



Club Meetings

11th May - Meeting to commence at 8pm.

8th June - Details to follow

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

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

Public Car Shows

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

Please check dates before travelling

Club lunch - 1st April

Val and I would like to say thank you to the 'magnificent dozen' who came along to the club lunch on Wednesday 1st April at the Tally Ho, Eversley. Food and company were excellent. We will organise another one in the summer and hopefully a few more members will come along and join us.

All the best Val n Don. ITS GOOD TO TALK

Christmas Lunch - 13th Dec

Christmas may seem a long way ahead but we do need to collect deposits for the Christmas lunch. Please therefore make your payment of £10 pp as soon as possible.

The Committee have booked the Elvetham hotel for a traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 13th December. The good news is that it will be the same price as last year for a 3 course meal at £39.50 pp. The preferred method of payment is by bank transfer to the **NHAEG** account:

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

Please also email 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.

AGM Report - 13th April

The Annual General Meeting took place during the club meeting on 13th April. Our Chairman, **Andrew Lambden**, opened the evening with a review of last year's activities. He highlighted the wide range of events enjoyed by members and noted that NHAEG was well represented at several public car shows, helping to raise the club's profile within the classic motoring community.

Andrew expressed his thanks to all Committee members for their hard work and support throughout the year. He acknowledged that planning events to suit the varied interests of our membership is never easy, and he praised the team for their continued dedication.

This year saw only one new committee nomination. **Chris Pakula** will be taking over the role of Treasurer from **Andrew Barker**, who has served the club faithfully for many years. Andrew was warmly thanked for his long-standing contribution. All other committee members were re-elected for a further year:

- **Adrian Walker** – Membership / Secretary
- **Trevor Mulford** – Events
- **Chris Pakula** – Treasurer
- **Support roles:** John Minty, John Bennett, Alan Pickett, Don Breakspear

The Treasurer presented the club accounts, reporting a small increase in the closing balance, which stood at **£1,552 as of January 2026**. Members were reminded that funds raised from the monthly raffle are kept separately as a *petty cash* fund used exclusively for purchasing prizes. It was also noted that the club's Santander account now incurs a **£4 monthly fee**, and alternative banking options are currently being explored.

Any Other Business

Members voted to continue holding **summer meetings in the evenings**, reverting to **midday meetings when the clocks return to GMT**.

Concerns were raised regarding the low number of deposits received so far for the club Christmas lunch—only **16 guests** at the time of the meeting. Members were encouraged to make payments promptly via bank transfer. The special price offered (the same as last year) was based on an expected attendance of **at least 30 members**.

The evening concluded with a light-hearted automobile-themed quiz, which—much to the amusement of some—caused a little friendly grumbling from our lady members!

Drive it Day - 26th April

A group of eleven cars gathered at the New Inn for this year's Drive It Day run. It couldn't have been a better spring morning — warm, bright, and perfect for a gentle tour through the surrounding countryside.

The planned route covered roughly 17 miles, with cars setting off at staggered intervals. Most crews made it back to the pub around midday as intended, though a few adventurous souls found themselves on unintended detours. In fairness, several were driving without navigators, which made the route a little more... interpretive.

Lunch at the New Inn was hearty and generous, providing a relaxed and enjoyable end to the run.

Afterwards, we invited a member of the New Inn staff to choose her favourite car of the day. The Drive It Day trophy (the ¼-elliptic spring) was awarded to Trevor E for his splendid Austin 10.

Our thanks go to Chris and Janice K for planning an excellent route.



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Here is an AI generated article which makes me totally redundant as news editor.

A Personal Stroll Through Pre-War Austin Memories

There's a particular smell that only a pre-war Austin can produce — a mixture of warm oil, old leather, and the faintest hint of petrol that seems to whisper stories from a century ago. Whenever I catch it, I'm instantly transported back to my earliest encounters with these remarkable machines, long before I understood their place in motoring history.

My first brush with a pre-war Austin came in the form of a 1930s Austin Seven, a car that looked more like a determined terrier than a motor vehicle. I remember being a child, barely tall enough to see over the scuttle, watching my uncle coax the little engine into life. The Seven didn't so much start as clear its throat — a polite cough, a wobble, and then a cheerful chug. Even then, I sensed there was something special about it. Only

later did I learn that the Seven wasn't just a charming relic; it was the car that saved Austin from bankruptcy and put Britain on wheels, a true people's car in every sense.

Years later, I had the privilege of driving a friend's Austin Twelve from the mid-1920s. Compared to the Seven, the Twelve felt almost stately — a car that expected you to sit up straight and mind your manners. Its long-stroke engine delivered power in a slow, confident wave, and the gearbox demanded patience and respect. Double-declutching wasn't optional; it was a ritual. I still remember the grin on my face the first time I managed a perfectly smooth downshift. It felt like earning a nod of approval from a very strict but fair schoolmaster.

One of my fondest memories involves a club run through the countryside in a convoy of pre-war Austins. There was a Twenty leading the group — a big, dignified machine with a presence that made modern cars look like toys. Behind it came a mix of Sevens, Twelves, and even a Light Six, each with its own personality. The sight of them trundling along the lanes, their engines echoing off hedgerows, felt like stepping into a moving postcard from the 1930s. Villagers waved, children pointed, and even the sheep seemed to pause and stare.

What strikes me most about these cars is how alive they feel. Modern vehicles isolate you from the road, but a pre-war Austin insists you participate. You feel every vibration, every change in gradient, every mechanical heartbeat. They reward attentiveness and punish complacency, yet they do so with charm rather than malice.

Owning or even driving one is less about transportation and more about companionship. These cars have survived wars, weather, and the whims of history. They carry the fingerprints of every mechanic who ever adjusted a carburettor and the laughter of every family who ever squeezed into the back for a Sunday outing.

Whenever I see a pre-war Austin at a club meet, I'm reminded that we're not just preserving old machinery — we're keeping alive a spirit of ingenuity, resilience, and simple joy. And every time I turn a starting handle or settle into a worn leather seat, I feel privileged to be part of that story.

Stay safe
NHAEG Membership committee