

NORTH HAMPSHIRE AUSTIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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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

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a good Christmas and you are looking forward to Spring days when we can all enjoy our "proper" cars again.

Welcome to our new members who seem to have been joining in with club activities already, although I am a bit worried about a couple of them!



Ken



Terry

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We now have two new couples to accompany us into 2013 and we welcome them to wander around the lanes with us on our future trips.

Kenneth and Ruth Couzens have an interesting set of vehicles including:-

A 1932 Star Comet 14.9, a 1948 Lancia Aprilia and a 1968 Peugeot 404.

The 404 was built in South Africa and is fitted with a Fulray floor gearchange, wider wheels and a modified rear axle so Kenneth has a presentation to do when he turns up with it.

Ken and Ruth, who live in Ash Vale can be contacted on:-

01252 661982, 0776 545 8012 or at ruth_couzens@yahoo.co.uk

Please note that there is an underscore between 'ruth' and 'couzens'

Our second couple are Terrence and Barbara Roberts who live in Blackwater. They can be reached on 01276 32079, 0795 788 7467 or by e-mail on

metaltel@yahoo.co.uk

Their metal ménage comprises a 1935 Ford 8hp 'Y' Saloon, a 1960 Ford Thames 300E van, a 1940 Royal Enfield ex WD 125cc m/c and a 1944 James ex WD 125cc m/c.

Terrence's debut on either motor cycle should be striking especially if he wears the crash helmet he wore at our December meeting.

While Trevor Mulford's computer is out of action he can be e-mailed on Kenneth Couzens address. In the meantime one could encounter a runner with a cleft stick on the roads between Ash Vale and Church Crookham.

George Ewart

COLINS COMMENTS

Christmas Dinner

December started off with our Christmas Dinner, which was attended by 40 members and held once again at the Downshire Golf Club. The food and service as always were excellent and was enjoyed by everyone. We had a free raffle with a great variety of prizes with each member receiving one ticket. The whole evening was organised by Trevor and Jean so many thanks to them. We have already booked for next year!

Christmas Lunch Tour

On the Sunday following the Christmas Dinner 21 members enjoyed a coach trip to Runnymede via a coffee stop at a Garden Centre where the ladies enjoyed a certain amount of retail therapy. On arrival at Runnymede we embarked on a boat where we enjoyed a very good Christmas Lunch while cruising on the River Thames.

A very enjoyable day in good company so many thanks to Jean E for organising the event. Jean has already taken over 25 names for next years Christmas Lunch Tour when we will be lunching in

Abingdon, so if you are interested in going and have not already done so, let Jean have your name before all the places are taken. A good trip always gets booked early.

December Club Night

Our December club night was full of festive fun with the main event being A-Z of Famous People, which was put on by Trevor and Jean (they have been busy this month). We also had a couple of very amusing poems written and read to us by Hazel H, I did not know we had such talent in the club. We also had an ingenious Quiz devised by Sandra R where all the answers were makes or models of cars.

A very good evening with over 40 members in attendance so very many thanks to Trevor and Jean for organising the whole evening and also Hazel and Sandra for their contributions. I am sure everyone there appreciated it.

Forthcoming Events

Although there is never much on in January there are a few things if you wish to exercise your cars during the winter, weather permitting of course.

The first one is the **New Year's gathering at Brooklands** which I believe quite a number of members are planning to attend. You can either go in convoy starting from Badshot Lea following a route devised by Andy S from whom further details can be obtained or just make your own way there. The museum opens at 10.00pm and all Classic Cars can enter via Campbell Gate and receive £1 reduction on normal price, Brooklands members of course can enter free as normal

On January 13th there is the monthly **Classic Car Meeting at The White Lion Antique Centre**, which is situated on the A30 just east of Hartley Wintney. It runs from 8.00am to about 1.00pm. You can get a good breakfast or just a coffee there and apart from an interesting array of cars to look at the Antique Centre itself is well worth a visit, details can be found at www.whitelionantiques.co.uk Weather permitting I hope to be there.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter it is planned to have a **Lunch Meeting at The New Inn** on the fourth Monday of each month, with the first one being on Monday 28th January. It will be a very informal social event where you can arrive whenever you like although the suggested time is 12.30pm for a 1.00pm lunch. They have a special lunch menu, £5 for main courses and £3 for starters or deserts. Hopefully the weather will be suitable to come in your proper cars but if not come in your modern.

Normally I will not need to know how many are coming, it will just be a case of turning up, but as this will be the first meeting it would help Tim and Ann if I could give them some idea of how many to expect, **so if you think you might like to come please email me**, without any commitment, at cgreig104@btinternet.com by January 14th.

January Club Night

We will be holding our AGM at the January club night to which we hope as many members as possible will attend; normally we have a very good attendance. As well as electing next year's committee it is your chance to have a say in how your club is run.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, with their permission of course, for next year's committee then you need to send your nomination form to Trevor so that he receives it by Friday 11th January at the very latest, **we will not be taking nominations on the night**. It is hoped we will get some nominations as three of this year's members are standing down so if you are interested but would

like to know more please give me ring on 01252 879173 and I will be happy to give you any details you might require or answer any questions you may have.

Photographs of Members Cars

Although some members have responded to my request earlier in the year to send a photograph of your car, or cars, to Paul Edwards to put on our web site under Members Cars, we could still do with some more. If you have not already done so please send a picture to Paul at pedwards@blackcat-it.co.uk To see pictures and details other members have sent visit our web site at www.nhaeg.org.uk and click on Members Vehicles.

Before signing off I would like to thank this year's committee members for their input and efforts and also to members who have organised events or club nights during the year, I know all members appreciate it.

I would also like to thank, in no particular order, Maureen for producing the Newsletter throughout the year, which I am sure, is eagerly awaited by you all, George E for looking after the membership side of things, Ann G for running the raffle at every club night, Paul E for maintaining our web site and Andy R for his monthly contributions to the newsletter.

That's it for 2012, all that remains is to wish you all a very Happy New Year, with plenty of Austin motoring, let's hope it will be drier than this year.

Colin

Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

A little disappointingly, there were just three entries for Sandra's November Quiz – '*Things You May Find or Do in the Garden*' – with none actually having all-correct answers. Modesty prevents me from disclosing the names of the couple sending in the one with the least number of incorrect answers (2) but I am able to report, however, that the biscuits were delicious!

You have until Friday 11th January to send in entries for the December Bumper Quiz, containing 50 questions so, if and when you get a few quiet moments in amongst all the season's festivities, see how many "C's" you can find.

The first quiz of the year is '*Food for Thought*' – all answers are items which can be eaten raw, cooked or are simply ingredients. This one is also a little longer than usual – 30 puzzlers. Closing date is Friday 8th February. Don't forget to enclose £1.00 towards the prize(s) with your entry. Good luck!

Christmas Dinner 2012

Christmas festivities got off to a good start with the Club's annual 'feast' held, as per the past four years, at the Downshire Golf Complex, near Wokingham, where standards remained fully up to all expectations. Food, service and general ambience were superb and it came as little surprise that there was a unanimous call for 2013's dinner to be held at the same venue.

So make a date in next year's diary for Monday 2nd December!

The Travallen 'Farewell' Christmas Lunch Tour

Just a few days later, (December 9th), a number of us set off on what was heralded to be 'The Farewell Christmas Lunch Tour', by the local travel company (Travallen of Yateley), with whom we have been on a number of trips in the past. Rumours had begun to circulate some time ago that they intended cutting back on the type and number of excursions and that this was to be the last of such trips.

On this occasion it involved stopping off initially at a large garden centre, on the A4, near Twyford, for coffee and possibly a spot of last minute Christmas shopping prior to continuing on to Runnymede to board the '*Queen of the Thames*' for a cruise up and down the Thames, whilst consuming yet another Christmas lunch and even enjoying a visit from Santa Claus.

It appears that everyone who went on the trip thoroughly enjoyed it and were pleasantly surprised to learn, during our return journey to Yateley, that the company has, in fact, had a change of heart and are planning something similar – but different - for next year. Names have already been taken from a number of those who've expressed an interest in repeating the exercise in December 2013!



Christmas Lunch on board the 'Queen of the Thames'

Festive Fun Night – 10th December

The Club's calendar of activities was rounded off with the annual fun and games get-together taking place on the regular Club Night. Forty plus members turned up for what transpired to be a miscellany of games, an intriguing quiz (courtesy of Sandra (Ryley)), and a couple of humorous odes, composed and recited by our own *Poet in Residence*, Hazel (Holland).

Everyone leaving at the end of the evening seemed to have broad smiles on their faces so it must be assumed that a good time was had by one and all.

2013 Subscription Renewals.

By the time this Newsletter is distributed 2012 will have been and gone. Anyone who has not renewed their membership by the 31st December will, unfortunately, have to pay the rejoining fee (£4.00), in addition to the normal (now reduced) subscription fee (£5.00) if, in fact, they wish to remain a member.

Considerable publicity has been given to this in recent times and reminders sent out so it's hoped that the message has been taken fully on board and there won't be any who have *unwittingly* failed to renew.

2013 Committee Nominations

There's still time – just - to get in any nominations for the Club's Committee for 2013.

As a reminder just new nominations are required in order to try to fill vacancies on the 8-strong (max) Committee.

If you know of someone who might be interested or, indeed, if you're interested yourself, please ensure that nominations are sent in to me by Friday 11th January, at the very latest.

However, before doing so, please do read through and take careful note of the section in Appendix 'A', headed **General Committee Members (maximum of five)**, (second paragraph), in the amended/updated draft copy of Club Rules, recently distributed for perusal, prior to discussion and formalisation at the AGM on January 14th. It's felt important to point out this particular expected requirement to ensure full awareness of what commitment might be involved by anyone contemplating nomination to the Committee.

Help for Heroes.

Following last month's appeal for any sums of money, accrued over the past twelve months by members displaying H4H collecting boxes on their vehicles at various rallies and other events, to be forwarded to Jean (Edwards – Treasurer), it's pleasing to report that a cheque for £155.29 has now been sent off to that very worthy charity. This amount comprised both collecting box contents and 'profit' arising from the Barbecue/Walking Rally held in August, courtesy of John

and Joan (Hancock). Very many thanks go to all concerned in making this generous donation possible.

Charity Nominations needed!

As many will be aware we have traditionally donated a percentage of any funds left over from staging the Nightjar Scatter Rally, in November, to a local charity chosen by a draw from those nominated by members.

Please give this a little thought between now and the time of the AGM and be prepared to offer the name a good cause to 'go into the hat' for a chance to be selected as this year's beneficiary.

The criterion is that it should be a small, local charity to which a relatively modest sum (e.g. £100.00) would make a much bigger difference than it otherwise might to one of the large national ones, so please don't nominate one of these. Every nominated charity will be vetted to ensure it satisfies this specific requirement.

Annual Group Trophy Award (2012)

Finally, please also be prepared, at the AGM, to vote for the individual member who, in your opinion, has contributed, in a conspicuous manner, to the benefit, running and/or general well-being of the Club. This 'Good Service' award is presented to the person, who, by majority vote, is deemed to have made a significant contribution, in some way, to the club in the past year so give the matter some consideration and be ready to cast your vote! It doesn't have to be a Committee member; anyone who you think has played a key role in the running of the club in the past twelve months may be considered eligible.

Not sure if this Newsletter will get to be read before 1st January but, if it does, don't forget the Brooklands Meeting on New Year's Day - Andy (Seager) has already sent out publicity regarding this, plus a routing for those who've already expressed an interest but for further details please contact him on 07990 546677, or via email at andyseager@mac.com.

Other than that, 2013 is now upon us and it's onwards and upwards from hereon! Wonder what the next 12 months will bring us all?

Trevor

History On Wheels Motor Museum

I have arranged for the NHAEG to visit the History On Wheels Museum situated in Eton Wick near Windsor and will organise a route to it from a local starting place.

The museum, which is privately owned, houses a large variety of vehicles, private, commercial, military and bikes etc. as well as an extensive range of memorabilia especially from WW2. There is far too much to list here but you can visit the web site www.historyonwheels.co.uk to see the full range.

The museum is only open to the public on the last Sunday of every month but I have arranged for us to have a private viewing on Saturday 25th May when we will be given a conducted tour of the exhibits by the owner Tony Oliver. The cost will be £5 per person and I am afraid at Tony's request **there will be a limit of 30 people.**

If you would like to go then you will need to reserve your place by letting me have the admission fee of £5 per person as places will be allocated strictly on a first come first served bases and can only be reserved on receipt of your cheque made out to NHAEG. I am afraid just sending me an email will not be sufficient. If you want to post your cheque to me then please do so. If you do not know my address then send me an email and I will let you have it. Please note I can only accept a cheque, not cash.

Colin

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'Food for Thought'

Answers are edible, either raw, cooked or simply ingredients. Please forward entries to Trevor Edwards, at:

55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, by Friday 8th February 2013 enclosing £1.00 towards the cost of prize(s).

1. A fruity Chinese official	— — — — — — — —	8
2. Second colour of a rainbow	— — — — — —	6
3. A country in both Europe and Asia	— — — — — —	6
4. A gambol in Zurich	— — — — — — — — — —	5, 4
5. A Schubert quintet	— — — — — —	5
6. Indicated by a clock	— — — — — —	5
7. An enthusiast of a dark bedtime drink	— — — — — — — —	7
8. Forbid $\frac{3}{4}$ of a former Indian coin	— — — — — — — —	6
9. How long does a taxi exist?	— — — — — — — —	7
10. London travel card	— — — — — — — —	6
11. Modern hand-held communication device	— — — — — — — — — — — —	10
12. All gone – "That's....."	— — — — — — — —	7
13. Avoid a red one	— — — — — — — —	7
14. Russian dancer's favourite dessert?	— — — — — — — —	7
15. Shoots in a Belgian capital	— — — — — — — —	7
16. Annette Mills' puppet	— — — — — — — —	6
17. Lover of uncooked bread	— — — — — — — — — —	8
18. A popular alternative to Microsoft products	— — — — — — — —	5
19. Seasoning on a seaside stick	— — — — — — — — — —	4, 4
20. Sounds like a loss of water in Staffordshire	— — — — — — — —	4
21. Is it a cooking utensil on a planet?	— — — — — — — — — —	8
22. Regret a fish hook	— — — — — — — — — —	7
23. Wise people use their?	— — — — — — — —	4
24. A stationery 2240 lbs.	— — — — — — — — — —	7
25. Swore vigorously?	— — — — — — — — — —	7
26. Unusual small portion in Cardiff	— — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5, 7
27. Caught by poor rowers	— — — — — — — —	4
28. Does a haggis hatch from this?	— — — — — — — — — — — —	6, 3
29. Head gear for a pig?	— — — — — — — — — —	4, 3
30. American sweetheart	— — — — — — — —	

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

<u>Club Nights</u>		<u>Arranged by or details from</u>
Jan 14 th	AGM	Committee
Feb 11 th	TBA	TBA
March 11 th	TBA	TBA
April 8 th	Spring Airing	TBA
May 13 th	TBA	TBA
June 10 th	Half Gallon Run	TBA
July 8 th	Coveted Car Evening	Colin.

Events

Jan 1st	New Years Day Gathering at Brooklands	Andy Seager www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Jan 13 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
Feb 3 rd	VSCC Driving Tests at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com or Colin for details
Feb 10 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
March 10 th	Morris/Austin Day at Brooklands Test Hill open for Morris and Austin cars	www.brooklandsmuseum.com or Colin for details
March 10 th	Classic Car Meeting at White Lion Antiques Hartley Wintney	www.whitelionantiques.co.uk or Colin for details
April 21st	Drive it Day	TBA
May 19 th	Merrist Wood Summer Show	www.guildford.ac.uk for entry form from Feb 2013
May 25 th	History On Wheels Motor Museum (Eton Wick)	Colin/Ann
June 17 th -21 st	Holiday/Isle Of Wight	Trevor/Jean
June 23 rd	Holybrook Festival	Paul Edwards or Colin for Details.
August 11 th	BBQ at John and Joan's	John/Joan

Events in **BOLD** are NHAEG events

Please let me have details of any events that our members might be interested in.

Colin