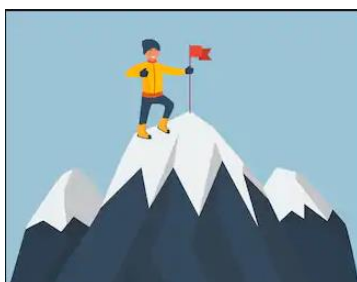




NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

February 2020



Hi all! Well they did it! Linda and Meghan conquered Kilimanjaro! Congratulations girls well done! I hope to have a story from Linda for you next month. Our February event is being hosted by Margaret & John Johnson at Worsley Old Hall, a nice one for us as we only live round the corner so get a nice lie in! All details can be found below in the events calendar. Anyone wishing to attend the May noggin (Windermere Jetty) please remember that you need to book by 29th March 2020 May I take this opportunity to thank Andy & Margaret for their hospitality in January at the Inn at Whitewell with very nice food and lovely company. Enjoy your read and don't forget if you have any stories to share or pictures to show please send them through for next month's edition.

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A few diary amendments for you, the following dates have changed from the initial issue.

Arley Garden Festival – Confirmed as 28th June not 21st June as shown originally

Nantwich Show – Confirmed as 29th July not 17 / 18th as shown originally.

VSCC meeting at Oulton Park in May will NOT include a round of The Morgan Challenge

Norcemog Gallery

The 'Gallery' has kindly been updated by Andrew Threlkeld with photos of events from 2019, available via this link <http://www.norcemog.com/Gallery/Gallery.htm>

A few photos from the Inn at Whitewell



Sunday 9th February 2020
Worsley old Hall
Walkden Road, Worsley
M28 2QT

Sunday lunch in a 19th Century, Grade II listed building conveniently located near the M60 motorway.

11 – 11.30 Arrive for a natter and coffee
12 – 12.15 Lunch

If you fancy a walk before or after lunch, the Worsley Old Hall Old Rail Path is a 3.9-mile loop trail, starting at Worsley Old Hall that features a river and is good for all skill levels.

More details of the walk here <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/england/greater-manchester/worsley-old-hall-old-rail-path?u=i>



Worsley Old Hall is a grade II listed building. It lies within the village of Worsley, most famous perhaps as being the strategic location of the Bridgewater Canal, which is fed by Worsley Brook. The first section of the navigable canal was from the Delph at Worsley to Salford and was developed by the Duke of Bridgewater, the owner of Worsley Park, from 1758.

Although the most important events in Worsley's story took place with the building of the Bridgewater Canal, the place has a much older history dating from the times when it was a small township within the large parish of Eccles.

The first reference to it by name came in 1195 when records tell us that Hugh Poutrell gave the Manors of Worsley and Hulton to 'Richard, son of Elias de Workesley, for his homage and service'. Some 30 different methods of spelling the place-name were recorded during the 12th to 14th centuries, but by 1450 the present version was in permanent use.

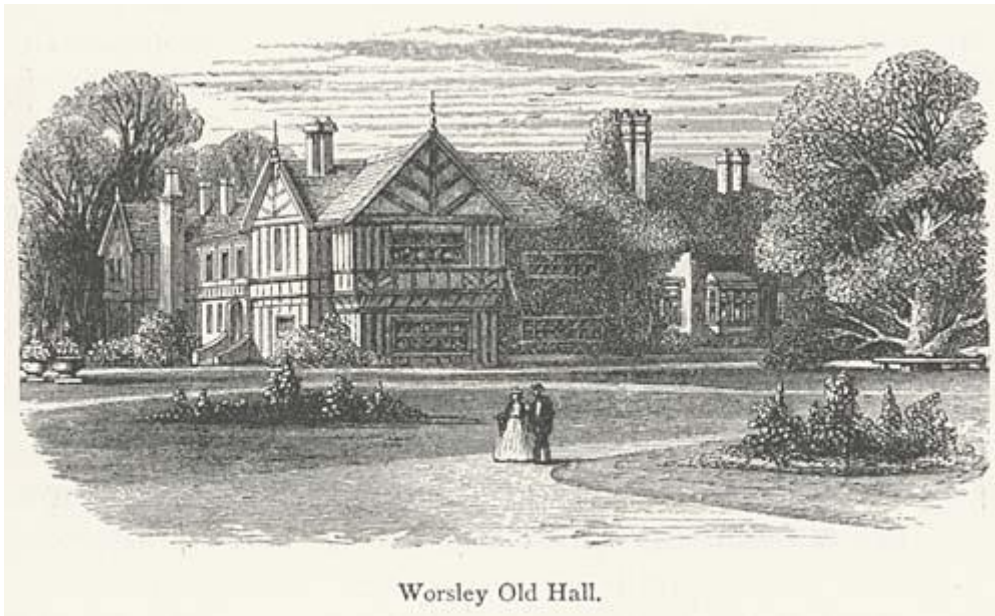
A Roman road passed through Worsley en route from Manchester to Wigan and another, of lesser importance, crossed the north of the area roughly on the line of the present main road through Walkden and Little Hulton. Parts of the first of these roads were discovered in 1957. It lay just six inches below the soil, was thirteen feet wide, and had drainage ditches on each side. There is evidence that the road may have been constructed from stone from the local quarry at the Delph in Boothstown,

where a coin hoard of 540 Roman coins had been unearthed ten years previously.

After the Norman period, the whole Worsley area came within the manor of Barton, a member of the Barton family having acquired the Worsley lands and taken on the name 'de Worsley' to proclaim his ownership.

The building Worsley Old Hall is one of three substantial country houses that were built within Worsley Park over several centuries (each in turn called Worsley Hall), but it is now the only standing house to survive from these three phases.

There is no evidence left of the medieval moated manor site of Worsley Old Hall, but it would have typically incorporated a number of detached buildings, including perhaps a separate bakehouse and kitchen, as well as the chapel and Peel tower mentioned in historic documents.



The southern side of the current property incorporates two phases of a hall, one probably 16th century and one early 17th century. The first phase was probably built by the Massey family, the then Lords of the Manor of Worsley. Worsley Park, and with it the hall, passed from the Masseys to the Breretons, and then in the seventeenth century to the Egertons.

John Gilbert lived at the hall from 1759, after he came to Worsley as the agent to Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, and it was in the hall that Gilbert, James Brindley and the Duke met to discuss their canal strategy.

Chronology

- 1300 - The Manor of Worsley is held by the de Worsley family and by inheritance and marriage passes to the Brereton family
- 1500 - Richard Brereton married Dorothy Egerton and on his death the Worsley estate passes into the Egerton family
- 1617 - John Egerton is granted the Earldom of Bridgewater
- 1600-1620 At around this time the Old Hall is significantly altered and embellished with a new hall.
- 1639 - John Egerton succeeds to Worsley but dies in 1649.
- 1666 - Hearth Tax Return describes Worsley Hall as having seventeen hearths (VCH)
- 1720 - Scroop Egerton, the 4th Earl of Bridgewater is created Duke of Bridgewater & Marquess of Brackley
- 1748 - The 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, Francis Egerton, son of the 4th Earl, inherits the estate following the death of his brother and sets about building the Bridgewater Canal
- 1758 - First Bridgewater Canal Act passed
- 1759 - Work begins on the construction of the Bridgewater Canal and the Duke's agent, John Gilbert, employs the

canal engineer James Brindley to work on its construction

- 1759? John Gilbert is living at Worsley Old Hall
- 1759 - by Act of Parliament the canal is extended from Worsley Mill over the River Irwell at Barton
- 1761 by Act of Parliament the canal is extended from Stretford to the River Mersey at Halton
- 1760s - a new Brick Hall (New Hall) is built as the Duke's residence
- 1803 - the death of the Duke of Bridgewater - in his will, as he dies without issue, he placed his canals and estates into trust under which his nephew the 2nd Marquess of Stafford became the first beneficiary. The establishment of a trust for the Duke's canals and estates continued until 1903, when it eventually legally expired and at which time it passed to the undivided control of Francis Egerton, 3rd Earl of Ellesmere, a direct descendant of the Marquess of Stafford.
- 1833 - Soon after the Earl of Ellesmere inherited the Worsley Estate in 1833 Blore was commissioned to make alterations to the Old Hall
- 1834 - Improvements are made to the Old Hall and the Gardener's Cottage is built to accommodate the Worsley Hall gardener
- 1837 - Sir Francis Egerton and his wife Harriet come to live at Worsley Hall
- 1839 - Work begins on the New Hall
- 1845 - the New Hall is completed to the designs of Blore by the 1st Earl of Ellesmere (1800-1857)
- 1855 - Hon. Algernon Egerton comes to live at Worsley Old Hall (ref. Victoria County History)
- 1857 - The Queen's 2nd visit to Worsley (New Hall) took place between 29 June and 2 July 1857
- Ca. 1860 - a second west wing is added to the Old Hall by Algernon Egerton (1825-1891)
- 1891-98 - extensive repairs and refurbishment are carried out at the Old Hall by the Bridgewater Estate for Lord Brackley
- 1903 - Worsley Old Hall passes outright to Francis Egerton, Viscount Brackley
- 1905-06 works to upgrade the house with electricity and gas fittings and new drainage
- 1906 - new Billiard Room added to infill the courtyard and men servants wing added to the north-west
- 1923 - the Egerton family sell their Worsley Estates and the Old Hall becomes the property of the Bridgewater Estates Ltd. and later the offices of Manchester Collieries and then the NCB.
- 1971-1994 the hall is converted to a restaurant specialising in Jacobean banquets.
- 1994 - 2013 the hall trades as a Brewer's Fayre family restaurant
- 2013 the lease of Worsley Old Hall is acquired by Brunning and Price from Peel Holdings

Sunday 8th March 2020
The Egerton Arms
Chelford
Cheshire
SK11 9BB



The Egerton Arms is a traditional country pub with low beams, big fireplaces, bizarre antiques and a long bar with old brass pumps.

All food is sourced locally by their experienced and very serious chef (serious about food that is). The menu is a selection of classic pub favourites and then the chef goes wild on his specials chopping board.

If you would like to join myself and Martin at this event, please let me have your name no later than Friday 28th February. I will be receiving a new menu from the pub the first week of March I will circulate for your pre-order as soon as I have it. Thanks Amanda

Contact: amandagreenwood67@gmail.com

Tel: 07809 608083

Sunday 10th May 2020
Windermere Jetty - Museum of Boats Steam and Stories
Rayrigg Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1BN

Booking Essential - Closing Date 29th March 2020

Contact – Chris & Ann Harfield

Email - chrisharfield@lycos.com



Windermere Jetty is the home of a museum of Boats, speed and steam. It was reopened in 2019 following a £20 Million, 12-year programme of redevelopment. See <https://windermerejetty.org/>

Our visit includes privilege parking on the waterfront by the conservation workshop, admission to the museum and (for the first 24 payments) a 45-minute trip on the restored Edwardian steam ship 'The Osprey'. The Osprey is limited to 12 people and we have reserved 12 places at 10.45am and a further 12 places at 11.45am. Further sailings are available at 1.15, 2.15 and 3.15pm but we do not currently have any reserved seats on these sailings. They can be booked independently using this link <https://tickets.lakelandarts.org.uk/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=Products&c=HBT>

An on-site restaurant can provide for our arrival refreshments and a variety of lunch and afternoon options.

Interactive galleries of boats, steam and stories will take you on a journey – from a wall of wonder (covered floor to ceiling with boating paraphernalia, equipment and curiosities), to a space where Windermere's boating heritage surrounds you in all directions of the gallery.



Uncover the stories of Windermere's boats, builders, owners and users via interactive displays, oral histories and our historic collection.

Learn about boats such as luxuriously-designed steam launch *Branksome*, built in 1896. As the finest surviving steam launch on the lake, *Branksome* had the honour of carrying HRH Prince Philip for a trip during a visit in 1966.

Find *Branksome* sitting centre stage in our main gallery, laid out with a silver tea service fit for the most decadent Victorian trip out on Windermere.

Booking Details

1. Please email Chris and the email address above them know you intend to

2. Send payment (£17.50 person including boat Bryan Fearn **before 29th 2020**. (Cheques made to MSCC Northern Centre

(NorceMog) or bank transfer to sort code 40-43-56 {HSBC}, Account No. = 01160427) – Email Bryan at bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk to let him know you've paid. **Address for cheque payment** - Bryan Fearn, Treasurer, Little Poulton Hall, 32 Little Poulton Lane, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7ET.



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NB * Once we have received 24 confirmed payments our reserved places for the boat trip have been used up. Further boat bookings (£10) may be available through the link below. Deduct £10 pp from the money paid to NorceMog if you book the boat trip independently.

<https://tickets.lakelandarts.org.uk/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=Products&c=HBT>

All Morgans Day 2020 at Blenheim Invitation

All Morgans Day 2018 at Blenheim Palace was a fantastic event with over 600 Morgans attending and we raised over £16,000 for Combat Stress. Following on from the success of the event, the Morgan Centenary Roadster 100 Register is pleased to announce that the sixth All Morgans Day will be on 7th June 2020 at Blenheim Palace.

As in previous years, we have two options for parking - in the Great Court of Blenheim Palace and in the Grounds and Drives surrounding the Palace. This year, we have increased the number of spaces available in the Great Court to 250. These will be available on a first come

first served basis - limited number still available. We are asking for minimum donations of £10 (Great Court) and £5 (Grounds) respectively. All the money we raise goes directly to Combat Stress. All those arriving in a

Morgan at Blenheim are eligible for significantly discounted entry rates to Blenheim Palace and Grounds

The organising team is busily working on exhibitors and events for the day but currently includes the Morgan Motor Company, Morgan Sports Car Club to name a few.

Pre-registered Morgans will receive a commemorative rally plaque. A 2020 AMD car badge and associated merchandise will be available and released nearer the event.

If you would like to book, please reply with details of:

- Where you would like to park
- Whether you would like to make your donation by electronic transfer or cheque
- Your Morgan Make/Model/Car Registration
- Your contact details

I look forward to hearing from you soon - please do get in touch if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help

Best wishes
Rosemary

All Morgans Day 2020 at Blenheim Organising Team

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Lifes Motors quit dying town centre after decades



A popular expensive car showroom and garage has quit the town centre after decades of prominence in the resort. Life's Motors, famous for selling Morgans, has left the resort and moved to a new premises in Banks. The garage on West Street shut a number of days ago and signs above the building say that Life's Motors have moved to Banks Service Station.



NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2020

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

Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

Easter Monday – April 13th

St Georges Day – April 23rd

Feb 9th

Sunday Lunch at Worsley Old Hall, M28 2QT

Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – John & Margaret Johnson johnjohnson173@msn.com

Mar 8th

Sunday Lunch at The Egerton Arms, Chelford, SK11 9BB

Contact – Amanda Greenwood amandagrenwood67@gmail.com

Tel: 07809608083

April 5th

Lunch & AGM, Vale Royal Abbey - Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395, norcemog@gmail.com

April 18th MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

April 26th FBHV Drive it Day –

May 8th This year on Bank Holiday Friday! - Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield,

SK11 9RN

- Click here for [Details](#)

Download an [ENTRY FORM HERE](#)

Contact – Martin Cocks – 07973 488504, martincocks@btinternet.com

May 10th

Windermere Jetty, A Museum of Boats, Steam and Stories. Click here for [Details](#)

Contact – Chris & Ann Harfield – email chrisharfield@lycos.com

May 12 - 15th

NorceMog Spring Tour, The Fat Lamb Inn, Ravenstonedale, CA17 4LL

Click here for [Details](#)

Contact – Adrian & Dot Long – 07831 377255, Adrian.long@icloud.com

May 30th VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival @ Oulton Park

May 23 – 25th Chipping Steam Fair – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.

Applications preferred by December 2019!

Click here for [Details](#)

June 14th

Autotest & Concours - British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, PR25 2LE

Click here for [Details](#)

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

June 28th

Arley Hall Garden Festival - 10 Cars Max

Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – norcemog@gmail.com

- July 12th** Scenic Run
Contact – Neil McArthur – neillmcarthur@hotmail.com
- July 29th Nantwich Show & Cheese Festival – The biggest cheese show in the world!
 Click here for Details
Contact – Jay Hale - Jay@company-strategy.co.uk
- Jul 31st -Aug 2nd Silverstone Classic
- August 9th TBD**
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld, norcemog@gmail.com
- Aug 29 – 31st** Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld norcemog@gmail.com
- Sep 4th- 6th Morgans @ Windermere – organised by FellMog
- Sep 13th** Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL
 Click Here for [Details](#) -
Contact – Bryan Fearn, Email- bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk
- Sep 20th Madresfield Gymkhana, Madresfield Court Estate, Malvern, WR13 5AH
 Organised by MSCC Midland Centre - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Martin Wyatt, Tel: 07831248981
Email: midland.sec@morgansportscarclub.com
- Oct 11th TBD**
Contact – Isobel & Peter Moore, EMAIL - ISOBELPETER@GMAIL.COM
- Oct 18th Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club.**
Fishpool Farm, Fishpool Rd, Delamere, CW8 2HP.
 Click Here for [Details](#)
- Nov 15th TBD**
- Dec 13th** Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
 The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
 Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Bryan & Linda Fearn – bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk