



## Club Meetings

**9<sup>th</sup> March** – Guest speaker, Phil Dunford giving a talk about being a celebrant. Meeting commences 1pm, (please arrive earlier if you wish to eat before the talk.)

**13<sup>th</sup> April** - AGM and spring airing. Meeting to commence at 8pm. Bring your classic !

## Events Calendar

Welcome to the events calendar for 2026, which has been separated into Club events and Public car shows. We aim to bring you a variety of events and hopefully there is something for everyone. Please let the committee know which events you are hoping to attend since this helps us and the event organisers with planning.

Club events are those where the committee have arranged an event or visit, often with allocated parking for members.

Public events are those that might be of interest to you, but unlikely to provide a reserved space for club members parking.

Print and 'Tick' your selected events in the column and return at a club meeting, or you can choose the 'no printer' option by emailing your selected event numbers to:  
[nhaegmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nhaegmembership@gmail.com)

Please be assured that if you have 'ticked' a particular event, it does not mean you are committed to attend. We realise that things change, so if you find you cannot attend one of the Club events this is not a problem, however it would be helpful if you could let us know so we don't hold an excess number of spaces.

Note that for some events only those members and cars that are pre registered can take part because unexpected participants may cause problems with on site parking or table bookings.

## Club Events

√ No	Date	Event	Location
1	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Lunch Time invitation to all club members @ 12 noon for Lunch @ 12.30.</p> <p>If you would like to join Don &amp; Val for this you must book your place with us no later than the 9th March.</p> <p>Please email Val @ <a href="mailto:v.woolls@hotmail.co.uk">v.woolls@hotmail.co.uk</a> , or ring 07534 401853 to book your place.</p>	Tally Ho, Finchampstead, RG27 0RR
2	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Drive it Day. Run and lunch stop.</p> <p>See notice below for details</p>	New Inn, Heckfield
3	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Visit to old school engineer and his workshops including an old rural pumping station. This is for 'men only' . Details nearer the time.</p>	Upham, Hampshire.
4	June 11th	<p>Tour of the workshop and showroom about 1 to 1.5 hours. Details nearer the time.</p>	Vintage Bentley, West Sussex
5	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Christmas lunch.</p> <p>See notice below for details.</p>	Elvetham Hotel.

## Public Car Shows

√ No	Date	Event	Location
6	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Auto Jumble	Midhurst
7	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Auto Jumble	Newbury
8	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wheels day	Newbury
9	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Departure lounge, Alton
10	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Farnham town centre
11	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Drive it Day	Various
12	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Transport	Basingstoke
13	May 16-17 <sup>th</sup>	Spring auto jumble	Beaulieu
14	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pre War car show	Mill House
15	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Departure lounge, Alton
16	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival	Old Basing
17	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Classic car show	Elvetham Hall
18	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Bourne
19	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Hook
20	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Departure lounge, Alton
21	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fete & car show	Odiham
22	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Dogmersfield
23	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Blackbushe
24	July ??	Wings & Wheels Family day	RAF Odiham
25	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Auto Jumble	Newbury
26	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Classic car show	Departure lounge, Alton
27	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Classic car show	Phyllis Tuckwell, Churt
28	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Camberley
29	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Cranleigh
30	August 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	British Motor Show	Farnborough
31	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Blackbushe
32	August 30 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Country Fair & car show	Swallowfield
33	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hill Climb	Shere
34	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	Departure lounge, Alton
35	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Classic car show	West Green House

Please check dates before travelling



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

**Your Drive It Day Event** this year will comprise a short tour through scenic country lanes, commencing at 11.00 am from the car cark of



The route will cover approximately 20 miles, finishing back in the familiar surroundings of The New Inn, Heckfield, at mid-day – i.e. 12.00hrs.

**Pre-ordered** lunches will be served at 12.20 pm, chosen from a menu which will be circulated to Drive It Day Run entrants in good time before the event.

20 places for lunch have been reserved and meals must be chosen from a special menu in advance, in order to avoid delays in serving.

**Please respond to [c.keevill@icloud.com](mailto:c.keevill@icloud.com) to confirm your interest in joining this popular event.**



## Join us at the Mill House in North Warnborough Hampshire

Once again we're gathering for our **pre-war car\*** event, this year on Saturday 30th May 2026 in the picturesque setting of North Warnborough's 17th Century Mill House. **(RG29 1ET)**

(<http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/millhouse/homepage/>)

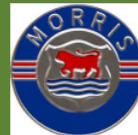
The Mill House offers a full menu service and bar - further details to follow. For a bit of additional atmosphere we'll hopefully have some live music.

Once again we're expecting enthusiastic participation, especially from the local Riley, Austin and Bean clubs along with local VSCC members! If you'd like to participate please email Andy Seager ([andyseager@mac.com](mailto:andyseager@mac.com)) and let him know how many people and the type of car\* you'd like to bring. Once again we'll have access to the Event Barn should the weather prove challenging.

If you represent an area club for pre-war cars please forward this on, together with the contact details below. We look forward to seeing you there!

*\*For pre and post-war models that were in series production by December 30th 1950*

[andyseager@mac.com](mailto:andyseager@mac.com) - 07990 546677



## Christmas Lunch

The Committee have booked the Elvetham hotel for a traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The good news is that it will be the same price as last year for a 3 course meal at £39.50 pp. Club members who wish to attend the Christmas lunch are requested to make a deposit of £10 pp. The preferred method of payment to the **NHAEG** account is by bank transfer:

**Sort code** 09-01-54, **Account** 8006 6086, **Reference:** Surname & Xmas

Please also email [nhaegmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nhaegmembership@gmail.com) to confirm you have paid by bank transfer, this will ensure you are on distribution list for future updates and enable the number of guests to be monitored. Please support the club by attending this event.

## Modern Fuels and old fuel lines

*How do you make sure your car is safe with today's petrol...*

It's now over four years since E10 fuel – which has a 10 per cent ethanol blend – was standardised across the UK's petrol pumps, yet despite initial concerns, most of our classics are still going strong. But is that down to careful maintenance, or more because the cars we're using aren't as badly affected by sustainable fuels as we first thought?

The answer is, of course, not straightforward, with two main concerns around the use of E10 fuel that need addressing – one relating to safety and the other relating to longevity.

The main safety concern for classic cars running on modern fuel is that the higher ethanol content of E10 petrol can degrade older components, attract moisture, and affect rubber components such as old fuel lines.

Older fuel systems were not designed for ethanol-blended fuel and with ethanol being essentially a solvent, it can slowly dissolve or degrade incompatible materials like certain rubbers and plastics. This could lead to leaky hoses and perished seals.

Reliability concerns are also centred around its solvent content – ethanol is hygroscopic, which means it absorbs water from the atmosphere. Put simply, if a car isn't used frequently enough to regularly have its fuel supply replenished, water can accumulate in the fuel tank, fuel lines, and carburettor or injection system. As well as internal corrosion, this weaker fuel mixture simply isn't as stable and won't burn as well.

Ethanol can also dislodge old deposits from the fuel tank and lines, blocking filters, jets, injectors and carburettors. So why haven't all our cars conked out?

### Keep it moving

By far the most effective (and most enjoyable) way of avoiding ethanol-mix fuel problems is to keep using your classic as much as you can, so that the fuel doesn't have time to 'go off', or to sit in your tank and fuel lines. Even if your classic is stored off the road for winter, taking time to start the engine and run it up once every couple of weeks will keep the fuel system flowing and eradicate any moisture.

Cars have always liked being used – it's what they're designed for, after all – and it's the best way of keeping your fuel system in good health.

### Should I use E5 instead – and are there any other alternatives?

Certainly for older classics, which were designed to run on higher octane fuel in the first place, E5 makes sense – it varies between 97 and 95 Octane and will help prevent pinking on older engines, plus will make them run more efficiently.

If you only use your classic occasionally, then some places do still sell ethanol-free fuel. You can order it from [Anglo-American Fuels](#), [Classic Fuel Solutions](#), and [MotorSpirit](#), for example, but it isn't cheap and needs to be stored securely. Other options are to add fuel stabilisers such as [Merlin Motorsports Ethanol Protection](#), which reduce the hygroscopic effect of pump fuels.

It's also worth looking at [SUSTAIN](#), from Coryton Fuels, which is a sustainable fuel with less than one per cent ethanol content, but its availability is limited.

For most users, E5 (or Super Unleaded) is a viable and widely available option that will be more stable over time than E10.

### How is it best to store my car?

If you're laying your car up for a very long time, then the best advice is to drain the tank, or leave it with a minimal amount of fuel in it – fresh fuel should be sufficient to cause no major issues when you're putting it back on the road.

If you're putting it away for the winter, though, then the opposite is arguably better – fill the tank completely with fresh E5 and a stabiliser to help prevent condensation, so that water doesn't get into the fuel system.

### How can I future proof my classic against prolonged E10 usage?

Yes, you can – and this is the best long-term solution. The key is to replace parts that aren't perfectly compatible with ethanol-based fuels.

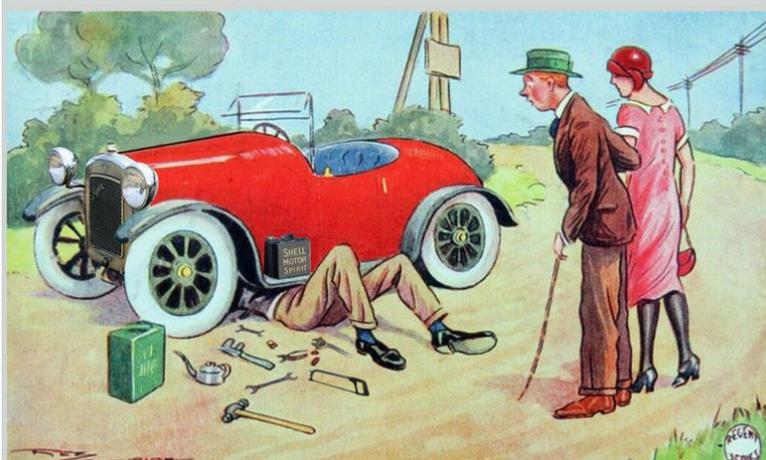
This should include replacing old rubber hoses, seals, gaskets, and fibreglass tanks with compatible materials such as silicon, polyethylene, braided or stainless steel – a worthwhile winter project if you're putting your car in the garage for a few months.

### Is E10 really a bad thing for classics?

Well, here's the rub. It all depends on your car. Most 'modern classics' will continue unabashed, with no real issues. This is largely due to ECU-controlled fuelling systems, which since the mid-1990s have been harmonised to adjust how the engine operates based on different fuel grades across the world, so unless you have a particularly sensitive high-performance car, then providing you follow our advice around storage, its use is unlikely to cause major issues.

On older models, though, the risks are greater and we'd very much recommend the use of E5 fuel in addition to a fuel stabiliser, and to check your fuel system components as often as you check your oil and coolant – it's cheaper, safer and less heartbreaking than losing your classic in an inferno, after all...

### Caption Competition



A small prize will be presented to the best caption. Send your entries to: [nhaegmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nhaegmembership@gmail.com) by 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Stay safe  
Membership committee