



Dear Members,

Coronavirus

We hope that all members have managed to stay well, both physically and mentally during this difficult time and that everyone is finding creative ways to stay active and connected with friends and family. In the event that anyone needs help, please contact a member of the committee and we will try and offer assistance.

Due to the ongoing lockdown and the self isolation rules, there was only one club event to report on during April. A few brave members managed to get their cars out for 'Drive it Day' on Sunday 26th April but had no where to go. The pictures were published on Facebook, but if you are not on social media, here are the participants and their cars.



Future Events

Photographic Competition

It is proposed to stage a photographic competition for NHAEG Club members, to run between now and the end of September 2020. Judging will be by members present at the October Club Night. The categories are: People / Animals / Automotive (i.e.Vehicle-related) / Landscapes (i.e.Scenery)

Virtual D.I.D

Recently instructions were sent out for the virtual '*Drive It Day*' run which should while away a pleasant hour or two. Even if you've never entered a real-life rally before or never been inclined to try a table-top version, this should prove a great diversion whilst we're all closeted away at home seeking ways to keep ourselves sane.

Please give it a go and get your answers in to Richard Long by 26 May.

Other Motoring Headlines

Introduction of E10 Petrol to the UK

On the 4th March 2020 the UK Government published a consultation into the introduction of E10 (10% Ethanol) as the mainstream petrol for the UK., with the intention to introduce this before the end of 2020. As many as 600,000 vehicles on our roads aren't compatible with E10 but it's estimated that the greener fuel could reduce CO2 emissions by 750,000 tonnes per year, the equivalent to taking up to 350,000 cars off the road in the UK. However, drivers of older, incompatible cars may have to shell out for more expensive fuel, since forecourts will likely only offer E5 as a premium option.

The consultation is due to close on the 3rd May and members can visit, read and respond to ensure that the loudest possible voice of classic owners is heard before the details of the introduction are signed off and implemented. The consultation can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-e10-petrol

Banning NEW Petrol, Diesel & Hybrid cars by 2035 or earlier

On the 4th February the Prime Minister announced that the Government is consulting on bringing forward the end to the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2040 to 2035 or earlier. Some available UK Government data for 2018 and 2019 shows that there are approximately 32 million licenced cars and vans in the UK, made up with approximately 18.5 million petrol, 12 million diesel, and less than 600,000 hybrid. The number of pure battery electric vehicles is shown as less than 100,000.

If the UK total new car sales figures for 2019 of 2.3 million cars was immediately converted to just future sales of battery electric vehicles it would still take 13.5 years to replace every existing licenced petrol and diesel vehicle in the UK. Clearly this is not achievable under the current practical scenario.

The consultation is due to close on 31st July and can be found at

www.gov.uk/government/consultations by searching for 'banning new petrol cars'

QUIZ NEWS

The Quiz included with the club News Bulletin, and popular with a small but nevertheless keen number of members, has become something of a casualty due to the current situation and has been neglected a little since formal Club meetings were suspended a couple of months ago.

In an attempt to re-vitalise interest, while we've all got rather more time on our hands than we may know what to do with, the May edition of the Bulletin contains a bumper, 50 clue version and the intention is for all future Bulletins to include a quiz.

Until such time as the terms 'social distancing' and 'lockdown' are relegated to the history books and we're all allowed to mingle freely yet again, a log will be maintained of all quiz entries and results recorded so that successes may be rewarded appropriately in the usual manner.

There were a mere three entries each for "It's not just Black and White" (due in on March 6th) and "Double Entendre" (due in on April 10th). Joint winners of the former were Do/Andy Ranson and Tim/Anne Proctor, each with 25 all correct answers, with Tony and Pat Westhall coming a very close second (or should that be third?) with 24.

The "Double Entendre" quiz was won by Malcom Ryley, with 24 all correct answers. Andy and Do submitted separate entries on this occasion, with Do securing betting rights against her other half after scoring 23, against his 22!

Keep your entries coming in. Your grey matter doesn't have to go into lock-down!

Finally, the chief Medical Officer, professor Chris Whitty, would like to show you what happens if you follow the rules:



PS. Don't forget to run a virus scan on your PC or laptop to check for malicious software !

Stay safe
NHAEG Committee