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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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**Welcome to this edition. Chapter 2 of the life and cars of Roy Wilkinson is below, and once again, you will struggle to detect the word "Morgan"! No report has been submitted on the visit to the Aspinall Arms which was arranged to take the place of the postponed Gymkhana, cancelled because of the state of the field. Commiserations to Bryan Fearn. Nothing either from the Autumn retreat. Maybe there will be something from both in next month's edition. I remain happy to receive anything that you care to send, make any necessary corrections to grammar and spelling and then publish it! Something! Anything?**

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## **THE CHRISTMAS DO! – A PLEA FROM THE ORGANISERS**

IF YOU ARE BOOKED FOR THIS, PLEASE CAN YOU BRING YOUR PAYMENT AND YOUR MENU CHOICES TO THE NEXT NOGGIN AND GIVE THEM TO LINDA FEARN OR ISOBEL MOORE. You can access the details on the website using the link in the calendar of events below.

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### **Chapter 2**

After being stationed at Padgate for several months, I thought it would be a good idea if I volunteered for an overseas posting to see more of the world at the Government's expense. After all, I had to do two years' service and as I had volunteered to do three years I thought I would take advantage of my situation and volunteer for services in the Far East. When I was offered a posting to Singapore and Malaya I was quite excited at the prospect, being only 18 years of age. People had not yet started to go to the Mediterranean so the Far East was something special.

I was posted to RAF Insworth in Gloucester for kitting out in my KD (Khaki Drill). From there I went to London to Blackbusch Airport for a flight by Hermes to Singapore. With an overnight stop in London before the flight I took the opportunity to sight see and was fortunate to be shown round London by a Londoner who was booked on the same flight as myself. He showed me Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, No 10 Downing Street, etc. not having been to London before, this was the start of my overseas education. The next day, we flew to Rome for refuelling, crossing the Alps which was quite bumpy. Also seeing ladies working in the gents toilet was quite an eye-opener!

We then flew to RAF Nicosia in Cyprus for a night stop. Here we found more RAF personnel stranded due to the EOKA terrorists targeting their plane and putting it out of action. So we were glad to leave Cyprus. We then flew to Bahrein to another RAF base for refuelling, again it was a lot warmer here and all the RAF Personnel worked stripped to the waist. We then flew to Karachi for a next overnight stop in a hotel where we were able to get our laundry done and had it back next morning for our journey.

Next was New Delhi for refuelling and it was really hot, as it happened to be midday when we were there. After refuelling, we proceeded to Calcutta for an overnight stop at a very nice hotel. We had to leave very early in the morning for our take-off and we found that that was when they collected the bodies of those who had died during the night! Again, more education...

This time we flew to Bangkok, a very clean airport and it was very nice to see the young ladies in their cheongsams walking around the airport, especially for us young men. We refuelled then flew at last to Singapore.

With all of the stops for refuelling and overnights, it had been quite an interesting time taking the best part of a week on the journey to Singapore. We arrived at RAF Changi to stay at a transport block while we got fitted out with our KD Gear ready for our posting to our permanent stations which turned out to be RAF Tengall, my home for the next two years.

## Roy Wilkinson

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## NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2017

**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). BOOK TODAY PLEASE.

**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**  
**Email - [isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk](mailto:isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk)**  
**Or Bryan & Linda Fearn – Tel 01253 891539**

## DRAFT DIARY FOR 2018

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** The Inn at Whitewell – Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Andy Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718**

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** TBD

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meeting – 18.30 TAS Partnership, Preston

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** **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 8<sup>th</sup>** **MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Lunch & **AGM, Vale Royal Abbey** – Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** **FBHV Drive it Day** –

**May 4 – 7<sup>th</sup>** **Northern Centre 50 Years Celebration Week-end.** The Park Royal Hotel  
WA4 4NS Click here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Scenic Run  
**Contact - Dave Roberts & David Haynes**

**May 7<sup>th</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 27 – 29th Chipping Steam Fair – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.  
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 Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)  
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH

**Contact TorMog Please note this event was cancelled for 2017**

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

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** Autotest & Concours  
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716**

June 24th Arley Hall Garden Festival - **10 Cars Max**  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**

June 29&30<sup>th</sup> MOG 18 in The Cotswolds  
Contact – [www.mog18.info](http://www.mog18.info)

July 1<sup>st</sup> All Morgans Day @ Blenheim Palace. Organised by Roadster 100 Club  
**Contact – [allmorgansblenheim@gmail.com](mailto:allmorgansblenheim@gmail.com) Tel - 07450 615044**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** Jodrell Bank?  
Click Here for **Details**  
**Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – [Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com](mailto:Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com).**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** TBD

**Aug 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>** Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395**

**Sep 9<sup>th</sup>** Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL  
Click Here for [Details -](#)  
**Contact – Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539**

**Oct 8th** TBD

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club  
Click Here for [Details](#)

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** TBD

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation  
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