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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

February 2017

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**Welcome to this edition. The saga of the February Noggin is below and for those expecting to go to the Grand Theatre in Blackpool, jolly bad luck, we are going to Martin Mere Wetlands Centre instead. Details are below.**

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## **THE INN AT WHITEWELL 15 January 2017**

The weather was sufficiently poor that any debate about the hood was pointless. The trip to the Inn seemed to take a bit longer than it might have as well, with significant amounts of standing water in the fields and a deal more on the road! A nice chap was just leaving the Inn as we arrived and we were able to take his spot not far from the door. The small number of Morgans parked did not do any justice to the turnout, however, and it seemed as if the Club had taken over most of the front rooms of the Inn, consigning other customers to the further reaches of the establishment.

Sitting in the depths of a three seater settee in close proximity to the other two occupants makes eating the delicious choice that you have made less than entirely straightforward, but as always when it comes to food, Morganeers manage.....

After lunch, there was a bit of a scramble for those who did not know or could not remember the detail of the short trip to Andy's but all turned out well, including the parking, and we were soon crammed into his kitchen, marvelling at the spread of baking laid out on the far table. Congratulations to the contributing bakers. Despite the proximity of the baking to the lunch, there was no perceptible hesitation in the selection from the goodies and no sooner were the slices of loaf buttered than they were seized and taken to the alternative sitting rooms, and even out to the garage where the scrum round the Bleasdale mobile braved the wintry temperature in expectation of learning just a bit more about how to do this or that.

The run home seemed shorter, possibly because of a slight improvement in the weather. Gratitude is due to Andy for arranging the noggin again this year and for opening the Bleasdale mansion to the throng; and to the bakers, including Isobel "Bakeoff" Moore for their support. Hopefully this will inspire others to volunteer to organise a noggin of their own.

Adrian Grant

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## **NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2017**

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events

**Items in red to be confirmed / finalised**

Easter Monday – April 17th    St Georges Day – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

It was going to be "Behind the Scenes at The Grand Theatre – Blackpool" but when I got in touch, they said that the date was already booked for another group. I am waiting to organise an alternative date for this.

PLAN B was a visit to Rufford Old Hall, but neither this nor any other local National Trust

property seems to open until 11 February, so making a booking was impossible. On, therefore, to

**PLAN C – Martin Mere Wetlands Centre, Fish Lane, Burscough L40 0TA.**  
The coach park, situated on the left as you drive in, will be cordoned off for us. The programme for the noggin is:

**11.30 Coffee and cake**

**12.30 Guided tour of the waterfowl gardens**

**2.00 Lunch.**

**Entry cost is £7.33 for the mature over 65 and £10.03 otherwise. I have to give names and pay in advance, so Please can you confirm your attendance by e mail to me no later than Thursday 10 February**

**Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meeting - 18.30 TAS Partnership, Preston

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** Daffodils at Lowther Castle, Cumbria – Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** Lunch & **AGM, Vale Royal Abbey** - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395**

**April MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> FBHV Drive it Day –**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Gawsorth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield, SK11 9RN - Click here for [Details](#)**  
**Contact - Roy Wilkinson – Tel 01772 324134 or 07754 565955**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> To be Announced**

**May ?? VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival @ Oulton Park**

**May 27 – 29th Chipping Steam Fair – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.**  
Click here for [Details](#)

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Irish Gordon Bennett Classic Car Run – Discounts available for groups of 6 cars**  
4 day festival in Ireland  
<http://www.gordonbennettclassic.ie>  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395 or email – [norcemog@gmail.com](mailto:norcemog@gmail.com)**

**June ?? Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for [Details](#)**  
**Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504**

**June ?? Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)**  
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH  
**Contact TorMog**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> Autotest & Concours To be confirmed – building work planned at Museum**  
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716**

**June 25th Arley Hall Garden Festival - 10 Cars Max**  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**

- July 9<sup>th</sup>** Scenic Run – Cheshire / South of NorceMog area  
Route to be confirmed  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston
- August 13<sup>th</sup>** August Noggin – TBC
- Aug 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> Run for the Hills - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Morgan Sports Car Club**  
<http://www.morgan-motor.co.uk/runforthehills/>
- Aug 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395**
- Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL  
**Action** – BF to contact Mr Parr re possibility **To be confirmed**
- Sep ?? Morgan Challenge Race Series @ Oulton Park
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** Noggin – To be confirmed
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** Autumn Retreat – Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 5AL  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – David & Una Haynes – email [david.una@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david.una@hotmail.co.uk)**
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** Greater Manchester Transport Museum – Click here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation  
Contact – Isobel Moore / Linda Fearn