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## Noggin News

**October 8<sup>th</sup> - Private dining at Cross Keys Inn PR3 2EP.** Food to be pre-ordered.

**Booking essential, Closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

Organisor - Margaret Johnson Email - [mjohnson23@hotmail.com](mailto:mjohnson23@hotmail.com)

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – Private dining at The Swettenham Arms, CW12 2LF.** Food to be pre-ordered

and paid for. **Booking Essential, Closing Date – 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Organisor – Peter Murphy Email – [petermurphy@live.com](mailto:petermurphy@live.com)

**December 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards** Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston

Organisor – Linda Fearn Email - Email = [lindafearn737@icloud.com](mailto:lindafearn737@icloud.com)

**NB The November & December events are to be pre-ordered and PRE-PAID** Full details for menu choice and payment details here.

**November** - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/2311Swettenham.pdf>

**December** - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/2312XmasParty.pdf>

# THE BUCK COUNTRY PUB

The Perfect Pint, Remarkable Food, Always a Warm Welcome

## Noggin at The Buck Country Pub

September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

Organised by Isobel & Peter Moore, around 30 members attended The Buck Country Pub for a fine feast and catch up on a dry Sunday. Unfortunately, no photos were taken to record the event so I cannot confirm how many arrived with their hoods down!



However, I am assured everyone had a good time and enjoyed their meals in a comfortable setting with good service.

After the lunch members were invited to take a short walk to the nearby lodge of Peter & Rosemary Murphy who provided further refreshments and allowed the conversations to continue through the afternoon.

Our thanks to Isobel & Peter Moore and Rosemary & Peter Murphy for their organisation and hospitality.

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## The Inn at Woodhall Spa

### NorceMog members join FolkMog

### in Bomber County



During the second world war Lincolnshire became known as Bomber County due to the 27 bomber air bases that were stationed there. A 4-day trip organised by Steve Wilson of the FolkMog Centre (Norfolk and Suffolk) was also offered to other centres to occupy vacant hotel rooms. Five NorceMog cars joined them in addition to MSCC members from JockMog (Scotland) and CranMog (Bedfordshire) providing a great array of Morgans in the car park. The organised parts of the trip included visits to The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, formerly RAF East Kirkby 1943 – 1945 and The International Bomber Command Centre just outside Lincoln.

The NorceMog attendees were Roger Benton (CX Plus 4), Neil & Francesca McArthur (Roadster), Peter & Rosemary Murphy (CX Plus 4), Andrew & Joan Threlkeld (borrowed Roadster!) and Simon & Mal Westwood-Bate (4/4). Most of us arrived Thursday evening to enjoy meeting the other attendees and 39 people ate together (all meals pre-ordered) in our private dining area.

On Friday morning we assembled in the general parking area at East Kirkby airfield and were joined by the McArthur's who had set off from Macclesfield at 05.30Hrs. Access to our privileged parking area was granted and we duly filed through the gates to park within the grounds of the museum.



**Awaiting entry to privileged parking at East Kirkby Airfield**

Needless to say, our first port of call was to the NAAFI for coffee and cake before visiting the main hangar on the site.



**Within the Museum Grounds**

The hangar is dominated by the restoration of a Lancaster Bomber which can already taxi up and down the runway and the intention is to fully restore it to flying mode. The hangar also contains exhibits such as stories of The Dambusters and Barnes Wallis Bouncing Bomb, remains of the many aircraft crashes in Lincolnshire, a B25 Mitchell Bomber and a cockpit which Neil and Andrew couldn't resist climbing into. Let's just say it's easier to climb in and out of a Morgan than the contortions required to climb into the pilot's moulded metal seat. Cramped and uncomfortable doesn't begin to describe the situation, but then we are over 22!

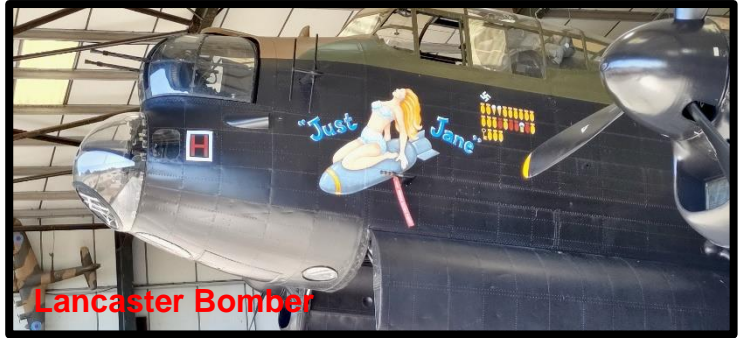


**Lancaster Bomber**

Throughout the grounds there are exhibits in different buildings including Billet Hut, Memorial Chapel, Briefing Hut, Home Front Exhibition, Control Tower, Escape Museum, Vehicle displays etc. all bringing home the sacrifices made during wartime.



Lancaster Bomber



Lancaster Bomber



B25 Mitchell



After this visit members were free to pursue other activities in the area. Most took the scenic drive through the Lincolnshire Wolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty running approximately parallel with the North Sea coast from The Humber Estuary to the Lincolnshire fens.



Saturday morning and a visit to The International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) created to provide a world-class facility to serve as a point for recognition, remembrance and reconciliation for Bomber Command. Offering the most comprehensive record of the Command in the world, the IBCC ensures

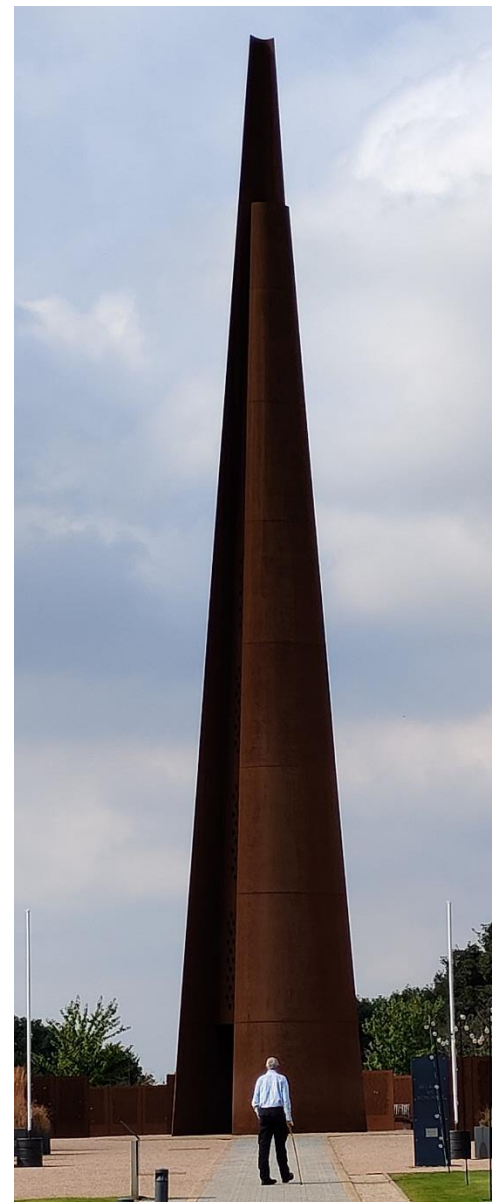


that generations to come can learn of their vital role in protecting the freedom we enjoy today.



Lincoln was chosen for the site as it provides a central point for all 27 bases that earned Lincolnshire the title of 'Bomber County'.

Lincoln's Cathedral provided a landmark for crews both leaving and returning from missions and, for those who failed to return, the Cathedral was often their last image of home. The county housed over a third of all the WWII Bomber Command Stations, making it the ideal home for this commemoration of the bravery of the men of Bomber Command.



View from The Spire towards Lincoln



View towards The Spire

The Peace Garden also contains a Memorial Spire at 102 feet tall (the wingspan of an AVRO Lancaster) and Walls of Names.

The Walls of Names remember almost 58,000 men and women who lost their lives serving or supporting Bomber Command during WWII.

They surround the Memorial Spire in a series of circles framing the view of the city and the Cathedral. There are 271 individual panels, each one formed from engraved sheets of Corten Weathering Steel.

Our members were treated to a guided tour by a very enthusiastic guide with stories of war time personalities who flew from the Lincolnshire bases.



The afternoon was 'free time' with members visiting Lincoln, Tattershall Castle or the seaside on England's East coast.

Sunday morning was a run home for most attendees after the very emotional and humbling event.



# Lest we Forget



## 2001 Morgan 4/4 For Sale

Do you know anybody looking for a Morgan 4/4?

I have been contacted by a lady in the Northwich area wishing to sell her husband's Morgan. Unfortunately, he is now being cared for in a home and they wish to sell the car. It is going for MoT before selling and the basic details (to be confirmed) are.

Model - 4/4

Year - 2001

Mileage - 19,000 Miles

Colour - Royal Ivory

Interior - Tan Leather

New hood and Tonneau and she thinks it has had Power Assisted Steering fitted. Price to be negotiated.

If you know anybody interested, please email me on [norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com](mailto:norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com) and I will provide you with her contact details.

I have given her details of the dealers who 'want to buy your Morgan'!

## And Finally

**Morgan Men!** – We can't attend a Morgan event without examining each other's cars. Under the bonnet, under the wheel arch, across the front – NorceMog member David Roberts shares his considerable expertise at The Gold Cup.



For all the latest news on all our events please click this link.  
<http://www.norcemog.com/Calendar%20of%20Events/2023Diary.pdf>

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