
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

March 2016

Welcome to this edition, and thanks for the response for the visit to Skipton Castle, for which we have a total of 24. They are listed below and if you are not among them, and want to come along please contact Andrew Threlkeld because I am away in America until 12 March.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

The Birley Arms and other activities **February 7th 2016**

The day dawned clear, the air was cool
The mist nowhere in sight
The hood was down, the engine purred
The sunshine was so bright

The road went north, the traffic was light
Our smiles were big for sure
To drive a Morgan in the winter time
Who could ask for more?

The pub was warm, Isobel was cool,
She perfected all her charms
The diners enjoyed a lovely meal in
The conservatory at The Birley Arms

The cast was strong, the car park full
Including members old and new
The Wilkinson Sword was beckoning
Alas, there were too few

Peter breathed a sigh of relief
Isobel's heart stopped racing
We were invited to walk around Fairhaven Lake
My word the wind was bracing

A snowdrop walk was in the plan
But the driveway was too flooded
The lake provided our exercise
With paths so firm, not muddied

Of course a few of wiser heads
Chose to miss the walk
They made their way to Audley Close
To drink and to have a talk

The Moores provided afternoon tea
With jelly and some cake
Just the job for the energetic folk
Who had trundled round the lake

We had our fill, could eat no more
Refreshing tea from a cup
Unfortunately, the weather turned
For our journey home - hood up

Nevertheless, a smashing day
Peter & Isobel took the hassle
We now look forward to the next event
A tour of Skipton Castle

Andrew Threlkeld

Reflections on 52 years with Morgans Part 2

Our first Morgan was a 1980 4/4 bought in 1989 for £7500.00 and still in the family today. It now lives in Colchester with my son Ian. Glenise & I loved this car.

One of the first things I did to it was to fit a tow bar and buy a Combi trailer tent, which was great fun. I made my own tow bar with the help of our local blacksmith. It is a very neat job, more compact than the factory one and less conspicuous and it cost me less than £10 in 1990. And its still on the car 27years later.

Glenise and I went to most of the Mogs in the trailer tent from 1989 till 1995. I think these were some of the best holidays we had. We took the car to France three times, the last time in 1997 just 4 weeks before Glenise died. Just the day before she died, Glenise said I never took her on holiday it was always an adventure.

I have always wanted a Morgan 3 Wheeler and in 1995 an adopted aunt left me some unexpected money with a note to tell me to buy something that I would not normally buy. I divided the money in three, bought Glenise a new camera and gave the children their share, then I went looking for a project.

The project started with a phone call to Stan Thorpe. Stan said he would look out for something suitable, and about a week later we were travelling down the M6 to Birmingham and the start of another adventure.

Bryan Rawlinson

DIARY FOR 2016 Red is "to be confirmed"

NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS - 2016

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events
Easter Monday – March 28th St Georges Day – April 23rd

Dates in RED to be confirmed

Mar 13th Tour of Skipton Castle followed by lunch

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld

Booked already are :

John Alden

John and Irene Anderson

Andy and Sue Bleasdale

Derek Clarke and Pat Gore

Pete and Eliena Clarke

Martin and Vivien Cocks

Martin and Amanda Cooper

Bryan & Linda Fearn

Adrian Grant

Peter and Isobel Moore
Bryan Rawlinson and Ann Boyle
Roy and Jean Senior
Andrew and Joan Threlkeld

Sunday 13th March 2015
Skipton Castle, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1AW
Lunch – Craven Heifer Inn, Skipton, BD23 3LA

CONTACT – ANDREW THRELKELD.

**A GUIDED TOUR OF SKIPTON CASTLE (£6.75 PER PERSON) COMMENCING AT 11.30
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE CRAVEN HEIFER INN AT 2.00PM.**

CASTLE OPEN FROM 11.00 FOR MORNING COFFEE

At the top of Skipton's main street stand the massive twin towers of Skipton Castle...



Over 900 years old, Skipton Castle is one of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England and is well worth a visit at any season of the year.

Visitors can explore every corner of this impressive history-rich castle, which withstood a three-year siege during the Civil War. View the Banqueting Hall, the Kitchen, the Bedchamber and Privy. Climb from the depths of the Dungeon to the top storey of the Watch Tower.

This trip will include a guided tour of the castle followed by lunch. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

Further details of the castle available here <http://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/>

Lunch will be at the Craven Heifer Inn <http://www.cravenheifer.co.uk/index.cfm>

NB – Contact Andrew if you are not already booked!

Mar 9th Committee Meeting - 18.30 TAS Partnership, Preston

April 10th **Sunday 10th April 2016**₃

Norcemog AGM & Lunch
Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club
Whitegate, Northwich, CW8 2BA

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld - Tel – 01606 852395.
Email – norcemog@gmail.com



The Norcemog AGM returns to Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club. Arrive about midday and park on the lawn as we did last time.

A 2 course Carvery lunch will be 12.30 (£14.95) and the 'relatively meeting takes place after lunch. Agenda below which includes the Officers which we have to each year.



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

members'

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 – 10th April 2016

AGENDA

1 Apologies

2 Secretary's Report

3 Treasurer's Report

Finances

Membership renewal – subs (£10) for 2016 are now due

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 | - Bryan Rawlinson - |
| General Officer | - Roy Wilkinson - |

5 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 _____

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Proposal forms must be returned to Andrew Threlkeld, Grasmere, 38 Milton Rough, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF. by the 26th March 2016.

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395

April MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

April 24th FBHV Drive it Day -

May 2nd Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield - Click here for [Details](#)
A link for the entry form will be here when available

Contact - Roy Wilkinson – Tel 01772 324134 or 07754 565955

May 15th – Sunday May 15th 2016

Bancroft Mill Engine Trust & Museum

Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick, BB18 5QR.

CONTACT – JOHN ALDEN – 01253 726314 OR 07963 253154

In a beautiful part of the country with plenty of Morgan Driving roads the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust will be ‘steaming’ on the day we visit.

Reserved car parking for Morgans, a guided tour around the museum (see history below) and, no doubt, lunch will be taken at a nearby hostelry - more details to follow.

History

The Bancroft weaving mill was the thirteenth and last mill built in Barnoldswick. The town was originally in the West Riding of Yorkshire but is now administered by Lancashire County. It was at the very edge of the Yorkshire woollen industrial centre.

6Construction of the mill started in 1915, but was

delayed by the Great War, and only finished in 1920. James Nutter had died in 1914, but the firm was carried on by his sons, and the ceremonial starting of the mill engine took place on 13th March 1920, when James' surviving daughter, Eliza, opened the stop valve to set the engine in motion. The engine cylinders were then formally named "James" and "Mary Jane" after her parents.

The mill featured some of the latest construction and engineering techniques of the time and produced electricity via a large dynamo for lighting and to power pumps. There was a room in the cellar which housed storage batteries to provide lighting when the engine wasn't running and so avoid the risk of fire from the use of oil or gas lamps igniting fine cotton dust in the mill. One member of the family lived in a house not far from the mill, and a cable was laid to provide electric current for lighting the house. At least this one house, and possibly two others, was supplied with DC current from the mill. Later an alternator replaced the dynamo giving predictable electric pump speeds and the ability to use equipment with transformers. Electrical efficiency was much improved, in this respect the mill was again at the forefront of technology and the safety aspect of this technology made Bancroft Mill a good place to work. The engine and mill ran without interruption for 58 years producing high quality cotton cloths until, in December 1978, when the last orders were woven out, the mill closed. In its heyday 200,000 yards of cloth could be produced in a week.

Following its closure the buildings and machinery were then sold for demolition and scrap, with a view to levelling the whole site and covering it with houses. Very much at the 11th hour, proposals were put forward to Pendle Council by a group of interested people, to preserve at least some of the mill, namely the engine in its house, boilers and boiler houses, and the chimney. In 1980 the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust was formed by volunteer members as a Registered Charity for this purpose; it has fulfilled its aims and is healthier now than at its inception.

Over the 30 years since the formation of the Trust much has been achieved, buildings have been repaired and maintained whilst sympathetic changes have been introduced to make the site suitable for use as a museum. A large collection of memorabilia related to the cotton textile industry has been amassed, with a number of machine tools for the workshop and several small engines. A Rockford lathe that came to Britain under the Lease-Lend scheme in 1941 is scheduled to be complete and installed by Christmas 2011. It has been brought up to date with a motor control that complies with current regulations that has been made by members.

Whilst the engine has been operated throughout each summer there has been a programme of replacement of worn parts undertaken each winter with major work undertaken on the low pressure cylinder inlet valves. Members have skimmed the shafts and made new journal/thrust bearings for them.

For many years we have woven tea towels (using a Pilling Lancashire loom) as demonstration pieces on steaming days which are then sold in our shop.

Steam raising plant is not as it was during the working life of the mill, originally a Lancashire boiler with automatic stokers was used and supplied steam at 160 pounds per square inch. Archimedes screw type elevators moved the pulverised coal from the store to the stoker hoppers. This boiler is still on view but its high capacity is not required any more, A Cornish boiler that had been installed in the 30's has been used throughout the museum's existence, it has had a major overhaul involving taking it away for the work and a subsequent minor repair as well. Its centenary comes in 2012.

The chimney has had attention twice in the life of the Trust, it was completely overhauled, pointed and linseed oiled by the late Fred Dibnah who also made extra stiffening bands for it, less rigorous attention was given to it in 2000 and 2011.

Further details at www.bancroftmill.org.uk

Contact - John Alden – Tel 01253 726314 or 07963 253154

May 21st – Confirmation of the VSCC's Vintage Sports Car Festival at Oulton Park

28 & 29 May Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936

June 12th Autotest & Concours – Click Here for [Details](#)
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland
Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

June 19th Arley Hall Garden Festival - **10 Cars Max** - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

July 1st – 3rd **Week-end at Eynsham Hall Hotel** including The ALL MORGANS DAY at Blenheim Palace
Contact - Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201 Click Here for [Details](#)

July 9th & 10th Chateau Impney Hill Climb - Droitwich Spa, WR9 0BN Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Ian Patton, Chateau Impney Hill Climb Team
Direct Dial - 01905 823896, Mobile - 07896 528302

July 10th Scenic Run
Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716 & Peter Moore 01253 738 201

July ?? VSCC Meeting @ Oulton Park – TBC
Contact - John Alden – Tel 01253 726314 or 07963 253154

August 3rd Committee Meeting – 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

August 7th British Sports Cars at St Helens Transport Museum – Date to be confirmed, details to follow
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

August 14th August Noggin - TBC

Aug 27 – 29th Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Sep 9 - 11th Autumn Retreat – [Mayfield House Hotel, Cotswold.](#)

Oct 9th Gymkhana / CVEC Autumn Trial – To be confirmed
Contact – Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539, A. Threlkeld - 01606 852395

Nov 13th Noggin Venue TBC – John & Irene Anderson – Tel 0161 973 0169

Dec 11th Christmas Party, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham –
Contact –