



Dear Members,

Welcome everyone to our December Bulletin. As I write, another year draws to its close. So, first of all, on behalf of us all on the committee may I wish you Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Club Night - Auction

Another fun evening buying and selling various items both old and new. The overall turnover was just under £90 of which 10% will go towards the club funds. Our thanks go to Don and Colin for managing the proceedings.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner this year was held at Sand Martins Golf Club, and attended by 36 club members. The Golf Club did us proud with superb table layouts and excellent food. The 'free' raffle was also a big hit with those lucky enough to win !

2020 Renewal Subscriptions

A big thank you to all those members that have submitted their online club registration forms and paid by bank transfer.

To everyone else, PLEASE complete the online form at the link below. It is really quick and easy and helps the committee to collate lists of members with payments.

<https://form.jotformeu.com/Quondman/car-club-registration-form>

Please also note that the NHAEG website <http://www.nhaeg.org.uk/membership.html> has now been updated with a Members area where copies of the following documents are available:

- Data Protection Statement
- Club Rules
- Membership application form

The Nightjar 2019





The following Nightjar story was kindly submitted by Tony Westhall:

I normally do the Nightjar in The Duchess – 1936 12/6 Ascot – but she was poorly. I went out for the day to the seaside a couple of weeks ago and had a lovely drive down there in the sunshine. As I came out of the car park on the way back, there was a nasty knocking sound from the back axle. I had a look underneath and couldn't see anything amiss so drove carefully on. The noise was only when my foot came off the accelerator. All was perfectly OK when driving forwards or putting the clutch in so I carefully drove home. I had a spare complete axle so I changed it over. It sounds simple but it is a 2 person job and the flanges were a different size so a bit of adapting was required. When fitted and taking it on a drive, a nasty screeching came when travelling over 30mph so it was not going to be suitable for the Nightjar. I checked the weather forecast and saw that it was due to be dry so I took the Newbury as this was the most suitable.

I turned up at Old Basing Village Hall just outside Basingstoke after a cold drive, even with the sidescreens in! There were a few cars there – a couple of Austins, an Alvis Speed Twenty, a couple of Rileys and a Morris. My navigators were Derek Ball and Peter Martin so I chatted to a few people and waited for them to arrive.

We had a team of three cars and the only other team was Riley as you need three cars to form a team in these events. The other members were Andy Ranson from Weymouth and Andy Docherty from Guildford. We were also expecting Peter Winney from Bath but a phonecall from his navigator Geoff Pickard told us that he had broken down with fuel troubles and returned home.

We got our instructions at the appointed time and began plotting. We had to plot a series of map references to find the 6 manned and 6 unmanned checkpoints. We had to select 9 to visit so those on the extremities were omitted, even though they scored most points. We set off full of enthusiasm for the first checkpoint – a manned one. We found the spot easily and were given our puzzle to solve that would take us to the location of the white board with the name of a bird written on it. We had a series of bearings with distances to pace given in roman numerals. All quite straightforward but despite being in the right place as there were plenty of others there, we just could not find the board! We gave up at this point and went on to the next checkpoint.

This was an unmanned one with an added note telling us to go to the right of Dexter. These are supposed to be easy to find at the given map reference but not a bit of it. After scouring the carpark I saw a notice board through a gate. On going to investigate there was a picture of a Dexter cow. Ah, we thought, here we are and went searching for the board. No sign of it to the right of the noticeboard. On looking at the noticeboard I saw a picture of a bird to the right of the cow - stonechat – so we put that down. We spent a lot of time on this and were losing our enthusiasm but at least it was not raining!

We went on to the next checkpoint which was a manned one. We got the clue sheet and could not make any sense of it. We told the marshal we were not going to do it and he gave us some help. It began to make some sense and took us on a route through the woods. We got to the end but couldn't find the bird. We thought that this was getting ridiculous but we did one more and found the bird. We then felt better and continued on, finding the birds at all our other destinations. We were short on time by now so we just collected our points for visiting the manned locations and made our way back to the hall.

Others had found it hard as well, which made us feel better. The welcome supper of fish and chips arrived, the results announced (Rileys won) and we all made our chilly way home.

Thanks to Richard Long and his team of helpers for putting on the event. It takes a great deal of hard work and organisation to put this event on and it all went very well. A tribute to them all.

Nightjar update

Following a review of the Nightjar costs and revenues, the Committee is pleased to announce that we made a good profit which is a great achievement. The club will therefore be making a donation to a local charity to be agreed at the AGM in January.

The push on promoting the event paid off by attracting new competitors and also increasing the number of entrants to 28. A tight control on costs was maintained without detracting from the quality of the Nightjar and the addition of the ATDC support for the raffle along with the generous donation from Andrew Barker significantly increased the quality of the prizes. The ATDC have already committed to supporting future events.

The committee expresses its thanks to all those that helped in making this a successful event and hopes that you will be encouraged to come back again next year to have another go. Without your support we can't run this event and next year will be the 45th anniversary of the Nightjar and so will be a special occasion.

For Sale

Bottom Water Elbow, tapped for 1932-1936 Austin 10, £75 (£115 from ATDC)

Bottom Water Elbow, tapped, for 1938-1939 Austin 12, Long type £50 (£80 from ATDC)

If anyone is interested in either of the above I can bring to club to look at, or you can call round.

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Photographic Competition

As briefly mentioned at the November Club Night it's proposed to stage a photographic competition for NHAEG Club members, to run between now and the end of September 2020.

In this day and age many have a camera and those who don't most likely have fairly sophisticated smartphones capable of producing quite impressive images.

Rules are simple. There are three categories of subject: Landscapes, People/Animals and Automotive-related. Prints should be no larger than 7" x 5" and should be submitted to any Committee member by 30th September.

If you really find yourself unable to print your masterpiece Trevor E will be happy to do this for you if you forward the image to him electronically by the closing date.

Judging will be by members present at the October Club Night, the photograph in each category attracting the most votes will secure a prize!

You now have the best part of 10 months, over 4 seasons to get busy snapping. Good Luck !

Festive Fun 2019

Just a quick reminder that next Monday Club Night (9th December) will be our annual 'Festive Fun Evening' which will be in the form of a convivial get-together, taking in a light-hearted game or two, interspersed with leisurely chat amongst friends and doubtless accompanied by a beverage of some kind - (stimulating or not, depending on who's driving, of course!)

Please do come along - attire is optional, i.e. probably better to put on some clothes, but you may care to allow the season, shortly to be upon us, to guide your choice and don the odd item of festive garb.

AGM

The AGM is to be held on Monday 13th January 2020. At the meeting members will be invited to:

1. Nominate an individual within the Club - doesn't have to be a member of the Committee; can be anyone who, in your opinion, has made a notable contribution in some way towards the Club in the past year. The person attracting the most votes will be presented with the Good Service plate, to be engraved with his or her name for 2019.
2. Nominate a small, local charity which, in a draw to be made on the night, will receive a donation based on a percentage of the profits arising from the recent Nightjar Navigational Scatter Rally, masterminded by Richard (Long). The only criteria are that it **MUST** be small and local, the kind which would truly feel the benefit of a modest boost to its finances - not one of the large, national, well-known charities.

Over the Christmas and New Year period please ponder these two issues and be prepared to come up with a couple of nominations in January. Thank you!



"Season's Greetings' looks O.K. to me. Let's run it by the legal department."

PS - Please don't forget to try the NOEL quiz attached.

CLUB & EVENTS DIARY PLANNER FOR 2019 / 2020

NHAEG Events Planned	2019 Dates	Details	Arranged by, or details from
Club Night	9th December	Feely bags	Committee
Club Night	13th January	AGM	Committee
Club Night	10th February	Talk – Albella boys home, India	Alan Pickett
Club Night	9th March	Guest speaker – scams / conmen	Trevor Edwards
Club Night	13th April	Spring Airing	
Club Night	11th May	Noggin & Natter	
Club Night	8th June	Half gallon run	
Club Night	13th July	Coveted car evening	
Club Night	10th August	Walking Rally	
Club Night	14th September	Noggin & Natter	
Club Event	14th - 17th September	Bembridge IoW	Trevor Edwards
Club Night	12th October	Photographic competition	
Club Night	9th November	Auction evening	
Club Night	14th December	Festive fun night	

Other Events 2020

Organisers	2020 Expected Dates	Events & locations	Contacts
Brooklands	Wednesday 1st January	New Year's day classic gathering	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Southern manufacturing & electronics	11 th -13 th February	Engineering exhibition, Farnborough	Trevor Mulford
Thornycroft Society	Sunday 3rd May	Thornycroft Society Basingstoke Festival of Transport	www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=734167&ClubID=1523
Spring Auto jumble	16th -17th May	Beaulieu	https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/
International Auto jumble	5-6 Sept	Beaulieu	https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From
NHAEG committee