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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

December 2017

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**Welcome to this edition, which includes for the Autumn Retreat, thanks to Peter and Isobel and for the November Noggin thanks to the Norcemog Poet Laureate, Andrew Threlkeld. Because of my oversight, Chapter 3 will appear in January. 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!

There are lots of you booked for this and hopefully you have chosen your menu and paid so that the organisers can enjoy themselves instead of having to hassle for money. If you want to go and have not yet sorted yourself out, get a move on!

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## AUTUMN RETREAT 2017

David and Una Haynes had organized this year's event at The Buckatree Hall Hotel which was hidden in the woods at the foot of The Wrekin not far from Telford.

We left home on the Friday morning but shortly after joining the M6 all traffic started queuing, first road works then 2 lanes closed because a wagon had shed its load of offal! So a two and a half hour journey became five and three quarters. However we continued to the hotel without further incident. On arriving we were met by David and Una. Then it was into the bar for a very welcome drink. As other members arrived so the bar filled up.

Dinner was in our own private dining room so this enabled us to chat and enjoy each other's company until David stood up and announced there would be a word search quiz. This proved to be quite challenging but very enjoyable.

On the Saturday it was individual choice. We decided to drive the short distance along the M54 to The Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford which was a good move. We had a tour inside a Nimrod aircraft followed by a walk round the museum where it was amazing to see how aircraft technology has developed from the First World War to fairly recently. What a feat to get all those large aircraft into one hangar. In the afternoon David and Peter went for some exercise and scaled the heights of The Wrekin the highest hill in the area looking out over the whole of Shropshire.

In the evening we were treated to another beautiful dinner then it was time for entertainment. David had prepared a quiz. The room became quiet as brains went into action, general knowledge and MORGANS. "Question 8 Fill in the missing numbers 1, ?, 4, 3, ?, 5, ?, 2 This got us all thinking - was it David's birthday or the year he got his first car? - NO - Answers please on a postcard to David

The winners were John and Linda Stephens and Maurice and Karen Gee -Well done.

On the Sunday the younger element of the group had to return home as work was beckoning the following day. Sad to see them go but I suppose someone has to pay our pension.

The remainder continued to enjoy themselves inspecting the sights of the local area before meeting for a final dinner that evening.

We would like to thank everyone who

attended such a great weekend, we really

enjoyed your company. Good food and good friends, what can be better.

That just leaves us to thank David and Una for organizing a brilliant weekend. First class organisation as always - THANK YOU BOTH  
Peter and Isobel

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**November Noggin Manchester Museum of Transport 12 11 2017**

On a bright sunny Manchester morning,  
It was on Remembrance Day,  
The country was mourning for those that had fallen,  
Our hood it was down all the way.

We drove around the edge of the city,  
The sun covered pavements in gold,  
Around the site of the Boddingtons brewery,  
By 'eck luv, it was certainly cold.

Arriving by the big roller shutter,  
Our car, it was shining with pride,  
Just when it appeared nobody was present,  
A voice said "This way" he implied

Reversing to the assembled Norce Moggers,  
Accompanied by swearing and cusses,  
Our cars were parked in a bloody big warehouse,  
Full to the brim with the buses.



A museum of transport it certainly was,  
Complete with a café to sup,  
A coffee or tea we all did enjoy,  
Even though it was £1 per cup

No anti-lock brakes, no power steering,  
A Morgan to love and behold?  
No, a single deck coach, with us all on board,  
Nearly ancient at 70 years old.



John Crankshaw the driver and he owned the bus,  
East Manchester route he did tour,  
An enjoyable journey past the ground of Man City,  
The NorceMoggers all pleading for more.

Back to the café, an extensive menu to choose from,  
Surely we're easy to please,  
The pies were served with some guacamole?  
Nay lass, they're mushy peas.  
A guided tour with John, now our friend,  
Our memories truly re-kindled,  
"I travelled on that when we went to Blackpool",  
Alas time, it eventually dwindled.

Another bus tour, on a different route,  
The bus now uncommon and rare,  
Please take your time, don't ding that bell,  
Hold tight if you're going upstairs.

A grand day out and a blast from the past,  
The group had enjoyed and were sated,  
A good trip home, roof down all the way,  
Thanks Adrian, we all were elated.

**Andrew Threlkeld.**

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## NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2018

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

Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

Easter Monday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> St Georges Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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 – **Volunteers welcome!**

**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 14<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 – **Martin Cocks** – 07973 488504, [martincocks@btinternet.com](mailto:martincocks@btinternet.com)

May 18<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Candles Charity Run – **Organised by West Cheshire MG Club** – All NorceMog members invited. Click here for [Details](#)

**May 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> Chipping Steam Fair** – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.  
Click here for [Details](#)

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</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 8<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 14th

TBD

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club

Click Here for [Details](#)

Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

TBD

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation

TBD