



News Bulletin

April 2019

Dear Members,

This is a quick update from the Committee on future events which are listed in the April version of the Club Diary. In particular we wish to bring to your attention:

The Club 'Drive It Day', this Sunday April 28th, will start from Wellington Farm Shop café. Those taking part are asked to meet up any time from about 9.15 am. onwards for coffee, etc., ready to leave at 10.15 am for a 20 miles rural run to Hannington where lunch is booked, (for those who pre-ordered), for 12.30 p.m. at The Vine Inn. Members are encouraged to fly the flag of St. George on their vehicles since it's the Sunday closest to this day.

There is also a mid week run on Thursday May 9th. The destination is the business premises of Robin Lawton, a classic car dealer, situated in Warnford in the Meon valley.

Our next club night is on Monday May 13th when we will have a speaker, an ex-policeman, who will be talking to us about *The Great Train Robbery*, of 1963, which should be interesting, especially for those of us who can recall the event. This is expected to be very popular so arrive early to get a seat !

Looking forward to June, we have a visit on Sunday 9th to a private vehicle collection at Churt, which also includes a lot of motoring memorabilia. Note that some catering facilities were provided on site last year by the owner. On June 10th, club night, there will be the Half Gallon run. Also on June the 10th & 11th members will be visiting both the mini factory at Oxford and the JCB plant.

The 45th Anniversary Celebrations which will be held on Sunday June 16th. In the morning there will be an informal run out before meeting up at the Sandmartins Golf Club, Finchampstead, Wokingham for lunch. After lunch we have arranged an amusing performance by the Charter House Production actors of 'The AA man'. This event is partly subsidised by the club and as many members as possible are invited to attend. If you have not already paid can you please contact Trevor Edwards as soon as possible so that numbers can be confirmed.

Finally the Committee has started planning for the 44th annual Nightjar which will be held on Saturday November 16th. As most members will know this event is staged by NHAEG on behalf of the Austin Ten Drivers Club with categories for pre-war vintage, post war classic (up to 1978) and modern (post 1978) cars of all makes. The event is unique, as it takes place during the hours of darkness. The entrants venture from Old Basing into the Hampshire / Surrey / Berkshire countryside to a number of manned and unmanned control points. At manned controls, the teams perform a simple orienteering exercise shown on their task sheet to find the name of a bird, hidden somewhere in each location. Then back to Old Basing, prizes are presented to the class winners, after a fish & chip supper. A fuller description of the event may be found on the NHAEG website at www.nhaeg.org.uk Entry forms and supplementary regulations will be published on the web site from mid August. To register your interest and to receive entry forms / regulations, contact the event organiser Richard Long at nightjar@nhaeg.org.uk

The committee is always looking for news articles that we can put on the website. So if you have stories about a rebuild project or tips on how to refurbish some component then please forward it to

the committee at secretary@nhaeg.org.uk

Finally, in closing:

Harry knew that he was dying. At 103 years old he had been visited by all of his family and as he lay comfortably in bed he could hear activity downstairs. His wife Ruth was busy in the kitchen and Harry realised that the smell of cooking meant that Ruth was making his favourite biscuits. He cried out to her in joy but she couldn't hear his feeble voice. It took a few minutes for Harry to slide out of bed and he wobbled as he opened the bedroom door and called again. But the TV was on and Ruth couldn't hear him. Gently he crept downstairs until he arrived at the open door. He could see a plate of his favourite biscuits on the table and he shook as his hand reached out for the plate. Suddenly he jumped as a rough slap knocked his fingers away. "Leave them alone" Ruth shouted, "they are for the funeral" !

Happy Motoring
from
NHAEG Committee