

Club Meetings

10th November - @ New Inn. 1pm but please arrive earlier if you wish to have a meal.

8th Dec – cancelled (because the Christmas lunch will be held on the preceding day).

NHAEG events - Club runs

12th Oct – Our road run started at the New Inn about 10:30 and then to the West Berkshire brewery for lunch and refreshments. Initially 12 people were booked in for the run, but another 3 couples turned up at the restaurant. Fortunately this was not a problem and we were all well catered for. (Note the brewery has now changed hands and is called Renegade). Thanks to Andrew Barker for making the arrangements and for the route.





The SW 660 Route

For those not on Facebook, here is a summary of Alan P's gallant journey in his A7 with his brother.

Day 1 Friday. This did not bode well because I had to change a spark plug less than a mile from home due to a mis-fire. Fleet to Illminster 138 miles.

Day 2 Newquay via St.Agnes (where Gwendoline broke down two years ago) 148 miles. Shorter distances from now.

Day 3 of the adventure. Newquay to Bideford. All going well until the hamlet of Crackington Haven when little Gwen suffered an asthma attack, coughing and spluttering. Water bubbling out of spark plug 3. Head gasket blowing. An elderly gentlemen was watching us and he previously owned an Austin 10 and said that he had loads of tools in his garage, just a couple of hundred yards away. We limped there and supplied with bowls to catch the coolant and his Whitworth socket set we whipped off the head and fitted the spare head gasket. (Phew, was glad that I had a spare) 30 minutes later we were on our way to our 3rd stop at Bideford and a very welcome beer. Photo of Nev, our saviour, also called Alan, and me.



Day 4. 83 tortuous miles Bideford to Lynton. Some STEEP hills, Nev had to walk up one. There was a tricky hairpin that had to be tackled pedal to the metal in first gear, but she got there. When she first stalled up the hill, I had stopped on a pile of horses poo, when I tried to get away the only thing that happened was the wheel spun on the poo, luckily Nev was not standing directly behind as we sprayed dung. 🤢 Now at our overnight break at The Valley of the Rocks Hotel Lynton. Photo of Gwendoline at the Valley of the rocks.

Day 5. We reached the end of the South West 660 at Watchet in Somerset. Now heading home, via the last over night stop at Ilminster. It was all going so well, until 6 miles from our final overnight stay when there was a loud bang and Gwendoline's engine seized. We did manage to get her into neutral and roll off the carriageway into a field opening. Thanks to RH insurance the breakdown recovery worked well and we are safely home awaiting further investigation. A sad ending, but my brother and I had a great time and met some lovely people.



Update 28th October –

I think we can see what the problem is, and this may mean a replacement engine?



2026 Membership Fees

Despite rising costs, the club is now being charged an account fee by the bank, and the reduced income from the raffle, the committee has decided to maintain the membership fee at £10 per annum. Separate instructions on how to make your payment will be sent out shortly.

New Member

Please welcome Andrew and Jane McLaren at our next club meeting and make yourself known to them. Andrew has some interesting cars so that should start the conversation.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you all for making payments promptly. We now have 35 guests for the lunch on Sunday 7th December. Members who are attending the lunch will shortly receive the menu and will be asked to indicate their menu choices.

Committee Vacancy

Andrew B has said that he wishes to hand over the role of Treasurer at the end of the year. The committee is therefore looking for a volunteer to take over from Andrew. This role is not onerous

and should only take a few hours per month. If you would like further details please form an orderly queue and contact Andrew at the next club meeting.

Stay safe
NHAEG Committee