



Dear Members,

## **Coronavirus**

Although the lockdown restrictions are gradually being eased, the committee has decided to take the following actions, as previously described in the email sent out by Trevor E at the beginning of July:

- 1) It is potentially unsafe to reinstate regular Club Nights at the New Inn, at least until the year's end.
- 2) This year's Christmas Dinner, scheduled for the first Monday in December, will not now take place, and Sand Martins Golf Club have now agreed to transfer the deposit to an as yet undefined function in 2021.
- 3) The 'Nightjar' rally will not be staged in its usual form but will be substituted with a virtual one to be run on the traditional date and time (late November).
- 4) The annual subscription for 2020 will be carried over to 2021. Therefore, no subscriptions will be requested or be due, at the end of the current year, for 2021.

## **Tools for loan**

The policy, which has been in place for a number of years now, but has rarely actually been exercised, is for anyone wishing to borrow tooling, to lodge a deposit cheque for £25.00 with Don (Breakspear) to cover 2 weeks free hire of the tooling, etc. If the tool is returned within the 2 weeks the cheque is handed back to the user; if it is retained for more than 2 weeks, a charge of £5.00 per week is then levied and any balance returned in due course. There has never been any distinction drawn between tooling; the charge has applied to everything available. All the tools are stored at Breakspear Farm, Finchampstead village. Don's landline telephone number is 0118 973 3568; his mobile is 07534 401853; his email address is [donb4wipers@yahoo.com](mailto:donb4wipers@yahoo.com).

## **Tools owned NHAEG**

Industrial heavy duty sowing machine

Portable hydraulic engine hoist

## **Tools for loan owned by Don Breakspear**

Clutch alignment tool

Car ramps

Axle stands  
Trolley jack  
Small compressor  
King pin extractor  
Large box spanner for wheel bearing retaining nut  
18 mill compression tester  
Half inch drive torque wrench  
Hub puller  
Valve lifter  
Electric soldering iron  
Nutcracker  
Tool for spreading leaf springs to insert grease

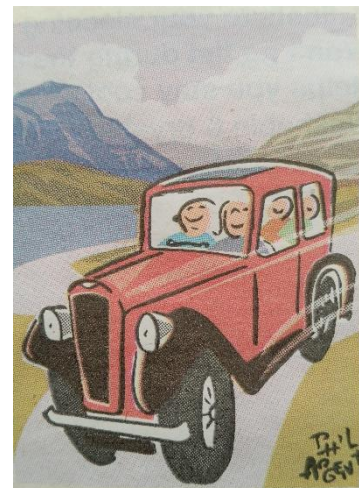
### **Austin powers its way to Highlands.**

(The following is a copy of a letter published in the Daily Mail in July 2020.)

Travelling to Scotland from Essex was a marathon journey in the Fifties. Our family had a 1936 Austin Ruby and days before we set off dad would open the folding bonnet to check spark plugs, oil, water and fan belt. Tyres would be pumped up, the one windscreen wiper examined, spare light bulbs safely stored. It was also necessary to pump up the backseat, only for it to deflate several times on our trip.

On the day of departure, a box hamper that Dad had made, complete with plastic plates, cups, flask of hot water, juices, sandwiches and cakes would be packed alongside our cases, waterproofs, umbrellas and Tartan rugs. Summer weather in Scotland isn't guaranteed. Our folding Kodak camera was taken to record events.

The Ruby had a starting handle that took several swings before the engine sprung into life. Fully loaded it had a top speed of 40 mph, so it took a couple of hours to get to the A1. As dusk fell our headlights shone only a few feet ahead, our first overnight stop was at Grantham. After a few days and stops we would finally arrive North of the border.



There were beautiful drives along Loch Ness amid mountain scenery and forests, and exciting times as the Ruby struggled with Berriedale and Devil's Elbow. My sister and I would ask if we should get out and push as Dad clunked and double declutched his way through the gears.

Dad related stories of Culloden and various battles in which his own Clan Gunn had been involved – they fought everyone, including themselves!. Visits had been planned to see relatives and friends of our parents, and visit old haunts in Ross and Cromarty and Caithness.

The homeward journey was always considered to be 'downhill' as we headed south again. Anyone who had braved the long trip North would proudly display sprigs of heather on the car radiator so everyone else would acknowledge the Intrepid expedition.

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## **The National Historic Vehicle survey needs you!**

The e-Newsletter from the FBHVC aims to strongly support the case for historic vehicles retaining their current access and freedoms on our roads, as we navigate the most challenging period in our history. In order to defend the future of historic vehicles, we need your help by completing this crucial survey.

The FBHVC intends to lobby Government against adverse legislation and restrictions that may affect the future for historic vehicles. But, in order to achieve a positive result, we need reliable data on the significance and size of the historic vehicle movement.

### **Your contribution is essential to the future of the Historic Vehicle Industry**

Please complete the survey below:

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159006439743>

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## **MoT extension**

Don't forget that if your vehicle has an MOT expiry date from March 31st - July 31st 2020, it will automatically be extended by 6 months.

The MOT extension scheme **finished** on 31st July 2020 - an estimated **9.3 MILLION** vehicles will have been affected, creating a backlog of appointments.

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## **AUSTIN SEVEN PARTS**

A Club member has recently requested assistance in finding a new home for an unwanted Austin Seven back axle assembly – see image. Although not actually being sold, it is available to anyone happy to make a donation to the *Willow Foundation* charity.

I, myself, also have an Austin Seven torque tube complete assembly for sale – again, see image.

Anyone interested in either or both of these items should contact me at email: [trevorcedwards@icloud.com](mailto:trevorcedwards@icloud.com), or give me a call on 01344 775012 to discuss.

*Trevor E*



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## **Future Events**



### **Key changes include:**

- Temperature checking upon arrival and face masks recommended
- Extended opening times with dedicated entry time and hall entrance options

- Widened aisles to enable easy viewing whilst maintaining physical distancing
- Hand sanitiser stations across the show
- Enhanced cleaning regime by venue and exhibitors

Once the government gives the green light, the booking process will be amended to accommodate the staggered entry and tickets will be limited and released over time.

<https://www.necclassicmotorshow.com/tickets>

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Finally don't forget to have a go at Trevor's 'Easing Lockdown' quiz which is all about a CON trick.

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Stay safe  
NHAEG Committee