



Club Events

Club Night – 11th July

Coveted car evening

Run Out – 13th July

Details Alan Pickett

Club Night – 8th Aug

Walking rally

Club Night – 12th Sept

Guest Speaker

Club Night – 10th Oct

Club Night – 14th Nov

Other Events – 2022 (Please check before going)

Blackbush Car Meet – last Sunday of each month

Aldermaston Classic vehicle gathering – REC SOC car park RG7 4PR, 5th July @ 17:00 onwards

Thames traditional boat Fest 15th to 17th July, Henley

Dogmersfield fete & car show – 16th July

Austin 7 Centenary – 19th-24th July. Entry by pre-booked ticket only : www.a7centenary.com

Brooklands – 24th July, Auto jumble & car show, 100stalls etc

Aldermaston Classic vehicle gathering – REC SOC car park RG7 4PR, 2nd Aug @ 17:00 onwards

The British Motor Show, Farnborough 18th -21st Aug

Swallowfield show – 28th, 29th Aug, Swallowfield park, Church road. (contact Trevor M)
<https://www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk/>

Beaulieu Auto jumble - 10th & 11th September

West Green House, Hartley Witney – 18th Sept.

Membership Details

All members that wish to be kept informed of up-to-date club information please notify the club membership secretary, nhaegmembership@gmail.com, of any change to personal contact details i.e: Email address, home address, or telephone number(s). This also enables a current Membership List to be maintained. Its very important to stress, that details are kept in the strictest of confidence, and never used without a members authority, and are only available to elected Committee Members.

July 13th Mid-Week run

Alan P is planning a Mid-week run on Wednesday 13th There is a theme to this run because we will be starting where beer is made and ending where beer can be consumed.

The run will be to the White Horse inn Priors Dean, (also known as the pub with no name) which is supposed to be the most isolated pub in Hampshire. There we can have lunch before making our own way back home.

The starting point will be the Andwell Brewery café RG27 9PA, at around 10.am for a 10.45 departure to arrive at Priors Dean around mid-day.

The run will be via some of Hampshire's little used lanes and be about 25 miles.

Please contact Alan on 01252-684069 or by email to a.pickett@ntlworld.com if you wish to join the run so that the pub can be forewarned of numbers.

Plug-in Car Grant – Announcement 14th June 2022

The Government has axed the Plug-in Car Grant (PiCG), so buyers can no longer save £1500 off the purchase price of electric cars costing less than £32,000.

It announced today that new applications for the grant will no longer be accepted. If you ordered a new car before this morning's announcement and the dealership you're buying it from has applied for the electric car grant, you are still entitled to get it.

The grant – designed to encourage people to switch from petrol or diesel motoring to electric cars – has been reduced several times in recent years.

The most recent grant cut was in December 2021, when it was reduced from £2500 to £1500. At the same time, it changed the eligibility criteria for the grant, it was previously open to electric cars costing up to £35,000, but that was reduced to £32,000. That disqualified popular models including the Skoda Enyaq iV electric SUV, limiting grant users to cheaper models such as the Renault Zoe and MG 5.

The Government credited the PiCG with helping to grow electric car sales from less than 1000 in the entirety of 2011 – the first year it was available – to almost 100,000 between January and May 2022. Sales of electric cars have risen by 70% in the past year, and they now account for one in six cars leaving dealerships.

Transport Minister Trudy Harrison said the Government would now “use plug-in grants to match that success across other vehicle types” such as electric motorcycles, taxis and vans, plus others.

However, the National Franchised Dealers Association (NFDA), which represents car dealers across the UK, has hit back at the decision. The group's Chief Executive Sue Robinson said the axing of the grant “has the potential to derail the positive progress the automotive sector has made towards decarbonising transport”.

Mystery Run – 12th June

On Sunday an intrepid group of explorers from NHAEG met up at the Fox & Hounds in Theale. When we arrived everyone was admiring a 1904 Wolseley owned by Richard Scott. This, he explained, had been in the family from new and was originally purchased by his grandmother. The single cylinder car has also taken part in the famous London to Brighton run. However on this occasion Richard did not join us on the Mystery Tour and retired early to the safety of his garage.

After coffee at the Fox & Hounds (a very attractive venue for a future meal etc), route instructions were handed out and a small procession of cars set off. After a 15 mile drive through beautiful countryside we all finally arrived at our destination. Although I am sure that some, who set off last, somehow managed to arrive first. We were all expecting to find some idyllic country pub but were surprised to drive through farm buildings and then arrive at Yattendon Brewery. However, the adjoining building was a large spacious pub / restaurant with an outdoor seating area. There was a good choice of food at reasonable prices which we all

enjoyed. This was an excellent day out with perfect weather. Our thanks to Don and Val for organising the run.



Article from the Basingstoke Gazette, August 21st, 1979

Turning the clock back several decades are these members of the North Hants Austin Enthusiasts' Group, who arrived in style for their vintage barbecue at the White Hart, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON'S White Hart pub - a former coaching inn --takes on its original role each month when vintage Austin enthusiasts pull up outside for their regular meetings. And, despite bad weather last week, members from all parts of North Hampshire turned up in vintage costume for a barbecue evening in the grounds of the White Hart.

The club was formed six years ago by Gordon Puzey, of Oakley, when Basingstoke Lions' Club asked him to organise an Austin Seven event in conjunction with their annual Steam Festival. It was from monthly meetings between Gordon and fellow enthusiast, Ian Clayton, that the North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group slowly developed.

The group has gone from strength to strength and now a regular 40 members turn up at the monthly meetings. "We owe a lot to the White Hart landlord, Ron Brown, who offered the pub when we were looking for a meeting place", group secretary, Mr Puzey, said.

They have been given free range of the pub restaurant as their club room, while the pub garden and car park are regularly used for other activities. Although officially catering for all pre-BMC Austins, the group welcomes anyone owning or just appreciating any old vehicle or machinery. Members' interests also cover motorcycles, old cycles, stationary engines and most makes of cars.

The regular monthly meetings comprise various outdoor activities, including treasure hunts, concours, and last week's vintage barbecue in the pub garden. Winter evenings are passed in

the club room with film shows and talks on anything connected with pre-war motoring.

Rally

The group also organises six major events each year, starting with the New Year's Day run, a spring rally in May, a two-day driving test event in June and, in September, patients from a local disabled home are taken out for the day in the old cars.

A night navigation rally is held in November for those with good batteries and, to round off the year, a children's Christmas party is held. Cars are also often taken abroad on group holidays.

Club members come from Basingstoke, Kingsclere, Newbury, Alton, Farnborough, Reading and Oxford. There is a working committee of nine, and meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the White Hart, Sherfield-on-Loddon. Anyone interested in the club, should contact the secretary, Gordon Puzey, on Basingstoke 781330.

by JAN DURBRIDGGE



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