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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

I must say that although I am absolutely useless at any sort of needlework, I did really enjoy the Wessex Embroidery club night, so ably put on by our own Ann Butcher. Thank you Ann, I did learn a lot, even though I had a job to see the holes themselves! I can at least make "flies" or maybe they did look more like budgies' feet! Marlene and I made a joint effort and I think Marlene was better at the diamonds. Well done Dave Holland for joining us! Although I did hear a lot of groaning from him, I think his embroidery was far better than mine!

Marlene and I also thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Basildon House even though we went in the modern and not Chummy. This was mainly because the weather was so changeable and also Don really wanted to take the battery from Chummy, to Beaulieu! (It's a long story!).

Did you know... (I'm sure you do but I will tell you anyway) ... the first Man in Britain to pass the newly introduced driving test in 1935 was...a Mr. Bean!

Maureen

Chairmans Corner

The September Club night was a workshop in Cross Stitch organised and led by our seamstress extraordinaire, Anne Butcher and my understanding is that the ladies and gentleman that took part thoroughly enjoyed it, our thanks to Anne for all her hard work.

There were several events taking place during the month and the feedback I have received from the ones that I did not attend has been favourable. One I did go to was the West London Aero Club Members Day at White Waltham which was excellent. As well as a wide array of cars the flying displays of old aircraft was superb and the few of us that went had a good day. The other was the visit to Basildon House and what a surprise package this turned out to be. The initial impression of the house from the outside is one of blandness and austerity. However, when inside it transforms into a treasure of rooms with all of their furnishings and furniture in very good condition. Because the day was a Heritage Day they had put on little playlets in various rooms acted out by the local amateur dramatic society and a display of

clothing by the Horrockses company. We will end this month with our trip to Witney to visit the Brakspear Brewery which I am looking forward to.

A reminder about the free night at the New Inn on **October22nd.**

This will take the form of meeting up at the New Inn at approx.10.15 am where coffee will be provided. We will then depart to our destination where we will park up in a public car park (you will need £1.50 for the machine). We will then take a short walk to our lunch stop in a local hotel. (a menu will be circulated at the October club night to enable me to pre-book your choices). After lunch we will embark on a gentle walking tour which will last approx. 2 hours after which we will return to the New Inn in readiness for the evening.

At this time what I need most is confirmation that all of you who said you are coming, will be coming and whether any of you will not be taking part in the day time activity.

John

COLINS COMMENTS

There were a fair number of NHAEG members at the **Littlewick Show**, which was as good as usual, even the weather played its part remaining dry all day despite the forecast. We all started the day at Don and Maureen's who kindly supplied us with coffee and delicious bacon butties before setting off in convoy to the show, many thanks to them. Peter and Pauline's Austin 7 got a second in class, so well done to them.

The following weekend I, along with John (Chad) went in Arabella with Don and Brian (Grant) who were in Chummy to the **West London Aero Club Members Day** having driven there in convoy from Barkham with the Barkham and District Classic Car Club. Also there from the NHAEG, having made their own way were John and Joan in their Austin 7. It was an excellent day with a very large number of cars on show ranging from the latest Ferraris, Alfa Romeos and Aston Martins, back through the ages to a 1903 Stanley Steamer.

The main purpose of the day however was the flying displays that started off with model planes, which were amazing. The main event then followed with a variety of planes doing their bit, the biggest attraction being a display by a Spitfire, which got everyone out of the bar.

A very good day and worth other members thinking about next year if we get an invite.

On **Heritage Day** 10th September a group of NHAEG members displayed their cars at **Basildon Park**, which caused quite a bit of interest to members of the public. It was a very enjoyable day with plenty of interesting things to see in the house. Many thanks to Trevor for organising the day.

I have received the following email, which may be of interest to some of you. I am not able to put it in the Parts & Services Directory, as entries in that are strictly recommendations from members. However if anyone should use this company and wish to recommend them then it can be added. You will note that they are offering **15% discount** if you mention the NHAEG, might be a good idea to show your membership card.

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Many thanks

*Martin Woodroffe
Works Manager*

I am sending this to Maureen early this month as Ann and I are moving very shortly, by the time you read this we should be in our new home.

Safe and Happy Motoring.

Colin.

Secretary's Scribblings

Quiz News

August – 'Below the Surface': This one eventually attracted a record nine entries, two of them all correct. Winners were John (Chad), our Chairman and, unsurprisingly of course, Malcolm and Sandra (Ryley) to whom prizes of the liquid kind were awarded! Congratulations to all of them! Let's hope that the September Quiz, on the same theme, produces a similar crop of entries. You have until October 7th to get these in.

October - 'The Happiest Days of your Life': This one will test how far back your memory can go back since it involves recalling objects, subjects or persons etc., that could (or can still even) be found in schools, from infant to adult.

Please submit entries by Friday 11th November, including, of course, £1.00 towards prize(s).

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36th Nightjar - 19th November 2011

Following last months appeal we now have the six couples/pairs needed to man, (or, in such PC regulated times, should this be) *staff* each of the 6 control points.

Many thanks to those who responded to the plea. Without such support it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to stage this popular event.

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Heritage Day - Basildon Park - 10th September

Although forecasted weather for the day in question wasn't too promising and despite one or two prior 'cancellations' a modest number of members turned up for this event, seven in 'historics', the sight of which, all lined up on the grass in front of the main building, added noticeably to other attractions planned jointly by Heritage and the National Trust.

Inside the house, which, to a considerable extent, reflects the 50's in style and decor, various activities had been arranged purporting to be those in progress for a dinner party supposedly to take place that very evening. Such sketches were enacted, in various rooms, by members of the Newbury Dramatic Society and somehow brought the house to life in a manner not normally encountered in or associated with NT properties. Although the rain did close in a little later in the afternoon this did not manage to spoil the event and the short drive home was uneventful for all of those who enjoyed the day out.



The line-up at Basildon Park

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Golden Piston Relay

Unfortunately, the plea, last month, for a volunteer (or volunteers even), when the time is right, to drive up to meet with the representative of the preceding PWA7C Centre to take possession of the Golden Piston Relay has not, thus far, elicited any kind of response.

For any number of reasons, the request perhaps has been overlooked and/or hasn't been fully noted. Please do take a look back again at September's Newsletter and read through, again, the piece concerning the above initiative, to give some thought to it. I am sure that there must be *some* interest and that we surely won't want to be embarrassed by a total lack of support for something which is intended to be another feature of the raft of activities planned to celebrate the 90th birthday of the little vehicle we all love so much!

Christmas Dinner – Monday, December 5th

We have been advised that the menu for this function is on its way to us as I write this article, although, due to the fact that Jean and I are imminently departing on a fortnight's island hopping in the Canaries, it is feared that it may not arrive in time for inclusion in October's Newsletter. However, I will forward a copy to all members immediately on our return.

What *is* confirmed is the cost, which remains at (especially for us apparently!) **£21.50** per head, which, it surely must be agreed, is very good value for what has always been a superb and delicious meal, excellently served.

When sending out the menu I shall be asking for a deposit of £10.00 per person (or full payment if preferred) from anyone who is interested in attending this popular function and I would strongly urge all who wish to do so to get their names and payment, partial or otherwise, into me soonest without delay to avoid disappointment.

Please make cheques payable to "NHAEG" as usual.

We shall be having the usual free raffle and, with good food, pleasant surroundings and excellent company, a great time can be guaranteed for all.

"Now what on earth can this be???"

As is generally the case at this time of the year, the topic of what activities and events to add to our calendar for next year was discussed and one suggestion made was to devote, provisionally, next March's Club Night, to a 'Guess What This Item Is' challenge. In order for this to work and provide a unique and interesting evening's entertainment it's necessary to canvass members to solicit their assistance insofar as the puzzle items are concerned. Amongst the Committee itself one or two items, which should prove a little baffling, have already been offered but clearly several more need to be made available for a useful collection of mystery material to be garnered.

If you think you have something lying around which you think is sufficiently obscure and might serve the purpose concerned please get in touch with Committee member Phil (Dunford) on 01252 716387 but, of course, do not disclose what it is – if, in fact, you happen to know this.

Just keep the item handy and, providing a sufficient number of items are forthcoming, Phil will coordinate matters in due course.

Help for Heroes – 2011 collections

As the last quarter of the year approaches Jean, our Treasurer, asks that any monies collected in aid of H4H, on behalf of the Club, at rallies, on runs and during other activities throughout 2011, are forwarded to her, in order that these may be consolidated into one single donation to be sent on to that charity before year's end. It would be greatly appreciated if she could have these **by November 30th**, at the latest.

Two cheques, to the value of £479.86, have already been sent to the charity, earlier in the year, in memory of Trevor Wild and a further £162.83 is currently held on account, earmarked for H4H.

Grateful thanks go to everyone who has encouraged contributions towards this worthy cause by displaying collecting tins on their vehicles, as and when the opportunity has arisen and for other initiatives aimed at swelling the total amount of our H4H donations this year.

That's all for now. Don't forget to get your names in pronto for the Christmas Dinner! Wouldn't want you to miss out!

Trevor

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

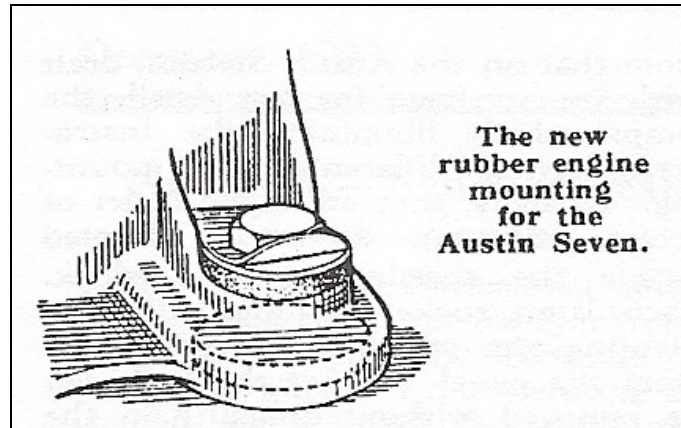
Some more "Queries of the Month", these originally appeared in "The Austin Magazine & Advocate" during the 1930s and 1940s. This month's selection consists of No 533 Rubber Engine Mountings – Austin Seven, No 925 Petrol Gauge – Austin Ten and No 933 Decarbonising – Austin Seven.

No 533 appeared in October 1933, No 925 appeared in March 1939 and 933 appeared in May 1939.

No 533 – Rubber Engine Mountings – Austin Seven

Q. *I am informed that the Austin Seven now has rubber mountings for the engine, but cannot discover any confirmation of this fact in the new Austin catalogue in my possession. Perhaps you will advise me if this is so, as I am thinking of buying a new car and this is a feature which rather appeals to me.*

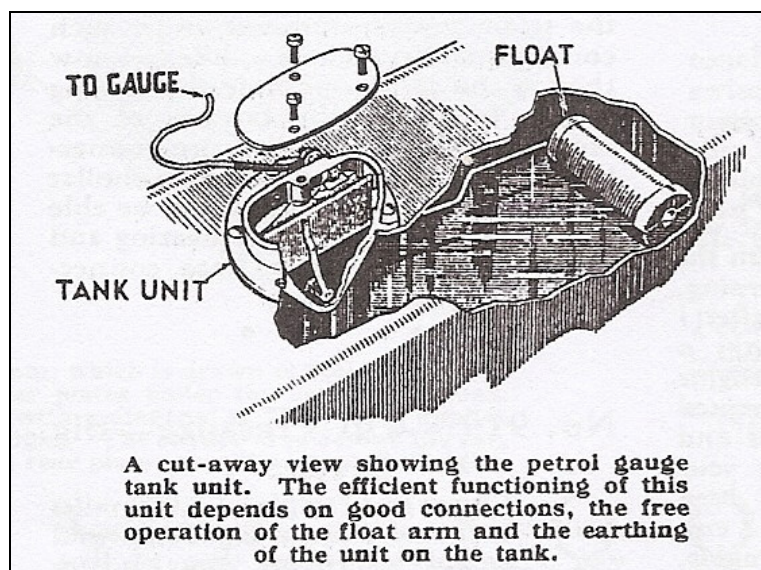
A. Your information is quite correct. All Austin Seven cars now incorporate rubber mountings for the engine, which insulate the frame from vibration, and make for more pleasant driving at all speeds.



Incidentally, the performance of the Seven engine has also been improved by a new cylinder head giving an increase of compression ratio.

No 925 – Petrol Gauge – Austin Ten

Q. *The petrol gauge of my Austin Ten (ETO 643) has been causing me a little trouble. Recently the needle registered about a quarter full and then suddenly jumped to full. On switching the ignition off, then on again, the needle remained dead. I have made various attempts to trace the trouble which now seems to arise from the petrol tank. Is it essential to remove the tank to reach the mechanism or is there an alternative method?*



A. From your description of the trouble you are experiencing with the petrol gauge of your car, the symptoms certainly point to a faulty petrol tank gauge unit. Possibly one of the wires in the unit is broken or it is not earthing properly on the tank. As it will be necessary to dismount the petrol tank to gain access to this unit you should exhaust all other possible causes of the trouble first. Points to investigate are the petrol gauge itself, and the connecting wires from the tank unit to the gauge.

No 933 – Decarbonising – Austin Seven

Q. *I am the owner of a 1935 Austin Seven and should like to know just how often it should be decarbonised, I have been having this job done every 6,000 – 7,000 miles. Is this sufficient?*

A. A new car should first be decarbonised after approximately 2,000 miles have been covered, but after that the circumstances of the individual cars vary to a considerable extent. A car that uses much oil will require decarbonising more often than one that uses little, but as a rough average we consider 5,000 – 6,000 miles is a satisfactory distance before decarbonising need be contemplated. Of course, as the car becomes older and the oil consumption increases, more frequent decarbonising may be necessary, but we think that your figure of 6,000 – 7,000 miles should be fairly satisfactory if your oil consumption is reasonably low. In any event, as the mileage since the previous decarbonising increases, you should occasionally give consideration as to when the next attention may be required. If the engine begins to pull badly, has a tendency to overheat, and “pink,” and compression is uneven as between cylinders, decarbonising and valve grinding-in can be taken as due.

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

Some More Old Advertisements

A selection of cars from April 1939, 3 new and 1 used. My choice is between the Lancia Aprilia and the BSA Scout, however, you could have bought nearly 3 BSA Scouts for the price of a Lancia Aprilia in 1939!

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Please note Colin's change of telephone number and e-mail address.

SORN Problem

Your pride and joy is in need of restoration so you have it SORN'd while it is off the road and tucked up in your workshop. However, you decide that some of the bodywork requires the attention of an off-site expert so you load it onto an open trailer and trundle off to him (or her), which is quite legal.

A little later you receive a notice and a heavy fine because your moving SORN'd vehicle has been recorded by a roadside number plate reader and the DVLA computer assumes it is being driven on the road without tax or insurance. This leaves you with the task of proving it was not in use on the road.

So, if you trailer your car, ensure that the number plates are completely covered by an opaque material or better still removed from the body.

This is almost a hypothetical tale!

George Ewart

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

<u>Club Nights</u>		<u>Arranged By</u>
October 10th	Talk on Guns by Peter Gillet	John Hancock
November 14th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
December 12th	Festive Fun	TBA

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January 9th	AGM	Committee
February 13th	TBA	
March 12th	TBA	
April	Spring Airing	

Events

Sept 24th	Visit to Brakspear Brewery and nights stay in Witney. <u>All places now taken.</u>	Don/Maureen
<u>October 1st</u>	Bill Boddy Tribute Day at Brooklands The man who started the 750MC and saved Brooklands.	www.brooklandsmuseum.com for more details
<u>October 15th</u>	Autumn Motor Sport Day Competition cars on the Test Hill and on the Mercedes-Benz track.	www.brooklandsmuseum.com for more details.
* <u>October 22nd</u>	Free night at 'The New Inn' Details of activities during the day TBA	John C. for details and booking a room. <u>All rooms now taken</u>
November 19th	36 th Nightjar Rally / Entry forms from Trevor	Nightjar Committee
December 5th	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/ Jean
December 8th	Old Tyme Players Christmas Special	Jean

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January 29th	VSCC Driving Tests at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
19 th May	Bearwood Classic Car Show	TBA
19 th -24 th July	Trip to Leamington Spa. A7 90 th Anniversary <u>All places now taken.</u>	Don/Maureen

October 2011 Quiz 0 "The Happiest Days of your Life"

All answers refer to objects, subjects or persons (both modern and in the past) associated with schooling, from infant to adult education. Please submit entries by November 11th to the address shown below. Don't forget to enclose £1.00 towards the prize(s).

1. Essential to see in all schools _ _ _ _ _ (6)
2. This keeps a student warm _ _ _ _ _ (6)
3. Sounds like a window ledge for a writing instrument _ _ _ _ _ (6)
4. Model of car for senior student? _ _ _ _ _ (7)
5. Type of exam for witches? _ _ _ _ _ (8,4)
6. This person obeys Health and Safety _ _ _ _ _ (9)
7. Past morning? _ _ _ _ _ (4)
8. When one can talk in class? _ _ _ _ _ (6,3)
9. Is this paid to let one make a noise? _ _ _ _ _ (6,5)
10. A piece of wooden mathematical furniture? _ _ _ _ _ (3,5)
11. Do these serve drinks in a gym? _ _ _ _ _ (4,4)
12. Members of staff fond of whisky? _ _ _ _ _ (8)
13. Swedish pop stars' oath for an old counter _ _ _ _ _ (6)
14. Sounds as though only boys wear these for PE! _ _ _ _ _ (3,5)
15. Are the names of bad students put here? _ _ _ _ _ (10)
16. No one is posh in here! _ _ _ _ _ (6,4)
17. Used to measure length of a frozen puddle? _ _ _ _ _ (5,4)
18. Is this used by the Head to produce guide lines? _ _ _ _ _ (5)
19. Worn by lecturer in building subjects? _ _ _ _ _ (6,5)
20. A school get-together? _ _ _ _ _ (8)

Please forward entries to: Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne, Berkshire. RG45 6EF.