

# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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**Welcome to this edition. If you are going to the AGM, have you let Andrew know for the catering?**

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## **The Northern Centre – 50th Anniversary**

In 2018 we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Northern Centre. Many of our current members have a long term association with our centre and we would be delighted if you could share any memories you have, particularly of the early days. E.g. Did you know that in October 1970 Dr Harvey Postlethwaite, of Hesketh and Ferrari Formula One fame, gave a talk to The Northern Centre on racing?

There is a history on our web site however if you have any memories to share please contact our secretary, Andrew Threlkeld, at [norcemog@gmail.com](mailto:norcemog@gmail.com) or give him a call on 01606 852395. We would love to hear from you.

## **Forthcoming Attractions**

Please note events on the web site have recently been updated and a few highlights are included below.

**Supercar Sunday at Mitton Hall Hotel**, Mitton Road, BB7 9PQ Taking place the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month. Turn up and view, no booking required. Contact – Mitton Hall Hotel – 01254 826544

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Chipping Steam Fair** – Bank holiday week-end at end of May. Highly recommended - A 'cracking' event with plenty to do and see and free admission if you display your Morgan – See here for details

<http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1705Chipping.pdf>

**June 10<sup>th</sup> - VSCC meeting at Oulton Park** including a round of the Morgan Challenge  
Details here <http://www.vsc.co.uk/page/events?eventID=1114>

**June 11<sup>th</sup> – Autotest** confirmed at usual venue, The British Commercial Vehicle Museum, PR25 2LE. Details here <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1706Autotest.pdf>

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – Arley Hall Garden Festival** – Free admission for Morgan display owners but limited to 10 cars. Details here - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1706Arley.pdf>

**July 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> – Hale Barns Carnival**, WA15 0HF – Free admission for Morgan display owners. Details here - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1707HBCFlyerWIP.pdf> and entry form here <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1707HBCCS.pdf>

The annual Gymkhana has been confirmed for September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the venue for the Christmas party has also been finalised.

Please see the web site for these and many more events happening through the year.

## **Andrew Threlkeld.**

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## **Lancaster Castle Noggin 12 March 2017**

The March Noggin was attended by 17 members in 9 cars and a guest on a motorbike (the grandson of two long standing members – John and Irene). All the members arrived in their Morgans with the majority attending with their hoods down even though the weather was quite chilly at Lancaster Castle. Initially parking was somewhat tricky for those who arrived on time – the vicar's sermon was obviously an extended one. Ann was excellent at grabbing parking spaces and guiding our precious Mogs into them as members of the congregation vacated the Church car park. We did a head count and ascertained that one of our group was missing,

even though there was now ample parking. The tour of the castle was about to commence when the organiser arrived in the nick of time!!!



We had a superb tour guide who was obviously not only extremely knowledgeable but also had a passion for the history of Lancaster Castle and enthralled us with his amusing and atmospheric tone as he imparted information to us. Lancaster Castle, often known as 'John O' Gaunt's Castle' is one of the most historically fascinating surviving buildings in the country, dating back to Roman times. It is owned by The Duchy of Lancaster – Her Majesty the Queen is the Duke of Lancaster. Unfortunately we were unable to view the impressive gateway to the castle due to renovation work being carried out. However, we were able to view all aspects of the castle including the extremely impressive Civil Court with all the coats of arms of the Monarchs and the Sheriffs of Lancaster throughout their reign. The guide pointed out some shields of noble families from the area and explained the symbolism of the heraldry. The Civil Court is now often hired out for weddings, which is rather ironic as divorces proceedings were heard there in the past.



We also visited the Criminal Court which is still used on occasions today and in the dock there is the original branding iron used on criminals along with the shackle to hold the criminals hand in place whilst being branded. It is the only one left in the country and was 'demonstrated' by Vince! Lancaster Castle was originally the only Court of Justice in Lancashire, witnessing 200

executions from murder to various forms of forgery.

There has been a prison at the castle since it was originally built and debtors often outnumbered other criminals considerably. The Debtors Prison was frequently referred to as 'Hansbrow's Hotel' providing an insight regarding the conditions that existed for some inmates. How times have changed?! A prison remained on the site until 2011 and the castle is a fantastic 'living' monument to our historical past. Block 'A' provided an interesting over view of the changes in the prison over the years.

After our visit to Lancaster Castle we journeyed the short distance via the Lancaster one-way system to the Mill at Condor Green almost in convey - John and Irene nearly did not find the venue! After lunch we made our journey home with less Mog hoods down than when we arrived!

Our thanks go to Adrian for arranging a very enjoyable and informative Noggin.

## Bryan Fearn

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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>

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

April 8<sup>th</sup> MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

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

May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>** To be Announced

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 – 4 day festival in Ireland.  
<http://www.gordonbennettclassic.ie>  
8 Members of NorceMog have booked this package  
Click here for – [Details](#)

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

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

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

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201**  
**Email - [isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk](mailto:isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk)**

Aug 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> MOG 2017 - 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**

**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  
The Barton Grange Hotel, Walled Garden Restaurant, PR3 5AA  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201**  
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**Or Bryan & Linda Fearn – Tel 01253 891539**