

NORTH HAMPSHIRE AUSTIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP
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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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Please let Trevor Edwards have any articles for the January newsletter by the 22nd of the month , on a WORD DOCUMENT attached to an e-mail.

www.nhaeg.org.uk

DECEMBER 2011

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

Mo's Mutterings

I would like to wish all NHAEG members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



As many of you know, Don and I are away to sunnier climes for a few weeks covering Christmas, New Year and son-in-law Dorian's 50th birthday on New Year's Day! Our daughter Karen has many surprises planned for the birthday celebrations one of which is a hot-air balloon ride. I have been talked into taking part in this, against my better judgement. This was not on my "bucket list", rather on my other list of things not to do but, "hey ho, don't knock it 'till you've tried it" seems to be the order of the day, so I am joining in with the "fun". Can't be any worse than being almost frozen to death in an Austin Chummy on New Year's Day can it? I've already done that!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the NHAEG Committee for all their hard work throughout 2011 and for making our club so popular and enjoyable. This must be true as we keep getting new members!

I especially thank John Chad for carrying out his role as Chairman during a very difficult year without his partner Jan, a friend we all miss so much. John has also battled with health problems during the year but has managed to get to most club nights, committee meetings and organise the raffle, as well as arrange a couple of events and take part in those arranged by other members. I hope the NHAEG continues to be a happy, friendly club. This is a hobby enjoyed by members of all ages with cars of all ages and a variety of interests. If anyone has any suggestions for future events or club nights, do let a committee member know. Obviously, this is a car club and most events are car related but it is nice to have a change occasionally and judging by the amount of members who attended the Fuschia evening and the Wessex Embroidery evening this proves that variety is what makes the NHAEG a successful club.

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Maureen

Am looking forward to seeing all those who are going on the New Forest trip on 8th December. Please remember that the coach will leave PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m. from Travallen Travel,

9 Aylesham Way, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6NR. Please allow plenty of time for your journey to Yateley.

My mobile number, for emergencies: 07851 075406

Jean

Chairmans Corner.

Before I start my précis of events and club nights I have to set the record straight. After the Auction at the November club night I stood up and thanked Don and Colin for their efforts at the same time completely forgetting to also thank Trevor who had the unenviable task of recording and collating all the transactions. This was a total oversight on my part and not in any way a sleight on Trevor to whom I have apologised unreservedly and am glad to say he has accepted my apology. I also apologise to all of you for this lapse as I understand that some of you have commented to Trevor on my perceived rudeness. This has been an unfortunate experience and one that I will ensure is not repeated.

The November club night was all about the auction and lots of you brought along your goodies for sale. It was interesting that there were hardly any Austin bits for sale but more things you find indoors. Many thanks to Don, Colin and Trevor for all their hard work and making it run smoothly.

The Event of the Month was of course the Nightjar. We were extremely lucky with the weather and it all ran quite smoothly. We have already received some good feedback from some of the entrants which augurs well for next year, and I must repeat my thanks to all of you who were involved in the running of the event in one way or another for your hard work and dedication to its success.

The next event is the Christmas dinner on December 5th and I hope to see you there.

The December club night is described as festive fun so let's see you in your outfits and let's all have a good time.

John

Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

October - "The Happiest Days of your Life": There were joint winners for this one, the first of two similar brain-teasers – the second one appearing in the November edition , (closing date 9th December).

Andy and Do (Ranson) succeeded in matching the score achieved, by Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley)'. Both 'teams' achieved a maximum score of 20 and were suitably rewarded for their efforts. Congratulations to them all. They all obviously have clear recollections of their school days! Bet they were all swots!

The December poser is something different and hasn't been 'filched' from somewhere else!
It's a Chainword puzzle requiring answers to 14 questions to be inserted, starting from 1, in a clockwise fashion, around the 8x8 square. If completed correctly the letters contained within the small squares with coloured markers make up the word of yet another famous manufacturer of vehicles. Hopefully shouldn't prove too much of a challenge. Good Luck!

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36th Nightjar – Saturday 19th November 2011

This event is sure to be mentioned elsewhere in this edition so I will refrain from going into too great detail. Suffice it to say the weather was extraordinarily benign, apart from some patchy fog later which caused one or two competitors a bit of hassle on their way back home. For the event itself it remained dry and mild – a welcome change from some previous years.

Judging by the number of positive emails and questionnaire comments received, everyone found it as enjoyable as ever - even the couple (well driver at least!) who managed to get lost in Alice Holt Forest for an impressive 2 hours and 20 minutes!! One wonders what on earth they were doing in there all that time but, judging from the frosty demeanour of the navigator's face, (driver's spouse!), on their eventual return to Elizabeth Hall, I somehow don't think they were engaged in any amorous activities! Nevertheless, this experience, inexplicably, hasn't put them off and claim they just can't wait to have another go next year. Takes all sorts!



Are you sure that's the right spot?'

"Now what on earth can this be???"

Keep thinking about this one. Phil (Dunford) has received only a very small handful of offers of *unusual* items for this activity, scheduled for the March Club Night. There must be a host of items and objects out there somewhere, hidden away, which could help form the basis of an amusing and entertaining evening.

If you have anything at all, ancient or modern, the purpose for, or use of which, is unknown or uncertain, dig it out and let Phil have details so he can put together a list of items for this activity.

Phil (Dunford) can be contacted on 01252 716387. Just a thought - if/when you contact him please don't disclose what it is – if, of course, you happen to know. Put it to one side and Phil will coordinate everything in due course.

Subscriptions 2012

Last month, a Subscription Renewal Form was emailed, or posted out, to all members, in order to try to provide a bigger window of opportunity for them to renew, rather than waiting until the last month of the year to do so, as had been the practice up until last year. George has since been happy to announce that virtually half of our members had renewed by mid-November, which is very pleasing since this reduces, significantly, the amount of time and effort needed to process the remainder.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership and intend to do so, please don't put it off. Print out the Renewal Form, a further copy appears in this edition also, complete it and send it off to George at the address given on the form. Please make out cheques to 'NHAEG'.

Thank you! Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Auction Evening

November Club Night's Auction produced the now traditional and anticipated evening of comic entertainment, combined with the very slightly more serious business of raising a few shekels for the Club's coffers. Our Christies' class auctioneer, Don B, aided and abetted by his trusty porter, Colin G, managed, between them, to dispose of quite a vast number of items, ranging from a couple of small furry toys up to a 17" monitor, for a modest commission, (to the Club), of 10%. Actual takings made £155.50 which theoretically realised £15.55 but, boosted by various amounts actually due to sellers who very kindly declined to accept their just desserts, the final figure is expected to reach something in the order of £40.00.

All in all, once again, a successful, useful (for quite a few) and entertaining evening.

December Club Night – Festive Fun Evening

As has been announced, the main feature, this year, will be a **Bingo** evening so, get ready for an 'Eyes Down and Look In'! We haven't done this sort of thing for quite a while now and it should be a lot of fun - without being too brain-taxing! Don't forget, also, that festive dressing up is encouraged so feel free to leave the tuxedos and evening gowns at home for once!

In addition, strong rumour has it that, interspersed between the various games throughout the evening will be some humorous verse readings or recitations from one or two thespian-inclined types. However, a plea is also going out *NOW* to any other member who may have something similar up their sleeve, or a particular, favourite party piece they have in their back pocket/handbag but which they might like to share with everyone on the night. We do know of one very such person who regaled us with a very comic recital during the Bridgenorth trip last year so we're aware that the "NHAEG has Talent". Polish up and let us all enjoy your act!

If you have something to offer please let Jean know, just so she can get the billboards printed!!

2012 Committee Nominations

Although we're all getting ready for and, (one hopes!), looking forward to Christmas and the whole festive season we, in the NHAEG, ought not to overlook the fact that very shortly into the New Year we need to establish who is going to serve on the Committee for the coming year.

Accordingly a *Committee Nomination Form* is included in this Newsletter. Please give some thought to the issue and if you would like to nominate someone for next year – perhaps even yourself – please do

so on the form but please ensure (a), that the person you are nominating is aware and in agreement and (b), that you get the nomination(s) seconded by another member.

Nomination Forms should be returned to me, Trevor Edwards (Sec) at 55 The Brambles Crowthorne, RG45 6EF, **by Friday 6th January 2012**. The names of all those properly nominated will appear on Voting Forms to be used at the AGM to elect the next Committee.

Please note, especially, that Dave and Karen (Witton) have indicated their intention of not standing for re-election so two places, at least, will be vacant and need to be filled. Please remember, though, that nominations, as per standard practice, can be made for any position and the names of those so nominated will appear on the voting form at the AGM.

Hoping to see you all at the December Club Night. Let's make it a real festive one! Whether or not you make it on the 12th, or the Christmas Dinner on the 5th, do have a Happy Christmas and all you wish for in 2012! Safe motoring!

Trevor

COLINS COMMENTS

At last I have got Arrabella back from John (C) who has been looking after her while Ann and I sorted ourselves out in our new home, many thanks John. She started on the button after 9 weeks of sitting in John's garage, and I enjoyed the short run home.

Not much has happened this month except of course for the Nightjar, which again was a great success. I am sure others will be writing about it so I will just say it was good fun being involved in the running of the event, however it would be nice to see a few more NHAEG members taking part, why not have a go next year? I am sure you will enjoy yourselves. The start and finish at Hook is almost on your doorstep, unlike a great number of the competitors who come many miles to compete.

Don't forget if you need any embroidered clothing email me and I will send you a catalogue and order form, or else see me at club night.

I will shortly be producing the 2012 edition of the Parts and Services Directory so if you have any recommendations please let me have them ASAP or at least by 15th December. If you have had good service from any companies or individuals who are not already in the Directory please let me have their details so that other members can benefit.

We have quite a few festive events coming up in December, the coach trip to the Olde Tyme Players Christmas Special, the Christmas Dinner and of course our Festive Fun club night.

That's it for now, a very Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

Safe and Happy Motoring.

Colin

A note to all members! (From George Ewart).

A look at the www.austinmemories.com website could be interesting.

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You will be pleased to know that almost half of our members have already rejoined for 2012. No doubt there will be a rush by our remaining members to renew their subscriptions before they set off on the Christmas spending spree and to avoid the rejoining fee should they miss the end of year deadline.

Thank you for the response up to now - I have already completed the 2012 Membership Cards for those who have already replied.

George Ewart

1934 Austin 16/6 Berkley

Ian Campbell-Foster has been advised that his Berkeley was originally fitted with a 'Hayes' semi-automatic gearbox, understood to be akin to the later DAF Variomatic transmission.

His car still has the controls on the steering column but the car is now fitted with a 4-speed manual box with lazy syncros. John would like to chat about the original fitting if anyone in the Club has any knowledge of it.

George Ewart

Andy and Do Ranson have been out and about in Weymouth in the Austin 10/4 where their local club were providing transport for the "Turning on of the Christmas Lights". Approximately ten old cars were transporting the Mayor, Father Christmas, Miss Weymouth, the Town Crier and a couple of celebrities from the local panto, around the sea front and into the town to the Christmas tree. Then one, or perhaps all of them, will switch on the lights, after which they (Do and Andy) will get some free mince pies!

Andy says he will take some photographs and let us have more details in next month's newsletter.

Thank you Andy, that will be great, don't forget to send all to Trevor for next month.

(Maureen)

Don's Doodlings

Once again I would like to thank everyone who brought items along to the Auction Night. I am sorry I failed to sell all the items. I was always told at school "you could do better"! My thanks go to Colin and Trevor for their part in making Auction Night a very enjoyable evening.

On Saturday 19th November it was the club Nightjar rally. This was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy the whole event. I know Colin and Trevor have also spoken about this in the newsletter.

Now I am looking forward to a very busy build up to Christmas, December club night festive fun, the Christmas club dinner and the Olde Tyme Players in the New Forest.

I have just been looking back in last month's newsletter where Maureen stated I will miss New Year's Day at The Phoenix, Hartley Witney. After this year's fiasco at The Phoenix it was suggested by one or two club members a New Year's Day meeting at The New Inn would be more enjoyable. On saying that, Maureen and I cannot be there as we will still be on holiday.

I would like to wish every member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Seasons Greetings
Don

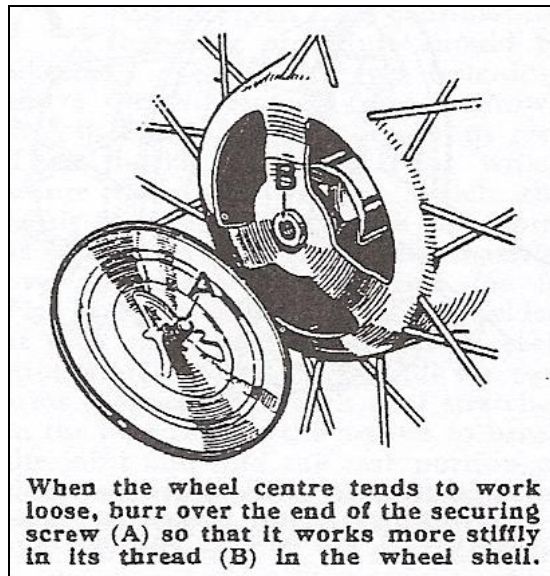
QUERIES OF THE MONTH

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 630, Wheel Centres – Austin Twelve and No 838, Bonnet Rubbers – Austin Ten.

No 630 appeared in December 1934 and No 838 appeared in December 1937.

No 630 – Wheel Centres – Austin Twelve

Q. *How can I prevent the bright wheel centres on my Twelve from working loose? On several occasions the centre plate of one of the wheels has dropped right off, even though I tighten the screw well home.*



When the wheel centre tends to work loose, burr over the end of the securing screw (A) so that it works more stiffly in its thread (B) in the wheel shell.

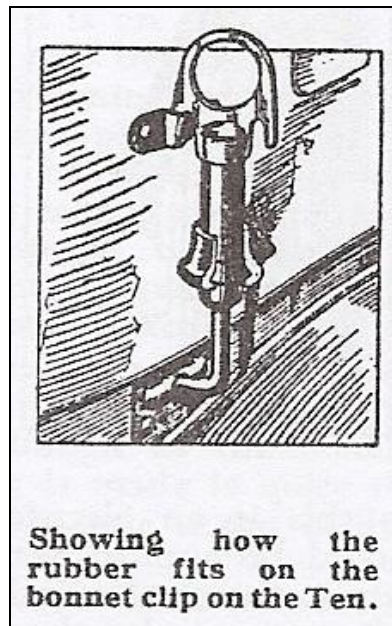
A. The securing screw beds in a taper seating in the wheel centre, and you should ensure that both the screw head and the taper are clean to make a sure grip. Dirt at this point might result in the screw working loose. In any event, if you burr over the end of the screw just sufficiently to make it somewhat stiff to turn in its thread, this extra resistance should prevent the screw and plate from working loose.

No 838 – Bonnet Rubbers – Austin Ten

Q. *I find that the rubber rings on the bonnet fasteners on my Ten Cambridge saloon, which are presumably provided to prevent rattle and preserve the paint on the bonnet, are not effective. They are constantly working up the fasteners, and the ridge around the bottom of the fasteners is damaging the*

paintwork near the lower edge of the bonnet. How can I remedy this? Is it possible to cement these rubbers in position?

A. The rubber rings for the bonnet fasteners on the Austin Ten should fit over the small flange at the bottom of the fastener, which is there to prevent the rubber slipping up the fastener. Therefore, if you move the rubber down to fit the flange it should remain in position.



This adjustment is best effected by rolling the rubber ring back, inside out, and then rolling it over the flange, and it can be manipulated more readily if moistened.

*The “Queries of the Month” are reproduced with the kind permission of the Austin Ten Drivers Club
(ATDC*

So More Old Advertisements

These are a selection of tools from December 1958.

*This is the Jack for everyman...
the finest value
on the market!*



Everyman's Jack

This addition to the well-known Lake & Elliot range has been specially designed for use by all motorists. The fact that this has been manufactured by Lake & Elliot is a sufficient guarantee of its efficiency and reliability.

SPECIFICATION OF JACK
TYPE S.945 (Illustrated)
TO LIFT 30 cwt.

Closed Height ...	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Power Lift ...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Screw Extension ...	3"
Extended Height ...	14"

Price £3.3s.

**Enquire at your
Local Garage**

LAKE & ELLIOT, LTD., Braintree, Essex

Easier to use than the mechanical jack of a similar size and appearance but a bit pricy, when at the time you could probably buy an old but complete Austin 7 for the same price!

**A HANDSOME
COMBINATION . . .**

. . . OF QUALITY AND ECONOMY

**The new P.23 car hand
pump**



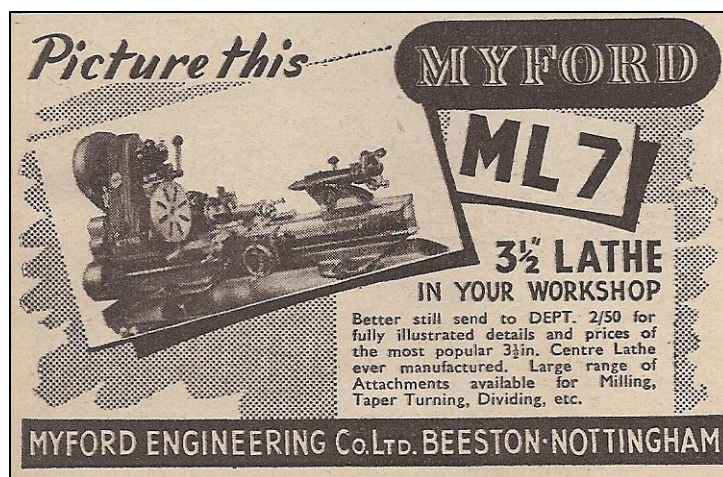
The AERITE

is a low priced hand pump of superb quality designed specifically for the practical motorist. Inflates up to 100 lbs. p.s.i.

10/6 From all garages, dealers and Halfords branches.

Another Aerite Accessory by
WALTERS AND DOBSON LTD.
 BAILEY STREET, SHEFFIELD, YORKS

A bit more in my price range. Not so bulky as a foot pump and useful for keeping fit!



No price given in the advertisement for this Myford Lathe, you could probably buy half a dozen Austin 7s in 1958 for the cost of one of these. I have got a Myford on my Christmas list this year, so if anyone knows where there is one available in reasonable condition please give me a shout.

Merry Christmas



Andy Ranson

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Please note Colin's change of telephone number and e-mail address.

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

Arranged By

December 12th	Festive Fun	John (C)
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2012

January 9th	AGM	Committee
February 13th	Austin Film Evening	Phil
March 12th	Identify The Object	Phil
* April 16th	Spring Airing * <u>Note this is the 3rd Monday in the month.</u> 2nd Monday is a Bank Holiday	
May 14 th	TBA	TBA
June 11th	Half Gallon Run	TBA

Events

December 5th	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/ Jean
December 8th	Old Tyme Players Christmas Special	Jean

2012

January 29th	VSCC Driving Tests at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
March 11th	Morris/Austin Day at Brooklands, Test Hill open	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
April 22nd	Drive It Day	Don/Maureen
19 th May	Bearwood Classic Car Show	Details from Colin later.
24 th June	Holybrook Festival at Calcot	Paul Edwards 0118 9432615
19 th -24 th July	Trip to Leamington Spa. A7 90 th Anniversary <u>All places now taken.</u>	Don/Maureen
20 th -22 nd July	A7CA Austin 7 Birthday Celebration Event	A7CA

Please let me know of any events that members may be interested in *Colin*

North Hampshire **Austin** Enthusiasts' Group

2012 Joining/Renewal Subscription Form.

New members are required to pay a **Joining** fee of **£4.00**, in addition to a yearly subscription of **£9.00**

Existing Members renewal subscriptions should be submitted by **December 31st. 2011** otherwise a **Rejoining** fee of **£4.00** will be payable in addition to their renewed subscription of **£9.00**.

Principal Membership includes all those resident at the address noted below.

Only the Principal and Joint members named are allowed to vote at any Group Meeting or AGM.

The NHAEG requests the information below to maintain its records and to help provide events and activities which reflect the interests of the membership where possible. This information will not be used for any other purpose nor disclosed to any other individual, group or agency outside the **NHAEG**.

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and delete as appropriate.

PRINCIPAL MEMBER

Title Surname Forenames

Address Postcode

E-mail address

Telephone number Mobile number

For security reasons your home address will only be made available to the Committee members.

May we include your tel./e-mail/vehicle details in the circulated membership list? **YES / NO**

JOINT MEMBER

Title Surname Forenames

E-mail address

Telephone number Mobile number

SIGNATURE
(PRINCIPAL MEMBER)

DATE

WHAT HISTORIC /CLASSIC VEHICLE(S) DO YOU OWN?

Please note overleaf the make, model, year & registration number and any other interesting facts.

Do you wish to help run or organize any Group events? **YES / NO**

Please note overleaf what activities/events you would be interested in? .

Please return your form and payment of £9.00/£13.00 (delete as required) by **cheque only** made payable to 'NHAEG', at a Group meeting or by post before December 31st. to:-

The Membership Secretary, George Ewart, 12A Butler Road, Crowthorne, RG45 6QY.

Telephone 01344 778286

george.ewartx@btinternet.com

NHAEG 2012 Committee

It is quickly approaching that time of the year when members have the opportunity, at the AGM (9th January 2012), to vote for those they wish to serve on the eight persons Committee for the following twelve months. This is determined by ballot to select from those who have been nominated, (with their permission, of course), by others or, if they wish, by themselves and whose names appear on the Voting Form.

In both instances the nomination should be seconded.

Members are entitled to nominate *any* current Club member to serve on the Committee, providing permission of the person being nominated has been sought and agreement obtained.

Please, therefore, give this matter your serious consideration and if you would like to nominate someone please enter his/her/their name(s) on the slip below and return it to the undersigned by **Friday 6th January 2012.** at the latest.

Note: Both Dave and Karen Witton have indicated their intention of not standing again for re-election as Committee Members. Two vacancies will therefore be available. Any additional nominations received will appear on the voting form at the AGM.

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I nominate the following to serve on the NHAEG Committee for 2012, in the position(s) indicated (**more than one nomination may be made**):

Nomination:.....**Position**.....

Nomination.....**Position**.....

Nomination.....**Position**.....

Nomination.....**Position**.....

Proposer:.....*Date:*.....

Seconded by:.....

Return form to Trevor Edwards (Sec), 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF
email: trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com

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CHAIN LETTER

Vehicles - ancient and modern

Answers are makes, models or parts of vehicles

Starting at 1 the last letter of each answer = first letter of the next one

1. An outstanding success!
2. English river
3. Gets about a bit!
4. Transportation from over La Manche
5. Smelly, unloved and 90% cardboard
6. A ray of light from a heavenly body
7. Had more association with a horse than a car.
8. Sounds like a dental expression of anger or annoyance
9. Transatlantic headgear
10. Struck up a relationship with Hr. Benz in the 20's
11. A deceitful shaft
12. An A7 from the Deep South?
13. A Rootes mischievous maker.
14. Town on the US East and English South coasts.

Letters in the squares with coloured markings will then form the final answer, which is the name of another famous marque. ANSWER

Forward to; Trevor Edwards. 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne RG45 6EF, by **January 6th 2012**
Please enclose £1.00 towards prize(s). Thank you!