

# NORTH HAMPSHIRE *AUSTIN* ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

## Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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MAY 2007

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

### Mo's Mutterings



What a brilliant line-up for the NHAEG Spring Airing!

So many cars and so many club members at the New Inn.

Wonderful! Well done Jana and Brian for winning the M and S voucher.

Don and I thoroughly enjoyed our Drive It Day. We picked up Jan and John, as Jan's car is not yet safely on the road due to some problems with the steering. After coffee at The New Inn, we followed the beautiful route through the country lanes to Pishill, carefully driven by Don in Queenie and navigation skilfully carried out by John. Jan and I sat in the back! There we enjoyed an excellent lunch at The Crown with the other NHAEG members. Although St. George's Day was not until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, most Austins had their patriotic flags flying!

Maureen

### Colin's Column

#### April Club Night

With a clear blue sky, an unseasonably high temperature and the chance of winning a £25 M&S voucher it was obvious that we would have a large number of proper cars in the car park for our 'Spring Airing', but I don't think anyone would have guessed how many. We had an amazing 20 cars lined up which I think must be a record. We also had 45 members present, which I think is also a record.

As always in April, to encourage members to bring their cars out of hibernation we offer a free draw to those who come in an historic car. This year the M&S voucher for £25 was won by Brian & Jana (Adam). I don't think you can buy any car parts at M&S Brian but I am sure Jana will be able to use the voucher.

During the evening Mike (Corbett) brought in two metal toolboxes, which he said he had no use for, and if anyone was interested, they could have them. To stop any fighting over them it was suggested that they should be auctioned, which they were, raising £8 for one and £9 for the other. Mike very generously donated the proceeds, £17 to club funds. Many thanks Mike for your generosity.

With the temperature still on the high side it was a lovely drive home at the end of the evening, with the hood still down.

### **Brooklands and Mercedes-Benz World.**

During the Easter holidays Ann and I took our Grandchildren to Brooklands where they were providing drives round the museum. Ben and I had two rides both in specials with MGB engines and both drivers took us at speed round the top of the banking, though not as fast as they did when racing. Nonetheless it was quite an experience.

We also visited Mercedes-Benz World, which has just been built adjacent to Brooklands Museum. It is a brand new experience centre and features simulator rides, interactive challenges and many exhibits, including every car in the range including the Maybach with prices up to £330,000. There is also a 2 ½ km handling circuit and a 10-acre off-road course, but if you want to have a go there is a charge.

If you are in the area it is well worth a visit and admission is free.

### **Drive it Day**

'Drive it Day' is now an annual event when the 'Federation of British Historical Vehicle Clubs' asks everyone with an appropriate vehicle to take it out for a run on the day, even if it just to go to the shops. Last year's run to the Crown Inn at Pishill seemed very popular and quite a few members asked if we could go there again. M's Diner, where we started last year, is now closed so a new start point was needed. What better place than the 'New Inn' where we have our meetings. I had a word

with Tim and he was very happy for us to start there and even offered to provide coffee.

It was a lovely sunny morning as Ann and I arrived at the 'New Inn' to be followed very quickly by other members. June was all ready with the coffee and biscuits, which to our very pleasant surprise there was no charge. As we sat in the sun drinking our coffee waiting for the off I thought it might be a nice idea, as there were no modern cars in the car park apart from the chef's who soon moved it for us, to take a picture of some of the cars lined up in front of the building. This we did and hopefully, Maureen will be able to put it in the newsletter.



(I did!)

M.

At 11.30am the first of the 14 cars left, with the rest following at one-minute intervals so as to avoid too much bunching. Being 'St Georges Day' on the Monday, most cars were flying the England flag, the largest one being flown by Peter and Jenny who had a full size flag fixed to the side of their Austin 10 Colwyn. It was difficult to see the car, it looked like a flag moving along the road on its own. I had chosen a route, which avoided too much traffic although as usual there was quite a lot in Henley. At about 1.30pm the first cars started arriving at the 'Crown Inn'. I don't know how many other historic cars were seen by others but Ann and I passed a Triumph Herald whose occupants hooted and waved enthusiastically as did the occupants of a Mark 2 Jaguar that we passed going over Henley Bridge. As we approached Pishill we passed a number of Bentleys who were having a gathering at Stoner Park and on arriving at the 'Crown Inn' we found there were quite a number in the car park. Needless to say we all had a look at them as their owners did likewise with ours and there were quite a few conversations going on around the cars. One of the Bentleys had been raced at Le Mans in the 1920s and was reputedly worth 1½ million pounds. I would be afraid to take it on the road if it were mine; at least you don't have to worry about that in an Austin.



With everyone having arrived safely, although some friends from the ATDC club had only just made it having broken down a few times in their Austin 10 Cambridge, electrical problems I believe, we went in for lunch. As last year the food was excellent, and the service was likewise, which can't be easy when 28 people all sit down together. I collected the money from everyone for their lunch so as to pay for everything with a club cheque and would you believe when I counted it up it came to exactly the same as the bill. Some members asked about leaving a tip, we did this by adding 10% to the total and paid it from club funds. It was then time to wend our separate ways home, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and thank you all for supporting 'Drive it Day.'

When we were taking the photographs at the 'New Inn' June asked if we could let them have a copy to put up in the bar, In view of their wonderful hospitality since we started going there last year, we thought it would be nice to enlarge the photograph and put it in a frame ready to hang.

### **May Club Night**

***At our May club night Don is going to show a DVD which he obtained when he and Maureen were in New Zealand early this year. It is about the Southward Motor Museum which they visited while they were there. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us like last month and we will have plenty of proper cars in the car park again.***

**Safe and Happy Motoring.**

**Colin**

## Secretary's Scribblings

### 'Spring Airing' ~ April Club Night

A record twenty vehicles turned up for this year's event; such numbers no doubt boosted by the very mild and pleasant weather which permitted a considerable amount of mutual admiration of the assembled machinery to take place whilst, naturally, the odd beverage or two was consumed. It was good to see such a variety of vehicles parked up together clearly forming an added attraction for other hotel guests on the evening in question.

One interesting spin-off from the evening however was an observation made by one of our number (no names, no pack-drill!) that a few – two at least – of the vehicles would not, strictly speaking, have met current MOT standards, due to their not having any red, rear reflectors! A slightly sobering thought - it might be worth checking whether *your* pride and joy has such items fitted since absence of them might *just* be cause for MOT failure – what an embarrassment!

### Drive It Day 2007

Thanks must again be offered to Colin for planning and making all the arrangements for this year's run which, also, was blessed with glorious weather, perfect for the 37 or so miles spin from 'The New Inn' to 'The Crown' in Pishill - (please, no more sniggering!) Everyone who had booked to be included, (plus a few others who turned up unexpectedly anyway), enjoyed the event greatly as well as taking the opportunity of celebrating St George's Day (early) by flying the appropriate flag from their vehicles.

No doubt the event is covered more fully elsewhere in this Newsletter but, on behalf of all those participating, thanks once again to CG for all his efforts. Good fun, especially the experience of pulling out by 'The Angel' at Remenham, with four up, up a hill, crossing traffic from the right, to join even more dense traffic entering Henley on Thames. Must do it again some time!

### Cricket St. Thomas ~ 18<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May

It often seems like pulling teeth getting responses and feedback from members, essential to being able to prepare and finalize arrangements for trips, etc., such as the imminent CST one! It really would be nice, *just for once*, to receive requested inputs *promptly* without having to resort to the need for repeatedly badgering folk and would certainly make the task of getting everything sorted well in advance of the event a lot less arduous. It is appreciated that everyone is busy and certainly have lives outside the club but it only takes a moment or two to give the particular matter a little thought and to then pick up the phone or drop an e-mail to the appropriate person, to get the issue taken care of.

Having had that particular gripe I have at last received replies from just about everyone to some questions posed in last month's Newsletter and now have a pretty good idea who plans to start from the Basingstoke location, who will be at the coffee stop in Stockbridge, who will be taking lunch in Shaftesbury and those who intend coming on the walk/lunch on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Regarding the lunch stop, which will be at 'The Half Moon' pub/restaurant, encountered on entering Shaftesbury, I now have a copy of the menu and have promised the landlord some advance details of what our members would like. I plan to mail out a copy of this to everyone going on the trip and would ask that you take a look at it and let me know, ideally by return, what menu choice's are selected. This, hopefully, will speed up service and enable us to get on our way without undue delay. We plan to be at 'The Half Moon' at about 1.00pm, all being well and be able to leave there again at about 2.00pm.

If no menu choices are advised it will be assumed that you will not require lunches or will simply take 'pot luck'. However, I would still like to know how many will be stopping at 'The Half Moon' .

As always, many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

A letter will shortly be sent out to everyone concerned with all details but, in the meantime, if you have any questions regarding anything to do with the CST trip, please get back to me on 01344 775012, or via e-mail: trevor\_c.edwards@btinternet.com

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## A Note from Jean, regarding the Loseley House and Park Visit

- 8<sup>th</sup> July:

Please telephone me (Jean, on 01344 775012) if you would like to join us on this trip.

We will have coffee on arrival at Loseley, followed by a pleasant walk in the surrounding area – (not too strenuous!). Afterwards we will take lunch (cost, £6.00 per head) in the Chestnut Lodge. Menu will be available at the May Club Night (14<sup>th</sup>).

The afternoon can be spent visiting the garden and/or the house. The walk is **not** compulsory and you can simply meet us for coffee and/or lunch and then enjoy the estate whilst others are on the walk.

I am collecting money for the lunch and coffee **only**. Entry to the house or gardens will be paid individually.

The final day for names for this trip will be the May Club Night (14<sup>th</sup>) as I must let Loseley have lunch numbers.

Do hope you can join us but please note that if there is insufficient interest the trip will not take place. Cheques, as usual, should be made payable, to "NHAEG".

Jean (Edwards)

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## 'Retirement in Rotation'

Did you manage to give any thought to this topic following the piece in last month's Newsletter?

As Colin mentioned at April's Club Night the concept of two individuals (i.e. one officer and one member) being routinely retired at year's end, in order to keep the committee 'fresh and viable' is one which will only really work if there are sufficient numbers of members willing to put themselves up for election to the committee, when the time comes round annually.

Therefore, when the questionnaire is drawn up and published, please let us have your views so any necessary plans and changes in our Constitution (Rules and Regs) can be revised in advance of next year's AGM. Thanks!

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### Wanted:

**Working 12v fuel gauge for A10. Two inches diameter; three connections model (i.e. ignition, float, earth); 6 gallons range.**

I am getting tired with either flooding petrol station lanes (through the breather tube which is an odd feature of A10 fuel tanks!) or running out of juice! My current 'fuel gauge' consists of a length of flexible drain cleaner calibrated in gallons but I don't recommend the technique!!!

**Please** contact me, Trevor, on 01344 775012 if you have one surplus to requirements.

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That's it for this month. Let's hope the fine weather remains with us or, if not, that it rains only during the hours of darkness!

*Trevor*

### Don's Doodlings

New Zealand is just a wonderful memory now, looking at photos and videos just to take in the superb time Maureen and I had. Unfortunately, it is back to reality now but on the plus side it is good to be back with old friends and I am looking forward to all the events lined up for us in the coming year.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we had a wonderful day on Colin and Ann's Drive It Day. I am sure a full report by someone else will be in the newsletter this month.

On the events' scene, a few months ago, Marlene, Brian, Maureen and I were invited by Alex Woolard, from the Stag Car Club, to a night at **Reading Dog Stadium**. I must confess we were a little hesitant in our acceptance but we decided to give it a go. Well, what a great evening we had, including a superb meal in the Winners Restaurant. Here you can see all the track and you don't have to leave your table to place a bet. The man comes round to your table and takes your bet for the next race. If you win, the same man returns with the pay out. We enjoyed it so much I suggested at one of our committee meetings we book a night for our

club members. I have picked out the night of the **3<sup>rd</sup> July**. This is an evening event, arriving at the Reading Stadium between 6.45 and 7 pm. If you would like to go, please send me a cheque for **£10.95** per person which includes entry with racecard and a 2 course meal (starter and main only), made out to the **NHAEG**. If I have not received your cheque by 19<sup>th</sup> June the booking will be closed. I am sorry, but after that date I definitely cannot take any late entries. I hope some of you will join us, it should be a fun evening.

Don

### **Austin 7 Spares for Sale**

**2 off cylinder blocks with cylinder heads**  
**1 off cylinder head**  
**1 off crankcase with 2 bearing crank and camshaft. Number M80343**  
**2 off flywheels and assorted clutch parts**  
**7 off sump gauze filters, some torn**  
**1 off box of assorted starter parts and 1 con rod**  
**1 off front axle with hubs, drums, steering arms and track rod**  
**1 off front axle (bare)**  
**1 off pair of radius arms**  
**2 off wheels, 1 with a rusted out rim**  
**1 off radiator, chrome deep type (would fit my 1934 car)**  
**1 off lefthand running board.**

All these items are fairly rusty and are not in pristine condition.

Contact **Ted Riviere** on **01256882572** or email [tedandsal@carnuts.co.uk](mailto:tedandsal@carnuts.co.uk)

### **“New Classic Car Natter”**

To be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of the month at the Deers Hut public house, Griggs Green, Longmoor Road, Liphook, Hants.

Plenty of safe parking for your pride and joy plus extra parking available in the small adjacent field.

Interested? Contact, in the first instance:-  
Ron Neal: 01420 488019 or mobile: 07855 877138.

This is a new venture, success depends on support. The Deers Hut is a great pub which is set off the main road. It is intended to be a very informal get-together for like-minded enthusiasts, open to owners of classic cars, bikes and other interesting vehicles.



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### Events Diary Update!

May 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Motormart Autojumble – Beaulieu	
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	“Don & Maureen’s DVD Show of Southward Motor Museum NZ	
May 18-21 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket St. Thomas	Trevor Edwards
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	D-Day Celebrations. Normandy	Dave Witton
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Half-Gallon Run	Chris Broom and Brian Mayers
June 15 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>	Brooklands Museum Centenary Celebrations (Contact Colin for details. Cost £35.00 per ticket/per day)	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Finn Rally (BEN Run Ascot/Lynwood Fete via Windsor Great Park)	
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Night at Reading Dogs	Don Breakspear
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Loseley House Nr. Guildford Coffee followed by walk then lunch and visit To gardens and house (optional)	Jean Edwards
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Concours d’Elegance	
July 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> July	Aero & Autojumble - Brooklands	
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic in the Paddock – Finchampstead	

<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club Night</b>	
<b>August 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trip to Water Gardens, Longstock Near Stockbridge</b>	<b>George and Ruth Ewart</b>
<b>August 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reading &amp; Wokingham Show Loddon Court Farm, Beech Hill, Swallowfield</b>	
<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Littlewick Show, Holyport, Nr. Maidenhead</b>	
<b>Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>International Autojumble – Beaulieu</b>	
<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club Night</b>	
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club Night</b>	
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>B2B Run (BEN Lynwood to Brooklands) To be confirmed</b>	
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Auction Night</b>	<b>Don B.</b>
<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Dinner @ The Falcon</b>	
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun and Games Evening</b>	

### **Parts and Services Update**

## May 2007

### Nuts, Bolts/Fixings etc.

**AHC (Camberley).** Address: 415-417 London Road, Camberley, GU15 3HZ  
Phone: 01276 709069  
Web: [www.ahc-camberley.co.uk](http://www.ahc-camberley.co.uk)

**Large range of nuts and bolts including BSF, BSW, UNC, UNF, BA, and many other types of fixings. They also carry an extensive range of tools.**

**Aidpac Stainless Steel Supplies.** Address: 16 Wilkinson Avenue, Bradley, Bilston, WV14 8PS  
Phone: 01902 560 327  
Web: [www.stainlessman.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.stainlessman.fsnet.co.uk)

**An extensive range of stainless steel nuts, bolts, clips and fastenings etc.**

### Instrument Repairs & Restorations

**Vintage Tunbridge Wells, Restorations.** Address: **The Old Bakery, Windmill Street,**  
Kent, TN2 4UU  
Phone: 01892 525899  
Web: [www.vintagerestorations.com](http://www.vintagerestorations.com)

**Full repair and restoration service for Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicle clocks, instruments, dashboards and accessories.**

### Chrome, Silver and Nickel Plating

**Isleworth Plating.** Address: 273a High Street, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 0JL  
(Entrance in Albany Road)  
Phone: 0208 560 7440 (ask for Bruce)

**Metal polishing and plating.**

## **Engineering**

D.J.E. Engineering  
Road, Hogwood

Address: **Units 1&2 Rowanwood, Ivanhoe**

**Lane Industrial Estate,  
Finchampstead, Berkshire,  
RG40 4QQ.**

**Phone:** 0118 932 8998

**Will weld parts in arc, mig and gas.**

**The Thread Doctor  
Services**

**Address:** Mobile Service

**Phone:** 07831 345 804 (Perryn Allen)

**Perryn can remove broken or sheered studs and replace  
stripped threads to original specification ie. BSF, BSW,  
UNF, BA, etc.**

## **Garage Door Repairs**

**Up & Over  
Garage Door  
Repairs**

**Address:** Not known

**Phone:** 01252 873 139 (Dan)

**Dan is a garage up & over door repair specialist, all makes  
covered.**

**Thanks to Don (Breakspear) for all this months recommendations.**

Please keep those recommendations coming, remember you may help another member find just the part or service they are looking for. My e-mail address is in the Newsletter.

Colin