



## Club Meetings

The next club meeting will be **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at the New Inn @ 12 noon.

The following meetings are 7:30 for 8pm start, but if you wish to eat at the New Inn, please arrange to do so before the meeting.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Film Show

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Spring airing / quiz / raffle

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Guest speaker -Basingstoke canal

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Half gallon run

## NHAEG organised trips / events

Visit to Berkshire Aviation Museum – **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April (details below)**

Drive it Day – **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Visit to Hollycombe steam fair – **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Visit to Rainforest & Brewery – **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

## Public car shows

Classic car & restoration show – **22-24<sup>th</sup> March**, NEC Birmingham

Farnham Central Car park – **21<sup>st</sup> April**

Mill House North Warnborough – **11<sup>th</sup> May**

Basingstoke Festival of Transport 2024 - **19<sup>th</sup> May.**

Beaulieu Spring Autojumble- **18 – 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Hartley Witney – **8<sup>th</sup> June**

Hart Car show, Tweseldown – **23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Beaulieu National Austin Seven Rally - Sunday **30<sup>th</sup> June**,

Thames Traditional boat festival, Fawley Meadows. – **19 – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

<https://www.tradboatfestival.com>

Phyllis Tuckwell, Churt – Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> August**

Swallowfield – **25 – 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Beaulieu International Autojumble - **14 – 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **The Museum of Berkshire Aviation - Woodley**

The committee is planning a trip to the museum on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at the museum at 11:00. Please call Don B on 01189-733568 for more information. Closing date to book is 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Berkshire today bears few traces of the historic part that the county has played in the formative years of military and civil aviation in the United Kingdom. Prior to the establishment of the Museum of Berkshire Aviation nothing had been readily available to the general public to identify the County's role in this sphere.

Of the 21 airfields sited in Berkshire during the Second World War, only one is regularly used for flying today. Most of the others have virtually disappeared and their individual histories are fast becoming difficult to trace, even for the dedicated enthusiast. Two of the last remaining airfields, Abingdon and Greenham Common were maintained by the RAF for flying until recent times but have now been closed down.

On the civil side, there is virtually nothing left to identify Woodley airfield which, as the home of Miles Aircraft, played a notable part in the early growth of civil aviation and, during the war years, became a major aircraft manufacturing centre. Many other aircraft manufacturers had links with Berkshire. Vickers-Armstrong Supermarine, for instance, built Spitfires in the heart of Reading and Newbury.

## **New Member**

We are pleased to welcome Reginald and Elaine Granados to the NHAEG. Please introduce yourself to them and make them feel most welcome.

## The aluminium head

by Harry Charnock

I bought an aluminium head,  
It cost me several quid;  
I don't know if the things they said  
It did, it really did.

It nestled 'neath the bonnet,  
Amid dead flies and grime,  
And the silver sheen upon it  
Was supernal and sublime.

It said 'You mean old geezer  
Do you grudge me half a crown?  
Get busy with the degreaser  
And clean this engine down.'

No job too filthy then to shirk,  
I washed beneath the wings,  
I made my trafficators work  
And even sprayed the wings

Like reunited lovers,  
My car and I were gay,  
With radio, loose covers,  
And a fifty quid respray.

The neighbours ceased to snicker  
At my lazy way of life ;  
Mrs. Doctor, Mrs Vicar  
Both called upon my wife.

At the office, the directors said,  
'He's our best man by far ;  
The other chaps drive around half dead  
Look how *he* keeps his car.'

And now I sit upon the Board,  
And now lie late in bed ;  
How can I with mere words reward  
My aluminium head?

Oh carve this brief quotation  
Above me when I'm dead :  
'If you would gain salvation  
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**Bluebird**





At 8.45am on a frosty January morning in 1967, Donald Campbell's bright blue hydroplane slunk away from the shoreline of Coniston Water in a deafening shriek of jet power. The craft emerged from a seething cloud of spray and scampered into the distance at an estimated 320mph. Arriving at the southern end of the lake, a small support team was waiting with refuelling equipment. But in another colossal cloud of spray, Bluebird instead turned, screamed back up the lake at full speed and seconds later made its indelible mark in the book of iconic 20th century moments. The crash killed Donald instantly.

Recently, it was announced Bluebird is at last going home to Coniston - after a long and painful period of uncertainty between those who wanted to run it on the water and others who were promised it would be under the protection of the Ruskin Museum.

The craft had been raised from the lake bed in 2001 by engineer Bill Smith, who then painstakingly restored it to perfection with his dedicated team. In a visit to Bill at his workshop back in 2015 when K7 was taking shape he said at the time: 'Bluebird K7 was developed constantly, which means me and the lads are often stood here late at night scratching our heads. Lots of the modifications weren't drawn in detail, or in some cases we were unable to obtain the later drawings. The canopy was redesigned and the tail fin went through many iterations but the amount of 1954-spec material in the boat is limited and often hidden way down inside the boat.'

Daughter Gina said how thrilled she was to know K7 will, as promised by the Campbell Family Heritage Trust from the start, return to Coniston to be close to where her father rests in the local cemetery. 'We must not forget the many volunteers who gave their time, money and support to rebuild K7 to her former glory. We are very grateful to them all'

Stay safe

NHAEG Committee

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