



*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year*

*We wish you a fun festive season and for the new year to be filled with  
health and happiness.*

*NHAEG Committee*

## Club Meetings

Note meetings will commence at 1pm from now on, but if you wish to have lunch beforehand please arrive earlier. Please note the new ordering process received from the New Inn management requests that food orders are placed the day before !

Christmas lunch – Sunday **8<sup>th</sup> December**, @12:00 Elvetham Hotel

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Meeting cancelled

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – AGM / Quiz

Members will have noticed that following the refurbishment of the New Inn the meeting room that we normally use is open to the rest of the restaurant. This makes it very difficult to hold our usual activities such as the auction night or films etc. Events for the February and March meetings will not therefore be planned until an alternative venue can be found. Please contact the committee if you know of a suitable meeting room.



While I continue to distribute the NHAEG bulletin and occasional emails to the members contributions for material for the newsletter will always be gratefully received.

The committee would therefore welcome your feedback on the type of events preferred and how best to schedule and plan these so that there is maximum membership support. Please give us your feedback and see the message from Don B further on.

May I wish you all an enjoyable festive season and a wonderful New Year.

Adrian

## French Leave

### A trip to Normandy – June 2025

North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group member Chris Keevill has organised a Normandy Tour, in conjunction with Brittany Ferries, next year for a small group of friends in vintage and classic cars.

An opportunity to join the trip has arisen, and NHAEG club members who are interested are invited to contact Chris for more details email: [c.keevill@btinternet.com](mailto:c.keevill@btinternet.com) or telephone **01189 761672**

## 2025 Membership

Its that time of year again when as Membership secretary I am requesting your £10 subscription which is due by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 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 2024 shall be entitled to membership for the following year and do not need to pay a subscription for 2025.

If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2025 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 25 + 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 financial accounts.

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

## **NHAEG events in 2025**

The Committee have looked at the possibility of arranging two outings around mid summer of 2025.

Please note nothing has been arranged for these outings – they are merely suggestions and we await your reply !

1. Meet up, possibly at the New Inn. Drive approx. 10 miles to a country pub for lunch and then return home.
2. Meet up, possibly at the New Inn, and drive to Borden Country market where you can have lunch in the farm shop, or if you prefer, enjoy a picnic in the grounds, this will be your choice. The venue can be viewed online if you wish.

If you are interested in either or both of these suggestions please let Don know (01189 733568)

## West Green House Car Show – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Due to the pretty awful weather we have been experiencing in 2024, attendance with 'JT' at car shows and village fetes has been very limited but with decent weather forecast, and having entered for the car show we set off for West Green House classic car show, Hook. With JT's new mohair roof up, side curtains and windows fitted as a precaution against bad weather we set off on dry roads which is always a determining factor as to whether 'JT' ventures out.

Arriving at the show gate we were given passes to the gardens which are well renowned and at this time of year beautiful with the autumn colours in the trees. In addition to passes a voting card was given to vote for the best car at which point I remarked to the steward, "not much chance of winning with all the flash cars on show," at which point he said "they don't always win".

There was a good selection of motors but sadly numbers of our 1930's car diminish each year with the moderns taking over. The situation is not unique to this show and is a general trend. In addition to 'JT' two other Morris 8's, a tourer and a 2 seater, were on display plus a split screen Morris Minor. Austins were well represented at the show together with an eclectic collection of 40s motors. Have you noticed a trend at shows in that moderns nearly always show with bonnets raised exposing highly polished and quite colourful piece of machinery, whereas us of a bygone era prefer to lift just the boot lid, if you have one, showing off glistening cutlery plates all packaged ready for lunch around the motor. Understandable really as a block of cast iron with a few wires protruding out never was very pretty.

I always try to go along to the shows, they are like watering holes for all to meet up, have a chat generally about motors with a bit of banter thrown in, then bid farewell until the next time.

The weather held which was most welcome giving us a chance to explore the open gardens and relax listening to an excellent band 'The Spitfire Sisters' on stage singing songs from the 40's era – proper music. After the car show an evening musical event finishes off the day and this year it was 'The Jersey Boys' on stage.



Relaxing listening to music of a bygone era I was brought back down to earth when I was tapped on the shoulder by a gentlemen who told me your car 'JT' was voted best in show, so get upon the stage and collect your winnings, an enormous glass trophy and plinth which has been engraved to record 'JT's day of glory bearing out the stewards remark about 'flash cars'.

I thoroughly recommend attending the show in September, it's a great day out with lots of motors, beautiful gardens to stroll around and 'proper' live music on stage.

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Stay safe  
NHAEG Committee