
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

March 2015

Welcome to this edition, and I have been asked to remind you all that subs are due on 1 April. Please send them to Bryan Fearn, Little Poulton Hall, 32 Little Poulton Lane, Poulton le Fylde FY6 7ET, or you can bring your cheque along when you come to the AGM. If you are coming to Lowther Castle on 8 March, please note that arrival time for coffee is 11.00 and NOT 11.30 as in the last Newsletter.

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.

All Aboard the Lifeboat NorceMog visit St Annes Lifeboat Station

It was definitely a “should we, shouldn’t we” day when we looked out of the window at the freezing February fog. This was not only over the decision of whether to put the “Major’s” (our Morgan’s) hood up but also, after that first look out of the window, whether to go back to bed with a cup of tea and the Sunday papers.

But Morganeers are made of stronger stuff so, despite the absence of yellow oilskins and a sou’wester, we wrapped up warm, put the hood down and set off up the motorway to explore the delights of the new Lytham St Anne’s Lifeboat Station.

All was well until a steady drizzle added to the chilly fog and we decided to put up the hood. It was at this point I realised what a good job Oakmere had done replacing the radiator and flushing the cooling system. As the Major struggled to get the temperature gauge off the mark the heater was pumping out a less than balmy breeze!

Our attempt to go round the South West of Preston was thwarted by a seemingly undeniable force attracting us back on to the M6, so we arrive at The Birley Arms just in time and joined the line of Morgans huddled together in the car park.



As ever our hosts for the day, Peter and Isobel, had everything organised to perfection. We enjoyed the exclusive use of a cosy conservatory which gave us the opportunity to give a warm welcome to new members Peter & Eliena Clarke and a second noggin for Philip and Sue Atkinson. Thankfully, Isobel saved us from ourselves by mentioning that we were invited for afternoon tea after the visit, and that she had been busy in the kitchen. So whilst we had a good lunch we also made sure that we “left a little room for later”. Next stop, within a 15 minute drive, was the Lifeboat Station. We arrived to a hearty welcome from three real RNLI heroes. Not only do they volunteer to risk their own lives to save others, they also volunteer to give up their Sunday afternoon to shepherd a group of enthusiastic and very excited Morganeers around some very big and shiny pieces of “kit”, and then field a barrage of questions.



The highlight was the tour of the lifeboat. A high degree of acrobatic skill was shown by all as we scrambled up and down the steps and ladders. With determination we managed to resist the urge to press any of the myriad of buttons and switches in the cock-pit, and as for the engines I wonder if my 1.8 litre Zetec would look good in Caterpillar yellow?



The history of the station was particularly poignant and thought provoking. The bravery, courage and selflessness shown by the lifeboat crews for the good of their fellow men was humbling, and I feel we all left the station with greater sense of pride and appreciation of work of the RNLI. Peter and Isobel made us very welcome for afternoon tea with a beautiful spread, and the final surprise was still to come. In the centre of the table was a cherry red Morgan made out of jelly and soft fruit, a fun and fitting end to a super day.

Report by **Neil McArthur**



NorceMog Diary of Events Dates in red are subject to confirmation.

Sunday 8th March 2015
Lowther Castle – Penrith, CA10 2HH

CONTACT – ADRIAN & ALICIA GRANT TEL 01253 727336
OR ADRIAN.GRANT@TASPARTNERSHIP.COM.

Lowther Castle is approx 9 miles from Junction 39 of M6

We are booked to arrive at **11.00**, in time for a coffee before the tour which starts at **11.30**, followed by lunch at 14.00.

<http://www.lowther.co.uk/index.php/castle-a-gardens> or
info@lowthercastle.org

NB – It is essential you let Adrian / Alicia know you intend to go.



At the top of the park stand the imposing remains of Lowther Castle and its hidden Gardens. The 130 acres of gardens and grounds were opened to visitors once in 1938 but after being used to test a secret tank weapon during the Second World War, the place was dismantled and abandoned. Now the castle, its massive stables, gardens and over 140 acres of parkland are once again being brought to life.

Work began in April 2011 after the castle and gardens were leased to the independent charity, the Lowther Castle & Gardens Trust on a project supported by the Northwest Regional Development Agency, the European Regional Development fund and the Lowther Estate Trust. The planned works will stabilise the castle, reveal the shapes and structures of the 17th century gardens and the overlying Edwardian gardens and create a high-quality visitor centre, education facilities and the Lowther Gallery and are currently well underway.

The 70 years of deterioration in the stable courtyard has been reversed and now includes a café, loos and a meeting room. There is also a gift shop which is now open.

The gardens are now open to the public and are constantly changing as the gardeners reveal much of the lost history and continue to reclaim them. There is also plenty of wildlife which is actively being encouraged, ensuring the creatures that were there before the work started don't move out and newcomers have now started to move in - from red squirrels, badgers and deer to many birds (including a heronry) and the rare Crested Newts.

11 Mar 2015 Committee Meeting at 18.30 The TAS Partnership, Preston if there is anything that you want to have discussed, please e mail to Andrew Threlkeld, and also if you want to nominate yourself for the Committee, or other position of power!

28-29 March 2015 Restoration Show The MSCC will have a small display at the Restoration & Classic car show at the NEC - Our stand will be in Hall 5 near the restaurant & loos - very handy!

This is the first time we have exhibited there - so please bear with us!

There are special offer club discount tickets available at £10-50 for a single ticket quoting RS14 EC or £26-50 for a family ticket quoting RS14CF.details on WWW.NECRESTORATIONSHOW.COM or ticket hotline 08448586758.

I went as a visitor last year and found it a very interesting event with lots of practical things going on - much more a show for the hands on enthusiast (plenty of rare bargains in the Trade Village) rather than the "gaze in awe at the unobtainable" type of show.

Sunday 12th April 2015
Norcemog AGM & Lunch
The Royal Oak, Garstang, PR3 1ZA

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716.



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The Norcemog AGM returns to the North of our area at The Royal Oak, Garstang. Arrive about midday and the 'relatively informal' meeting takes place after lunch. Please see Agenda below which includes the Election of Officers which we have to complete each year.

We will always welcome members' contributions either through comments or even organizing a Noggin which we attempt to plan 12 months in advance.

New members on the committee are also much appreciated to ensure we cater for our members needs and wishes. There is a proposal form below should you or a fellow member wish to volunteer to join the committee which meets twice a year.

NORCEMOG AGM – 12th April 2015

AGENDA

1 Apologies

2 Secretary's Report

3 Treasurer's Report

Finances

Membership renewal –

4 Election of Officers

Position	Current Officer
Chairman	- Andy Bleasdale
Secretary	- Andrew Threlkeld
Treasurer	- Bryan Fearn
Regalia Officer	- Isobel Moore
Newsletter Editor	- Adrian Grant
Competition Secretary	- Martin Cocks
General Officer	- John Alden
General Officer	- Roy Wilkinson
General Officer	- Andrew Threlkeld -

5 2015 Diary of Events Review

6 Any Other Business

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to have your views expressed on any matters relating to the centre, please contact a committee member before the meeting.

AGM AGENDA NOTES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In order to keep Norcemog attractive to and enjoyable by its members we need to keep a steady flow of new ideas for our events. This can be assisted greatly by a regular turnover of committee members. Several of the current committee have been officers for approaching 10 years one or two even longer.

Our constitution requires that all the Officers of Norcemog need to be elected each year, we therefore require volunteers to fill ALL the various positions.

Please consider volunteering to join the committee in any of the positions and help by bringing some new blood to the organisation. If you are prepared to help (or know another member who is), please use the form below to make a proposal. (be sure to confirm the person is willing to stand if you are proposing another member).

OFFICER PROPOSAL FORM

Position	Name of Proposed Person	Signature of Proposed Person
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Proposed By _____



Proposal forms must be returned to Andrew Threlkeld, Grasmere, 38 Milton Rough, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF. by the 28th March 2015.

25 April 2015 MSCC AGM, Visitor Centre, Malvern

26 April 2015 FBHV Drive it Day - TBC

4 May 2015 Gawsworth Hall Car Show - TBC - Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134

24-26 July 2015 Silverstone Classic Tickets for the Silverstone Classic in July 2015 are now available. This year is the 25th Anniversary of the event and Status Quo are the headline act on Saturday night! We have reserved a Morgan Sportscar Club area. The car club code is C1525009 Tickets can be booked through the website www.silverstoneclassic.com Go to the Car Clubs page and enter the code. You then need to buy the 'CAR CLUBS DISPLAY PACKAGE' ticket. This ticket gives you entry for 2 people and 1 infield vehicle pass for your Morgan.

Please note you will NOT be able to bring any other vehicle onto the club area. This is for Morgans only. There is plenty of free public parking available. For the best ticket prices book before the 31st March 2015. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or 01908 330273. Michele and Peter Chapman

April 26th FBHV Drive it Day - TBC

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2015
Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show
Church Lane, Gawsworth, Cheshire, SK11 9RN

An annual event since 1998, the show takes place from 10.30am to 4.30pm in the walled Elizabethan pleasure gardens.

A highlight of the Hall season, one of the North West's most popular rallies, attracting an eclectic mix of classic cars and motorcycles from the turn of the last century to the present day.



With the first recorded rally taking place in 1902, and held by the Manchester automobile club, Gawsworth has long been linked with the motor vehicle. In the 1940s and 1950s the Hall was also home to Denis Ferranti's wonderful collection, including a T59 Bugatti that now takes pride of place in Ralph Lauren's garage.

In recent years, highlights include wonderful eight-litre vintage Bentleys, huge posses of American muscle cars, and dozens of period scooters. All are welcome to come and go as they wish, ensuring a relaxing day for both owners and visitors, with an informal concours and autojumble also taking place. We hope you can come and join us for what's always a fantastic event, with a garden party atmosphere.

Driver of Eligible Car £5.00 each
Adult Passengers in Eligible Car £5.00 each
(Includes entry to the House and Grounds)

May 10th TBC – John & Kathleen Alden – Tel 01253 726314

30 & 31 May? Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936

June 5th – 7th MOG 2015 – Devamog Llangollen

June 14th Autotest & Concours - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland

June 21st Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733
(10 cars max)

July 12th Scenic Run North - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395



Norcemoo7g Autumn Retreat
16th – 18th October 2015
Murder Mystery Week-end

The Stirk House Hotel is an award winning hotel mixing 16th Century charm with luxurious classic interiors. Set in the heart of the Ribble valley and surrounded by splendid views of the magical Pendle hill and the rolling countryside of the Trough of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales.

The hotel has spa facilities, pool, sauna, steam room and gym which guests have full use of.

<http://www.lidun-group.co.uk/stirk/index.html>

The week-end includes a black tie / posh frock dinner on the Saturday night with a 'Licensed to Thrill, Criminal Cabaret Show' provided by 'After Dark Entertainments.' Details on next page.

The rates below are based on 2 people sharing a Classic double / Twin bed room and includes Dinner , Bed & Breakfast on each day plus the Murder Mystery Event

16th October 2015 for 3 nights - £258 per person £516 in total

16th October 2015 for 2 nights - £200 per person £400 in total

To book your place please phone 01200 44 55 81 and ask for Helen on Reservations mentioning Morgan Sports Car Club event. A £50 deposit will be paid and cancellation will be accepted up to 7 days before the event.

It would help if you would also let Geoff Mizon know via Geoff.mizon@btinternet.com so we can keep track of room utilisation

2015 **Christmas Party – Sunday December 13th**, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham