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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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

Mo's Mutterings

Here's wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We all wish Sandra Riley a good recovery after her terrible fall and our best wishes to Malcolm and their family.

Good health to all our club members, especially those who have not been so well these past months.

Maureen

Ps. Don and I are still looking for an Austin box saloon!

COLINS COMMENTS

October Club Night

The return visit by Malcolm Nelson, a retired Customs Officer, to give a talk entitled 'Lies and Excuses' was eagerly anticipated and with about fifty members present it was a very packed room. As the title suggests he told us about all the amazing lies and excuses people give for trying to smuggle things through customs.

Malcolm is a very interesting and amusing speaker and he has a great number of subjects he gives talks on about his life as a Customs Officer, so hopefully we can get him back again sometime.

Many thanks to Jean for organising the evening.

November Club Night

The Auction held at the November club night was, as always, a great success with Don, our auctioneer, and Trevor with the unenviable task of keeping track of whose items were being auctioned and also who the successful bidders were. We had a wide range of items to auction and I think most of them found new homes, as normal 10% of proceeds will go to club funds.

Many thanks to Don and Trevor for their efforts, also to everyone who brought in items to auction and those who bid.

Night at The New Inn

As in previous years Tim and June offered us a free night at The New Inn, which we took on the 19th October, with twelve members and their wives/partners taking up the offer. To make more of the weekend I asked if anyone would be prepared to organise something during the day.

Trevor E and Alan P stepped forward with a plan and eleven of the couples plus a few other members met up at a Squires Garden Centre in Badshot Lea for coffee and in quite a few cases a bit of breakfast. We then set off on a very nice route devised by Alan to finish up in Godalming where we parked the cars to partake in a Treasure Hunt, around Godalming, which Trevor had obtained.

Unfortunately it started to rain which necessitated stopping for a bite to eat before continuing when the rain stopped. However despite the weather it was an enjoyable day with five couples finishing the Treasure Trail and getting the right answer. We then made our separate ways to The New Inn.

On arrival at The New Inn we all booked in leaving time for a rest before sitting down to enjoy a meal, a few drinks, and a very social evening before retiring to bed. The next morning we ate a hearty breakfast before heading for home.

A very enjoyable weekend, many thanks to Trevor and Alan for Saturday's daytime activities and of course very many thanks to Tim and June for allowing us to stay overnight along with breakfast. I did write to Tim and June on my return home thanking them, on everyone's behalf, for their generosity.

Nightjar

The 38th Nightjar was as always a great success with a full entry list of competitors. The weather was reasonably kind to us with just the occasional light rain. However this did not dampen anyone's spirits and judging by the very many favourable comments received on the night and subsequently received by email, it would seem that the majority of competitors had a very enjoyable evening.

The great success of the evening is very much down to the support and help we get from members and friends in the initial organising of the event and on the night itself, either as marshals or back at the hall. This year there were 35 people involved and I would like to thank every one of you for your assistance, without it we would not have been able to put on the event.

December Club Night

December is our Christmas Fun Night when those who wish can dress up in seasonal wear or a hat. As usual we will have some Christmas fun so come along and join in.

January Club Night

At the January club night we will be holding our AGM, hopefully, as usual, many members will attend. This is your opportunity to have your say on any matter concerning the running of the club and also to vote for next year's committee.

DriveCheck55

I recently underwent a driving assessment called DriveCheck55, which as the name suggests is for the over 55-age group and was administered by the Institute of Advanced Motorist. As a Driving Instructor I used to voluntarily have regular driving assessments but it is now over five years since I retired and thought I would check my standards had not slipped.

I found it a very interesting and useful 1½ hours with a friendly instructor. It is not a test so there is no pass or fail, just a chat at the end with the instructor who will give you a written assessment of your driving and there is no requirement to join the IAM. The assessment is for the over 55s who probably have not had their driving looked at since their driving test many years ago and the cost is just £35, which I thought was very good value for money and I would certainly recommend it to other members.

If anyone is interested in having an assessment I would be happy to give you more details or you can visit www.iam.org.uk and click on Drivers, then Courses. There are also assessments for those under 55 as well, details from above website.

Forthcoming Events

Not much happening this time of year, however there are a couple of events to look forward to. One is the **Christmas Dinner** on the 2nd December organised by Trevor and Jean, which is always good and

on the 8th December is the **Christmas Lunch Tour** organised by Jean. Details of both these events have been in previous newsletters so I hope those going have all paid their monies to Jean.

On the 1st January there are various **New Year's Day** gatherings, the biggest of which is at the **Brooklands Museum**, which quite a number of our members have attended in the past few years and I imagine, weather permitting, they will do so this year, I certainly hope to be there. Details can be found at www.brooklandsmuseum.com

If you want to get your cars out during January and February there are **Classic Car Meetings at The White Lion Antiques Centre** at Hartley Wintney on the 12th January and the 9th February details at www.whitelionantiques.co.uk. There are also, on the 2nd February, the **VSCC Driving Tests** at Brooklands Museum which are always good fun to watch and if you arrive in a Historic Car you can enter by the Campbell Gate and park in the museum site instead of the car park. Details from www.brooklandsmuseum.com

If you know of any other events during the winter or indeed at any time next year that our members might be interested in please email details to me. I will then add them to the Club Nights and Events Diary.

Lunch Meetings

Please note there will be **no Lunch Meeting in December** as the fourth Monday of the month falls on Christmas Eve when I am sure you will all be busy. The **January Lunch Meeting** will be on the 27th.

Subscription Renewals

You should all have received renewal forms for 2014 from George, if you have not done so please get in touch with him. I know quite a number of you have already returned them to George with your subscription but if you have not yet done so please let George have them as soon as possible. Your last chance to hand them to him will be at the December club night, after that you will need to post to him. **Please remember he can only accept cheques.**

Although the final date for renewal, without incurring a rejoining fee, is the 31st December it is helpful to George if he receives them before Christmas so that he does not have to concern himself with club matters over the festive season.

Thank You

As this is the last newsletter of 2013 I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts during the year, I am sure they were appreciated by all of you. I would also like to thank Maureen for producing our excellent newsletter, George for looking after the membership side of things, Ann for organising the raffles and Paul for running our web site. I would also like to thank all those members who have organised events or contributed in some way to the successful running of the club this year, it is very much appreciated by all of us on the committee as well I am sure by all other members. We have had a very busy year and thankfully the weather has been kind to us most of the time, let's hope for the same next year.

Finally I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Safe and Happy Motoring,

Colin.

Secretary's Scribblings

Nightjar 2013

As Colin has mentioned in his column the 38th Nightjar, on 16th November, proved to be as successful as in previous years. Each year the fear is that this might be the one when it won't be, especially when, for example, by mid October, the entry list is looking a little 'thin'; yet, each year, a sigh of relief is expelled when the trickle inevitably increases to a flood and the break even level is reached – and then surpassed by a significant margin!

This year, out of an initial entry list of 32, some 28 eventually started the event and, of these, all but 2 completed it successfully (although one more actually did do so but having exceeded the time permitted). The weather was reasonably benign – or at least there was no fog or frost to contend with; not desperately cold and with just a little light rain at one point. In any event, pretty well all competing crews returned to Elizabeth Hall in Hook, in a tired but generally jolly mood for a well-earned sit down in the warm, ready to consume a meal and listen to results. Several of these later sent emails expressing their enjoyment of the event, vowing to return again next year so it has to be assumed that, despite earlier concerns, this year, that the longer distance needed to be travelled and some of the more devious clues might be off-putting to some, this, seemingly proved not to be the case and many are anxious to return 'for more of the same' in November 2014! There's simply no accounting for folk!

An innovation this year was the Trevor Wild Memorial Trophy which Jane (Hanslip) had kindly commissioned, funded and presented, to be awarded to the Best Performing Novice crew, i.e. a driver/navigator who had not won an award in a major event in the past three years. Trevor Wild, as many will recall, was a well-respected member of the NHAEG, who tragically passed away in March 2011. Jane's wish that the trophy be awarded to the best novice was based on her view that this would have been the only category in which she and Trevor would have been likely to have had any success! Her words, not mine! They were both quite keen 'rallyers' so I think it very possible that they, indeed, would have succeeded in that category and quite probably beyond!

The new award, initially this year, was won by Tim Britnell, a non-member, in his 1931 Sunbeam 23.8 and the shield for the Best Performance by an NHAEG

member was won by Richard Scott, for the second year running. Congratulations go to both of these gentlemen and, indeed, to winners of all the other categories.

Quiz News

Again, just three entries were received for the quiz appearing in the October Newsletter, '*Away From the Crowds*', (relating to items, objects, jobs etc., associated with the countryside), and just one had all 25 cryptic clues answered correctly.

The deserving winners, (definitely not for the first time!), were Sandra and Malcolm (Ryley) though, as members will now be aware, Sandra suffered a terrible fall in their home, early in November, sustaining injuries and may be unable to enjoy her share of the prizes for a little while yet. The latest news, from Malcolm, however, is that she is being treated in the North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke and is making slow, but steady progress towards recovery from what was undoubtedly a most horrifying experience – for them both. We wish her all the best with this and sincerely hope to see her back in our midst again before too long. Malcolm has promised to keep us informed of her progress and I will, of course, pass on any news received from him.

The quiz for the December issue is again to do with the *Countryside*. Entries should be returned by Friday 10th January. Plenty of time over the Christmas and New Year period to ponder the answers!

Auction Night – 2013

The Auction, on November 11th, proved to be as enjoyable an evening as ever, with the usual banter provided by Don, the man with the gavel and Colin, as the porter.

There was a very wide variety of items for sale and most seemed to attract the interest and attention of someone – it's an old adage but a true one, "*One person's trash is another's treasure*".

Due to astute auctioneering on Don's part, plus, in no small measure, to the generosity of several members who declined to take their just desserts, donating them instead to Club funds, the useful sum of £43.45 was added to the coffers and we are most grateful to all those who made this gesture.

NHAFEG Christmas Dinner- Monday 2nd December 2013

43 members are now signed up for this, which promises to be as enjoyable as ever. We have never been disappointed yet at our preferred venue which is, as

announced in the October Newsletter, the Downshire Golf Complex, situated between Crowthorne and Bracknell, (though, oddly, the postal address is Easthampstead Park, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 3DH – for satnav users.

*Please note, however, that timing is **7:15 for 7:45 p.m.** not 7:00 for 7:30 p.m., as announced previously.*

If anyone who is attending the function is unclear where the Downshire Golf Complex is physically situated please get in touch with me and I will provide directions. A little alarmingly the signs to look out for, when approaching the area, are Easthampstead Crematorium! The Golf Complex occupies a spot adjacent to and just beyond the crematorium itself.

NHAEG 40th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch - 2014

A lunch has been arranged for 22nd June 2014 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the NHAEG, the intention being for the meal to be preceded by a leisurely morning run, in our historic cars, devised around local hostelrys, all of which have had some association with the Club during its 40 years of existence, though we will need to avoid stopping for a dram at each!

A request was made, in the October Newsletter, for names of those interested in participating in this function and for a deposit to be paid by the November Club Night; as of the time of writing, 19 members have done so.

May I make a further plea for any others who plan on joining the party, on that milestone day, to let me have a deposit of £5.00 (per person) on or by the new, **extended deadline date of 13th January 2014**, the date of the AGM.

The cost of the 3-course lunch, to be held, also, at the Downshire Golf Complex, will be £23.75 per head. Further details of this and the run will be announced later.

NHAEG Grille/Bar Badges

These are available at a cost of £13.00, for either radiator or badge bar design fitting. Extra long (75mm) 3.5mm screws and nuts are also available at 30 pence per pair, if required. Please contact me, or any Committee member, if you require either type.

Laminated vehicle information sheets

George (Ewart), Membership Secretary, is now able to make up laminated vehicle information sheets ideal for use at display events, etc., providing the general public with a summary of interesting facts and details about your vehicle(s). Please contact George, on 01344 778286, or email him at george.ewartx@btinternet.com and let him have the vital data; he will do the rest. The cost is £1.00 per sheet.

Tools and equipment for hire

This is the time of the year when all those jobs on the car, which have been gently piling up over the past months, will, when sufficient enthusiasm has been mustered, be attended to as we potter about in chilly garages during the 'quiet season'.

Members are therefore advised that there are a number of specialised tools and pieces of equipment available for hire through the club. A few belong to the club and several others are owned by Don Breakspear, who kindly agrees to make them available to any club member carrying out work on their vehicle(s). The requirement for this is for a deposit of £25.00 to be lodged, (cheque made payable to 'NHAEG') and, providing the tool/equipment is returned within two weeks, the deposit is returned in full, hence making the hire free of charge. If the material is not returned within two weeks a charge of £5.00 per week is then deducted from the deposit held.

A list of available tooling, etc. appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. Should anyone wish to take advantage of this facility please contact either Don, on 0118 973 3568, or Trevor E on 01344 775012.

2014 Committee Nominations – **IMPORTANT!**

This, being the last Newsletter prior to the January AGM, a Committee Nomination Form is also included. Please give this topic some serious thought and if you know of anyone, perhaps even yourself, who might like to serve on the Committee for 2014, please use the form to nominate them and return it by Friday 10th January 2014, as indicated.

As is now established policy, members are requested and required simply to nominate individuals to serve on the Committee; the Committee, when formed, then will make the decision which roles/functions are to be performed by whom.

It's timely to remind Members that the current Committee, though 'willing', if necessary or by default, to serve a further 12 months, will **definitely** be standing down, in entirety, in 2015. This is beyond any doubt so it is clearly in the interest of all concerned that members, either collectively or individually, do whatever is necessary to see the Club being carried forward successfully from January 2015 onwards. There are slender signs that some members are beginning to take the

message on board and it's to be hoped that such indications continue to grow and that the nucleus of a brand new Committee will form and develop over the next twelve months or so.

The future of the Club really does depend on this happening!

New Year's Day

A couple of options are mentioned here as being of possible interest to members anxious to blow away cobwebs on the first day of 2014.

1) Andy (Seager), on New Year's Day last year, produced a route to the celebrated Brooklands meeting, which was followed by several members who'd met up at Squire's Garden Centre in Badshot Lea. For a very sound reason, (i.e. his Riley 9 is currently 'feeling a little bit poorly and under the weather'), he will be unable to repeat the exercise this year.

Should anyone wish to do so, however, the route, a good one, is available. Just let Andy (or me) know and we can ensure you get a copy. If anyone wishes to actually 'mastermind' the run this time around, so much the better, and that would be most welcome.

2) It has become known that Nigel Coulter (IRC Secretary) and James Campbell, (this years Nightjar overall winner), between them, organise a New Year's Day run generally starting from the Devil's Punchbowl, Hindhead and ending up at Elstead Mill for lunch as well as, it's understood, a quiz. The run is completely uncompetitive and we (the NHAEG) have been invited to participate, should anyone wish to do so. Please let me know if this has any appeal for you and I will pass on further details when they become known.

With a whole raft of distractions and festive events to look forward to during the next few weeks we should have plenty to take our minds off the arctic temperatures which seem to have descended upon us in recent days so, since no other opportunity is likely to present itself, before the closing days of the year, to do so in writing, may I wish all members a very Merry Christmas and safe, trouble-free motoring in the New Year!

Trevor

2014 COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Having firstly obtained his/her approval please nominate the person(s) you would like to propose for the 2014 Committee.

Please print name(s) and hand/forward form to:

Trevor Edwards, (Sec. NHAEG), 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, to be received by Friday 10th January 2014

1st nomination.....

2nd Nomination.....

3rd Nomination.....

Signed..... Date.....

Print Name.....

Holiday to France in the Ancient Austin 12/4 Clifton [aka] 'Wine Gum'.

Thursday. Alarm at 3am, 4am let cat out of garage before leaving for a surprisingly chilly run to Portsmouth.

A super smooth 'Fastcat' crossing and a sunny welcome to Le Havre, from where we are soon 'flying' across the 'Pont de Normandie' and on to our first B&B, courtesy of 'Airbnb.com', at La Chapelle du Bois, a friendly welcome and off for a Brasserie supper at La Ferte Bernard, a very watery village with plenty of flowers and House Martins swooping around in the evening sunshine.

Friday morning, To Le Mans, down the Mulsanne straight flat out, top down, light rain 73kph, sounds faster than 45mph!! Visited the 'Musee des 24 Heures' not many pre-war race cars.

Saturday, Off to the Loire down quiet backroads in hot sunshine to our next 'Airbnb' a charming Log Cabin in a pretty garden and discovering we were surrounded by 'Troglydyte' dwellings, we had dinner in a Troglydyte cave restaurant, after the Main course we were given a guided tour of the caves and watched the bread [like a pitta] being baked in the cave's open oven.

Monday, We had a leisurely drive in warm sunshine along both banks of the Loire to the east of Angers. A very attractive area, huge river! A delicious lunch was partaken of at Montsoreau and more sunshine for the drive back. 69 miles in 6 hours! What a way to enjoy this lovely countryside!!

Tuesday, West to the seaside driving through pretty villages, forest and very long straight roads to the coast and Pornic, a very busy holiday area, we went on to Prefailles and the Point St Gildas, our 'Hotel Le Calluna' was almost on the beach, going to sleep to the sound of the sea, great!! Lots of 'Hitler's Atlantic Wall' bunkers in this area.

Wednesday, Wine Gum was parked up for the next few days. We walked to Prefailles to visit the Market and enjoy a cold beer. That evening we had Dinner at our Hotel and met an older couple {read ancient} and their Dog, they were walking the G34 along the French coast, 15 miles a day for a fortnight each year, hats off to them!!

Thursday, Wall to wall sunshine, Blue sky a book on the beach today, the beach to ourselves. Delicious food, a lovely sunset and still warm. We are spoilt!!

Friday, One week gone, over the bridge a St Nazaire causing a small traffic queue heading for Plouhinec and the Hotel de Kerlon deep in the countryside, they even cleared a barn for us to put Wine Gum undercover, Port Louis for dinner, had to put the roof up, very heavy rain!!

Port Louis is a very pleasant town with a huge Citadel which is well worth a visit with a most interesting display of Life Saving at Sea.

Saturday, Roof down to Hennebont and a great museum in another Citadel, how many circular staircases can you climb in a morning? Interesting social history, costume and Breton lace.

Sunday, Not more sunshine, bridges and cold beer? Narrowly avoided huge crowd at the Huitres festival, spent a quiet afternoon on the beach, reading, snoozing and talking about Wine Gum to many friendly passers-by. The French are so pleased to see an 'Ancient Voiture' with a pair of English loonies!!! We were driving through a village where a Circus was being held and the van with the chap with the loud hailer, in full flow, broke off mid-sentence adding 'BELLE VOITURE', we roared with laughter, waved and smiled.

Monday, A sunny but chilly start, yes we needed the jerseys, North along the coast to Douaranenez a pretty port and marina via Concarneau for lunch and walk around the Isle de Cite, which was very busy and much larger than it appeared.

Wine Gum spends the night in a public car park, next morning had to change a front tyre bald in one spot!! Lots of local interest from passers by, so not an F1 tyre change and a late breakfast!!

The Maritime Museum in an old Mackerel processing factory at Douaranenez is well worth a visit, there are also boats on the water to climb over including a Tug from Falmouth and a Thames Barge. Not much in the way of 'Health & Safety' here, down in the engine rooms and low beams to bang heads and elbows. Great fun!

An excellent lunch in the square by the river, Moules again for John with local Cider.

Wednesday, off across country, avoiding steep hills, arriving at the lovely 'Hotel Kastell Dinéc'h' outside Treguier, we stayed there last year, so a very warm welcome from the owners. Bags unloaded, straight in for a swim! Dress for an excellent dinner.

Thursday, after a full French breakfast including pancakes to set us up for the day, hats on mine needed a stitch or two, I put ribbons on to tie under the chin, John's looking for a 'Pith Helmet'!

Friday, we were directed to a local shop that specialises in old car books and magazines! Quelle Horreur! John has almost the same amount. Super chap, photo op at the shop.

Back to the Hotel for a swim, read and snooze before another excellent dinner.

Saturday, sees us regretfully leaving for St Malo, shopping at Carrefour and our final night stop at Hotel Le Grassinai before the ferry on Sunday.

Sunday, up early for the ferry, we just turned onto the main road and as John changed gear there was this horrible rattle, we looked at each other in horror !!! The Clutch wouldn't release! Stop, Engine off, First gear, Press starter, crawled to the Port at about 15mph trying not to stop at traffic lights. 'Phoned the AA from the port to meet us with a truck at Portsmouth to take us home.

A Great holiday, picnics, quiet French roads, lots of sunshine, Beer, Moules, sea, so many bridges great & small, friendly people, super food and of course our 'BELLE VOITURE' without which this adventure would not have been possible!!

Can't wait for the next trip.

Jill Bennett



Don's NHAEG 2014 holiday, from now on to be known as

THE TAUNTON EXPERIENCE

will take place from the 10th to the 15th July 2014 inclusive.

We will be making an early start on Thursday 10th July, stopping for coffee, lunch and afternoon tea on the journey to Bishops Hull, near Taunton.

We will be staying at The Meryan House Hotel, postcode TA1 5EG, which can be viewed on their website. We have stayed overnight recently at The Meryan House Hotel and enjoyed their cooked breakfast and hospitality. The rooms are not huge but they are very comfortably furnished with everything you need and the price of £78.00 PER ROOM INCLUDES FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST and VAT. There is also a lounge with a bar and outside a large garden area with lots of seating. The owner Cherie, (pronounced sherry) and her husband Nick, are both very friendly and welcoming to guests.

The Meryan House Hotel has only twelve rooms which we have provisionally booked.

We shall be organising trips to local places of interest including the West Somerset Railway and Hestercombe Gardens amongst others.

Club members who wish to take part in the Taunton Experience **must let us know by the 12th December and let us have a deposit of £78.00 per couple with a cheque made payable to NHAEG (not us).**

Maureen and Don Breakspear

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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 980 Starting Handle Rattle – Austin Seven and No 1203 Anti-freeze – Austin Twelve and Eighteen.

No 980 appeared in January 1940 and No 1203 in January 1945.

No 980 – Starting Handle Rattle - Austin Seven

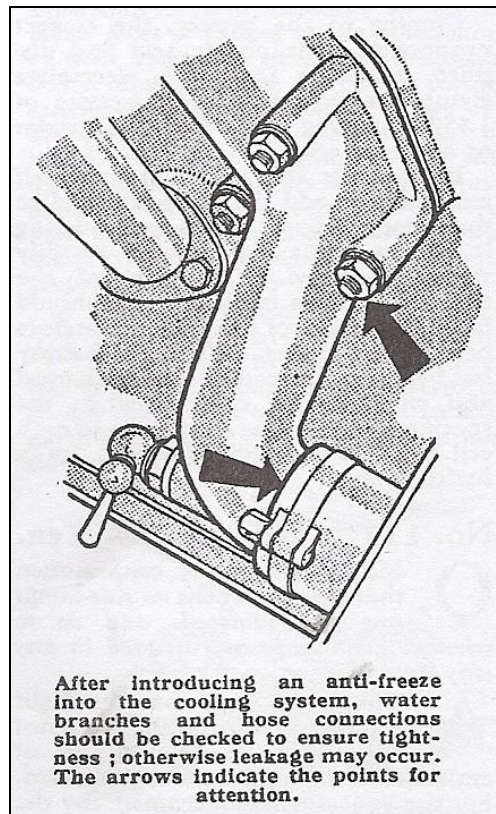
Q. *I am the owner of a three-year old Austin Seven, the starting handle of which is fixed in position and sets up a distinct rattle when the car is running. There seems to be no method of tightening the loose portion of the handle, and although it is a very small point I should be glad if you could suggest a cure, as the car is otherwise very silent in all respects.*

A. A rubber handle-bar grip as used on bicycles, fitted to the starting handle, will usually effect a satisfactory cure. If the grip is a little too large for the handle a length of insulating tape bound round the latter will serve to secure the grip quite firmly. This method not only prevents rattling but is also neat and kind to the hands if the starting handle has to be used much. No doubt you realise that the handle has a “rest” position lying horizontal, in which position the bearing is sealed so that moisture cannot enter the engine through the starting handle bracket.

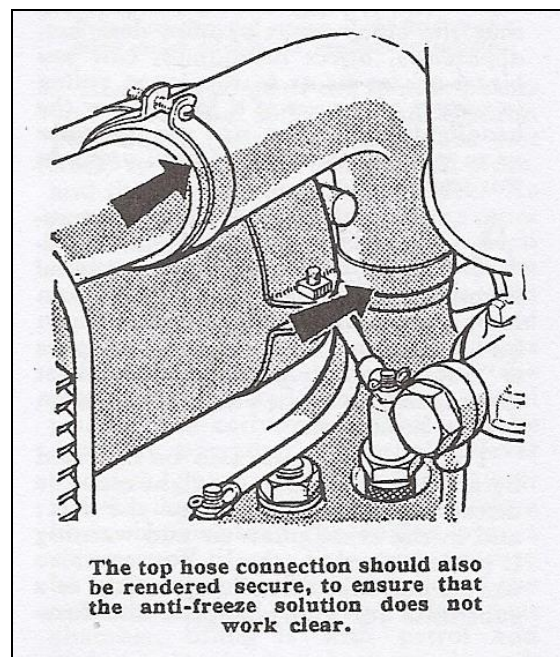
No 1203 – Anti-freeze – Austin Twelve and Eighteen

Q. *Now that winter is here and I have an opportunity to obtain some glycerine could you advise me whether it is all right to place in the water of the radiator, and the amount to put in the radiator of 12 h.p. and 18 h.p. 1935 Austins.*

A. From your description we are not quite clear whether it is pure glycerine you have been able to obtain, or whether it is a proprietary anti-freeze mixture, and therefore we cannot advise you definitely as to the proportion to use.



On the basis of your query we suggest, however, you will be quite safe if you use a 30 per cent glycerine and 70 per cent water solution, which should give you immunity from freezing down to 20 degrees of frost. This, of course, is well on the safe side, and if you are short of the anti-freezing agent you could use a weaker mixture without much risk.



It is important, in making up the solution, to mix the anti-freeze well in with the water so that it is a proper solution, and you should, in order to maintain the strength of the solution, ensure that there are

no leaks from the cooling system whereby the solution can escape. This important, because anti-freeze solutions have a searching effect on the joints in that they usually dissolve the rust that helps to seal the various water connections, and you may find after using the solution for a few weeks that it has seeped out past the hose connections or water branches. Such loss, if remedied by topping up with water, will progressively weaken the mixture. Topping up in the ordinary course to make good evaporation will not weaken the mixture, since it will be only the water content that will have been lost.

We are not sure from your letter whether your 1935 Twelve is a Light Twelve-Four, Light Twelve-Six or a Heavy Twelve-Four, but so that you can judge the amount of glycerine required we give you figures of the cooling system capacity of each model as follows:-

Light Twelve-Four	-	22 pints
Light Twelve-Six	-	24 pints
Heavy Twelve- Four	-	19 pints

As regards the Eighteen of 1935, the capacity of the cooling system of this model is 29 pints.

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

This month there is only one advertisement from 1957. It is for an Astra car, not a Vauxhall but one built by the British Anzani Engineering Company of Middlesex. Can anybody remember this model or may have even owned one! They were not in production for very long, the manufacturing was sold on a few times to different companies; I guess cars like the Mini, being available from 1959, took their place.

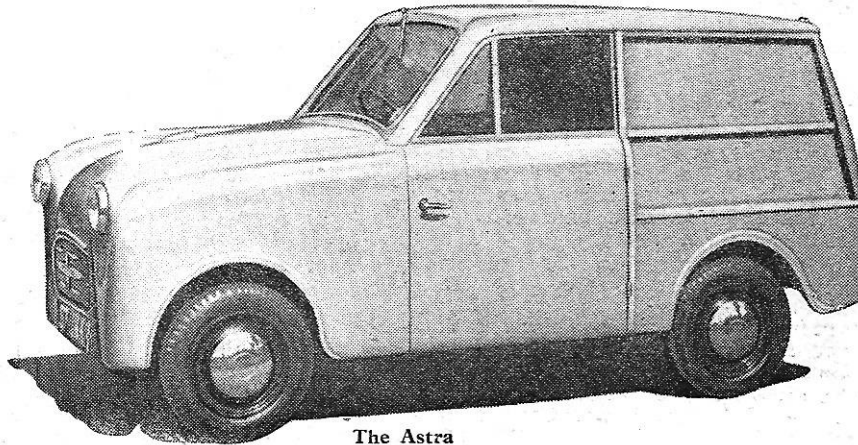
There is copy of a readers query from the same year regarding Austin Seven Ruby shock absorbers. Owners of all early Austin cars may find it useful.

The Astra

DELIVERIES recently began of a new British economy runabout—the Astra—which is claimed to be the smallest and cheapest four-wheeler on the British market. It has all-round independent suspension, hydraulic brakes and a rear-mounted 322 c.c. twin-cylinder engine.

As a utility it will carry two people and up to 250lb. of goods or luggage, and three people can be accommodated for short journeys. When used as a van it will carry 3½ cwt. of goods.

Top speed is estimated at 55 m.p.h. and cruising speed at 40-50 m.p.h., fuel consumption being approximately 60 m.p.g. Built by the British Anzani Engineering Co., Hampton Hill, Middlesex, it is marketed by the Astra Car Co.

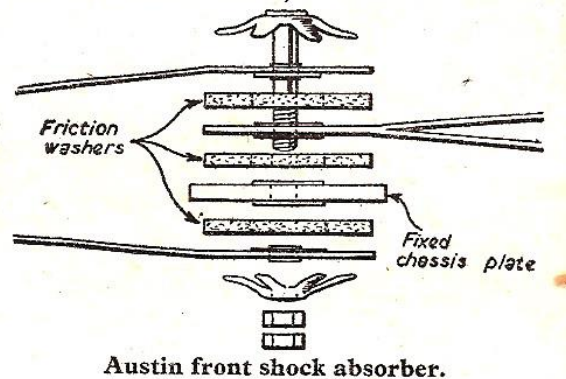


The Astra

AUSTIN FRONT SHOCK ABSORBER

I HAVE recently dismantled the front shock absorbers of my Austin Seven 1936 Ruby. Some of the components seem to be missing. What number are required and what is the method of assembly?—M. J. Henderson (Gateshead, 9).

The shock absorber consists of a fixed plate bolted to the chassis; a pair of arms to the outer ends of the axle—one arm being double and the other in two portions; friction washers between the arms; a centre start bolt, star washer, nut and locknut. The shock absorber is assembled so there is a friction washer in contact with all rubbing faces; that is, a friction washer is used each side of the fixed chassis plate, and another between the double arm and the single arm (three friction washers in all).



Andy Ranson

TOOLS FOR LOAN

Owned by NHAEG (call 0118 973 3568 or 01344 775012)

Industrial heavy duty sewing machine

Portable hydraulic engine hoist

Kingpin bush extractors

A7 Crankcase front bearing puller

Owned by Don Breakspear (call 0118 973 3568)

Clutch aligning tool

Car ramps and Axle stands

Trolley jack

A7 Kingpin extractor

A7 Hub puller

A7 Flywheel puller

A7 Cam follower extractor tool

Large box spanner for wheel bearing retaining nut

18 mill. compression tester

Half inch drive torque wrench

Valve lifter

Electric soldering iron

Nutcracker

Tool for spreading leaf springs to insert grease

Rear spring pin insertion tool

Gudgeon pin aligning tool

Valve seat cutter kit

Clutch spring decompressing bolts.

'Away From The Crowds' – Take 2

All answers are associated with the countryside in some way, e.g. people, jobs, objects, animals, produce etc. Please forward entries to Trevor Edwards, at: 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, by Friday 10th January 2014, enclosing £1.00 towards the cost of prize(s).

1. Unable to observe this because of elms, oaks, beeches, etc	_ _ _ _	4
2. Are plants grown in cots here?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	7
3. With this one might be a social climber	_ _ _ _ _	5
4. World's fastest steam engine was one!	_ _ _ _	4
5. Public school for working the land	_ _ _ _ _ _	6
6. Lost in the Antarctic	_ _ _ _	4
7. Place to make fake money	_ _ _ _ _	5
8. Only one of wheat, oats, barley, etc.	_ _ _ _ _	5
9. Noisy field boundary	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	8
10. Move milk horizontally across the upper face!	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	10
11. A moaning bird	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	6
12. Sweet area patrolled by a policeman	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	5, 4
13. Lucky footwear	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	9
14. Makes one smile for the camera	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	6
15. These birds sound worthless	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	7
16. Animal that distributes seeds!	_ _ _ _	3
17. Farm building that should not fall down	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	6
18. Where rumours abound?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	9
19. Does it bleat or bark?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	8
20. Is this driven by flatulence?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	8
21. A supporter of either left or right?	_ _ _ _ _ _	5
22. Drinking vessel containing goat or sheep?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	9
23. Expand relation	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	7
24. Communist fuel for tractors?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	3, 6
25. Found on a thrush's foot?	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	9

Name(s).....

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NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

Arranged by or details from

December 9 th	Festive Fun Night	Colin/Ann
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2014

January 13 th	AGM	Committee
Feb 10 th	Feelie Bags	John/Joan
March 10 th	Quiz	Julie/Mike
April 14th	Spring Airing + Peking to Paris Rally. Talk with slides and film by Richard Scott about his experiences in the 2013 event.	Trevor
May 12th	TBA	TBA
June 9th	Half Gallon Run	Colin/Ann

Lunch meetings (Colin for details)

November 25 th	The New Inn
December	No lunch meeting this month
January 27 th	The New Inn
February 24th	The New Inn
March 24 th	The New Inn
April 28 th	The New Inn

Events

Events in **BOLD** are NHAEG events

December 2 nd	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean
December 8 th	Christmas Lunch Tour	Jean
December 8 th	Classic Car Meeting/White Lion Antiques	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk
<u>2014</u>		
January 1 st	New Years Day Gathering at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
January 12 th	Classic Car Meeting/White Lion Antiques	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk
February 2 nd	VSCC Driving Tests at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
February 9 th	Classic Car Meeting/White Lion Antiques	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk
March 9 th	Morris Austin Day	www.brooklandsmuseum.com

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April 27th	Drive it Day	TBA
May 16 th -18 th	Lady McAlpines Vintage Birthday Party Fawley Hill, Henley	www.fawleyhill.co.uk or Colin for details
May 18 th	Merrist Wood Summer Show	Download entry forms at www.guildford.ac.uk from Feb
June 14 th -15 th	Brooklands Double Twelve	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
June 22nd	40th Anniversary Run and Lunch (Put date in your diaries, more details later)	Trevor/Jean
July 27th	Club Picnic	TBA

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

Colin

