - Tel 01253 892 733
- Mar 9th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336
- April 13th 2014** AGM – Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club – 2 courses and coffee for £14.95. - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395
- April 20th 2014** FBHV Drive it Day - Venue TBC – Geoff Mizon
- May 5th 2014** Gawsworth Hall Car Show - TBC - Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134
- May 11th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC – John & Kathleen Alden – Tel 01253 726314
- June 1st 2014** Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- June 8th 2014** Autotest & Concours - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland
- June 22nd 2014** Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon –Tel 01253 892 733
- July 13th 2014** Scenic Run - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395
- August 6th 2014** Committee Meeting - 19:30 Venue TBC
- August 10th 2014** Oulton Park Classic Race - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- Aug 15-17th 2014** MOG2014 Harrogate - Neil Edwards (Yorkshire)

Aug 24-25th 2014 Oulton Park Gold Cup - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733

Sept 12 – 14th 2014 Autumn Retreat – Venue suggestions, Murder Mystery?, Volunteer

Oct 12th 2014 Gymkhana ?? - Volunteer Required

Nov 9th 2014 Noggin Venue TBC – John & Irene Anderson?? – Tel 0161973 0169

Dec 7th 2014 Christmas Party, – Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134
