

NORTH HAMPSHIRE AUSTIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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

Mo's Mutterings

Oh dear, winter drawers on! Can't say I like the dark evenings at all! Sometimes I don't really want to turn out again at night but some things are worth it. It was worth braving the weather for the October club night talk on smuggling by Malcolm Nelson. Malcolm's talk was both interesting and funny. Thank you Jean for arranging Malcolm's visit.

The "free weekend at The New Inn" was excellent as usual with many thanks to Denise and Simon for organising the walking quiz around Old Basing, a place believe it or not, I can't remember visiting before. Thanks to Julie and Mike for arranging our visit to Tylney Hall gardens. The tea and cakes were also most enjoyable.

Welcome back to Colin as our Chairman, this should make life a little easier for Trevor.

COLINS COMMENTS

As you will have read in the last newsletter, I have the privilege of being your chairman again. There were a number of reasons for my standing down from the position at the AGM in January 2011, amongst them was the fact that Ann and I wanted to move house. Also, I thought that after ten years it was time for change and felt that there may be someone who would like to have a go but did not like to propose themselves whilst I held the position. It has become obvious that no one is keen to do so and as Trevor said in last month's newsletter it has become difficult for the club to operate without a chairman. It has also meant a great deal of pressure on Trevor who, as well as carrying out his duties as secretary, has also had to shoulder a lot of the duties of the chairman.

As Ann and I have now been moved for over a year and most of the things I wanted to do in the house and garden are now nearly done, taking into account the above, I decided at the last committee meeting to offer my services again, but with certain conditions attached which Trevor mentioned last month. As reported in the last newsletter my offer was immediately accepted and when asked I agreed to take up the position with immediate effect.

Hopefully, this will make life a little easier for Trevor and I would like to thank him very much for keeping things going so well over the past 9 months, I am sure it has been appreciated by everyone.

At our October club night, which was organised by Jean E. we had one of the best speakers we have ever had. It was Malcolm Nelson who spent his working life as a customs officer and his talk was called 'Forty Years Of Catching Smugglers'. Not only was it a very interesting subject but also Malcolm was a very good and amusing speaker. He also has many other subjects he gives talks on so hopefully, we can have him back next year. Many thanks to Jean for arranging the evening.

On October 13th once again, thanks to Tim and June's generosity, we had a free night at **The New Inn**. The activities during the day, which were very well organised by Denise and Simon and called '**The Great Tour Of Old Basing**' started at The New Inn where, after coffee, we set off on a pre planned route to Old Basing. On arrival we parked up and then set off on foot to find the answers to 22 questions. However, we had not gone far when the heavens opened which meant a very quick retreat to a pub we had just passed, soon to be joined by everyone else. The decision was made to have lunch whilst waiting for the rain to stop. Once it had stopped we continued on our way to answer the rest of the questions whilst taking in the delights of Old Basing which is a very beautiful village. A very pleasant day despite the weather with the eventual winners being Andy and Do, well done to them.

In the evening back at The New Inn we enjoyed an excellent meal and a few drinks in a very convivial atmosphere. During the course of the evening I asked Tim to join us. June unfortunately, was otherwise engaged. I wanted to thank them both for offering the free night to us and also to allow Phil to present to them the 8 framed pictures which they had selected from the photographs members had voted for at the September club night. The framed photographs will be hung in the room we use for our meetings, to make it very much our clubroom. Many thanks to Phil and Andy S for arranging this.

The next morning, after a good breakfast, we met up in the car park with other members who joined us for the day, to travel to **Tydney Hall Hotel** for their Open Garden Day. Julie and Mick had organised this for us and on arrival we were parked up in front of the hotel. We then enjoyed a gentle walk all around the beautiful grounds in very much better weather than Saturday, before partaking of tea and cakes. A lovely way to end a most enjoyable weekend, very many thanks to Denise and Simon and Julie and Mick for organising the two days for us, I am sure your efforts were appreciated by everyone.

On our return home I sent an email to Tim and June thanking them for their hospitality and received the following reply from them:

Hi Both

Thank you once again for your continued support. It was lovely having you all over.

Tim & I always say what a great group you are and how true.

There is always laughter and smiles when you are in; it's a credit to you all.

Thanks once again for the fab pictures they are lovely- mind you we are biased, as we love the Austin cars.

Thanks again

Love June & Tim x

Next month's club night is our annual **Auction**. Please bring along anything, not necessarily car related, that you no longer have need for and Don, our resident auctioneer, will do his best to sell it for you. However, please do not bring anything of real value as you may not get what you want for it. If you wish, you may put a reserve on any item but make sure Don is aware of this before the auction starts. As always 10% of successful bids will go to club funds. You may of course see a few things you would like to bid for. It's always a lot of fun so come along and join in.

The next event is the **Nightjar** on the 17th November, for which many of you have offered help. If you are not involved with the organisation why not have a go, it is a great deal of fun. If any new members do not know what is involved but are interested in taking part then please contact me or Trevor. Alternatively you can visit the club web site www.nhaeg.org.uk where you will find full details and entry forms.

Finally, just a reminder that if you want any club clothing, I will be sending an order off immediately after the November club night, so if you want anything let me have your order form and cheque by then. Your next chance will probably not be until the New Year.

Safe and Happy Motoring,

Colin

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Quiz News

Don't forget to get your entries in, for the October quiz (*'We're Having (Another) Laugh!'*), **to Julie (Els)** by Friday 9th November.

This month the quiz has been devised by Sandra (Ryley), who, recently having a little spare time on her hands during recuperation from surgery, has put together a quiz based on *'Things to Do and Find in the Garden'*.

You have until Friday December 7th to get your entries in **to Sandra**. Please send them to her, together with your £1.00 entry 'fee', at:
'Gorse Bank', Hazeley Heath, Hook. RG27 8NA

Christmas Dinner 2012

Thank you all those who have given their names and handed in deposits (or, in some instances, full payment) for this year's Christmas Dinner, at the Downshire Golf Complex on Monday 3rd December.

This year it will be necessary to provide exact numbers to the Downshire, together with menu choices and to make full payment by the middle of November. Therefore, would those who have 'signed up' please let me have your choice of dishes – starter, main and dessert - from the menu published previously, but appearing again elsewhere in this Newsletter, together with the balance due, if any? As a reminder, those who've paid £5.00 (£10.00 per couple) deposit will need to forward a cheque for £16.75 (or £33.50 per couple). Please

make cheques payable, as usual, to 'NHAEG' and let me have these by, or at the next Club Night (Auction Evening) **at the very latest.**
If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Dinner please email me or give me a call. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

'Free Night at the 'New Inn' ~ 13th October

Those of us who took advantage of Tim and June's kind offer of B&B for the night, this year, owe our thanks to Colin (Greig) for making all the necessary arrangements for what proved to be a very pleasing experience. This, coupled with a Walking Rally in Old Basing, prior to evening, organised most effectively by Simon (Jocelyn) and Denise (Adams) and the short run, organised by Julie (Els), to Tylney Hall on the day following, to visit the grounds as part of the National Gardens Open Day initiative, made for a very full and varied weekend. Very many thanks to all concerned in making it so.

Nightjar 2012

At the time of writing we have 13 entries (12 historic and 1 modern) for this, our 37th Nightjar, which is being run on the 17th November.

If you're not actually involved in the organisation of the event in any way (and thanks to the many who are!) why not have a go? Or, if you feel it's really not your scene, maybe you know of someone who might be interested. Spread the word! That's it for the moment.

See you all at Auction Night – bring out your 'dead' (items/objects and what-have-you!). Until then

Safe motoring!

Trevor

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Christmas 2012

At Downshire Golf Complex

Starters

Celeriac & Pear Soup topped with Crisp Bacon Lardons and a soft White Cottage roll.

Duck & Port Pate, Homemade Red Onion Marmalade served with a Granary Knot.

Goat's Cheese and Caramelised Onion Tartlet on a bed of Baby Leaves with a Raspberry Dressing.

Smoked Salmon with Homemade Remoulade Sauce with a Granary Knot

Parma Ham with Leek and Grain Mustard Vinaigrette & Peppered Mozzarella served with Rosemary & Sea Salt Focaccia

Mains

Carvery main course

Herb Buttered Turkey Breast, Honey Roast Gammon & Mustard and Horseradish topped Roast Beef

Roast Potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnips, Carrot and Swede Mash, Cauliflower and Leek Cheese Gratin, Peas & Brussel Sprouts

Yorkshire Pudding, Pigs in Blankets & Sage Onion & Apricot Stuffing.

The Fish and Vegetarian option

Salmon Fillet with a White Wine & Dill Cream Sauce

Fennel & Chestnut Roast with Cranberry Relish

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Lemon Panacota Tart with a warm Winter Berry Compote and Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding with a Rich Toffee Sauce and Ice Cream

Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding with Rich Chocolate Sauce and Ice Cream

Black Cherry Cheesecake with a Kirsch Laced Black Cherry Coulis

Cheese and Biscuits with Spiced Fruit Chutney (£2.00 extra)

Followed by Coffee, Mints & Mince Pies

Don's Doodlings

As some of you already know, Dolly was admitted to hospital for major surgery. The reason for this is that Dolly at some time had suffered a nasty blow to her rear! The result was that she was unable to stand up straight. When Dolly arrived at hospital she was admitted immediately to the operating theatre where she was clamped down to a very heavy steel frame. The two surgeons, Mr. Terry and Mr. Cliff, assessed Dolly's alignment. The diagnosis was that Dolly had been damaged at some time and had had surgery carried out to a very poor standard. In fact, both surgeons agreed it was a bodged job.

When I returned to visit Dolly two days later, Mr. Terry and Mr. Cliff had removed her rearskin and all of her spine (ash). As you can imagine, this was a bit of a shock to me! She is now having some internal skin grafting and a new spine fitted and being re-aligned so that she can stand up straight again.

The two surgeons Mr. Terry and Mr. Cliff assured me that Dolly will make a full recovery and hopefully, be home soon.

Unfortunately, Dolly will not be at home for long as she is booked in to have cosmetic surgery and hopefully, she will not look out of place with the rest of her friends when she joins them next summer at a North Hampshire club night.

I have included some photographs of Dolly whilst under surgery but if you are in any way of a nervous disposition, please look away now!



Brooklands Run - New Year's Day 2013 - Save the date!

Some of you may recall that a few members took the opportunity to visit Brooklands on New Year's Day this year. We all agreed it was a great day out with a superb atmosphere and of course much to see from old cars to buses, motorcycles and aeroplanes, both in and around the excellent museum! I'm going to repeat the trip for 2013 and would be delighted if club members would like to come along! I have a detailed route that I can send to anyone that is interested, with a muster point at Squires Garden Centre Badshot Lea, (*it won't be open but conveniently they leave the car park accessible*). For now SAVE THE DATE and over the next couple of months let me know if you'd like to tag along. I realise that the group starting point may not suit everyone so please join us even if you prefer to start elsewhere - we did make a nice little convoy last year and it always seems more fun if we get a few proper cars out together!

Some details:

Start time at Squires will be 9:00am - this ensures we have a good chance of parking outside the Brooklands Club House

Squires is located on the Badshot Lea Road in Farnham GU9 9JX (you can take a look in Google maps)

Entry to Brooklands via the Campbell Gate for pre-war cars - this gets us inside the grounds
Entry is £10:00 per person, £9:00 if you qualify for senior citizen status!

Food is available but it's busy so you might consider a picnic!

Brooklands on Jan 1st 2012



Andy Seager

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

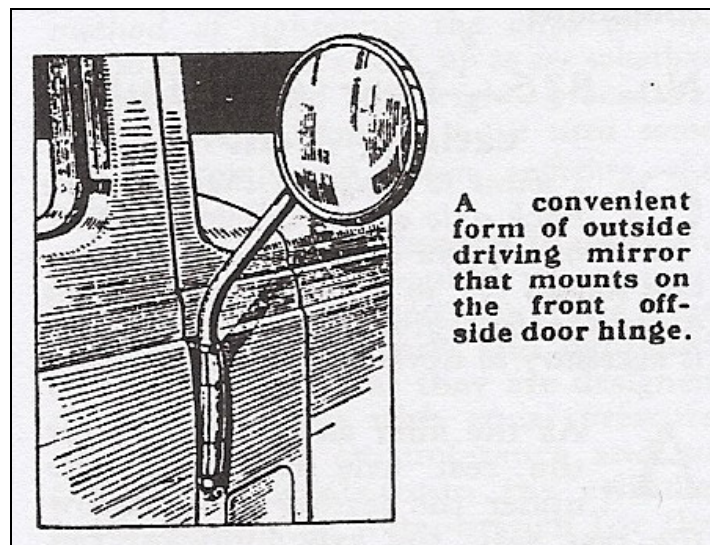
Some more “Queries of the Month”, these originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s. This month’s selection consists of No 834, Outside Mirror – Austin Twelve and No 841, Spare Wheel – Austin Seven.

No 834 appeared in November 1937 and No 841 in December 1937.

No 834 – Outside Mirror – Austin Twelve

Q. *Do you recommend the use of an outside mirror on the Austin Twelve? If so what position?*

A. Some drivers like to have an additional mirror outside the car which will give them a view of that portion of the road which, for the inside mirror, is obstructed by the rear quarter panel of the body.

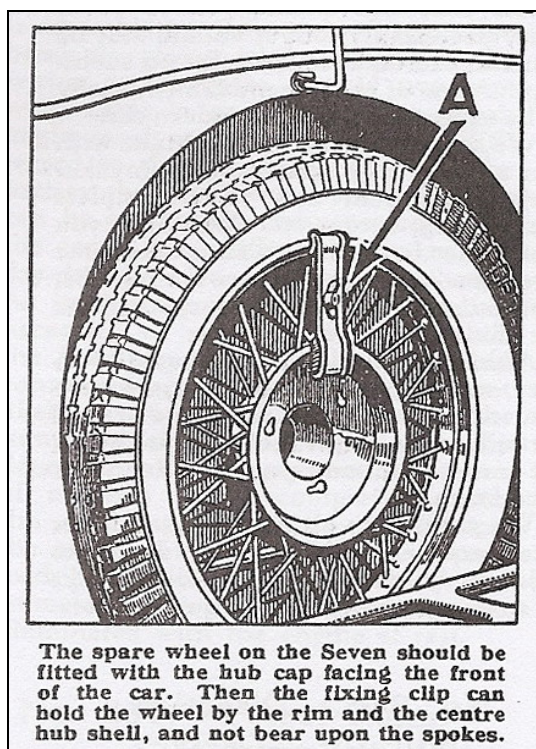


An outside mirror can either be mounted on the wing behind the off-side lamp or on the hinge of the driver’s door. When fitted in the latter position the post that supports the mirror sometimes replaces the hinge-pin, making a very convenient mounting. Your local Austin dealer should be able to supply a mirror of either type.

No 841 – Spare Wheel – Austin Seven

Q. *I am never satisfied unless all nuts and bolts are really tight, but the spare wheel on my Ruby saloon presents a problem. Unless the locking screw and plate are tight the wheel moves about in its housing, but when screwed well home the plate seriously distorts the two wheel spokes against which it bears.*

A. This is an instance of damage due to the spare wheel being wrongly housed after a hurried roadside change. It is essential that the spare wheel be placed in the rear compartment with the brake drum side of the hub exposed; the wheel clamp can then bear evenly on the rim and the brake drum can be screwed up tight.



If the wheel is replaced facing the wrong way, the clamp bears on one or perhaps two of the wire wheel spokes, and damage is easily caused.

The "Queries of the Month" are reproduced with the kind permission of the Austin Ten Drivers Club (ATDC)

I came across this small article in a motoring magazine from 1958, not much chance of any successful imports into the UK, our car industry leads the world!

THE CHALLENGE OF JAPAN

ONE of the surprise news items from last year's Paris Motor Show was the announcement that for the first time a Japanese car, the Skyline Prince, was on show. It is a four-door six-seater car with a 1,484 c.c. four-cylinder engine developing a top speed of 77 m.p.h., a brake horse power of 60 and capable of 38 m.p.g. It is priced at about £700 for a standard model and £930 for a de luxe version. The Japanese Government are reported to be heavily subsidising its manufacture in order to boost sales by undercutting prices. Other Japanese cars are in course of development. For example, the new Japanese midget, the Datsun, manufactured by the Nissau Automobile Company, is in full-scale production. Whether its price-cutting policy will be sufficient to foil import duties in the various countries in which it is proposed to compete remains to be seen, but Germany and Japan are knocking at our door—and the door of our customers.

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Andy Ranson

Things you do or find in the garden

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|----|--|--|-------|
| 1 | Overweight? Need to do this to the pounds | | (4) |
| 2 | Could these be rivers? | | (7) |
| 3 | Finger food laid out on this | | (6,5) |
| 4 | Move ancient burial ground | | (11) |
| 5 | “They’ll have the same as me”, said Mrs T. | | (10) |
| 6 | Where a partridge has perched | | (4,4) |
| 7 | Love apples? | | (8) |
| 8 | If Bindweed twists anti-clockwise, this goes clockwise | | (11) |
| 9 | Rotary, maybe, but not to dry clothes! | | (9) |
| 10 | Saint with a hologram | | (8) |
| 11 | Type of fine material that can display stripes? | | (4) |
| 12 | Posh name for excrement | | (6) |
| 13 | Lots with fifty in the middle | | (5) |
| 14 | Turn the earth twice over | | (6,3) |
| 15 | Get rid of stolen gems | | (5) |
| 16 | Avian parents might use this | | (4,3) |
| 17 | Product of Fred & Wilma | | (7) |
| 18 | N, P and K could be found in a recipe for this | | (5,4) |
| 19 | Where feathers are washed | | (4,4) |
| 20 | Between Bill and Ben | | (4) |

Please submit entries to Sandra Ryley at: ‘Gorse Bank’, Hazeley Heath, Hook, RG27 8NA, by Friday 7th December, including £1.00 towards prize(s). Thank you!

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

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| Nov 12 th | Auction | Don/Trevor/Colin |
| Dec 10 th | Christmas Fun Night (A-Z of Famous People) | Trevor/Jean |

2013

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Jan 14 th | AGM | Committee |
| Feb 11 th | TBA | TBA |
| March 11 th | TBA | TBA |
| April 8 th | Spring Airing | TBA |

Arranged by or details from

Events

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Oct 27 th | VSCC Autumn Sprint Meeting At Goodwood Free Admission | Colin for details or www.vsc.co.uk |
| Nov 4 th | London to Brighton Veteran Car Run | www.veterancarrun.com |
| Nov 17 th | 37th Nightjar | Nightjar Committee |
| Dec 3 rd | Christmas Dinner | Trevor/Jean |
| Dec 9 th | Christmas Lunch Tour (River Cruise) | Jean E |
| <u>2013</u> | | |
| Jan 1 st | New Years Day Gathering at Brooklands | Andy Seager or www.brooklandsmuseum.com |
| Feb 3 rd | VSCC Driving Tests at Brooklands | www.brooklandsmuseum.com |
| March 10 th | Morris/Austin Day at Brooklands Test Hill open for Morris and Austin cars | www.brooklandsmuseum.com |
| April 21 st | Drive it Day | TBA |
| May 19 th | Merrist Wood Summer Show | www.guildford.ac.uk for entry form from Feb 2013 |
| June 17 th -21 st | Holiday/Isle Of Wight | Trevor/Jean |

Events in **BOLD** are NHAEG events

Please let me have details of any events that our members might be interested in. Colin