
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

March 2017

Welcome to this edition. Please let me know if you are going to come along to the March Noggin on Sunday 12 March. And if you want to raise anything at the Committee Meeting on 8 March, please get in touch with Andrew T ahead of the date.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

Martin Mere Noggin 12 February 2017

Strict instructions from Neil, don't mention the bathroom window! Well.....we were 1.5 miles from home when "my chauffeur" asked "did you close the bathroom window?" About turn at the next round-about and a red face driver secured the house and our trip to Martin Mere started for real.

Setting out from Macclesfield in the snow was not how we had hoped the journey would start. We joined the short stretch of A556 at Knutsford to access the M6. As we turned onto the dual carriageway my driver was a bit peeved to be overtaken by a Audi Q5. The bathroom window was bad enough but to be challenged by a "baby-boomer" racer was too much. Honour was regained on the M6 slip road, at the expense of a couple of litres of Shell Premium 4 star.

We had planned on having the roof down and a chilly run to Burscough, however the weather had other ideas, and we had a cosy journey until we were nearly at our destination when we decided to take the hood down in case the Threlkelds caught sight of us! There was a cold wind blowing as we arrived, and a bemused coach driver watched as we made the most inefficient use of the reserved car park ensuring the Morgans were appropriately displayed. We were delighted to meet a first time Nogginer, Keith, who arrived at the same time as us in the car park.

Priority one on arrival; coffee, cake and a catch-up. Then we joined our guide for a very enjoyable tour of the Wetland Centre. She was a fun and very informative lady who judged our group well – keeping us moving while providing the right balance of information. Unfortunately we couldn't feed the birds or see the Flamingos in their outside enclosure due to the problems with Avian flu. Nevertheless, the variety, magnificent plumage and colours of the birds brightened the overcast day to the extent that the sun peeped out, if only briefly. Neil was very disappointed that the Canoe tour did not operate in the Winter and I managed to restrain him from entering the puddle jumping competition.

We returned to the café for more warm drinks and some lunch – the 'hearty' lentil soup was very tasty!

As we were considering leaving, some of us remembered that it was Otter feeding time at 2.30pm. Having passed a deserted enclosure earlier, on our return the three Otters were very excited, ready and waiting for their food. Small crabs were thrown into the enclosure, the Otters snatched them away from each other and promptly washed them in the pond. They gnawed away at the crabs and very deftly used their paws to scoop out the last remaining bits of flesh from inside the shells. It was a fascinating insight into the behavior of the Asian short-clawed Otters.

We decided it was a 'hood up' trip home

Francesca McArthur

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 23rd

Mar 8th Committee Meeting - 18.30 NO LONGER AT TAS Partnership, Preston BECAUSE THEY ARE DIGGING UP THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE CAR PARK. ANDREW IS ORGANISING AN ALTERNATIVE VENUE, SO IF YOU ARE COMING ALONG, CHECK WITH HIM PLEASE.

Mar 12th Tour of Lancaster Castle LA1 1JY at 11.30, followed by lunch at the Mill at Thurnham at 2.00. We will be able to park in the space normally reserved for the court officials during the week which is "behind the Castle". The tour takes about one and a half hours. The Mill at Thurnham, recommended as being good, has offered a set menu of soup of the day, roast beef and STP at £25.00, so it must be great. Dietary requirements to me on an e mail please and I will get these to them as I finalise numbers.

Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or Adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk.

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

April 8th MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

April 23rd **FBHV Drive it Day** –

May 1st Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield, SK11 9RN - Click here for [Details](#)
Download an [ENTRY FORM HERE](#)
Contact - Roy Wilkinson – Tel 01772 324134 or 07754 565955

May 14th To be Announced

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

June 2nd – 5th Irish Gordon Bennett Classic Car Run – 4 day festival in Ireland.
<http://www.gordonbennettclassic.ie>
8 Members of NorceMog have booked this package
Click here for – [Details](#)

June 3rd & 4th Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504

June 9 – 11th Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH
Contact TorMog

June 10th VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival @ Oulton Park including a round of **The Morgan Challenge** - Click here for [Details](#)

June 11th 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 9th Scenic Run – Cheshire / South of NorceMog area
Route to be confirmed
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

August 2nd Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

August 13th August Noggin – TBC
Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201
Email - isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk

Aug 26 – 27th MOG 2017 - Run for the Hills - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Morgan Sports Car Club
<http://www.morgan-motor.co.uk/runforthehills/>

Aug 26 – 28th Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Sep 3rd **Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL**
Action – BF to contact Mr Parr re possibility **To be confirmed**

Oct 8th Noggin – To be confirmed

Oct 27th – 29th Autumn Retreat – Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 5AL
Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – David & Una Haynes – email david.una@hotmail.co.uk

Nov 12th Greater Manchester Transport Museum – Click here for [Details](#)
Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or
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Dec 10th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, Walled Garden Restaurant, PR3 5AA
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