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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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February 2009

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

Following a few irritating problems last month attempting to email the Newsletter to certain intended recipients I had to conclude that the main reason was probably the fact that, being such a 'Bumper Edition', it created so large a file that it exceeded the provisions of a number of ISP's. As a result I thought it sensible to reduce the size of this month's edition to avoid similar problems.

I had hoped that this would have been achieved but, looking through the pile of copy waiting to be collated and prepared for inclusion this month, I'm now not so sure!

Nevertheless, please don't regard this as a reason for not submitting an article for publication. Such items are *always* welcome and make for a much more diverse and interesting read for our members than otherwise would surely be the case.

This month, in addition to our regular 'Colin's Column', we have offerings from Don (Breakspear) reporting from the other side of the world on a visit he's made to a historic car museum in NZ; something from Karen (Witton) providing further details of events and activities planned for our adopted 'Good Cause' – 'Sponsor a Veteran'; another instalment of 'Listen very carefully -I shall only say this only once', this time written by Karen's other half, Dave; Andy (Ranson's) now familiar 'Queries of the Month'; details of a run and day out in May at the REME museum in Arborfield, plus BBQ, being organized by John (Hancock) and Andy (Ranson) and other items of possible interest.

Starting off, in traditional style, with : **Colin's Column**

With the very cold weather and salt on the roads it has not been the ideal time to take our cars out although I believe quite a number of you went to the Phoenix on New Years Day and from what I have heard everyone enjoyed themselves. I had thought about going along myself but at the last minute I had to go to Epsom in the morning. I did however call into Brooklands on the way back and was surprised to see so many cars, they were parked everywhere including on the old track. Most of them were post-war but there were a good number of pre-war ones as well, whilst there I bumped into Roy and Ronnie who had gone in their Pearl Cabriolet.

I was back at Brooklands again on Sunday 11th January to watch the VSCC Driving Tests, this time with my Grandson, Ben who is getting very keen on motor sport and old cars. As always there were a great variety of interesting cars taking part in the 15 tests, which were spread out all around the Museum. Also there from the club was Brian Adam who unlike me had gone in a proper car, his Riley.

After lunch Ben and I went over to Mercedes-Benz World where we saw a very interesting film in 3D showing the production of one of their cars and very interesting it was to. After that we returned to watch some more driving before making our way home.

I know I have said it before but if you have never been to Brooklands or Mercedes-Benz world you should go, you would not be disappointed.

The other day I went over to Peter Barlow's to see the Austin 7 he bought a year ago after it had been badly damaged in a fire. I was amazed to see that apart from a few little jobs, which he wanted to do, the car was finished and just waiting for its MOT.

Peter must have spent many hours in his garage over the past 12 months and is to be congratulated on completing the work in so shorter time. I did take some photographs while I was there and gave them to him at the January meeting, which I believe most of you who were there had a look at. For those who did not I have sent a couple to Trevor, which hopefully he will be able to fit into this newsletter.

At our January club night we held our AGM, which as always was very well attended. As Trevor will be sending the minutes of the meeting to all members I will not go into detail here. I would however like to thank Peter Adams for his work on the committee last year and also welcome David Witton to this year's committee.

During the course of the evening members were asked to vote for the person they considered had done a lot for club last year and should receive the 'Annual Group Trophy' award. The member who received the most votes was Jean Edwards, congratulations Jean and many thanks for all you do for the club.

February Club Night, which is being organised by Jean (Edwards) and Karen (Witton) looks interesting. Jean did pass round details at the AGM but I am sure she will put full details in this Newsletter for those who were not there. Jean and Karen are trying to raise funds for a very worthy cause so please come along and give them your full support.

The '**Drive it Day**' run this year is being planned and organized by Karen (Witton) who has something special up her sleeve to celebrate this event which is now firmly on the motoring calendar of many clubs.

The date chosen this year is **26th April** which, being close to **St. George's Day** will again provide an opportunity for us to break out the appropriate flags to mount on our cars. I am sure she'll be announcing further details of this in due course.

This year there will be a nominal charge (*to be advised*) to go on the run, which will include a contribution towards the 'Sponsor a Veteran' campaign, as well as covering other elements of this particular event. (See page 16. Ed)

Ann and I have received a few emails from Don and Maureen who seem to be enjoying their 3 months stay in New Zealand. In one of their emails received while we were suffering minus temperatures here, they mentioned that it was 28 degrees down under. I am sure they will have plenty to tell us when they get home. As Maureen is picking up her emails I know they will receive this newsletter so I am sure you would all want me to wish Don a Happy Birthday for the end of February.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter George has decided to retire from the committee. I would therefore like to thank George personally and on behalf of the members for all his time and effort during the four years he has served on the committee, it has been very much appreciated. I am delighted that he has offered to carry on with the duties he had as Membership Secretary and also with the Nightjar. Once again George many thanks.

Safe and happy motoring,

Colin

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Secretary's Scribblings

Once again there seems to be quite a lot to cram into this month's 'Bugle' so I'll keep my ramblings to a bare minimum just mentioning that last month's quiz proved so popular another can be found within these pages. It's hoped this one will turn out equally so and maybe even prove a little more challenging unless, of course, you happen to be a sweet-toothed, chocoholic in which case you may find it all too easy! The 35 clues are all associated with a type of confectionery; most are actual product names but one or two are simply generic names for sweets.

This time, however, there's a slight difference. If you do the quiz and wish to send in your entry, in the hope of winning a 'most valuable prize' you are requested to enclose a donation of at least £1.00 which, of course, will go towards our '**SAV**' fund, widely publicised herein.

So get thinking and, if stumped spend a while checking out the sweet things on offer at your local supermarket – but just looking and not buying of course!

The quiz can be found towards the end of the Newsletter, together with other documentation.



The 'Phoenix' risen from the Ashes! The result following the truly magnificent efforts, by Peter (Barlow), working on the severely fire-damaged, short-wheel-based Seven he acquired about a year ago. Just shows what can be done when one's better half banishes you to the garage for twelve months - with no remission for good behaviour!



And here's one of the proud man himself with his new toy:

IMPORTANT NOTICE #1

George (Ewart), has, for valid and personal reasons, given notice that, despite having been re-elected to the Committee for 2009 at the recent AGM, he now wishes to withdraw as an active Committee member. He has, however, indicated that he is willing to continue to serve the Club by acting as Membership Secretary, a role he has been filling with accomplishment for some time now. His kind offer to do so has been gratefully accepted by the Committee, which thanks him for it and for his valued contribution towards the club's organisation over the past four years or so.

George's decision clearly opens up a place on the Committee and it is intended, therefore, at the next Club Meeting on February 9th to invite the membership to decide upon his replacement. At the election held at the AGM there was another nomination, John Chad, which, though unsuccessful at the time, will automatically qualify John as a contender for the vacancy. However, all members are invited to submit an application for the position if they feel so inclined.

If there is anyone who, under the circumstances, would like to nominate themselves, or, with permission, nominate someone else, please do so without delay by completing the Nomination Form, reproduced elsewhere in this Newsletter and ensuring it reaches me by Sunday 8th February at the very latest. *Thank you!*

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IMPORTANT NOTICE #2

Please note that, if you have not yet paid your subscriptions for 2009 this will be the last Newsletter you will be receiving!
If you intend renewing your subscription please complete the Subscription Form, further copy provided in this Newsletter, and return it promptly, together with cheque for £8.00 to the Membership Secretary:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE #3

The 'Half-Gallon Run' is an annual feature of the NHAEG calendar and is always well supported and enjoyed by members.

However, this year, we are short of someone to organise the event and are looking for a volunteer (or even volunteers) to do so.

If there is anyone who feels they could take on the task and would like to give it a go, please let any Committee Member know and guidance, if required, will gladly be provided.

We're grateful for the following article received from Don (Breakspear) during his and Maureen's current 'walk-about' (or should that be possibly 'drive-about') in New Zealand

MOTAT

(Museum of Transport and Technology.)

Isn't technology a wonderful thing! Just when you think you have got rid of us for twelve weeks here we are thousands of miles away and still rambling on! One good thing for you all is a fair chance at the club night raffle without Colin having to say "not the Breakspears again"!

Last week we drove north to Auckland for three days. There is a museum in Auckland called MOTAT which Maureen and I visited last year. In the museum there is a magnificent double beam engine, all steamed up and working every day. This year when I said I would like to go again, Maureen said she was very busy that day. You all know how she loves steam engines eg Croften. I know she was really very disappointed not to go to MOTAT but she went to the underwater Sea World with the rest of the family and then shopping!!! This left me on my own in the museum. I had a wonderful day there, standing and looking at everything for as long as I liked and speaking to all the people who run the museum.

I spent a long time in one of the workshops where they have been restoring a tram imported from Melbourne. The standard of workmanship was excellent. It has taken two and a half years so far and they hope to complete the restoration by the end of this year.

When I went into the transport section of the museum to look for the Chummy I had seen last year, it was nowhere to be seen. My first thoughts were it had been sold but then I realised the Wittons have not been here, so it must be somewhere else. On making enquiries as to its whereabouts, the Chummy was in another workshop having minor repairs carried out. Whilst in the workshop looking at the Chummy, a man came up to me who turned out to be the Managing Director of MOTAT. He informed me how difficult the Chummy was to drive, as there is only half an inch clutch etc. I took pity on him before he launched into great details about the Chummy, by saying I have one at home in the UK. We talked for a good half an

hour and ended up confirming the date of manufacture of the Chummy in the museum. He had been told it was a 1927 where in fact it was a 1925. He was delighted to hear this.

Not one to miss out an opportunity I enquired if the vacuum wiper was working. To my delight he said it had never worked since they had the car at the museum. Needless to say, I shall be receiving a wiper in the post at home in the near future.

There are many different exhibits in the museum, ranging from farming equipment dating from the early twenties (sheep shearing etc.) including the Wolseley stationary engine with the shearing mechanism which Herbert Austin developed whilst working here for the Wolseley company. Most of the exhibits originated from England or Scotland and are all in working order.

Another department I found most interesting was the aviation section, where the New Zealanders claim a man called Richard Pierce flew a motorised aeroplane similar to the Wright brothers, many months before the Wright brothers claimed to be the first men to fly in a machine.

In the Science and Development exhibition, a company have developed an engine which has no pistons, no gaskets, no crankshaft and many other parts missing from a conventional engine. Although the original engine was in the museum, it was not working but there was a video showing the engine working flat out. Quite amazing! I don't know whether it will catch on because the vibration was horrendous!

I spent a most interesting day at MOTAT and recommend that if you do spend any time in Auckland that you include a visit to the Museum of Transport and Technology.

Kind regards to you all,

Don Breakspear

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Remaining on a technical note here are Andy's 'Queries of the Month'

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

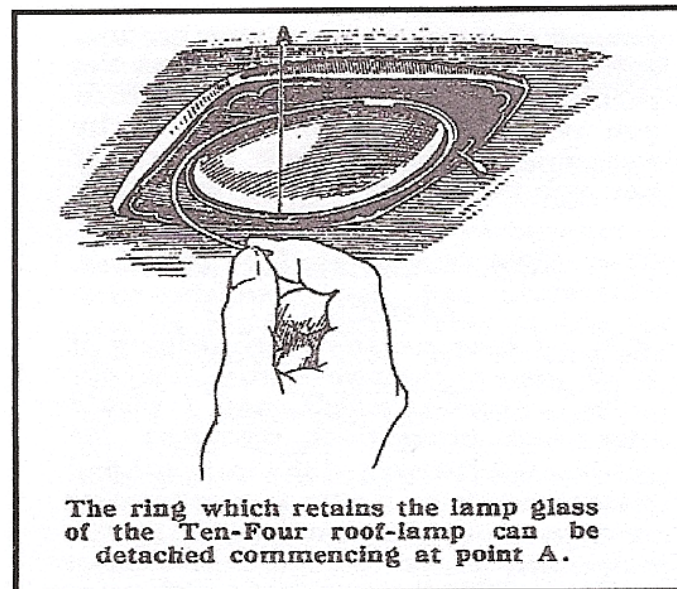
Some more “Queries of the Month”, these originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s. This month’s selection includes; Roof Light, Austin Ten-Four, Brakes, Austin Seven and Cut-Out, Austin Ten

No 502 appeared in June 1933, No 779 appeared in December 1936 and No 893 in September 1938.

No 502 – Roof Light – Austin Ten-Four

Q. *The roof light in my Ten-Four has ceased to function, and I presume the bulb has failed. From a cursory examination I cannot discover any means of access to the bulb, nor any way of dismounting the lamp complete, and I hesitate to attempt to reach the bulb in case I damage the glass or frame of the lamp. Can you tell how to change this bulb or get the lamp functioning again?*

A. In all probability failure of the roof lamp in your Ten-Four Saloon is due to a defective bulb.

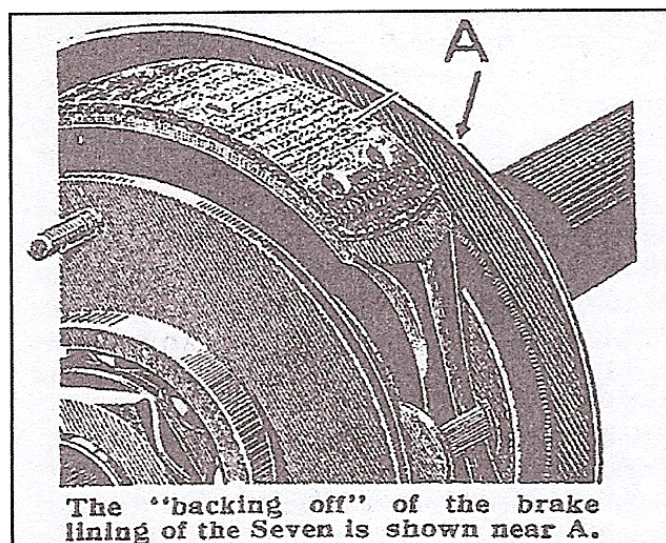


Access to the bulb is very easily gained. The frosted glass of this lamp is held in by a wire ring which fits in two tangs formed inside the lamp frame. By carefully springing one end of the ring clear of the tang, and then releasing the ring from the other side, the glass will come clear, although it may need easing carefully past the tangs just mentioned. The bulb is then accessible, being mounted in a normal bayonet socket. It is the same as those used for the rear and side lamps.

No 779 – Brakes – Austin Seven

Q. *I have an Austin Seven saloon and find that my brakes “thump” occasionally when I apply them. I have been told that this will not persist, but as the “thumping” continues I should be glad of any advice you could give me as to its cause and cure.*

A. It is probable that the “thumping” you have experienced when applying the brakes of your Seven may be due to insufficient “backing off” of the tips of the brake linings.



This “backing off” provides leading and trailing faces at the ends of the lining material, and prevents any tendency to grab. If you have the time and inclination to examine the brake linings, it is quite possible that you will find that the “backing off” has been reduced with the normal brake lining wear. It is a simple matter when the shoes have been removed, to back the linings off with a coarse file, reducing them to half thickness by tapering them towards each end, beginning just outside the end rivets in each instance.

No 893 – Cut - Out - Austin Ten

Q. *The fuse and cut-out casing on my Austin Ten gets warm after being in operation for some time. Is this normal?*


A. It is quite in order for the fuse and cut-out casing to get warm after the car has been in operation, and you need not be concerned about the presence of a small degree of heat at this point. The windscreen wiper motor is another point at which you will find heat arises with use.

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

Below is another advertisement from an old car magazine, June 1962. Looking at the dial range for the pressure gauge reminds us that tyre pressures then were a lot lower than most of today’s cars! Also advertised are a couple of “magnet powered Sat Navs”, just what you need for next years Nightjar! They may also work better in our modern cars with all the suppressed electrics/electronics and lots of plastic panels.

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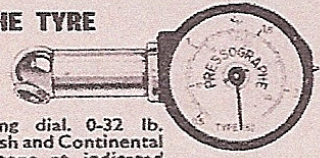
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I am afraid it will have to be E-bay or a car boot sale if you wish to obtain one of the compasses, I cannot find any trace of The Pool Clock Company and I think Halfords are probably out of stock by now.

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This item comes courtesy of John and Joan (Hancock) and Andy and Do (Ranson). Having served in REME in a former life, I can heartily recommend their proposal.

At the last Club meeting it was suggested that a trip to the REME Museum, in Arborfield, would make for an interesting day out.

On the strength of this Andy Ranson and I (John) visited the museum on a research exercise. The museum itself was excellent and the vehicles certainly 'pressed Andy's hot button'. Quite a few Austins were on display and one vehicle in particular (a Commer 3-ton specialist repair vehicle) was even Trevor's personal workshop when he was in REME. *(Oh happy, happy days! Ed)*

A proposal to stage a trip to the museum was put to the Committee at the most recent meeting and duly approved.

What is proposed is firstly meeting up at the 'New Inn', Heckfield, followed by a leisurely, 20 mile drive to Arborfield and, on conclusion of the museum visit, a further short drive to the Hancock's, in nearby Shinfield, for a BBQ.

The date for your diaries is **Saturday 17th May 2009**. The intention is to make a charge of £10.00 per person which will include entry into the museum, a contribution towards the BBQ costs and the remainder, a donation towards the ongoing 'Sponsor a Veteran' good cause.

Both Do (Ranson) and Joan (Hancock) have agreed to help and also some members have offered to provide accompanying dishes for the BBQ so the more that's brought along on the day the less will need to be provided and the more that can be donated.

Would any members who are interested in this planned event please let Andy, John or any Committee Member know and also if you might be able to bring along goodies of some kind on the day? Many thanks – that's all for now, more in the next Newsletter.

Andy (R) and John (H).

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The following flyer was distributed at the AGM and is reproduced here for the benefit of those not attending:

"Sponsor a Veteran" - 'Bring and Buy Sale'
9th February 2009

As was mentioned at the AGM we shall be holding a 'Bring and Buy' Sale on the above Club Night, in conjunction with the previously-announced talk given by Peter Thompson, Chairman of the Surrey Branch of the Normandy Veterans Association.

Please look out any unwanted or unloved and other items, in 'as new', pristine condition, which you are willing to donate and bring along on the evening.

There will be excellent bargains available as the intention is to keep prices as low as possible in order to maximise revenue towards this very worthy cause adopted by the NHAEG in this, the 65th Anniversary year of the D-Day Landings.

Please note that this is not a Jumble Sale, of the usual variety so do ensure that donated items are in an 'as new' condition, particularly any books.

Very many thanks for your anticipated support!

Jean

Here is the latest instalment (part 5) of the fascinating series entitled:

‘Listen Very Carefully, I Shall Say This Only Once!’

submitted, this time around, by Dave (Witton)

A few years ago Karen was given a small battered old case by her Grandmother. In the case were some old photographs and other memorabilia belonging to a member of the family who served in the Great War.

Sadly, Percy Coombes, Karen’s Great Uncle, perished on the Western Front in 1917 and the case contained his medals, ribbons, and the Death Plaque plus the letter from the King that was sent to his widow. Of these meagre items however, perhaps the most poignant are the letters he sent to his wife from the front, in which Percy speaks of his eagerness to be home to see his wife and infant son. Like thousands of his comrades however, Percy never came home. His name is listed on the wall at Tyne Cot Cemetery in Ypres along with all the others who were blown to oblivion and have no known grave.

So it is at Pegasus Bridge where, in the museum, one can read some of the letters that were once so personal, from soldier to loved one, that now form part of the exhibits there.

They make for compelling reading and one cannot fail to be moved when reading some of these shattered hopes. This is why it is impossible to take in all that this wonderful museum has to offer in a single visit and I shall be looking forward to visiting once again.

Much of the museum contains exhibits from the assault on the bridge by the Ox and Bucks led by Major Howard, notably, the original Pegasus Bridge, which, unbelievably, was about to be scrapped by the French government after the new bridge was built. Fortunately it was rescued and is now preserved in the grounds of the museum. One can even see the damaged upper section where a lone German fighter aircraft dropped its bomb after the bridge had been captured. The bomb had a time delay fuse and hit the upper section and fell harmlessly in the canal. The dent in the bridge can still be seen.

Also in the museum is Major Howard’s uniform, including his steel helmet complete with bullet hole which occurred when he was wounded at Escoville. Miraculously, the bullet only grazed and concussed him and he was taken to a First Aid Post. When he came round, he was anxious to rejoin his men and discharged himself without reference to any medical personnel who assumed he had been evacuated to England.

In the meantime, the Army had written to his wife in England informing her that her husband had been wounded. Unfortunately, the letter, which should

have said that he received a **mortar** wound, actually said that he had received a **mortal** wound! The confusion was compounded as a result of Major Howard absenting himself from the First Aid Post as no one knew where he was. Naturally his wife was distraught until the Army's error was rectified.

It is sometimes overlooked when admiring the achievement of the capture of the Bridge by such a small task force, that the Ox and Bucks were not intended to be in Normandy for so long. They were an elite bunch of highly trained men who were too valuable a resource to be wasted on infantry duties. Although they were 'Airborne Forces' transported by glider, they were not paratroops and therefore did not carry parachutes.

They were intended to return to England as soon as they were relieved by the Paras who were part of the second wave who would deal with the opposition from the enemy once they had recovered from the surprise of the initial assault.

Unfortunately the relief was much delayed as the paras had been dropped in scattered locations due to navigation errors and low cloud and operations were hampered by lack of communication. As a result, Howard and his men found themselves being drawn in to engage fierce opposition from the enemy in the nearby villages of Ranville, Herouvillette and Escoville (where he was wounded) and it was not until September 1944 that Howard and what was left of his fighting force were able to return to England.

It is hardly surprising then that communications were virtually non existent during the daring D Day raid on the Bridge and ensuing battles since all the radios had been lost or damaged during the glider landings. It is hard to believe that communications depended solely on runners who had to run the gauntlet of snipers.

How things might have been different had they had the radio, satellite and telephone technology that we have got used to today.

To be continued.....

Dave Witton

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...and followed up appropriately by this contribution from Karen.....

'Support the Veterans' - update on activities

As you know following the trips to France some of us have learned a lot about what happened at the time of the Normandy landings and met a lot of the surviving veterans. What has disturbed us particularly about this is the hardship that a lot of these war heroes *now* have to endure. This means that many of those who would like to make the pilgrimage to

Normandy and partake in the D-Day ceremonies on the 6th June each year are unable to do so without support from places such as the Normandy Veterans Association. As you can imagine there is always a greater demand than funds available. On the last big celebrations for the 60th anniversary, the Government gave each veteran £330 towards the cost of the trip. However, we understand that there is no such donation planned for the 65th and hence any trips must be self-funded or made possible through charity handouts. This is what gave us the idea of trying to help fund a pilgrimage for a veteran.

Well the good news is that we can and we have found out loads of information regarding this. First we have been in touch with the Surrey branch of the Normandy Veterans Association, and the Chairman of the branch, Peter Thompson, is hoping to be with us at next months meeting. A Normandy veteran himself, he will be able to tell us more about what the Association does and give details of local veterans at least one of whom we could support to enable him to take part in the 65th ceremonies. This is particularly poignant when we think that it is possibly the last big celebration - all of the vets are in the mid to late eighties; hence they will simply not have the numbers left in the future.

I have also been in touch with the Newcastle para veteran association. These are the guys we met at Pegasus Bridge. I have received approximate costs for each of the veterans to travel to Normandy in June 2009. This is about £510. We know that Billy Ness, for example, relies on handouts as all he has is his state pension. My contact - a veteran himself (a para in the Falklands conflict) has asked if we could organise a trip in our old ladies for their old veterans. I have said we would of course be delighted and so shall arrange to meet them at Pegasus on the 5th so we can undertake this. I know that at least 3 cars are willing to do this and there are not that many of them - but wouldn't it be great if we had a photo of our ten beautiful ladies with the old boys!! Mind you some would say that I could get that photo before we leave!!!!

So I reckon we should work on £510 as a minimum amount which would enable one veteran to undertake the trip. It would be great to raise as much as we can and help to send as many as we can - this to me is a small way to repay the gratitude we owe. Clearly it is a small token only but at least we can do something tangible. Dave and I - as well as others, notably Jean and Trevor, Peter and Pauline, have given this a lot of thought. Below

are all the initiatives which are in potentially in progress. It would be great if anyone has any other ideas and do please let us know - the more the merrier and all for a very good cause.

In **February** as you now know we're holding the 'Bring and Buy Sale'. Be generous with those unwanted gifts - we can sell them at bargain prices with all proceeds going to the Veteran Fund. I've asked friends and family too - the more the better. I have also agreed with Tim (landlord of the 'New Inn') that we can put up a poster advertising this to the wider public using the pub - that way we can attract more people.

RAFFLE - there will be a *monster* Grand Raffle. Since the plan is to be able to sell tickets for this *outside* of the club membership, to maximise revenue for our 'good cause' - '*Sponsor a Veteran*' - there are certain rules which apply and arrangements needing to be made in order to do so. Nevertheless we're hopeful that these can be satisfied and that Tim, our Landlord, will be able to advertise and sell tickets as well as kindly donating a prize. We've also been given a special bottle of whisky by Peter Barlow, as well as a D-Day book. In addition we're donating champagne and wine. We shall also have vouchers of various kinds. What we truly need to do is to get *as many people involved as possible* - can you sell tickets to friends - tell them about it and then maybe even buy tickets on their behalf?

The raffle itself will be drawn at the March Club meeting.

NAME THE TEDDY - Jean raised a goodly sum at the '*Nightjar*' with this simple idea. So she's happy to do another great teddy giveaway for the veterans. A pound a go and we'll do this at the February meeting - suggest we get a couple of us selling names to all who venture into the "B'n'B Sale", as well as generally in the pub - I'm game for that - and am sure a few of the ladies could successfully sell all the possible names!

PLANT SALES - all of the ladies usually have an annual plant swap. I would like to suggest we have a 'Bring and Buy Plant Sale'. A number of us have already talked about it and think it's a great idea so let's go for this at the April meeting - it won't take over the meeting. There will be a table available in the room - simply bring as many plants as possible, put them on the table and then anyone can take plants and donate money into a pot - whatever we take goes into the veteran fund.

JEWELLERY PARTY - the idea of having a jewellery party has been mooted. I'm awaiting details but if this is possible then suggest that I hold at our house one evening just for the ladies. This will be quite separate from any club night activity and I shall invite neighbours and friends as well. Any sales will generate commission which will go to the vets fund - I'll probably do a little raffle as well. We ladies can have some fun at the same time as raising money.

VETERAN CAR RUN - now we do this anyhow of course. My idea here is to have a bit of fun with our old ladies whilst raising money for the old men!. I have a venue in mind (brief details elsewhere in this Newsletter) and will provide certain refreshments etc. I suggest an entry fee for each car which will includes lunch etc., with any profits going to the veterans. Again, it's a way of having fun ourselves and what can be more pleasant on a sunny spring day than playing with our cars!

(Choosing any one from six! Ed)

I must stress that these are just our ideas - we really want as many ideas and as many opportunities to raise cash as possible. I've been talking to some colleagues at work and they've already pledged cash - I shall definitely sell tickets to my team and more widely if I can. I shall also let everyone know that donations are welcome - I'm very happy asking for cash on behalf of these old boys as they deserve it and all anyone can say is no. So far though, everyone thinks it's a great and worthy cause - so let's see just how much cash we can turn that into.

Karen

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"Confectionery Confusion" - February Quiz

Send completed entry to the address below, together with £1.00 minimum donation towards 'SAV' fund. Winner(s) will be announced at March Club Meeting.

No	Clue	Answer
0	Sly giggles	e.g. Snickers
1	High class thoroughfare	
2	Money making royalty	
3	Dark occult	
4	Mother's local	
5	Clever folk	
6	Various black items	
7	Sport for Princes	
8	Feline equipment	
9	Garden flowers	
10	Assorted girls	
11	Dairy holder	
12	Arrange marriage partners	
13	Edible fasteners	
14	Wobbly infants	
15	Talk quietly	
16	Big bus	
17	Spin around	
18	Lorry driver's snack	
19	Istanbul harem	
20	Up out there	
21	Even more up and out there	
22	Big cat's pub	
23	Noisy insect	
24	One who wanders	
25	Musical bard	
26	It's a party!	
27	Outside meal	
28	Easily blown	
29	Locals from Malta	
30	Reward	
31	Ten cent pub	
32	Toothless drink	
33	Lost them....?	
34	Sweet tooth cleaner	
35	Pub pins	

Forward to: Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berks. RG45 6EF

NHAEG 2009 Committee Supplementary Nomination

Following the resignation of George Ewart from the Club Committee a vacancy now exists to fill his position as a General Member.

If you wish to nominate yourself, or someone else, with their permission, please do so below, have the form seconded by an NHAEG member and submit it to the address given to be received by Sunday 8th February at the very latest.

Any nomination received by that date will be included on a Ballot Form, together with that of John Chad who was nominated at the election held at the AGM. A vote will then be taken during the Club Meeting on February 9th to determine George's successor on the Committee.

Nomination..... Seconded.....

Nomination..... Seconded.....

Forward to: Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berks. RG45 6EF, or scan and email to: trevor_edwards@btinternet.com (February 8th deadline!)

.....tear off.....

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Fuel Reimbursement

Several discussions have taken place in the past, during Committee Meetings, regarding the notion of reimbursement, from Club funds, for fuel expenses incurred by those who plan and organize club runs, etc.

At the January '09 meeting it was decided to introduce a form to be used if and when making a claim for fuel costs. This form appears on page 19 below. It has been kept as simple as possible and may be used by anyone intending to make a claim for fuel, subject to certain conditions.

Please note, therefore, the following points:

1. A claim will only be entertained if the run/event etc., is not being staged as a charity event where an entry fee/donation is expected.
2. Any claim must naturally stand the test of 'reasonableness' and may be challenged *if* deemed to be excessive for the mileage involved.

General procedure: If planning a run, simply consult/advise a member of the Committee accordingly, providing brief details and submit the form on completion of all planning to the Chairman, or any other Committee Member. The form may be copied/downloaded or, in case of difficulty, or if further clarification is required, or there are any questions please contact Colin (Greig) or Trevor (Edwards).

NHAEG - Fuel Expenses Reimbursement Claim Form

EVENT:.....

Date of event:.....**Starting at:**.....

via.....**via**.....

via**Finishing at:**.....

Total Mileage.....**@ 7.7*** miles per litre = l.

Litres used =**@****pence**** per litre = **£**.....

Claimant:..... **Signature:**.....

Approved:

(1)Chairman:.....**(2)Other:**.....

(* = 35mpg; ** = current average price)

tear off.....

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Well that's cleared almost everything I had in the in-tray for this month. Despite best efforts it still runs to 20 pages! (Oops! Just noticed that the Quiz and Nomination Form are back-to-back, pages 17/18. If you want to complete both please copy one of them or, if pushed, simply send in both sides filled in. I'll sort it all out this end!. Sorry!)

Hope it all makes for a little interesting reading, though. Please do try and support the 'SAV' campaign as much as possible over the next few weeks, especially the February Talk and 'B and B' Sale; also the March 'Grand Raffle'. With just a little concerted effort on the part of us all I'm sure we can make it possible for some aging veteran (or maybe even more!) to realise his /their ambition to cross over to Normandy this June once again though, hopefully, under somewhat calmer and more pleasurable circumstances than those existing in 1944!

Also start dusting off and fettling those ancient vehicles ready for another season of safe, 'real-car' motoring!

Trevor

CLUB NIGHT & EVENTS DIARY/UPDATE

Feb 09 (CN)	'Sponsor a Veteran' Evening Talk by Peter Thompson, Chairman of Surrey Branch of Normandy Veterans Association <u>Plus:</u> 'Bring and Buy Sale' in ante-room.
Mar 09 (CN)	Talk: 'Wind Turbines' Tom Brinnicombe – Head of Marketing and Communications, Partnerships in Renewable Energy (part of Carbon Trust) All you ever wanted to know on the subject! <u>Plus:</u> 'Grand Raffle' draw. (SAV)
Mar 08 (E)	Morris/Austin Day - Brooklands
Apr 20 (CN) (N.B. <u>not</u> 13 th)	'Spring Airing' All those coming along in a 'real' car will be eligible for a free draw (prize: £25.00 M&S voucher)
May 12 (CN)	'Feely Bags' competition <i>plus</i> 'outdoor event' t.b.d.
June 8 (CN)	'Half-Gallon Run' <u>Note! Volunteer(s) requested to stage this event!</u>
June 27 (E)	BEN Run – via Windsor Great Park.
July 13 (CN)	Concours d'Elegance evening.
July 26 (E)	'Picnic in the Paddock'
Aug 10 (CN)	t.b.d
Sept14 (CN)	t.b.d.
Oct 12 (CN)	Talk. Speaker to be identified.
Oct 18 (E)	'Ben to Brooklands' Rally
Nov 9 (CN)	Auction Night (Don)
Nov 21 (E)	' <i>Nightjar</i> ' Navigational Scatter Rally
Dec 14 (CN)	'Festive Fun Evening' 'Surprise appearance of TV quiz personality'