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# NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2018

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**Welcome to this edition and please enjoy the read. Following a rather disappointing response, we were not be able to go ahead with the trip to the Brindle Distillery near Houghton Tower where Cuckoo Gin is concocted and those of you who registered interest should follow up on the website and book onto one of their open evenings. The promised alternative is detailed below. Also in this edition is advance notice of a stay in the Lake District in May 2019, organised by David and Una.**

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## NorceMog at The Avro Heritage Museum

On a very damp, hoods up, October Sunday 10 Morgans arrived at The AVRO Heritage Museum at Woodford, an aircraft enthusiasts' paradise. We were treated to an extremely interesting tour (thanks to our secretary having worked with one of the volunteers), cockpit visits and photo opportunity around a Vulcan bomb



The pre-requisite of a NorceMog noggin, i.e. a café, was duly complied with and, over coffee, we were delighted to welcome Brian & Sue Hill complete with French registered Morgan, Derek & Sue Hainsworth, Chris Webb and son Adam all attending their 1<sup>st</sup> NorceMog Noggin. We also welcomed Andy Altree and his wife (another Sue I think!) who were guests from TorMog. Together with a multitude of 'regulars', well, 11 actually, we quaffed our Vulcan topped coffee (see photo) and set about the museum.

The similarities of Alliot Verdon Roe (AVRO) and 1H. F. S. Morgan are striking. Born just 4

apart both took apprenticeships in the railway industry before pioneering their way in the aviation and car industry respectively. Both brought innovative designs to their respective industries and A. V. Roe's enthusiasm was contagious to the people he worked with. One of these people was Roy Chadwick who joined A V Roe in 1911 and went on to become a legend of aircraft design with such examples of The Lancaster, Shackleton and Vulcan bombers. Sadly, he was killed on a test flight of an AVRO Tudor 11 before the latter 2 flew however, he was already ahead of the field in terms of jet powered aircraft. The museum is based on the site of the old Woodford airfield where many of these aircraft were built and tested. Every Vulcan bomber was built here and it houses a fantastic collection of memorabilia, rebuilt aircraft cockpits and replicas. There is a great pictorial history of the origins of A V Roe, through 2 world wars and beyond including the Falklands conflict and commercial jet travel.



**Vulcan Cockpit**

Attendees took advantage of the guided cockpit tours of the legendary Vulcan and Lancaster bombers where we experienced such a cramped space in large aircraft really bringing home what our RAF heroes went through.



We delayed our photo opportunity as long as possible and at least it was not pouring down as we proudly parked our Morgans alongside the full size Vulcan Bomber on display. Anyone vaguely interested in aviation would enjoy a great visit at this museum further details of which can be found at <http://avroheritagemuseum.co.uk/>

Once the photo shoot was complete most of those present drove the 1.5 miles to The Unicorn, our lunch venue, to enjoy good food and company. Thankfully the weather improved during lunch and we were able to drive home with the hood down and even needed sunglasses part of the time.

Photos courtesy of Chris Webb & Andrew Threlkeld Report by Andrew Threlkeld

## Lake District Mid - Week Break at The Birks. Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The Birks is an outdoor pursuit centre owned by our local secondary school PTA in the remote Duddon Valley. The Northern Centre has used The Birks previously and a great time has been had by all. The approach to The Birks is a thrilling Morgan drive in itself where the Cumbrian tractor and the Herdwick sheep have right of way.



The Birks is on Forestry Commission land half a mile from the road and the nearest neighbour is a mile away. There's an excellent pub three miles away!  
The Duddon Valley is a little visited part of The Lake District and it has retained its unique charm. There are excellent driving possibilities and numerous walking options direct from The Birks.

*This a view from one of the windows, looking North.*

Don't expect 5\* accommodation or even en-suites. It is designed to accommodate students.

It's centrally heated, there's a modern kitchen, ample modern toilets and showers and a lounge area with a wood burning stove. Oh, and there's no

television or radio and no mobile reception.

The maximum number of guests (we're not students) is sensibly 10 (12 at a pinch). This would ensure two occupants to a room. Rooms are equipped with a number of bunk beds so most can sleep in a lower bunk at two to a room. One room has a single bunk bed so someone will need a head for heights!

It's self-catering. Una will coordinate this on a bring and share basis (but don't forget the pub)

The total cost to hire The Birks for 4 nights is £515 to be divided between attendees.

**Limited accommodation means it's strictly first come first served.**

A £10pp deposit will secure your place.

David & Una Haynes.

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Tickets for the 2019 Silverstone Classic go on sale on Thursday 25 October with significant Super Early Bird savings for those booking in 2018... plus the not-to-be-missed opportunity for fast starters to win a very special 'Golden Ticket'. See below for details.

After a very successful introduction of the Super Early Bird Car Club Display Packages for the 2018 event, these will be available again for next year's event. The Super Early Bird Car Club Display Packages will be available from Thursday 25 October until midnight on 31st December. From 1st January the usual Early Bird period will be in place until 31st March. Car Club Display Package sales will conclude on 31st May 2019. The prices and details are all on the MSCC website

<https://www.morgansportscarclub.com/mscc-events-article/silverstone>

The club code for 2019 is CCD00352019

Don't forget you are buying a package of 2 general admission tickets and an infield pass. Also the dates are provisional depending on the final decision for the F1 Calendar which should be made in December.

Kind regards Michele

Michele Chapman Cranfield Centre (Cranmog) Secretary

## NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2018

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

Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** Lunch – Briars Hall Hotel  
Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, L40 5TH  
Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 738 201  
Email - [isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk](mailto:isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk)

Briars Hall Country House Hotel, a perfect NorceMog venue with a large car park, a bar and a good Sunday Lunch. Arrive at midday! After lunch you may choose to go for a walk along the canal as it is a lovely area and not too far for the people in the south.

Please contact Isobel and Peter (details above) by Thursday 16th November to book.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Norcemog Christmas Lunch and Presentation  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Barton Grange Hotel, Barton,  
Preston PR3 5AA

### Book now to avoid disappointment

Last year the food was excellent and the event a huge success.

Cost **£22 pp**: 3 course meal followed by tea/coffee.

Menu details can be found on Norcemog website

Full payment and menu choice is required by **29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Please send cheques made payable to MSCC Norcemog and menu choice to Bryan Fearn, 32, Little Poulton Lane, Poulton-Le-Fylde FY6 7ET**

Contact: Bryan & Linda Fearn – Tel 01253 891539/07889 481640

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Easter Monday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> St Georges Day – April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** The Inn at Whitewell- Click Here for [Details](#)

**Contact - Andy Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718**

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** Adrian to organise

**Feb 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>** MSCC Annual Awards & Dinner Dance, Abbey Hotel, Malvern

Click here for [Details](#)

**Contact - [f.whitefoot@btinternet.com](mailto:f.whitefoot@btinternet.com) or Tel - 01245 264664**

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** Peter & Isobel followed by Committee Meeting

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** Lunch & **AGM, Vale Royal Abbey** - Click Here for [Details](#)

**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** FBHV Drive it Day –

- May 12<sup>th</sup>** Possible NorceMog on Tour to Scotland Isobel & Lynda Fearn to investigate
- May 6<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>** **VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival** @ Oulton Park including a round of **The Morgan Challenge** - Click here for [Details](#) and ticket application  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld [norcemog@gmail.com](mailto:norcemog@gmail.com)**
- May 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>** Chipping Steam Fair – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.  
Click here for [Details](#)
- June** **Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Invitation to be confirmed** - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504**
- June 9<sup>th</sup>** Autotest & Concours - Venue to be confirmed  
**Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Arley Hall Garden Festival - 10 Cars Max**  
Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395**
- June 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>** **MOG 19 at Dunston Hall, Norwich**  
Contact – [www.victorymog19.org](http://www.victorymog19.org)
- July 7<sup>th</sup>** Scenic Run – Neil McArthur, Steve Grunner
- August 11<sup>th</sup>** Andrew to organise followed by Committee Meeting
- Aug 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>** **Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end** - Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395**
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - Sep 1<sup>st</sup>** **Chatsworth Country Fair in grounds of Chatsworth House. Display your Morgan and save £120!** Click Here for [Details](#)  
**Contact High Peak Centre (TorMog) – Colin Hill [chill4856@gmail.com](mailto:chill4856@gmail.com)**
- Sep 8<sup>th</sup>** **Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL**  
Click Here for [Details -](#)  
**Contact – Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539**
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** **TBD**
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** **Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club**  
Click Here for [Details](#)
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** **TBD**
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation**  
**The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA**  
Click Here for [Details](#)

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