

# **NORTH HAMPSHIRE AUSTIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP**

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## **Monthly Newsletter and Events Update**

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**Please let me have any articles for the next newsletter by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month in document form.**

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**JULY 2012**

**Club nights at The New Inn, Heckfield, 8pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in every month**

### **Mo's Mutterings**

I hope you have been able to use your "proper" cars over the last few weeks, even though the weather has been so wet and miserable. A few of us managed to have a lovely Sunday afternoon at Holybrook fete when the sun managed to come out from behind the clouds for quite some time. We did have to creep through some very large puddles to get there!





On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June a strange sight was seen sneaking through the village of Finchampstead, very close to Breakspear Farm. Well, not so strange really, it was Don's brother George and his wife Dawn in their 1937 (I think!) Vauxhall together with two others on their way to meet more club members at Basingstoke. They were all on their way to Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight for a short break.

## Secretary's Scribbles

### Quiz News

'In Good Company – Part 2'. Only two entries were submitted for this one so obviously many failed to find answers to all twenty questions. This shouldn't have prevented anyone from sending in what they'd got, however. Don't hold back, if you've found most of the answers, or think you have, take a chance and send in your entry. In fact, although, with only two entries, the quiz was deemed a 'non-event' and no prize has been awarded, the one having the higher score didn't, in this instance, have a full-house score!

Jean and I weren't around at the June Club Night (the abandoned 'Half-Gallon') so the answers, for those interested, are given elsewhere in this Newsletter, together with those for the previous, April one.

A reminder that the current quiz, Julie (Els') '*Alphabetical Animals*', should be sent in, **to her**, by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

This month's quiz, again contributed by Julie (Els), will test your recall of *Past TV Programmes*. Answers in, **to her** please, by August 10th

### Recent Event:

Celebrations commemorating HM Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee included the 'Jubilee Bash' as it was described, put on by villagers in Shinfield on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Several of us, a dozen or so, took a chance on the weather – not forecast to be very good – to an event which, unusually, had been publicised as a *free*, non profit-seeking one to which all and sundry were invited, simply to enjoy themselves on this special occasion. Although thunderous-looking rain-clouds were never far away and threatened, at times, to promote a hasty exit and departure from the numerous and varied proceedings, the sun did a good job at keeping them largely at bay. Though temperatures could hardly be described as tropical and the wearing of warm clothing was very much in evidence, 'rain did not actually stop play'.





As may be gauged from the photo of one of the key organisers, the demands and effort involved clearly became all too much and he was obliged to succumb and grab forty winks in his A7! Aaah bless!

Despite the less than 'Summery' weather we all generally had a most enjoyable time although it's not certain how many might have remained until 9:00 p.m. for the lighting of the ceremonial bonfire!

### *MOT testing*

Undoubtedly the hottest topic, on the technical front, arising in the past couple of weeks or so is the news that the Department of Transport intends exempting all pre-1960 vehicles from a compulsory MOT, with effect from November 18<sup>th</sup> next. This, seemingly, has been met with a mixed response from the motoring press, clubs and by grass-roots historic vehicle owners themselves, although it's probably fair to state that the majority of the latter welcome the announcement since it's been increasingly obvious for some time now that the MOT test, certainly in its present form, is an anachronism and pretty much out of touch so far as the inspection of our ancient specimens of transport is concerned. Obviously, more details have to be forthcoming before a proper assessment can be made on the issue but, whatever the outcome is and whatever the 'small print' might eventually introduce, I for one, will still want to have some form of periodic check carried out by a knowledgeable, historic-car friendly and independent engineer. The additional bonus of having the opportunity also to take a good look under the car, whilst it's up on the lift, will be well worth any (modest?) charge, which might be levied for this service.

### *Photos/Images of Club cars (?)*

As mentioned last month, in response to a request from Tim Winters, our landlord at the 'New Inn', for a few framed photos of our cars, ideally in groups, taken at

'unusual' locations or on special occasions, etc., which can then be put on display on the walls of our 'Club Room' at the pub, has prompted a competition, of sorts, to be instigated.

Please, therefore, take a look, over the next few weeks, through all your albums, drawers, PC files, shoe-boxes and what-have-you to see what you've got hidden away which might be suitable candidates for this. Then, please send up to five copies, either electronically or hard copy, initially to either Phil (Dunford) or Andy (Seager) – details under Committee Contacts. Any prints or images received will be duly sorted for potential suitability and, at the September Club Night (10<sup>th</sup>), those selected from the screening will be presented on display for members attending on that evening to have the final choice, in deciding five or six prints, which we can then frame.

Apparently Tim's main motivation behind this is to make the room more 'us' in character, which must surely be regarded as something of a compliment to the Club as a whole. He and June may well appreciate our monthly presence but we, for sure, must equally recognise the warmth they extend to us; we would have to search far and wide for hosts as welcoming as they. Past experiences have taught us that much!

### 'Austin Seven True Stories and Other Snippets'

If anyone would like a copy of this amusing little book, briefly reviewed last month, please let either Jean, or me, know. Cost is £6.00.

*Let's hope that the current spell of really quite miserable, disappointing weather is going to abate soon but certainly by the time our annual excursion (up to Shakespeareland) is upon us.*

*Anyhow, in the meantime, happy, safe and dry motoring to all!*

Trevor

## COLINS COMMENTS

As those of you who came to the June club night know we had to postpone the **Half Gallon Run**, which Julie and Mick were going to organise, due to the dreadful weather. I understand from Mick that he checked the route in the morning and found part of it under water, definitely not the sort of conditions in which to be driving our cars. It has therefore been decided to rearrange the program for the next two months so we will have the **Half Gallon Run in July** and the **Coveted Car Evening in August**. See the Events and Club Night Diary elsewhere in this newsletter, hopefully the weather will have improved by then. Don't forget you can start the **Half Gallon Run** from 7.00pm to make sure everyone is back well before dark.

I now have plenty of marshals for the Driving Tests at the **Austin Ten Drivers Club National at Basingstoke** on the 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July, many thanks to those who volunteered. I will let you have details of times etc. when I have been given them by Tony W who is organising the whole event. Don't forget, anyone can attend whether you are members of the ATDC or not, you will however, need to fill in an entry form which you can obtain from Tony if you are not an ADTC member. It would be good to see some of our members attending, as well as those who will be marshalling, as we are a centre for the ADTC.

I have sent the details of those members who wish to attend the **Berkshire Classic Car Show in Wokingham** to the organisers and as soon as I receive your passes I will let you have them, along with details regarding times and location etc.

At the end of July, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, is the annual **Picnic in The Paddock** in Finchampstead. As usual we will have the Driving Tests for those who wish to take part and don't forget family members including children as well as friends, are very welcome. It all starts at midday, don't forget to bring your picnic, along with chairs and tables etc. and if you wish, a gazebo. If you have not been before and would like directions please give me a ring or speak to me at the next club night.

That's it for now; let's hope for better weather for all the events coming up especially our trip to Warwickshire.

Safe and Happy Motoring.

***Colin.***

### **DON'S DOODLINGS**



One good thing about the bad weather is that all work outside is on hold. It is a good time for me to work on Dolly (the tophat). Dolly has landed! Now off the trestles and down onto the ground on all four wheels, see photos above. I can do no more to the chassis for a while and I am now starting to strip out the engine. This does not appear to be in very good condition inside. No doubt, this will be overcome!

Looking at Colin's Club Event Diary for July, it would appear we are going to be very busy.

July 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> is our club annual trip to Royal Leamington Spa/Warwick. Ninety percent of our "things to do" are all complete and paid for. If you intend to visit Warwick Castle, I would suggest you look online to pre-book tickets. I believe there are also Tesco vouchers which some people seem to have found available to some people.

I will be sending final instructions by post to everyone going to Royal Leamington Spa/Warwick, in the near future.

Regards Don

## **SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT – PHOTO COMPETITION**

Tim and June, our generous landlords, have asked us to come up with several classic car related photographs to decorate the room we use for club nights. We propose to run a fun competition to select these from members' offerings.

Entries are invited from members in either digital or printed format but only those at good quality resolution can be used as the final result will need to be enlarged to sufficient size for a wall display. Prints will be scanned and returned in due course. Unusual settings or composition will be especially attractive.

At the September club night we'll display the entries in order that members may choose their favourite snaps and those votes will produce a shortlist from which Tim and June may choose the ones they'd like.

Please submit up to five images, and tell us the order of preference. If we receive many entries we'll use only perhaps the first three, but if we don't receive too many we can include them all. Each individual may enter without a restriction to couples.

Submissions can be by e-mail to [dunford@cleaford.co.uk](mailto:dunford@cleaford.co.uk) or [andyseager@mac.com](mailto:andyseager@mac.com) or on CD or prints at a club night, or by post to Phil Dunford, Little Haven, West Street, Farnham. GU9 7AP.

Entries must be received by 20<sup>th</sup> August to allow us time to prepare the displays.

## QUERIES OF THE MONTH

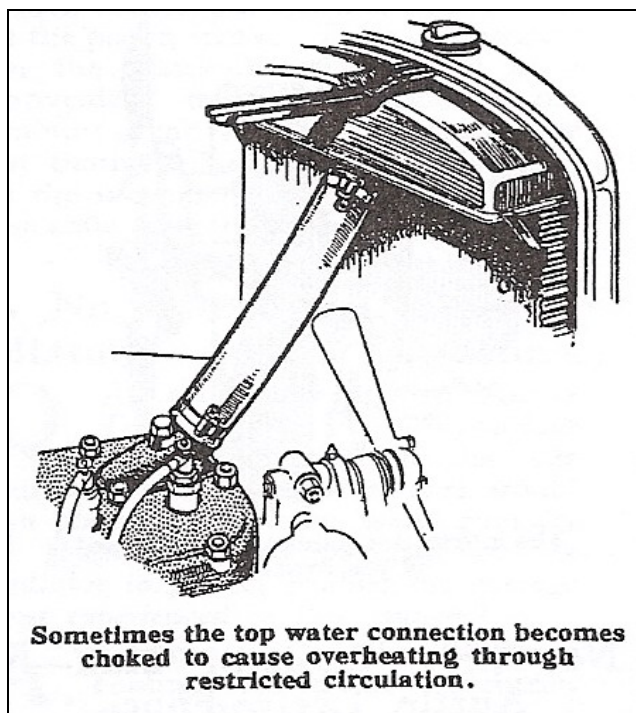
Some more “Queries of the Month”, these originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s.

This month’s selection consists of No 459, Overheating, Austin Seven and No 755, Petrol System, Austin Twelve-Six.

No 459 appeared in January 1933 and No 755 appeared in August 1936.

### **No 459 – Overheating, Austin Seven**

**Q.** *I seem to find that my 1928 Austin Seven seems to run hot, but there are no signs of boiling. I am wondering if you can give me your advice as to the cause.*



**A.** Overheating such as you are experiencing need not unduly alarm you unless, of course, you find that the engine boils when you get a long hill climb or much low gear work. Theoretically, so long as the water is not boiling, the hotter the engine runs the more efficient it is, providing that the overheating is not due to some defect within the engine itself. Overheating arises from a number of causes. It may be that your ignition is too retarded so that the gases burn slowly and have contact with a bigger area of the cylinders than normally, thus taxing the cooling system.

Again, if the mixture on which you are running is weak, there will be similar results due to slow combustion. There is also the possibility that your fan is slipping, due to the belt-tension needing adjustment, or perhaps the radiator has been become choked with mud. The remedy in each of these instances is quite simple.

Another possibility is a choked water connection interfering with the circulation. If you find after a run that the temperature of the top of the radiator is markedly different from that at the bottom, you should remove the top hose connection and see whether it has frayed inside to restrict the circulation, in which event a new connection should be fitted.

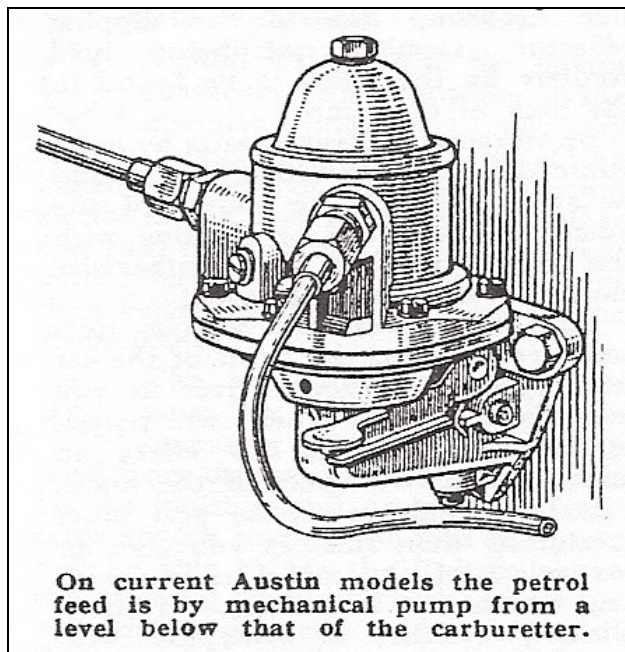
### **No 755 – Petrol System, Austin Twelve-Six**



**Q.** *In several car parks and in other places recently (on ferries, for instance) I have seen instructions to the effect that the petrol should be turned off. As there does not appear to be any petrol tap on my Twelve-Six car I am wondering how to comply with such a request.*

**A.** On cars equipped with petrol systems relying on gravity feed, whether direct from the main tank, or from an auxiliary tank fed from the main tank by suction, a petrol tap is necessary between the supply and the carburetter to provide a more positive cut-off for the petrol than the needle valve in the float chamber. The notices you have seen refer only to vehicles having this form of system.

On your car a mechanical pump lifts the petrol from a lower level to the carburetter float chamber and a petrol tap is unnecessary as there is no risk of petrol escaping via the carburetter while the engine is not running to give rise to the risk of fire.



You can thus disregard instructions such as you mention, knowing that the petrol system on your car is automatically turned off.

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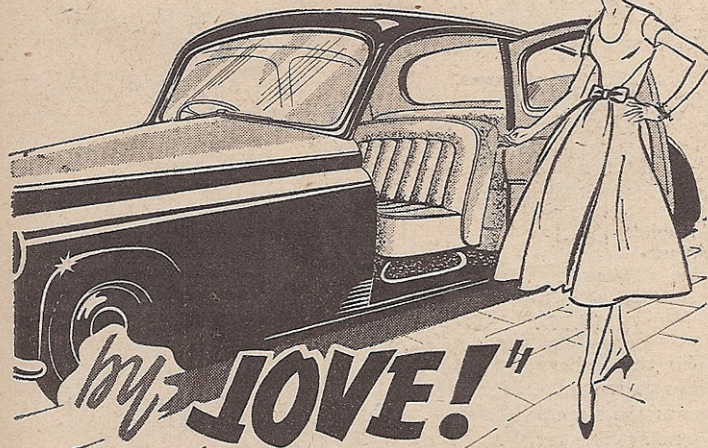
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### **So More Old Advertisements**

Two old advertisements from the 1950s, a gentle reminder to get polishing your Austin so you are ready for all those sunny summer shows you are going to attend!



"Real Showroom Finish..."



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JOVE DRY CLEANER**

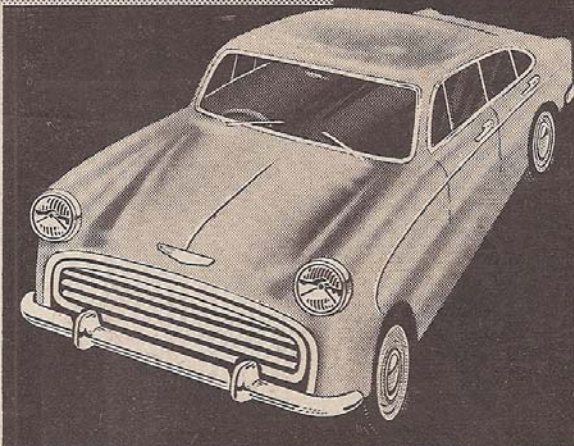
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Andy Ranson

**Do you remember these old favourite TV programmes?**

**Answers, by Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, to Julie Els, 5,Edgbarrow Rise, Little Sandhurst, Berks GU47 8QH.**

**Please include £1 to help with the prizes. GOOD LUCK**

1. Missing, up out there. (4,2,5)
2. Apex of music (3,2,3,4)
3. Arcs on the last letter (1,4)
4. Hepatic avians (5,5)
5. Adore those over the fence (4,3,9)
6. Silver for five of them (6)
7. Oh, old gents have hit a bulls eye (6,4)
8. Playing with life's gaps (10,4)
9. Can't see this dried fruit (5,4)
10. This is on a huge scale, don't just sit there (10)
11. Are you using public transport? (2,3,5)
12. "K", Caran and Joy are telling stories (9)
13. This centre island is mystical (5,10)
14. A break in Jill's mate (11)
15. The future public (9,5)
16. Would a bully live here? (7,5)
17. Collaborate with those close to you (3,3,6)
18. A geographical "poynte" (6,5)
19. Who loves you baby? (5)
20. This Kat raid is clearly cross eyed (7)
21. Fascinated by the nose! (9)
22. They make it look so easy (3,13)
23. Your daily routine (4,2,4,4)
24. Praise the Lord for the end of the week (5,3,3,6)
25. Medicine man in Ireland (2 ,7)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## 'TO KEEP YOU COMPANY'

**All answers were names of manufacturers, retailers, suppliers of services or well-known products. Some are now extinct!**

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Air transport for kings and queens?       | M O N A R C H                     |
| 2. Ticks and Di's family!                    | M A R K S   A N D   S P E N C E R |
| 3. People taking exercise on a crisp day?    | W A L K E R S                     |
| 4. American relative made vocal music        | S A M S U N G                     |
| 5. Can you hear the pips on tis phone?       | O R A N G E                       |
| 6. Either side of the River Don              | Y O R K S H I R E   B A N K       |
| 7. East Anglian wedding?                     | N O R W I C H   U N I O N         |
| 8. Belongs to original TV copper?            | D I X O N S                       |
| 9. Do you have to fight to shop here?        | S P A R                           |
| 10. Dick Turpin's favourite transport        | S T A G E C O A C H               |
| 11. Value of a ewe's coat                    | W O O L W O R T H                 |
| 12. Choose wet crossing places               | P I C K F O R D S                 |
| 13. Very, very very easy going!              | M I C R O S O F T                 |
| 14. The most common name of all!             | W   H   S M I T H                 |
| 15. Old pipes found in pubs                  | B A R C L A Y S                   |
| 16. Male offsprings of a British Leyland car | M O R R I S O N S                 |
| 17. Between pretty plants                    | I N T E R F L O R A               |
| 18. Collectors of dust                       | S P E C S A V E R S               |
| 19. Conqueror's high spot                    | W I L L I A M   H I L L           |
| 20. Three-sided figure without THE French    | T R I A N G                       |



## 'TO KEEP YOU COMPANY' – Take 2

**Again, all answers were names of manufacturers, retailers, suppliers of services or well-known products. Some probably now extinct!**

1. Put a rotter in a grave C A D B U R Y
2. Did this opera make one's hair curl? C A R M E N
3. A place nearby in France I C I
4. Second in line? N E X T
5. Worn for serious walking? B O O T S
6. Pungent eating place? C U R R Y S
7. A kernal covering S H E L L
8. Do their watches help these clubs keep time? R O T A R Y
9. A damn good cleaner? H O O V E R
10. Found allover the country N A T I O N W I D E
11. A prince? R O Y A L M A I L
12. One Vauxhall car A V I V A
13. It's associated with a dairy A S D A
14. Fuel for a fast car? J E T
15. Is this the newest firm? V I R G I N
16. Is this the oldest firm? E O N
17. A place for a good kip? S L U M B E R L A N D
18. Provided by a maternity ward? M O T H E R C A R E
19. A very tidy old animal transporter P R I M A R K
20. Attractive to customers M A G N E T

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## **NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary**

### **Club Nights**

July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Half Gallon Run	Mike/ Julie
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Coveted Car Evening	Colin
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Competition	Andy S/Phil D.
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Talk—Forty Years Of Catching Smugglers By Malcolm Nelson	Jean E
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fun Night	TBA

### **Arranged by or details from**

### **Events**

July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Berkshire Classic Car Show (Wokingham)	Colin
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Woking Hospice Classic Car Show	<a href="http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk">www.wsbhospices.co.uk</a>
July 13/15 <sup>th</sup>	ATDC National Rally, Basingstoke. All NHAEG members welcome. Driving Tests on Sunday organised by NHAEG.	Tony/ Colin for details also watch newsletter
July 19/24 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Leamington Spa.	Don and Maureen
July 20/22 <sup>nd</sup>	A7CA Austin 7 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations	A7CA
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic in the Paddock	Don/Trevor/Colin
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Nuffield Place	Colin/Ann
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	White Dove Collectors Transport Show	<a href="http://www.whitedoveevents.org.uk">www.whitedoveevents.org.uk</a>
Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	Run followed by BBQ at John & Joan's	Trevor/Jean John/Joan
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Littlewick Show	Colin for details
Sept. 8/9 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Open Days (Locations to be advised later) TBA	<a href="http://www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com">www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com</a>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Brooklands Autumn Motor Sports day	<a href="http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com">www.brooklandsmuseum.com</a>
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	VSCC Autumn Sprint Meeting at Goodwood Free admission	<a href="http://www.vsccl.co.uk">www.vsccl.co.uk</a>
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	37 <sup>th</sup> Nightjar	Nightjar Committee
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Tour (River Cruise)	Jean E

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

**Colin**