<u>NORTH HAMPSHIRE</u> <u>AUSTIN</u> <u>ENTHUSIASTS</u> <u>GROUP</u> <u>Founded</u> 1974 <u>Monthly Newsletter and Events Update</u>

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<u>Please let me have any articles for the next newsletter by the 22nd of this</u> <u>month in WORD document form.</u>

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Club nights at The New Inn, Heckfield, 8pm, 2nd Monday in every month

Mo's Mutterings

I am still waiting for the "better weather" to happen, let's hope April will be more like spring and ideal for bringing out all our proper cars!

Don did take Queenie (our 12/4) to Brooklands, having invested in a new battery for her and then Chummy went into a deep depression and wouldn't start just because she didn't go out!



A lovely tail piece, Philip Garnons-Williams' last journey. A number of NHAEG members knew Philip. Trevor Mulford knew him for more than forty years. The vehicle is a one ton Morris lorry 1929 vintage.



Where on earth did you find this Trevor???????

COLINS COMMENTS

February Lunch Meeting

Our second Lunch Meeting went well with everyone enjoying their meal and plenty of chat. Although we would mainly expect retired members of the club to attend the lunch meetings we would obviously be delighted to see members who are still working as well, if they can manage a couple of hours off work. This time Andy Seager took an extended lunch break to come along in his recently acquired Riley Kestrel which of course all the men wanted to have a good look at, I must say it is a lovely looking car.

Don't forget we have a lunch meeting at The New Inn on the fourth Monday of every month so do come along if you can. They do a very good lunch menu at £5 for a main course and £3 for a starter. The April meeting is on Monday 22^{nd} .

Morris/Austin Day

Despite the very cold weather the Morris Austin Day at Brooklands was very well attended. Ben and I went along in Arabella with Don following in Queenie. On arrival we parked and after a warming coffee we had a good look at the many cars lined up. They had put all the pre-war cars in and around the paddock area and as in previous years most of them were Austins.

After lunch we were able to drive in a cavalcade around the Mercedes Benz World track followed by an opportunity to drive up the Test Hill. However, both Don and I decided to make our way home after the drive around the track as we had driven up the hill many times before. It was getting very cold by now and we were also both going out in the evening.

Also there from the NHAEG was Tony Westhall in his Austin16/6 as well as Simon and Denise in their Austin Healy and Jane Hanslip who came in a modern but travelled with Don on the Cavalcade.

It always surprises me that not more members go to this event, as there is not much else on at this time of year and it is an opportunity to use your car. It is always a good day with plenty of Austins of all types to see.

March Club Night

I was not able to go to the March club night as Ann and I had taken ourselves off to the Isle of Wight for a few days and at the last minute Trevor and Jean were also unable to go. It was therefore decided that the planned Shoe Box Car should be postponed until the September club night.

I understand it was a good evening all the same with Sandra organising a quiz at the last minute, which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks, Sandra. Also many thanks to Don and Maureen for looking after everything in our absence.

Forthcoming Events

Events in April include <u>The Daffodil Run</u> on the 7th in which I believe a number of members are taking part. On the 14th and 28th there are the <u>Classic Car Meetings</u> at White Lion Antiques, Hartley Wintney details at <u>www.whitelionantiques.co.uk</u> On the weekend of the 20th/21st there is the <u>VSCC</u> <u>Race Meeting</u> at Silverstone, details at <u>www.vscc.co.uk</u> I hope to go with grandson Ben on the Saturday because on the Sunday we have <u>Drive It Day</u> when Trevor and Jean have arranged for us to visit the <u>Hollycombe Steam Fair & Museum</u>. Details have been in previous newsletters but if you want more, then contact Trevor. The following day, Monday 22^{nd} , will be our monthly <u>Lunch</u> <u>Meeting</u>. Plenty of opportunities to get your cars out with plenty more to follow during the summer months, let's hope for better weather than last year.

April Club Night

April club night is when we have our Spring Airing when it is hoped members will come in their 'proper cars' especially those whose cars have been hibernating during the winter. As usual there will be <u>a free draw</u> for all those coming in a vintage or classic car with the lucky winner receiving a <u>£25</u> <u>M&S voucher</u>. So come along, someone has to win and it could be you.

NHAEG Website

Many thanks to those members who have already put photographs of their cars on the NHAEG website, however considering the number of members we have in the club it is only a very small percentage of our cars. I am sure you all have pictures of your cars so **please take a couple of minutes to send one to Paul Edwards**, who looks after our website, with a few details about it. If you want to see the sort of things that other members have written then visit <u>www.nhaeg.org.uk</u> Paul's email address is <u>pedwards@blackcat-it.co.uk</u>

Safe and Happy Motoring.

Colin

Secretary's Scríbblings

<u>Quíz News</u>

One consequence of Jean and me not attending the March Club Night was that no announcement was made regarding results of the February Quiz - *"More Food For Thought"*.

Therefore, for those who are truly agog and cannot possibly bear the suspense of waiting until our April meeting, here they are:

There were six entries this time around, two of them with all-correct answers – Alan and Myfanwy (Pickett) and, (no surprises here!), Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley). Congratulations to both couples; prizes will be forthcoming at the April Club Night. Other scores ranged from 19 down to 15 (out of the possible 20) and marked sheets will be returned at the next convenient opportunity.

This month's quiz is concerned with Colours, Tints and Shades. All answers contain a reference to one of these. Please submit your entries, to me, by <u>Friday</u> 10th May.

Isle of Wight 'Expedition' - 17/21 June 2013

Many thanks to all those who responded promptly to the request/plea, in last month's Newsletter (and also to the associated email sent out to all those concerned), for payment of the balance due for this trip. At the time of writing this report all <u>but two</u> are now fully paid up. Quite why it should prove to be such an arduous exercise getting <u>ALL</u> to respond in a reasonably timely fashion remains one of life's mysteries but, from experience, it generally is so and presumably ever will be - one can only surmise.

A full programme of activities have been arranged, for our time on the island, in which, it is hoped, most, if not all, will participate (though, as per tradition, nothing will be 'compulsory', of course). The only thing, proving very difficult to organise, is the weather, though at least two persons with whom contact has been made on the island, have assured us that they have placed an order for wall-to-wall sunshine throughout the five days we're there – all at no extra charge.

So that's OK then!

NHAEG Grille / Bar Badge

At the recent Club Expo show, held at Gaydon, a product being offered by a company represented there, caught our eye. They are able to produce and supply attractive resin-faced, metal car badges, bearing our logo, for mounting on

bumpers, badge bars or radiators, at a very reasonable cost. A show of hands taken at the March Club night evidently indicates that, at an estimated cost to members of £10.00 each, these are likely to be purchased by a majority since they would provide a sense of identity and unique association with our Club. Accordingly, at the next Committee Meeting, this issue will be discussed and no doubt pursued further. Watch this space for further information and details.

<u>'Dríve |t Day' - 21st Apríl 2013.</u>

30 members (15 vehicles?) have so far confimed an intention to join the *D.I.D. Run* this year, down to the Hollycombe Working Steam Museum, near Liphook.

As a reminder, a discounted admission charge of £8.00 per person has been secured and, in addition, we've been promised a dedicated parking area. A variety of light catering options will be available, but why not consider making up a picnic and consuming this in warm sunshine, which is bound to grace the occasion - isn't it!!??

It's understood that the MGF Register are also planning on visiting to the Museum on the same day so there should be a healthy assortment of cars on site to cast an eye over.

If there's anyone else who would like to join in the trip drop me an email or call me on 01344 775012, soonest. Further/final details, regarding rendezvous point, timing etc., will be sent out to all in good time.

Forthcoming events.

As was detailed in March's Newsletter the Woodley Classic Car Show is being held on Saturday 8th June and the Pinewood (Crowthorne) Festival on Sunday 7th July.

If you haven't already done so it would be really helpful if you would let me know whether you're likely to attend either (or perhaps both) of these events. The respective organisers have requested that we give them some idea of possible numbers. The Pinewood event, in particular, is well worth considering. The inaugural such event, a couple of years ago, was very successful and much enjoyed by those of us who attended on that occasion.

Peking to Paris Rally - May / June 2013

Last month's Newsletter contained Richard (Scott's) initial instalment outlining preparations being made to the 1964 Volvo 122S in which he and his co-competitor, Richard (White) are entering the Peking to Paris Rally this year.

Here, once again in his own words, is the second instalment mentioning just a few of the hurdles being faced and addressed, in readiness for this formidable challenge.

Richard Scott's Peking to Paris Diary

The Peking Paris Rally is being run for the 4th time starting on May28th at the Great Wall and rolling into the Place Vendome in Paris on June 29th. The entry list has passed 70 cars. Crossing the Gobi desert will prove the major challenge but the event is no scenic tour, there will be timed-to-the-second sections on most days, as well as a series of Passage Controls that have to be passed through at the appropriate time. How hard do you push the car to achieve a respectable time?

August 2012.

The new power unit is being run in; we need some new rubber, Avon van tyres are the preferred choice but cannot be obtained. After much deliberation Hankooks are acquired, with their higher profile as well as the up-rated suspension the car's ground clearance is looking good. Back axle ratios will have to be changed; we need to be comfortable at 65mph. Now contemplate the electrics – ugh! It'll have to go. A complete re-wire is the only way allowing us to design a whole new loom to include all the additional pieces of equipment; two trip-meters, GPS unit, tracker, sockets for phones, lighting, radio etc. Spot lights can go, the electric fan can too, we have fitted a new slightly larger radiator anyway. An experienced VSCC member is entrusted with the rewiring, then he goes on holiday....

Personal preparation is considered too; there's a long list of inoculations, and a full medical is recommended. We will in the Gobi for over a week and there are not many hotels there so camping gear will be required. Quality trekking style clothing is suggested for easy care. Whose idea was this......

to be continued...

Hope to see a healthy gathering of <u>real</u> cars at the Spring Airing on April 8th. All those arriving in one will be entered into a free draw to win a £25.00 M&S Gift Card. Let's just hope for a significant improvement in the weather between now and then!

Trevor

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome Dickon Armstrong to the NHAEG. Dickon, who currently lives in the Alton area, owns a 1929 Seven RK saloon reg.BS 9882 which was first registered in 1929 on Jersey where it had two owners until its return to England in 1965. Dickon bought it from Swain & Jones in 2008. The car is very original apart from the external paintwork so we look forward to casting our beady eyes over it when it appears. However this may be a little in the future as Dickon is planning to move house AND get married this year. What excitement!! Dickon can be contacted on 01420 88971, 0783 598 6957 or on railwaytracks@msn.com

Members please note on new list, John and Jill Bennet's 12/14 Clifton's reg. should read PH 9689.

George Ewart, Membership Secretary

DISPLAY CARDS

The detail design of our proposed DISPLAY CARDS, intended for placing on your car's windscreen during meetings, rallies and holiday trips etc has evolved since the examples shown at recent club meetings. The plan remains to have a generic design that would identify the NHAEG in a 'corporate' layout to inform the general public etc about the car and that the club is an association of individuals on the same wavelength. However, the software used to generate the 'Austin Wings' logo does not allow an easy transfer of a blank document, via the e-mail, to members for them to compile their individual text layout and content and to print out their completed card.

To overcome this problem, it is suggested that those members who require a card should compile their text using the Microsoft Word 97-2003 file format .doc if possible. This will allow the use of various text formats and colours to highlight items of interest etc.

To allow space for the Club heading the overall text length should not exceed 200mm on an A4 sheet. The location of the text on the sheet is not critical as this can be manipulated during printing onto the actual card.

It is advised that a small or complex text font should not be used to display a lot of information as this will induce the viewer to crane over the bonnet to read it. This could result in 'puddy' marks on your immaculate bonnet and possible scratch marks on the wings or bodywork.

Should you need any help or further explanation, please contact me on 01344 778286 or <u>george.ewarx@btinternet.com</u>. The completed card will be laminated for you to make it reasonably rainproof. The anticipated cost of each laminated card is £1.00

George Ewart

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

Some more "Queries of the Month", these originally appeared in "The Austin Magazine & Advocate" during the 1930s and 1940s. This month's selection consists of No 572 Horn Button – Austin Ten-Four and No 635 Radiator and Universal Cover – Austin Seven.

No 572 appeared in April 1934 and No 635 in January 1935.

No 572 – Horn Button - Austin Ten-Four

Q. The horn on my Ten-Four sometimes fails to respond to the button in the centre of the steering wheel, and I find that this usually happens when I am negotiating a bend to the left. Can you suggest the cause and how I can cure the trouble? To be without the horn is, on occasion, very disconcerting.

A. From the particulars you give it would appear that the lead to the horn button is not making efficient contact. The lead is secured to the contact by a conical screw and possibly being not gripped sufficiently securely thereby, the contact is broken when the wheel is twisted, and a slight twisting strain is imposed on the wire. To remedy this fault it will be necessary to dismantle the switch. It is secured to the wheel by three screws easily reached from underneath. When these have been removed the switch can be lifted to give access to the two circular slotted nuts inside which hold the three portions of the switch together. These can be unscrewed to release the switch proper from the base and at the same time enable the button to be withdrawn from the former.



The red wire leads to the horn contact and by tightening the contact screw if it is loose, or by removing the screw and ensuring the strands of wire make efficient contact when it is screwed home again, the occasional horn failure you have experienced will be remedied. Before reassembling ensure that the circular contact under the button and the contacts in the switch member are quite clean, and in fitting the reassembled unit to the wheel do not omit to fit the brass earthing strip on the securing screw which passes into the base piece approximately under the "dipper" marking on the upper face.

No 635 - Radiator and Universal Cover - Austin Seven

Q. The drain tap of my 1926 Austin Seven is broken and I wish to fit a new one. I cannot move the old one and it seems that I must remove the radiator. This appears to be a matter of six bolts and nuts and the water inlet and outlet joints. The snag to my mind is the starting handle. Will you please tell me the correct manner to remove this and the radiator? I also wish to fit a new universal joint cover. Can this be done, and if so what is the best method.

A. The starting handle of the 1929 Austin Seven is retained in position by a small grubscrew, which also serves as a stop to locate it at its horizontal position. On removing this screw the handle can be withdrawn and then as you suggest it is a matter of undoing six bolts and the hose connections to remove the radiator.



The universal joint cover can be fitted by the owner. It is first necessary to disconnect the joint socket from the flange of the drive shaft to which it is secured by four bolts. Then the socket can be removed from the universal joint blocks and their spindle when the blocks can also be removed. On driving the spindle for the joint blocks through the shaft until one end is flush with the boss on the end of the shaft you will be able to thread the new cover over the spindle and on to the shaft into its approximate position for fitting to the joint socket.



Reassembling is a reversal of the foregoing procedure but be particularly careful not to bend the propeller shaft when moving the joint block pin, and before securing the new joint cover remember to pack in plenty of the special grease recommended for lubricating this joint.

The "Queries of the Month" are reproduced with the kind permission of the Austin Ten Drivers Club (ATDC)

This month I have found some advertisements from December 1932, all relevant to our Austin cars. I bet the Nobby springs made driving a lightly loaded car a bit lively, especially in the wet or over tram lines. Anyone got Nobby springs fitted these days,



Andy Ranson

A little light reading:

Hints on pronunciation for foreigners

I take it that you already know Of tough and bough and cough and dough? Others may stumble, but not you, On hiccough, thorough, lough and through? Well done! And now you wish, perhaps To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word That looks like beard and sounds like bird, And dead: it's said like bed, not bead For goodness sake don't call it deed! Watch out for meat and great and threat (They rhyme with suite and straight and debt)

A moth is not a moth in mother Nor both in bother, broth in brother, And here is not a match for there Nor dear and fear for bear and pear, And then there's dose and nose and lose Just look them up -and goose and choose, And cork and work and card and ward, And font and front and word and sword, And do and go and thwart and cart Come, come, I've hardly made a start!

A dreadful language? Man alive, I'd mastered it when I was five!

(Thanks Phil D.)

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Our NHAEG member, Eric Mouser of our Thetford outpost, has sent me this photograph of his two cars. The 1930 Morris Major Fabric saloon GV 188 is believed to be the sole remaining example. Eric plans to bring it down to Reading when he has proven its reliability.

The buildings in the background house the overflow from Eric's other passion, the Ipswich Transport Museum – the museum itself already fills a redundant full sized bus garage.



The museum's website is <u>www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk</u> and is well worth a visit if you have some time to spare.

Eric says he misses our club meetings and plans to visit us. There is a local 'Orstin' Owners Club which will visit the museum on 19th May mainly to examine the museum's 1927 Chummy.

George Ewart

<u>'More Food for Thought'</u> All answers include a reference to a Colour, Shade or Tint.

Please forward entries to Trevor Edwards, at: 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, by Friday 10th May 2013, enclosing £1.00 towards the cost of prize(s).

1.One of Bing Crosby's dreams?	5,9
2. Spicy ale	6,4
3. Popular with referees	3,4
4. Very pale firework	5,7
5. Cold saint on ship's mast	4,5
6. Neat spring flower	8
7. Elopers' target	6,5
8. Simple camera for young girls?	7
9. Popular 1966 warship	6,9
10. Noble tea?	4,4
11. Sounds like a very dark French hat	10
12. Pale yellow flat fish	5,4
13. Rudolph's leading point	3,4
14. Cheltenham chalice	4,3
15. Flower found between Budapest and Vienna	4,6
16. An Essex potter?	5,5
17. Organisation to sort out golf disputes? 10	
18. Shiny wooden instrument of correction	6,5
19. Half way between red and green	5
20. Sunburnt Hovis	5,5
21. Aerobatic darts?	3,6
22. Cockney river between Hull and Grimsby	5
23. Depressed glass container?	10
24. Nothing in the universe can escape from this	5,4
25. Feeling fine	2,3,4

lame(s)	

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

<u>Club Nights</u>

Arranged by or details from

April 8th	Spring Airing	Colin/Trevor
May 13 th	Film, Motoring Through the Ages 1890s-1930s	Colin
June 10 th	Half Gallon Run	Tony/Pat
July 8 th	Coveted Car Evening	Colin.
August 12th	TBA	TBA
September 9 th	Shoe Box Car	Don
October 14 th	Talk by Malcolm Nelson (back by popular demand)	Jean
November 11 th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
December 9 th	Festive Fun Night	TBA

Lunch meetings (Colin for details)

March 25th	The New Inn
April 22 nd	The New Inn
May 28 th	The New Inn Please note this is a <u>Tuesday</u> not Monday
June 24 th	The New Inn
July 22 nd	The New Inn
August 27 th	The New Inn Please note this is a <u>Tuesday</u> not Monday
September 23 rd	The New Inn
October 28 th	The New Inn
November 25 th	The New Inn
December	No lunch meeting this month

Events Events in **BOLD** are **NHAEG** events

March 30 th	Alvis Scatter Rally (Inter Register event)	James Campbell 01730 817049
April 7 th	Daffodil Run to Christchurch (Bean Car Club)	Lillian Lovelock 0118 9882042
April 14 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
April 20 th /21 st	VSCC Race Meeting/Silverstone	www.vscc.co.uk
April 21 st	Drive it Day (Hollycombe Steam Fair & Museum)	Trevor/Jean www.hollycombe.co.uk
April 28 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
May 12 th	Visit to Chenies Manor (Cancelled due to lack of interest)	John H
May 12 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
May 18 th	Bearwood Classic Car & Motorcycle Show http://www.bearwoodcarshow.co.uk	Colin for details or visit <u> for entry form</u>
May 18/19 th	Beaulieu Autojumble	www.beaulieu.co.uk
May 19th	Merrist Wood Summer Show (A really good show)	www.guildford.ac.uk for entry form.
May 25 th	History On Wheels Motor Museum (Eton Wick) (Only a few places left)	Colin/Ann
May 26 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
1/2 nd June	Days Gone By at Rural Life Centre	Details 01252 959280
June 8 th	Woodley Classic Car Show	Trevor for details
June 8th	Hartley Wintney Show	Trevor M for details
June 9 th	Classic Car Show in aid of Woking Hospice Mercedes Benz World	www.wsbhospices.co.uk for details and entry form
June 9 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
June 15/16 th	Brooklands Double Twelve	www.brooklandsmuseum.com or Colin for details.
June 17 th -21 st	Holiday/Isle Of Wight	Trevor/Jean
June 23 rd	Holybrook Festival	Paul Edwards or Colin for
June 23 rd	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	Details. www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details

June 29 th	Paul Finn Vintage Vehicle Rally (BEN Run) (By invitation only)	Eamonn Galligan 01344 620191 Colin/Trevor for details
July 7 th	Pinewood Festival	Trevor for details
July14th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
20 th July	Pre-War Prescott	www.prewarprescott.com
July 28th	Picnic in The Paddock	Don/Trevor/Colin
July28th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
August 11 th	Run and BBQ at John and Joan's	John/Joan
August 11th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
August 11 th	White Dove Rally	Trevor M for details
August 18 th	Classic Car Show Frog and Wicket, Eversley	Just turn up no booking required. Details Colin.
August 25 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
Aug 25 th /26 th	Swallowfield Show	www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk
August 26 th	Littlewick Show (Maidenhead)	www.austinseven.org/littlewick
August 31 st	Camberley Car Show	Ken Bonner 01276 27628
Sept 1 st	Berkshire Festival of Transport Easthamstead Park, Wokingham	www.classicshows.org
Sept 7/8 th	Beaulieu Autojumble	www.beaulieu.co.uk
Sept 14 th /15 th	Heritage Open Days	TBA
26 th October	VSCC Autumn Sprint Meeting/Goodwood Admission for spectators, free.	www.vscc.co.uk
November 16 th	Nightjar	Trevor/Don/Colin
December 2 nd	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean
December 15 th	Christmas Lunch Tour	Jean

Please let me have details of any events that our members might be interested in.

<u>Colin</u>