



Club Meetings

Club meetings are held at :

THE NEW INN HECKFIELD, HOOK, HAMPSHIRE, RG27 0LE

Meetings during the winter months will commence at 12 noon on the second Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 13th November**

Please note there will be **no** club meeting on Monday 11th Dec

Club Events

Nov 13th Auction meeting

Dec 10th Christmas Lunch

Other Events – 2023 (Please check before going)

Blackbushe Car Meet – last Sunday of each month

Fleet Classic car club – Wednesday evenings at Tweseldown pub, Beacon Hill Road

Nightjar – 11th Nov

2024 Membership

It's that time of year again when as Membership secretary I shall be requesting your £10 subscription which is due by 31st December 2023 for those Members rejoining the Club. Any subs not paid by the cutoff date may result in your Membership being cancelled.



Members that have recently joined the NHAEG and paid membership fees during October or November 2023 shall be entitled to membership for the following year and do not need to pay a subscription for 2024.

If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2024 we are sorry to see you go, but it would be helpful if you could send an email to nhaegmembership@gmail.com just to confirm this.

PAYMENT METHODS AVAILABLE

Some members have reported problems when trying to make online payments to the club, particularly around the account holder name which some of the banks suggest does match the sort code / account number details, this is the banks way of helping to prevent fraudulent transactions. The clubs account details are as follows:

Account Name: North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group
Sort Code: 09-01-54
Account Number: 8006 6086
Reference: Subs 24 [surname]

There may be some instances where the bank will restrict the number of characters you can enter for the account name. In this case use NHAEG and it should work, but the bank may warn you that this account name is not recognised. However, as long as you have entered the correct sort code and account number as above, payment will still come through to the club.

Please also drop me an email at nhaegmembership@gmail.com just to confirm payment has been made by bank transfer. This is because membership records are held separately from financials.

Alternatively payment may be made in cash at the November or December Club events. Please put the money in an envelope **marked with your name**.

Start Times of Club Meetings

Following comments by some club members at recent meetings, it should be noted that if the scheduled 'assembly' time is 7pm, then the event (such as a quiz or speaker) will start at 8pm, thus allowing for chats / meals beforehand. Similarly for midday meetings any arranged activity will commence 1 hour after the scheduled 'assembly' time, (e.g. the auction will start at 1pm.)

Christmas Lunch

Please do not forget that the final payment for the upcoming Christmas lunch is due by Friday 10th November. Menu choices must also be returned to Andrew at : barkerhammer@hotmail.co.uk

For those who have provided the £10 per person deposit the final payment amount is £28.50 per person. The preferred method of payment is directly into the clubs bank account:

Account name: North Hants Austin Enthusiasts Group (you may also use NHAEG)

Sort code: 09-01-54

Account number: 8006 6086

Reference: Xmas 23 [SURNAME]

For other methods of payment please refer to Andrews email.

Club Auction

Please come along to our Auction Extravaganza on Monday 13th November. The auction will start at 1pm. Any item can be placed in the auction (not just Austin 7 parts), but bids are usually just a nominal amount. Bidding normally starts at 50p so don't bring along family treasures!

Please bring sale items in a box/bag identified with your name, items may also be marked with a reserve price but this **MUST** be clearly be marked.

Note that as per previous auctions, 10% of the sale price will go towards club funds.

AGM

The AGM will be held in January but separately from the normal club meeting. Members will be canvassed on the auction day to decide if the AGM should be held during the day or in the evening (some members still work !).

Ideally a dedicated room will be found in which to hold the AGM but arrangements will depend on the date and time agreed.

2024 Events



Don B has provided an excellent list of possible future events / trips which will be circulated at the club auction and promoted again at the Xmas lunch. Additionally a copy will be emailed out to all members. The committee need to assess the level of interest at this stage and gather all feedback by the date of the AGM before firming up arrangements.

The Saga of Eustace

(From a letter written in May 1987 and published in the Magazine of The Austin Seven)

We really had a great time with our chummy. We bought it second or third hand in June 1935 for the grand sum of £24 or thereabouts from a used car dealer. We did our best to smarten it up but sadly no amount of wax polishing could raise a shine on the body and no amount of scrubbing could make the yellowing side screens more transparent. We christened it "Eustace" and set off at weekends and evenings for trips around the countryside using ROP or Dominion petrol at one shilling and 1d per gallon.

When I think of some of the things we did, we both go cold, but then when one is just 20 and the traffic was not so heavy, some events can be amusing. Such as driving through the newly opened Mersey tunnel; it was opened on a Wednesday and we went through the following Sunday with only three cylinders firing. The plugs oiled up regularly, and caused many a roadside halt. The plugs had to be washed with petrol and then set alight with a match before proceeding on again for a further 50 miles or so, and repeating the performance.

Another time we failed to stop at a crossroads when the policeman put out his arm and we just sailed under it, this happened at Queensferry in Wales but the arm of the law was understanding and we went on our way.

We took "Eustace" up all sorts of narrow lanes in Wales, and one time found ourselves on a steep and narrow track leading down to the valley. Not only was the track steep but it had a decided lean to port. Being low on fuel the gravity fed carb was getting no petrol and owing to the list to port we were unable to restart the engine, the brakes were applied with only partial success and one of us was obliged to take up station at the rear of the vehicle and hold it back with as much strength as could be mustered. We eventually reached the valley floor, made a cup of tea, and recovered.

All sorts of things seemed to happen until finally we were coming through Macclesfield and somehow joined a procession and led it through the town until we managed to turn off. Soon after there was a terrible clanking on the road behind us, and we found "Eustace" had shed half a leaf spring. On examination we discovered that only one leaf now remained. We managed to get home to Liverpool, the steering having fits of jitters at any speed over 30. We realised that our happy days of motoring in our old Austin 7 Chummy were over and it was towed away to a scrap yard in 1936. Our next car came after the war.

Stay safe
NHAEG Committee