

# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

October 2014

**Welcome to this edition. With no noggin arranged, Andrew has circulated the opportunity from Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club, and this is repeated below for you to consider. And there are details of the Christmas do at the Mollington Banastre so that you can get your booking in to Roy.**

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NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

## NORCEMOG WEBSITE

Andrew Threlkeld has taken this over, and will welcome any contribution you want to make, especially photos.

### **Noggin at Dunham Massey 14 September 2014**

Eight Morgans arrived at Dunham Massey at about 11am in brilliant sunshine. Everyone was standing around admiring Geof's new red roadster, with bonnet open discussing how the new Mustang engine was so much more compact than the old Rover V8. Members were also checking with Bryan that his issues with his Plus 4 had now been resolved.

The tour around the Hall was very interesting and informative. Being a family of hoarders had its advantages in this case as all the records related to the patients and the events whilst Dunham Massey was a World War 1 auxilliary hospital were intact. There were many intimate letters and comments from staff and patients on display giving an insight into the lives and suffering encountered. There were hoards of people touring the hall, walking their dogs in the grounds and viewing the gardens. It was obviously a popular event but perhaps as it was so busy it would have been better to have a guide or the use of taped information.

Steve and Viv Grunner arrived in time to partake of a very good lunch in the Stables Restaurant. Alas members were split up as the restaurant was extremely busy. However, a number met in the courtyard having a debate about the Scottish Referendum, some following their tour of the gardens, and others before they commenced their tour. It was a varied and interesting day and it was good to see Steve and Viv again.

### **Bryan Fearn**

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**NorceMog Diary of Events** following the recent Committee Meeting, here is the current version.

### **An invitation to Norcemog from the Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club**

#### **Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club** **Autumn Trial**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Start 11.00am**

**Location- Fishpool Farm, Delamere.**

Coming from Chester on the A54 turn right at the Fishpool Inn onto B5152 and the farm is 300yds down on the right.

Status of Event- Clubman's Trial Open to Vintage, Post Vintage and Classic Cars as

recognised by the Club . MSA Permit No. 81305 has been issued

The event is open to Club members and other invited MSA Club members. Entry Fee- £5.00

Come along to the Club's only competitive event in Cheshire's most beautiful countryside. The event is held on smooth grass fields and is suitable for all Club cars and is none damaging. The event is designed to be fun with an element of driving skill. If you are new to car trials why not give it a go? Or join in by marshalling.

**A free barbeque will be available together with our Club Charity Bucket**

Entries and offers to marshal **to Roger Reed 01928 788141** [reedbrookhurst@aol.com](mailto:reedbrookhurst@aol.com).

If you are attending as a spectator please let us know how many will be in your party for catering purposes **to Richard Hill 01244 536142** [jrhil27@gmail.com](mailto:jrhil27@gmail.com)

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**Nov 9** Noggin Venue TBC - John & Irene Anderson?? - Tel 0161973 0169

**Nov 14-16** Christmas Cabaret Weekend - Abingdon, Oxford - Andrew Threlkeld  
Friday - dinner plus tribute act  
Saturday - dinner plus disco  
£55/night/head - value and well recommended.

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**Dec 7** Christmas Party, - Mollington Banastre Roy & Barbara - Tel 01772 324134

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 7th December 2014. The majority of those who responded chose 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 as in previous years 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 for b&b. Dinner b&b would be £121.80 for two.

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, the majority usually just stay on the Saturday evening.

For those who have not stayed before. Guests have free access to the Leisure facilities which include a nice heated 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)

For those who enjoyed last year a reminder of what it was all about and for those who did not attend, you can now see what you missed....



**11 Jan 2015** The Inn at Whitewell - Bleasdales 01995 61718

**8 Feb 2015** Venue to be confirmed – Isobel and Peter Moore 01253 738201

**8 Mar 2015** Lowther Castle, Cumbria – Adrian and Alicia Grant 01253 727336

**11 Mar 2015** Committee Meeting at 18.30 The TAS Partnership, Preston

**12 April 2015** AGM and Lunch, Garstang – Bryan Rawlinson 01995 604716

**25 April 2015** MSCC AGM, Visitor Centre, Malvern

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### **Update on Plus 8 Gearbox Problems**

Time was set aside, work began by removing seats and transmission tunnel. An easy if somewhat mucky task as much time is spent underneath the car. This reveals everything there is to see.

My Staffordshire friend was dead right. The remote gear change assembly which is about 10 inches long is mounted on the rear of the gearbox and supported on a yoke near the gear lever, this was the problem. The eight rubber bushes, used in the four mounting points, had degraded to the point that the whole remote assembly moved and not the important mechanism inside it when one tried to select a gear.

Much relieved, 8 new bushes were ordered from Rimmer Brothers, a great source of spares for the V8 engine, at the price of £23.51 and that <sub>3</sub> included 1<sup>st</sup> Class Post!

Bushes fitted, driver's seat fitted and a road test proved all to be working fine. If you think your car is noisy try driving it with no transmission tunnel, carpets, etc. etc.

Everything cleaned and refitted and some time spent upside down in the passenger foot well ensuring the handbrake was correctly fitted revealed a surprising find! If the prop shaft is in a certain position one can see a grease nipple part way down the shaft. I surmise that it must be for any longitudinal movement caused by the rear suspension and access only being possible by removing everything I had to remove!! Not surprisingly it had never seen grease in 25yrs!!

I definitely owe my friend in the Staffordshire Centre a pint.

David Haynes. (1989 3.5ltr Plus 8 A6 UNA)