



## Club Meetings

Please note there will be **no** club meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The next meeting will be the AGM on **Monday 8<sup>TH</sup> January 2024, note change of venue –** please read further on for details.

## Club Events

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

Sand Martins Golf Club  
Finchampstead Rd,  
Wokingham  
RG40 3RQ



## 2024 Events



Don B has provided an excellent list of possible future events / trips which was circulated at the club auction and will be promoted again at the Xmas lunch. Additionally a copy will be emailed out to those members that have not recently attended a club meeting.

The committee need to assess the level of interest at this stage and gather all feedback by the date of the AGM before firming up the arrangements.

## 2024 Membership

Its that time of year again when as Membership secretary I shall be requesting your £10 subscription which is due by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 for those Members rejoining the Club. Any subs not paid by the cutoff date may result in your Membership being cancelled.



Members that have recently joined the NHAEG and paid membership fees during October or November 2023 shall be entitled to membership for the following year and do not need to pay a subscription for 2024.

If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2024 we are sorry to see you go, but it would be helpful if you could send an email to [nhaegmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nhaegmembership@gmail.com) just to confirm this.

### PAYMENT METHODS AVAILABLE

Some members have reported problems when trying to make online payments to the club, particularly around the account holder name which some of the banks suggest does match the sort code / account number details, this is the banks way of helping to prevent fraudulent transactions. The clubs account details are as follows:

Account Name: North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group  
Sort Code: 09-01-54  
Account Number: 8006 6086  
Reference: Subs 24 [surname]

There may be some instances where the bank will restrict the number of characters you can enter for the account name. In this case use NHAEG and it should work, but the bank may warn you that this account name is not recognised. However, as long as you have entered the correct sort code and account number as above, payment will still come through to the club.

Please also drop me an email at [nhaegmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nhaegmembership@gmail.com) just to confirm payment has been made by bank transfer. This is because membership records are held separately from financials.

Alternatively payment may be made in cash at the December Club lunch. Please put the money in an envelope **marked with your name.**

## Classics and Modern Fuel



Much has been written about modern fuels and their ethanol content, but the above picture provides visible proof that it degrades. The jar on the left contains fresh petrol, the middle one is a few months old and the one on the right has been in a tank for many years. The issue affects carburettor fed engines far more than fuel injection cars.

Modern fuels will simply degrade and are not meant to have a long shelf life. Ethanol based fuel is said to have a shelf life of only 3 to 6 months, which can lead to poor starting. Fuel in the float chamber evaporates and the residues will harden over time. The deposits can then restrict fuel flow which results in poor running.

The problem is caused by water vapour combining with the ethanol in the fuel tank, which becomes slightly acidic. This then results in it separating from the fuel mix and settling at the bottom of the tank, ultimately causing rust in the fuel tank.

If you are storing your classic for any length of time the options are:

- Empty the tank – not always easy
- Fill the tank to the brim to minimise the surface area of fuel that can interact with water vapour in the air

- Wrap cling film around the filler cap and breather to prevent water vapour entering the tank.
- Check that fuel hoses are rated to E10 specification and are not showing any signs of deterioration.
- The use of additives which are claimed to stabilise the fuel and slow its degradation. These may also be combined with unleaded fuel additives.

Finally a pending issue is the future of E5 super unleaded fuel which was intended as a temporary 'protection' grade and will be the subject of a review by the next Government. Synthetic fuels could become available in order to meet the ever increasing legislation on emissions and air quality, but at what cost per litre ?

## **AGM**

The AGM will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January @ midday at:

RAOB function room  
Memorial Hall  
7 The Green  
Tadley  
Hants  
RG26 3PD

The function room is a detached building to the rear of the main hall. There is off road parking. Please be aware that the main hall is in use by a line dancing group but there will be adequate parking for us too.

There will be tea, coffee & hot chocolate drinks along with biscuits & hopefully some cake.

This venue comes at nil cost to our organisation

Directions for those travelling to Tadley;

Enter Tadley heading north on the A340, travel up the hill to the pedestrian controlled traffic lights. Turn left immediately after the lights onto The Green, drive past the school then the church on the left, follow the road around to the right, the Memorial Hall is on the right.

## For Sale

Austin 7 1930 Red £5,000

Grab a bargain ! Peter Barlow is selling his beloved car which has special features such as 6" scuttle and no side vents in the bonnet. Only a few were made like this.

It comes with 2 spare engines and a load of spares including an engine hoist and engine stand.

You are welcome to view the car at Calcot, if interested please call Peter on 07587344263





Stay safe  
NHAEG Committee