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NEWSLETTER AND EVENTS

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Greetings all from Simon, Chairman

I would like to announce to all club members that John Pratt and Jeanette Mosley have both agreed to become members of the committee, which is great news as this now brings us up to a very healthy seven.

Both John and Jeanette bring experience from committees they have served on with other organisations.

John, as part of his roll has agreed to take on the administration of the club events diary, which Colin had kindly continued to do since retiring as Chairman to give the new committee members time to learn the ropes. This has been much appreciated.

I would like to thank Colin for his Stirling work.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to John and Jeanette to the committee

Both John and Jeanette will have access to the club email account and of course will be contactable via their own email addresses

Once again thank you to all

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A message from Maureen



Dear Club Members

Thank you so much for my lovely “hope you feel brighter soon” card, given to Don at July Club night. Didn’t he and Chummy do well for prizes?

I have had one or two setbacks and now had to change my treatment programme. I hope to be moving forward now as I need to be “up and motoring next year!”

Thank you all for your kind words, lovely flowers, meals on wheels and company.

Best wishes to you all.
Maureen

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I’m sure we all wish Maureen our very best wishes and look forward to seeing her back to motoring health.

Sandra

July Club Night

The July club night was the Coveted Car event. Despite the atrocious weather there was a good turnout by club members and it was good to see a range of car makes alongside the Austins. The event was broken into three categories with some very close scores however the winners were as follows:

Jan Barker trophy for Best Austin Seven – won by Don Breakspear in his Chummy

Peter Adnams trophy for most coveted car – won by Andy Seager in his Riley

Landlords Choice – won by Don Breakspear

Well done to not only those who won but also all those who braved the weather to take part.

Happy motoring.

21st July. Mid-week NHAEG run to Winchester

Hampshire born and bred, Alan Pickett designed this route to provide a pleasant drive to the measured centre of Hampshire. Along with fellow Fleet resident John Pratt, they had done a recce about a fortnight before and, after getting lost a couple of times in villages (where the lack of signage and different road priorities confused them), they pronounced it a good potential round trip of 64 miles – long enough to require a good leg stretch at the destination!



Starting from The New Inn in Heckfield, their two Austin Sevens provided an interesting comparison between the performance of the 3 and 4 speed gearbox models, as they encountered a few long straights and quite a lot of (probably quite modest) hills. Don't get the idea that any great speed was involved, as the byways of Hampshire were narrow, twisty and quite rough. But at least they were quiet and John said he thought he could have been transported back to the main roads of the 1930s – 35mph seemed pretty fast in the circumstances!

On such a beautiful sunny day, nothing could have been more pleasurable than pottering along down long valleys and through sun-dappled woods, with the sunroof open. Having navigated Old Basing and found Polecat Corner, the straight run down the B3046 through Cliddesden, Axford and the Candovers passed some great looking pubs (making a mental note to return another day!). After leaving the B-road at Totford, they headed to Martyr Worthy and then to Easton, eventually reaching the Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium at around 12.15pm.

Alan's grandchildren survived the backseat ride and with Myfanwy they went off to have their picnic before 'doing' the Science Centre and enjoying a mid-afternoon Planetarium show. John & Jeanette headed straight to the café, followed by a good recce of the Centre for a future trip with grandchildren. The grown-ups seemed to enjoy the 'hands-on' exhibits as much as the children.

The journey home was equally uneventful and Old Basing was ignored for a more or less straight route from Axford to Odiham and thence home. Alan has plans for more mid-week drives for us retired folk...



2nd Aug - Free Vintage Bus Rides

It is likely to be a unique event -- the centenary of the major local bus company being celebrated with one of the original buses from 100 years ago, and the chance to sample travel on some of the old vehicles.

A part of local social history that can be sampled 'as it used to be'!!


Peter Delaney
Secretary Wargrave Local History Society

THAMES VALLEY 100


Free Vintage Bus Rides

A special event celebrating a century of
bus heritage in the Thames Valley

Sunday 2 August 2015 - Reading railway station

 Ride the buses you remember
from the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s

 Trips to Twyford, Maidenhead,
Goring and Streatley

 Display of early motor buses
on the station forecourt
including the very first one!



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6th August Proposed visit to Morgan car factory – Malvern

We have booked for a guided tour of the plant, and to see just how hand-built cars are constructed. A visit was undertaken several years ago now and was found to be thoroughly enjoyable. Moreover, the factory now has a properly organised programme for its tours as well as, now, a Visitors Centre and Museum.

Please note, incidentally, that this is a visit which would be of interest *not only* to the males of the species. The entire experience is one of universal appeal, regardless of gender.

Tours last roughly 2.5 hours, including Museum and a film.

Thank you!

Trevor E (01344 775012) trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com

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9th August . Visit to Basing House Ruins

It has been pointed out to me that perhaps the title of this email is somewhat off putting !!

Of course a visit to Basing House will not ruin your Sunday, in fact it is likely to make your day an enjoyable one :))

So, hopefully having now put your minds at rest you will be tempted to join us along with those braver souls who either ignored or didn't spot my "deliberate" mistake.

Basing House is the nationally important historical ruins of the largest private house in Tudor England, which suffered at the hands of Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War. See below link for more information.

Entrance fee is £3.80 per person and this will include a guided tour.

The plan is to meet at the New Inn Heckfield in time to be ready to leave at 11.30am. The drive from the New Inn to Old Basing is around 25 minutes.

We will park together, have picnic lunches then into to the house grounds ready for our tour at 2.00pm.

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to come along so that we can confirm our booking with Basing House.

<http://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/basing-house>

Thanks

Denise

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23rd August . Annual BBQ

As in previous years, Joan & John Hancock have very kindly offered to host a BBQ in their garden.

This year the event will take place on Sunday 23rd August.

There are limited spaces available due to parking constraints at Joan & John's, they can accommodate 15 cars. I believe there may be a run prior to the BBQ for those keen on having a "Magical mystery tour"

The cost is £12.00 per head, with surplus money after all costs going to Help for Heroes. There will be no alcohol supplied but if you bring your own, glasses will be supplied, any dietary needs please advise.

Could all those people interested in going along please let us know, **ASAP**, then further details of the event will follow.

This is a reminder on behalf of Joan & John Hancock, to all who would like to attend their annual BBQ. Numbers are limited so please reply quickly if you would like to attend.

Those who have already given their names and those wishing to come please send a cheque to John by 3rd of August, made out to NHAEG to the address below .

The event is to be held at 11 Arborfield Rd, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9DY. There will a short run before the BBQ Starting point and time to be advised.

Cost £12 per head, money left over will go to Help for Heroes,

John & Joan Hancock
Tel:- 01189885387



5th September 2015 - White Waltham Airfield

Details: West London Aero Club has an annual Members' Day at its White Waltham Airfield. This consists of flying demonstrations from a range of aircraft between 2.00pm to 5.00pm and flying model aircraft from late morning and at intervals throughout the day. The club invites owners of classic cars to come and park close to the club house, which means that you can enjoy the action as well as food and drink. John Pratt & Jeanette Mosley are members of WLAC.

Start: Car owners are asked to arrive between 11.00am-12noon and make a £5 charity donation (as this is not a commercial event or display). The address is White Waltham Airfield, Waltham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 3NJ

Would anyone interested in going along to this event please contact the committee so we can forward your details to John Pratt.

Denise

24th October - Free Night at the New Inn

Tim and June have again offered us a free night at The New Inn, the date this year is Saturday 24th October. They have very kindly offered us free Bed & Breakfast. Dinner is to be taken by all and paid for together with any drinks.

Cheques must be received by 31st July.

There are still a few rooms not yet taken, so if you are interested, please let me know ASAP and then follow this up with a cheque for £10.00 which will secure your room and be used as part of the tip for the staff looking after us during our stay.

We intend to partake of delicious tea and cake at Risley Village Hall, just a short drive from the New Inn on the Saturday afternoon (Not too much to spoil our dinners of course) please see below for a link to their website.

We hope also to arrange a trip for the Sunday after checking out of our rooms, for anyone interested, however we have not yet finalised this, so watch this space.....

The tea & cake "trip" is also open to any members who do not wish to stay the night at the New Inn, so again, if you are interested in joining us, please let me know, so we can confirm numbers with Risley Village Hall.

<http://www.riseleyvillagetearoom.co.uk/>

Simon Jocelyn
20 Byfleet Avenue

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21st November 40th Nightjar Navigational Scatter Rally

Those who are familiar with this event will be aware that it is the premier event staged by the NHAEG (on behalf of the Austin Ten Drivers' Club) and that it attracts great interest from IRC members and many others around the south of England.

One of the features of the event is the siting of a Soup Kitchen at one of the Manned Controls where those competing – if they have sufficient time to spare, of course – can avail themselves of something warm and cheering on what can often be a chilly November evening.

We have been fortunate, over the years, to have people come forward, not necessarily Club members, to run the Kitchen, i.e. heat and dispense the soup. This year, however, Marilyn Grant, who has ably assisted us in this capacity, has indicated that she will not be able to do so.

This is a plea, therefore, directed at all Club members, requesting a volunteer, or volunteers, to hopefully come forward and offer their services on November 21st.

For obvious reasons the precise location of the Soup Kitchen/Manned Control cannot be disclosed at this time but be assured it will not be far from where we meet for our monthly Club Nights so would be readily reachable for most members.

If you feel able to support this very popular event could you please get in touch with either myself or Colin Greig at the earliest opportunity to find out more about what's involved. My telephone number is 01344 775012 and email:

trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com (note there is an underscore between 'r' and 'c.')

Colin's contact details are: tel: 01252 879173 and email: cgreig104@gmail.com

Club Merchandise

We have some new merchandise in stock including:

1. pin badges (priced at £2.50 each),
2. key rings (priced at £3.50 each) and
3. hats (priced at £10 each).

Some pictures of these items. We have access to other items, all bearing the clubs logo. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of these items please let the committee know who will also try to bring these to each of the club nights.



We hope you like the new additions

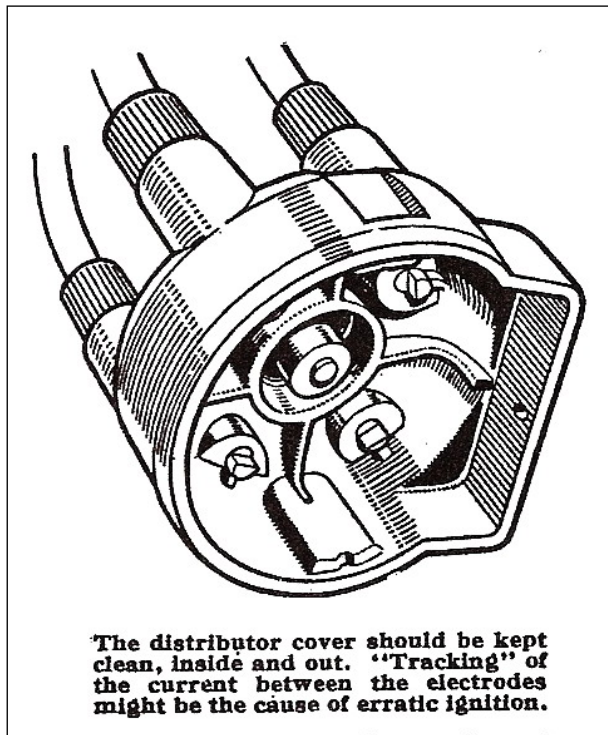
QUERIES OF THE MONTH

Another one from "Queries of the Month". These originally appeared in "The Austin Magazine & Advocate" during the 1930s and 1940s. This month's selection is No 1219, Misfiring – Austin Ten and appeared in June 1945.

No 1219 – Misfiring. Austin Ten

Q. *I am a little puzzled about a tendency on the part of the engine of my Austin Ten (1939 model) saloon to misfire, particularly at high speeds. This tendency first became apparent some months ago and has since become more pronounced. I have fitted a new set of plugs hoping that this would cure the trouble as my old ones had been in service for over 18,000 miles, but this change does not appear to have the desired effect. The ignition leads seem quite sound and I have carefully checked the contact breaker points. I should be very grateful for your advice on this matter.*

A. Providing that the high-tension ignition cables and the contact breaker points on your car are quite in order, and the plugs are new, there is another possible cause of the misfiring, namely, tracking inside the distributor cover. Remove the cover and carefully examine it to see if there is any tendency for a faint grey line to run between any two of the electrodes. If such marks are fairly obvious, you can assume that current is short circuiting in the distributor head and not reaching the plugs as it should. In this event the only certain cure is to obtain a new distributor cover.



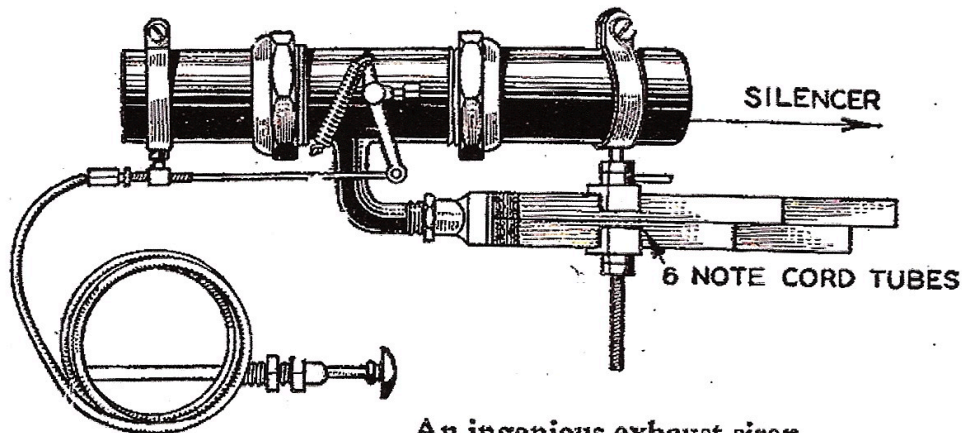
If the distributor appears to be in good condition, you should consider the possibility of sticking valves causing the misfiring on your car, the question of petrol starvation at the higher speeds should also be borne in mind, as a restriction in the fuel system or faulty operation of the pump might produce symptoms similar to those of ignition trouble, when the maximum flow of petrol is required.

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

An old advertisement from 1934 for an **exhaust-operated siren**, no manufacture or supplier was quoted in the magazine; readers were required to write in to the editor for details. Not the way to do business these days. Not sure how loud it really was being fitted to the rear of the vehicle but it saved on battery power. The purchase cost in 1934 seems quite high for the average motorist; also the fitting is to a large diameter exhaust pipe. Probably only for the luxury limousine market.

An Exhaust-operated Siren

CONSIDERABLE demand is made on the resources of the car battery in these days, and it is quite a good plan to have a warning signal that is not electrically operated, such as the one illustrated, which is operated from the exhaust. Having a chord of six notes it makes a pleasant warning signal, similar to a ship's siren, and is audible at a great distance. It is not a difficult job for any mechanically-minded motorist to instal, and is supplied, complete with the necessary coned unions, supporting brackets, and Bowden control. The price is £3 10s. for sizes up to and including 2in., and above that size, £4 10s.



An ingenious exhaust siren.

NHAEG CLUB NIGHTS AND EVENTS DIARY

Colin Grieg has passed on compiling the events diary to John Pratt. Please let John have details of any events that our members might be interested in:

johnpratt@orange.net or 01252 643527

Club Nights

Arranged by or details from

August 10th	Music Quiz	Andrew Barker
Sep 14th	Talk on Beefeaters	Committee
Oct 12th	Shoe Box Car	Don
Nov 9th	Auction	Don, Trevor E, Colin
Dec 14th	Julie and Karen's Christmas Surprise	Julie and Karen
Jan 11th	AGM	Committee

Lunch Meetings 4th Monday of every month

(Ask Colin for details: cgrieg104@btinternet.com)

Aug 24 th	The New Inn
Sep 28th	The New Inn
Oct 26th	The New Inn
Nov 23 rd	The New Inn

INTER-REGISTER EVENTS

Events in **Bold** are NHAEG events

Aug 6th	Visit to Morgan Factory	Trevor E
Aug 9th	Visit to Basing House	Trevor M
Aug 9th	Newbury Show	Peter Barlow for entry forms
Aug 16th	Brooklands Reunion	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Aug 23rd	BBQ at John and Joan's	Joan/John
August 30 th -31st	Swallowfield Show	www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk
Aug. 31st	Littlewick Show	www.littlewickshow.co.uk
Sep 5th	West London Aero Club Members Day, White Waltham Airfield. NHAEG members invited	John Pratt or Committee
Sep 13th	Heritage Day	Trevor
Sep 20th	Surrey Classic Vehicle Rally Tilford Rural Life Centre	www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com
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Oct11th	Motor Sport Day at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Oct 23rd-25th	Steam Gala at the Watercress Line	www.watercressline.co.uk
Oct 24th	Free night at the New Inn	Simon
Oct 31st	VSCC Sprint Meeting at Goodwood (free entry for spectators)	www.vsc.co.uk
21st Nov	NHAEG/ATDC Nightjar	Trevor/Colin/Don
Dec 7th	Christmas Dinner	Committee
December 8th	Salisbury Christmas Market & Cathedral Carol Concert. (Coach Trip)	Jean

These Inter-Register events are very enjoyable, why not give one of them a try.

If you would like more information see Colin, Trevor E, Tony W. or contact the organiser listed above.

The next event Trevor and Colin will be entering is the Navigation Rally at Newbury on the 22nd August, why not join them and enjoy a fun day out.

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"TREVOR'S TEASER" 'Measurements'

All answers are units or sub-units for length, volume, money, etc. Some are now obsolete. Spelling must be that if the unit.

1	One is in trouble with one of these in the grave		(4)
2	An award from Oxbridge?		(6)
3	It sounds as if it has been mailed		(4)
4	Pressure to purchase alcohol here		(3)
5	Metric utilities, read quarterly		(5)
6	A painful area?		(4)
7	Bird that's also a tree blemish		(4)
8	Creep very slowly		(4)
9	Generally has two pedals		(5)
10	An excess of these can ruin a diet		(8)
11	Often between the back door and back gate		(4)
12	Monarch		(9)
13	Sounds like a current member of parliament		(3)
14	Twenty-four sheets of paper in a sacred building		(5)
15	Solve a nautical problem		(6)
16	Easily borne 365 days		(5,4)
17	An oriental desire		(3)
18	Awarded silver prize		(6)
19	An Asian cat		(5)
20	A happy expression without South		(4)
21	One must not resist living 'ere		(3)
22	Plays 78rpm, 33.3rpm or 45rpm		(4)
23	Staffordshire town		(5)
24	Stops an arm from fraying at the end!		(4)
25	A fish's nose?		(4)

Name(s):.....

Please submit your entry to Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berks RG45 6EF by Friday 4th Sep, enclosing £1.00 towards prize(s). Good Luck!