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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

Hi folks, I am not sure where the first month of the year went but here we are in February! I do hope I have all our new members on my e-mail and snail mail lists, there are so many! Welcome to all our new members, some of whom I have met and others I hope to meet during this year. One or two members have left the club and gone on to other car clubs which cater for their particular vehicles. I am sure we shall see them at various events where all vintage cars meet up, perhaps Littlewick Show or similar.

Another welcome goes to our new Chairman, John Chad. If you haven't met John yet and don't know him, I am sure you soon will! Thanks John for the following input, I look forward to seeing much more from you during the following months.

It is also good that Colin Greig is now a committee member and we also welcome Phil Dunford onto the committee where I am sure they will do a great job together with the other committee members.

Our oldest member, aged 95, Don's mum Sheila Breakspear, is at present in hospital where she has been for the past two weeks following a fall. She is not doing too well at the moment and all our thoughts are with her.

Don and I won't be here for next club night as we are going to visit daughter Karen and her family in Dubai. Sorry to miss Andy Seager's quiz but look forward to hearing all about it when we return. Many thanks to Trevor for taking on the newsletter for next month.

Maureen

Chairman's Corner

As this is my first piece for the newsletter I think brevity should be the order of the day.

I was most impressed with how many members were present at the AGM and would like to say thank you for all the support I received.

I am looking forward to the coming year and with the proposed timetable of events it promises to be very full.

If I can be half as effective as Colin was then I know it will have gone well.

John

Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

December Quiz

There was only *one* entry for this quiz – ‘*What Theme?*’ – so no prizes were awarded (has to be three entries or more) – and, indeed, no prizes for guessing who submitted the single, all-correct entry; our very own eggheads, Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley).

Congratulations to them both for finding the answers to all 19 questions and then correctly answering the 20th one by identifying the common theme running through them. All were winners of the famous Oaks horse race. A tricky one!

January 2011 Quiz

This one centred on figures taken from mythology or fiction. You still have time before the 12th February to get your entries in!

February Quiz

This one, once again, has been fiendishly devised by Julie (Els) and Mick (Corbett) and features places that Julie has visited at some time or another so get out your atlases and brush up your geography! Entries in by 12th March please!

End of an era - start of a new one!

As all members now will be fully aware and those who attended the AGM on January 10th will have formally witnessed, Colin (Greig) stepped down then, after ten years as Chairman and his place has been taken by John (Chad).

John, who was warmly welcomed into the hot seat, is certain to take up the baton with ease and doubtless will carry on the good work that Colin has done in ensuring the Club's continuing success and appeal.

We wish him all the very best in this endeavour.

Colin was presented with a plaque on which was mounted a ¼ x 3/16, nickel-plated spanner, bearing the ‘*Austin*’ script and an engraved plate, with the wording:

“Presented to Colin Greig, in recognition of his ten years as Chairman, for his efforts in the repair, restoration and maintenance of the NHAEG”

The ‘Phoenix Meet’ - 2011

It's been the practice of historic vehicle owners, from over quite a large area, to turn out on New Year's Day, to meet up with fellow enthusiasts for a spot of post-festivities ‘fat-chewing’ at the Phoenix public house in Hartley Wintney. In the past this has proved to be an appealing, enjoyable diversion from the strains and consequences of protracted over-indulgence during the preceding days.

In common with a number of our group I did likewise this last January 1st but, on this occasion, sadly found it to have lost a lot of its attraction – an impression which quite a few appeared also to have formed. The number of ‘real’ (i.e. pre-war) vehicles on display seemed to be very much fewer in number, with cobbled-together, ‘cut and shut’ hot-rods (some very clearly street illegal!) and even a smattering of highly expensive, exotic models (e.g. Ferraris and Maseratis) appearing to dominate the scene. Added to this the quite exorbitant cost of food and beverages, available outside, made for a lot of disgruntled folk mooching about probably wishing they'd had a lie-in and given it a miss. I, for one, felt that way and certainly shall next year!

In fact, at a recent Committee Meeting there were mutterings going on about the possibility of us, the NHAEG, maybe coming up with something along the lines of an alternative, '*Not-the-Phoenix New Year's Day Meet*', which would be restricted to 'proper' cars of a certain age. It's very early days yet of course and a lot of factors to take into account but watch this space anyway!

Inter Register Club (IRC) events. Don't be shy!

Together with our new Chairman, John (Chad), I recently attended the IRC AGM in a very charming little pub, *The Horseshoe*, in the village of Mildenhall - the one in Wiltshire, not Suffolk.

The IRC is the 'umbrella' organisation combining the interests of certain individual member clubs which participate in a calendar of events taking place throughout the country in which those competing do so either in efforts towards picking up the Individual Trophy or, together with other competitors in their same club, winning the Team Shield.

Taking the opportunity to cast eyes down the names of those clubs winning the Shield since its inception in the 50's, it was a little disappointing and chastening even to discover that the ATDC (Austin Ten Drivers' Club) has won it only twice – and those were in the early 80's. Since then the competition has been pretty well dominated by the Riley/Alvis/Humber elements. Quite why this should be so isn't fully understood.

There are, perhaps, a couple of misconceptions which might help to explain the situation however.

Firstly, there's a general perception that more powerful, longer-legged machinery has a distinct advantage in such competitions and events as are staged by IRC clubs and that our rather more modest creatures don't stand much of a chance. In fact, this is not at all the case. Events are often strictly timed and arrival too soon (or, of course, too late) at checkpoints carry penalties. As with our '*Nightjar*', distances involved are generally something in the order of 50/60 miles, with a time allowed of 4 to 4.5 hours, thus implying an average speed of approximately 15 mph or less, well within the capability of even a basic Seven.

Far more important is the ability of competitors (navigators, particularly) to interpret instructions correctly, determine an optimal route around the course and then make a reasonable stab at following it, whilst gathering whatever information, clues may be required, *en route*.

A second, possibly greater, misconception is that all IRC events are for really serious, flying-helmeted, goggles-wearing types who'd think nothing of a dummy run around the Yorkshire Trial course, or charge up Prescott at the weekend, just for the hell of it. Of course, there *is* a small number who may very well fall into that category and who enter events purely on a competitive basis. Equally, there is a significantly greater number who enter simply for the fun afforded by driving their vehicles around unfamiliar territory, occasionally getting a little lost, but almost always enjoying the experience and going back for more!

Similarly, it's often thought that IRC events are invariably staged in some far-flung location such as Northumbria or the Scottish Highlands, thus making involvement virtually prohibitive. Again, a few are.

However, in fact, these are exceptions. Indeed, since it has probably been recognised by IRC members and its Committee, that a concerted effort is needed to do so, a positive attempt now is being made to introduce a more general appeal to its events, thereby make them more attractive to all, and to publicise them accordingly.

For example, the Alvis Club, staging its annual Scatter Rally in the West Sussex/Hampshire area on April 16th, is describing this event as a '*Scatter Rally + Tour*' primarily to offer it as not just a scatter rally but also something which anyone who fancies a day out, enjoying the beautiful countryside without any particular objective in mind, can do so.

Similarly, the event being run in the Hampshire/Berkshire area, by our very own Richard (Scott), on behalf of the 750MC, on June 4th, goes under the name of a '*Trally*'; in other words a mix of navigational rally and treasure hunt hence something able to be enjoyed by all those who may just be satisfied with a pleasant drive out and about, in their 'real' car, on a pleasant summer's day.

All this really is a plea for *everyone* to consider giving one of the five, fairly local events, on offer, a try this year. As the NHAEG is a recognised centre for the ATDC all members are able to enter and compete on its behalf and, who knows, if sufficient numbers begin to get interested we eventually may be able to give the Riley/Alvis/Humber folk a run for their money. At the very least it would bring a new dimension to the enjoyment we all, undoubtedly, derive from historic vehicle ownership.

To this end a full, current list of IRC events is given below. For further information please get back to me, or contact the IRC Secretary, Nigel Coulter, directly at coulter.email@btinternet.com or phone him on 01428 606753.

Inter-Register Events - 2011

Date	Organising Club	Event	Location	Possible Clashes
Sun 13 th Mar	MG Car Club	Scatter Rally	Surrey/Sussex	
Sat 2 nd April	Alvis	Scatter Rally + tour	West Sussex/Hampshire	
Sat 4 th Jun (tbc)	750MC	"Trally" - mix of navigation rally and treasure hunt	Hants/Berks	VSCC Harewood Hill Climb and Yorkshire Tour
Event on offer: Sun 26 th June	Riley	Bathos Trophy scatter rally	Worcestershire	LC&ES weekend also in Worcestershire
Sun 17 th July	Humber	Navigation Rally	Dorset	VSCC Southern Rally Sat 16 th July
Sun 31 st July	STD	Driving Tests + tour	Hungerford	VSCC Norfolk Tour
July (date to be set)	Alvis – may not happen	Navigation/Treasure Hunt	Scotland	
Sun 18 th Sept (tbc)	Riley	Scatter	North Wilts/Gloucestershire	VSCC Yorkshire Tri
Sun 25 th Sept	Crossley	Treasure Hunt	North Yorks	LC&ES weekend Cotswolds
Sat 1 st October	Alvis	Scatter Rally	Dartmoor	VSCC Loton Park 1 st and 2 nd Oct
Sat 19 th Nov	ATDC/NHAEG	"Nightjar" Scatter/Orienteering	Surrey/Hants/Berks	VSCC Cotswold Tri Sat 19 th Nov

Other Forthcoming Events

1) We have received details of a Classic Car Show being held over the weekend of 23rd/24th July this year at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newlands Park, Chalfont St Giles.

The Chiltern Open Air Museum provides a picturesque Chiltern countryside setting in which to display vehicles and during the weekend there will be the chance to meet 18th century highwaymen and villagers as well as explore historic buildings and other family attractions and activities.

We, as a club, or as individuals, have been invited to take part and entry forms and further information may be obtained by accessing the COAM website, which is www.coam.org.uk

2) Also, on Sunday July 3rd, the Pinewood Centre, Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne, will be holding its Open Day (Fete). Pinewood, which, in former times, was the site of a hospital for TB sufferers, is now a centre possessing a number of features, including a very good miniature railway, a model railway, theatre, judo and a variety of other clubs and facilities. Again we have been invited to display our vehicles at this event. There is no charge and no need to formally enter but, nearer the time, it would be useful to 'have a show of hands' to establish how many of those of us who, perhaps, live fairly locally to the attraction, are likely to turn up for a summer-time event of the more traditional kind.

3) Plans for the Holme Lacy trip (20th/24th June) are being actively pursued now and a suitably 'quiet' route to the area and hotel will hopefully be devised and checked very shortly. Those who are going on the trip this year are gently reminded that the balance of payment will be due, to me, by 31st March but I will send out a reminder nearer that time, together with a precise figure.

Next month, I believe I shall be wielding the quill, standing in for Maureen, whilst she and Don are away topping up their suntans in Dubai. So if you have anything for publication in the March Newsletter, please make sure you forward this to me at trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com or to 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, by the 22nd of the month. Thanks!

Meanwhile, keep fettling and safe and happy motoring everyone.

TREVOR

COLINS COMMENTS

First of all I would like to welcome our new Chairman, John Chad. I am sure he will be good for the club and I hope he enjoys the position as much as I did.

I would also like to say thank you for the wonderful plaque I was presented with at the AGM to mark my ten years as Chairman. It was totally unexpected but very much appreciated.

There are two events I would like to tell you about. The first is the **MORRIS AND AUSTIN DAY at BROOKLANDS** on Sunday 6th March. The gates open at 10.00am, there will be aero-engine runs in front of the Wellington Hanger at 12.30pm, at 1.30pm the famous Test Hill will be open for pre 1940 Morris and Austin vehicles followed by a drive round part of the equally famous track and in the afternoon there will be a cavalcade for all Morris and Austin vehicles finishing on the Members Banking.

It should make for a good day out so why not give it a try, if you have never been to Brooklands before or have not been for some time I think you will be surprised how much there is to see and do. There is no need to book just turn up on the day. There will be a £1 discount off the normal entry fee for every driver and passenger arriving in a Morris or Austin and entering by the Campbell entrance. Full details can be seen at www.brooklandsmuseum.com

The second event is the **BEARWOOD INVITATIONAL CAR SHOW** at Bearwood Collage, which is situated in Barkham Road near Wokingham on Saturday 11th June to which the NHAEG has been invited by the Barkham and District Classic Car Club (BADCCC) who are organising the event. Apart from the Car Show there are large grounds to walk in and it should make for a nice day.

As the name of the show states it is *invitational* so if you want to go you will need a pass to attend, for which there is no charge, *you cannot just turn up on the day*. I have asked that we be parked together as a club where we would be able to put up our club banner.

The BADCCC need to know who would be interested in attending so if you think you might like to go **please let me know ASAP** or in any event by the **February club night**, which is on the 14th, at the very latest. I can then arrange for you to receive your pass nearer the date. At this stage I only have to give provisional numbers so if you find out nearer the date you are unable to attend I can let them know before the passes are issued.

Please act on this **ASAP** as once I have given numbers I may not be able to add anymore.

Hopefully we will have a great show of Austins.

Safe and Happy Motoring

Colin

Don's Doodlings

Monday 24th January and Brian and Marlene Grant are staying with us for a few days. There are two reasons for this. One, to break up their journey from Yorkshire to Cornwall after seeing their relations and the second, for Brian to join us on the trip to the Jaguar Car Plant in Castle Bromwich, which was organised by Jean Edwards. Our journey started in Yateley and we were "chauffeur driven" all the way, by coach. It was good not having to drive. We stopped halfway for a so-called comfort break. I couldn't see much comfort in it, as I was told this was a coffee stop only and not a full English breakfast stop. How do they think a mere slip of a man is going to make it through the day.

When we arrived at the plant we were shown into the main reception and show room which had three very nice Jaguars on view. Personally, I went for the dark blue convertible which I found very comfortable. I thought this could be the one for me, until I was told the price. Maybe one day....! After looking at the cars and much dreaming, we were invited upstairs to the dining room where we had a very enjoyable lunch. After lunch there was a short film show and then we were divided into groups of eleven and introduced to the guide for the duration of our tour. His name was Adrian and he had worked his way up from the shop floor to the position of manager and was now retired. Adrian had worked for Jaguar for many years and could remember the bad old days of BL and Rover. He was very keen to point out there had been dramatic changes in the way the plant was run. Every worker on the line has to sign his or her work off every time it is completed. If there is a defect it can be pinpointed to the person responsible. If a person is not doing their job properly, as a manager he would read the riot act to them. Adrian did demonstrate the way a person would be reprimanded. The only thing I can't work out was why did he pick on me to do the demonstration? It was all in good fun and he was a brilliant guide.

There were a few things that stood out as you entered the plant. One was how clean and tidy the whole area was and also the small amount of labour. There were no sparks, no smoke, no welding and for a car plant it was extremely quiet. The reason for the lack of smoke and sparks was that the cars were not spot welded, they were all riveted as they were all aluminium with only two very small welds on the body. Unfortunately, the line closed down for the day halfway through our tour, so a great deal we would have liked to have seen working was shut down for the day. For that reason I would like to return sometime, perhaps in a mini coach as we did for the Morgan trip. We still had a good day and many thanks to Jean for organising the event.

In the Secretary's Scribblings, Trevor refers to the end of an era. The words may seem a bit strange to new club members. I quote "repair and restoration". What Trevor is referring to is, when Colin and Trevor took over ten years ago as Chairman and Secretary, the NHAEG was almost at the point of folding. Colin and

Trevor took the club by the scruff of the neck and with a tremendous amount of hard work turned the club around from three or four sad old guys at the pub each month looking into their beer, to the club we have today, with a hundred or so members, half of which I believe are ladies. It is not difficult to see why Trevor chose the words “repair and restoration” to describe Colin’s efforts.

Don

2011 Renewal Subscriptions

Thank you for renewing your membership subscriptions so promptly.

With a few understandable exceptions I had your renewals to hand so I was able to update the membership list after the plum pudding and before the Queen’s speech on Christmas Day. I had to squeeze it in then as Ruth and I were the “Christmas Hosts” this year and we had to provide quality time for our only grandchild Jodie who was celebrating her first Christmas and Birthday events with us on successive days.

I do hope you like the colour of your 2011 membership cards. (I did these on Boxing Day – take care turkey sandwiches make quite a mess on your keyboard).

I have already sent the updated list to your e-mail address or posted a hard copy to those members who do not have an e-mail facility.

Our members (missionaries?) have now spread across the countryside to Newbury, Bishops Stortford, Weymouth, Waterlooville, Calne and Troon in Cornwall as well as Spain and Cyprus. Indeed, a tour to visit these members’ pads would give a new focus to the “Half Gallon Run”.

While we regret losing our long time members John and Shirley Lockyer who have retired from the NHAEG we welcome two new members namely:

Trevor and Virginia King , who reside in Bishops Stortford, and can be contacted on tel.01279 505 959 and e-mail trking55@hotmail.com.

Andrew Barker and Emma Phillips, who live locally in Crowthorne, and are available on tel.01344 776 787 and on andrew.barker@hiscox.com.

At present we do not have the details of their vehicles.

Looking forward to a fulfilling season in 2011 and best wishes to all.

George Ewart, Membership Secretary.

Olde Tyme Christmas Special *The New Forest - 8th December 2011*

Everyone seemed to enjoy last year’s trip to the above event and I already have had quite a number of enquiries about repeating the visit this year.

The cost will be £42.00 per person, which includes travel by coach, an excellent 2 course Christmas Lunch, the Show and a Cream Tea.

Departure will be 9:30 a.m., returning back by 7:00 p.m.

Although it is very early to be thinking so far ahead if you are interested please let me know, by phone call: (01344 775012) , or email: (trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com), as soon as possible. Payment will not be due until 7th October.

Thank you !

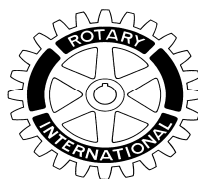
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8th PRESCOTT HILL CLIMB OPEN CLASSIC CAR EVENT 14/15 MAY 2011
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Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club invites classic car owners to an event to be held on the weekend of 14th and 15th May 2011. The event is open to all pre-1980s vehicles but exceptions may be made at the discretion of the organisers for particularly interesting vehicles.

Sunday 15th will be devoted to display and driving the famous hill, with passengers if you wish, in marshalled but un-timed runs. Un-timed runs eliminate the need for crash helmets and the full gamut of safety equipment etc. However vehicles must have valid road tax, MOT and insurance documentation. A Paddock entry donation of £46 per vehicle [covers 2 runs up the hill all passengers and a souvenir programme]. Entries are limited to 200. Additional runs if available will be at a suggested donation of £5 each.

As before, we will also be having a static display in a designated area of the Orchard for classic, vintage and special vehicles. For those who wish we will also be repeating the gentle cavalcades up the hill so that vehicles can be displayed in motion to the attending public. We feel this significantly enhances the presentation of the superb range of vehicles expected. An Orchard [static] entry donation of £18 per car and covers all passengers, a free programme and a cavalcade drive up the hill. Block bookings by Clubs will be particularly welcome and we will endeavour to park such groups together.

On Saturday 14th we are offering a 60 mile Cotswold tour with a break at Prescott, where you will be able to buy lunch at the Club House. The starting point is yet to be decided.

Spectators will be welcome on the Sunday

All profits will go to Charities supported by Rotary and in order to maximise this, we are asking for your cooperation to treat your payments as donations to charity so that we can reclaim tax.

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This is to confirm that this insurance is for the above named car and driver.

I understand that the Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club has no liability for damage or injury arising from this event howsoever caused unless negligence is proved.

Signed:

Entry donations

Paddock [for hill runs]	£46 per vehicle
Orchard [statics/cavalcade]	£18 per car
Cotswold tour 14 May	£15 per vehicle
TOTAL DONATION		£..... *

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please treat this donation of £ * ,and any future donations to Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club [Registered Charity No 1035680] as a Gift Aid donation.

Tax declaration: I know that I must pay an amount of income/capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the charity reclaims on my donation in the tax year

Signed: Dated.....

* enter total from above

Please send with cheque payable to Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club:

Paddock entries to: Geoff Kimber, 2Tobacco Close,WINCHCOMBE, GL54 5NE

Orchard entries to: Phil Johnson,Brookway,Mill St,Prestbury,CHELTENHAM GL52 3BG Issue 3

“WHERE IN THE WORLD?”

On her travels, Julie has visited a city, place or landmark for *every letter of the alphabet*. From the clues, can you tell where in the world she has been?

1. Born in a Mediterranean Air Force Base (8)
2. On the Magic Roundabout (8)
3. Composer Strauss in a fortified town? (12)
4. Home of universal characters (7)
5. Not me and a male goose (6)
6. Ferried by an Austin Seven trip here (8)
7. He had five rings in two thousand. (6)
8. Weary expressions spanning a river perhaps? (6,2,5)
9. More in Italy? (4)
10. More acres for ER (10)
11. Gambling on a Grand Prix circuit (5,5)
12. The tallest hotels overlooking the “New World” (5)
13. Northern Rhodesia by another name (6)
14. Longest reigning British monarch had a house here (4,2,5)
15. Capital of Seychelles takes a tumble (8,5)
16. This place swings like a pendulum do (7)
17. Breakfast pastry at the seat of Government (10)
18. A place where nobody dares to go (I didn't) – I went to the theatre instead! (6)
19. Uncle Bulgaria could make a big noise here (9)
20. Crown the King of Scots in Aussie? (5)
21. Doctors stay away from this large fruit (3,4)
22. Too high to eat off? (5,8)
23. Boundary for a Roman Emperor (8,4)
24. A method or passage follows this female (6)
25. Messie Kim in a sunny state (9)
26. A large french feline? (4)

Entries, please, by 12th March, to: Julie Els, 5 Edgbarrow Rise, Sandhurst GU47 8QH
Also, please enclose £1.00 towards the cost of prize(s).

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 Tyre Chains – Austin Twelve and Starter Switch – Austin Seven.

No 1117 appeared in February 1943, and No 1243 appeared in December 1945.

No 1117 – Tyre Chains – Austin Twelve

Q. *In the event of snow or severe frost, what do you recommend as the best practice in respect of the use of tyre chains, with a view to the rubber shortage. Do you consider the use of chains detrimental to the tyres? If there is such a tendency, would it be advisable when using chains to run the tyres somewhat slack; or again do you think it undesirable to use chains now? Your comments will be appreciated.*

A. You raise a new and interesting point, and we must answer from opinion rather than experience, as we cannot claim to have used chains over sufficient mileage to judge of their ultimate effect on the tyres. Perhaps this, which is the normal experience in this country, with only relatively short spells of snow, renders caution in respect of the tyres unnecessary. On the other hand the rubber situation is sufficiently serious to merit consideration for any and every aspect of tyre wear.

Our advice would be to use chains - they make motoring possible when otherwise it would not be - but to use them only when really necessary, which is for snow, not frost.

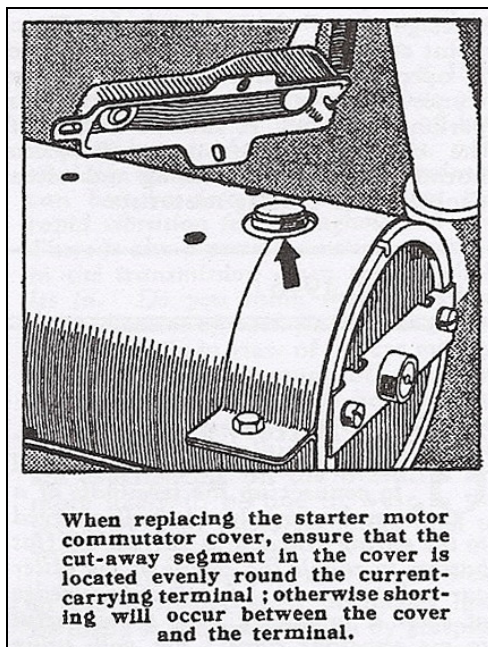
In snow they serve to bite through a soft medium to reach a hard surface from which the drive can be exerted, hence they do not impose heavy and local stress; we also recommend the tyres be kept at normal pressure.

The above considerations do not apply to frost, and until the difficulties of driving under frost conditions outweigh all other factors you would perhaps be best to rely on the tyres alone for road grip.

No 1243 – Starter Switch – Austin Seven

Q. *After cleaning the brushes and commutator on the starter of my 1937 Austin Seven, I found that the starter switch action became erratic and overheating occurred within the switch. I removed the switch and commutator cover and found that the latter was badly burnt and pitted at one point. After cleaning and replacing the commutator cover and switch, I found that the starter worked perfectly. Could you explain the cause of the original trouble so that I may guard against it when I next have to clean the starter commutator? I am at a loss to understand how I apparently managed to cure the trouble, when reassembling the cover and switch for the second time.*

A. Both starter and dynamo commutator covers on the Austin Seven must be carefully replaced to ensure that the cover does not foul a current-carrying terminal. You will observe that there is a small cut-away segment on the commutator cover, and this portion of the cover must come directly opposite to the current-carrying terminal or shorting may occur between the cover and the terminal.



This as you found, will cause erratic operation and overheating of the starter switch. When you replaced the cover and switch on your starter for the second time, you must have positioned the cover correctly, which explains why the starter afterwards worked satisfactorily.

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Some more old advertisements, this time from the 1930s and 1940s

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Trade enquiries invited.

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This one is from 1938, I assume when you get to the canvas it is time to buy a new one!

When you polish your car—don't forget the Tyres!

Give the tyres and running boards a jet black finish—Cherry Blossom Boot Polish—It keeps them smart and makes subsequent cleaning easier.



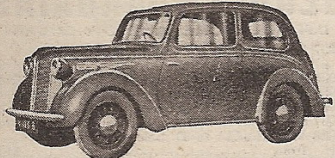
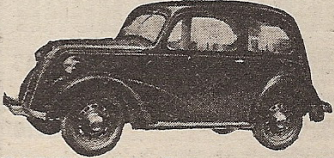
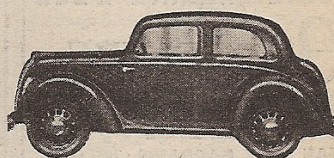
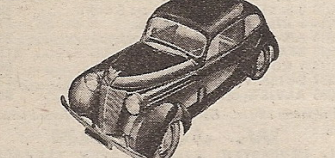
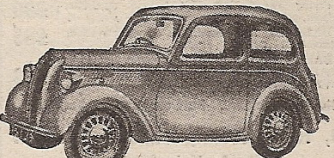
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Cherry Blossom Boot Polish


This one is also from 1938 and seems like a good idea, I have never considered shoe polish before. I must give it a try, I don't think that Halfords stock Cherry Blossom these days though.

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A choice of cars from Pride & Clarke Ltd, all available on their easy terms. This advertisement is from June 1939, I wonder how the sales went after September!



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This one from 1940, it was a bit more expensive than the standard plug at the time, however, if it was as good as stated it would have been a good investment bearing in mind the quality of the petrol available in the forthcoming years.

Andy Ranson

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SAMMY MILLER MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

There is a proposed trip to the above Museum, located in New Milton in the New Forest on 27th March 2011. There are not only motorbikes but tea rooms, arts and craft shops and even an animal farm.

Admission is £5.90/adult and £3.00 for children.

If you are interested, please speak to Pete Barlow 01189454861, Mick Corbett or Julie Els 01344778284.



Who is that sitting in MY Chummy???

NHAEG CLUB NIGHTS AND EVENTS DIARY 2011

<u>Club Nights</u>		<u>Arranged by</u>
Feb. 14th	Quiz	Andy Seager
March 14 th	Shoe Box Car	Don
April 11 th	Spring Airing	Committee
May 9th	Noggin 'n' Natter	Committee
June 13 th	Half Gallon Run	Andy and Do
July 11 th	Concourse d'Elegance	Committee
Aug. 8 th	Walking Rally	Trevor/Jean
Sept. 12 th	TBA (currently being discussed)	TBA
Oct. 10 th	TBA (currently being discussed)	TBA
Nov. 14 th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
Dec. 12 th	Festive Fun	TBA
<u>Events</u>		
March 6 th	Morris and Austin Day at Brooklands Test Hill open for Morris and Austin cars)	www.brooklandsmuseum.com or Colin for more details.
March 27 th	Visit to Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum	Peter Barlow/Mike Corbett and Julie Els
April 17 th	Drive It Day (details to be advised)	Karen and Dave
June 11 th	Bearwood Invitational Car Show (see Colin's Comments).	Colin
June 20 th -24 th	Trip to Holme Lacy	Trevor/Jean
June 25 th	BEN Run (non-club event)	Colin/Trevor for details
July 3 rd	Pinewood Open Day Car Show (non-club event)	Trevor for details
July 17 th	Visit to Woodley Aircraft Museum or walk around Dinton Pastures followed by car run and BBQ	John/Joan
July 31 st	Picnic in the Paddock	Don/Trevor/Colin
August 14 th	August Amble	Colin/Ann
August 29th	Littlewick Show (non-club event)	Colin for details
Dec. 5 th	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean

Please advise me if you know of any events that other members may be interested in and I will then put them in next month's newsletter.

Colin