NORTH HAMPSHIRE AUSTIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP Founded 1974

Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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<u>Please let me have any articles for the newsletter by the 22nd of</u> the month , on a WORD DOCUMENT attached to an e-mail.

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

Mo's Mutterings



How lovely is this?

Hanging basket won by Julie Els at our fuchsia evening club night.

Well nurtured Julie!

Many thanks to all who have sent articles for the newsletter this month. If anyone has anything they may think interesting to other club members, please send it to me and I will put it in our October newsletter.

Maureen

Chairmans Corner

The August Club night saw members taking part in a Walking Rally organised by Jean & Trevor Edwards, a scenic drive to Hartney Witney then a search for lots of devious clues before returning to the New Inn. The winners were the Butcher family so congratulations to them and many thanks to Trevor & Jean.

Due to circumstances beyond my control I have been unable to attend any of the planned events with the exception of the Classic Vehicle day held at the Frog & Wicket Eversley, I saw several other members there who were all enjoying the wide display of vehicles and the general atmosphere of the day, including dodging the rain.

As the month draws to a close there is still one event left, which is the Littlewick Show on Bank Holiday Monday so lets hope the weather improves and a good time is had by all.

At the last club night I had to announce that the date for the free night at the New Inn had changed again, this time not down to me but at the request of Tim the landlord. The new date is confirmed as **October 22nd**. This may enable some of you to now attend as the last date did prove difficult for at least two couples. There are still 4 rooms available so please contact me if you are interested, as I will have to close the list at the September club night in fairness to the Pub.

John

Secretary's Scribblings

Ouiz News

August's Quiz, 'Below the Surface', has generated only very few entries so far but you do have until Friday 9th September, though, to get yours in, so get thinking!

September's Quiz is more of the same – but possibly a little more challenging. Entries, together with £1.00 towards prize(s), in by October 7th please!

36th Nightjar - 19th November 2011

This is a further plea for volunteers to act as marshals for the above event since the response, following last month's solicitation was somewhat 'underwhelming'! Some time back a request was made for volunteers to act as Marshals for this event and a number of members responded – positively - but more are needed.

We really are trying to fill the requirements for the 12 marshals needed, at 6 manned locations, from within the club membership if at all possible. If you would like to help make this happen and can offer your services marshalling on the evening in question, *please* get back to me, or any Committee member? This is the foremost event in our motoring calendar, attracting entries from a wide area and support is vital to ensure its continuing appeal and success.

Heritage Day - Basildon Park - 10th September

We now have a fair sprinkling of vehicles (and occupants!) intending to turn up at Basildon Park, just north of Reading, for the Heritage Day event there on 10th September but if there is anyone else, not going to Beaulieu that weekend, who would like to join us please get in touch with me, soonest, to confirm. The house, gardens and grounds will be open to everyone, free of charge, whether National Trust members or not, and are well worth a visit, either to relax and perhaps picnic, burn off some energy on the parkland trails, or simply to inspect all that the house itself has to offer, including, this year, the newly opened 1950's kitchen.

Golden Piston Relay - Advance Information

It will not have escaped the notice of many that next year will be the 90th Anniversary ('Birthday') of the Austin Seven, which was introduced in July 1922. Several events and initiatives are being planned, by various clubs and groups, to mark this milestone including, of course, the 3-day gathering, being organised by the A7CA, scheduled to take place at Warwick School in June 2012 and with which those of us going on the club's annual (and coincidental) trip to that part of the country will have some involvement.

Another activity, this one being orchestrated by the PWA7C (Prewar Austin Seven Club), which, as it happens, will be celebrating *its* 50th Anniversary in 2012, is something entitled the *2012 Golden Piston Relay*.

The concept is rather similar to one carried out by the Austin Ten Drivers' Club a couple of years or so back but instead of a scroll being passed around from centre to centre, in this instance an Austin Seven piston and con-rod assembly has been impressively plated and suitably mounted in a box. The intention is for this to be accompanied with a 'logbook', containing a number of pre-printed loose A4 pages providing ample space for printed or hand-written entries to be made or photographs inserted. This and the Trophy will then be passed around from centre to centre and their progress tracked by Nigel Hancock (PWA7C) who is overseeing the entire exercise.

Originally, it was envisaged that the relay would cover most of the UK. However, since most of the recognised groups are in 'middle England' this was later recognised as being rather unrealistic. Hence some 12 centres, including ours (NHAEG), are now in the frame. The proposed running order and time-frames when the trophy etc. is expected to be with each centre indicates that it should/could be with us some time in February 2012.

Here's the bottom line! Whenever the time is right for us to receive the trophy a volunteer (or volunteers even) will be needed to travel, in an <u>Austin 7</u> of course, to meet up with the person(s), from the preceding centre, (possibly Staffordshire or Birmingham) delivering it to us. In view of the considerable distance, inevitably existing between the other 11 centres, (all Midlands or Northern based) and ourselves, it has been agreed that we would adopt this approach to minimise or at least share the 'pain' of a lengthy drive having to be conducted under what, could - but hopefully will not be - inclement conditions at that time of the year.

Therefore, if anyone feels that they would be prepared to undertake the role of 'relay runner' some time early next year please do let me know. Naturally, there's no obligation, but it would be good to have a name or two ready, in principle, for whenever we 'receive the call'. The trophy commenced its travels at this year's Autokarna in Nottingham, in June, so is now well on its way. According to the originally proposed schedule it should be with the North West group this month and possibly may make better progress than initially envisaged. However, the winter months also could well slow things down and the schedule will change as a result. Periodically Nigel will keep us informed and I will pass this on to our members as and when his input is received.

Meanwhile, please give this issue some thought and let me know if you're interested in helping to support the *Golden Piston Relay* initiative in due course.

Fingers crossed for a few more days/(weeks?) of decent weather during which we can all enjoy an outing or two before the summer can be considered done and dusted!

Trevor

COLINS COMMENTS

All members with internet connection should have received an email from me regarding **NHAEG Embroidered Clothing**. For those who do not, we have now got a catalogue of all the clothing we can provide with the club logo, which has been put together for us by Phil Dunford. If you did not receive my email please contact me and I will send it again.

In future I will have copies of the catalogue as well as order forms with me at club nights and events so if you require anything come and see me. Please note however that <u>I can only accept cheques as payment.</u> Those who have received the catalogue and order forms by email can post an order to me with the cheque.

A welcome addition to the range is the **Lady Fit Polo Shirt**, much the same as the Penthouse Polo Shirt but styled for ladies. It is available in 8 colours at the very reasonable price of £15.

Be proud of your club and wear a garment with the NHAEG logo on. They are all great value for money. They also make good Birthday and Christmas presents.

Ann and I have been out in Arabella quite a bit during August including the 'Classic Car Day at the Frog and Wicket', Eversley. This is the second year they have run this event and there were quite an assortment of cars to look at, they also do an excellent Sunday lunch. Also there from the NHAEG were Don and Maureen, John C and John and Joan. It is well worth a visit if they run it again next year.

There are quite a number of events coming up this month. The 'Littlewick Show' is on Bank Holiday Monday and on the following Saturday, 3rd September there are two events. 'The Longparish Fete' details of which were in the March newsletter or can be obtained from Trevor and also 'The West London Aero Club Members Day' at White Waltham Airfield, details of which were emailed by Trevor to all members on the 2nd August.

The following weekend there are events on both days, on the Saturday, 10th September, the **NHAEG** is putting on a show of cars for '**Heritage Day at Basildon Park**' details have been sent to all members by Trevor and hopefully we will have a good show of cars, if you want to go and have not already done so then give your name to Trevor now. On the Sunday, 11th September, we have been invited by the Barkham and District Classic Car Club to join them for '**Heritage Day at Bramshill Mansion**' I emailed details of this event to all members on 14th August and who to contact if you wish to go. This weekend there is also the '**Beaulieu Autojumble'**, for details go to **www.beaulieu.co.uk**

On Sunday 18th September there is the 'Classic Vehicle Show' at the Rural Life Centre, Tilford, details in last months newsletter or from Trevor. On the following weekend 24th and 25th September at The Rural Life Centre there is a 'Steam and Vintage Weekend' Also this weekend is the 'Visit to the Brakspear Brewery' organised by Don and Maureen, unfortunately all places for this have now been taken.

Quite a choice of things to do, whatever you do have fun.

Safe and Happy Motoring,

Colin.

Olde Tyme Christmas Special The New Forest 8 December 2011

Payment, of £42.00 per person, for this trip, <u>is due by the</u> 4th October 2011 - cheques made payable to 'N.H.A.E.G.' and forwarded, please, to:

Jean Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berkshire RG45 6EF.

The price includes a 2 course Christmas lunch, the entertainment (variety show) and followed, later, with a cream tea. Last year it was truly excellent which is the reason we have booked to go again

The undermentioned persons are already booked to go on the trip but there are two places left if anyone else would like to join us, so please get back to me if this is the case.

Colin and Ann Greig

Don and Maureen Breakspear

Hazel and Dave Holland

Jenny and Peter Gillespie-Brown

Trevor and Jean Edwards

Peter and Pauline Barlow
Trevor and Ginny King
Ruth and George Ewart
Ann and Tim Proctor

Thank you!

Jean Edwards (01344 775012)

Don's Doodlings

On Sunday morning, I was out of bed nice and early as the sun was shining. I thought it would be good to wash Queenie and Chummy ready for Littlewick Show tomorrow. Yes, you guessed it, I managed to wash Chummy and put her back in the garage and then wheeled Queenie out and of course, down came the rain!

Fortunately, it was around lunchtime and Maureen was doing a trial run on the bacon butties in preparation for tomorrow morning when hopefully, all those who are going to Littlewick Show will be calling in for coffee and bacon butties. I had two of the trial run butties for lunch and they were very nice too!

Things are moving along with the top-hat restoration (Dolly) with parts being cleaned and put away safely until wanted. The trouble is they are put away so safely I forget where I have put them!

As I sit here writing, the rain has stopped so back to the cleaning job and hope to see you all nice and early tomorrow morning at Buchanan Drive, weather permitting.

Kind regards

<u>Don</u>

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

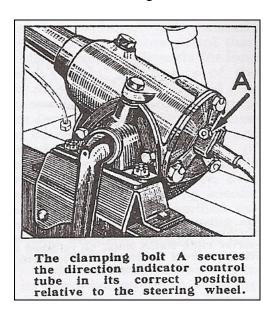
Some more "Queries of the Month", these originally appeared in "The Austin Magazine & Advocate" during the 1930s and 1940s. This month's selection consists of No 808 Direction Indicator – Austin Twelve and No 891 Windscreen-Wiper – Austin Ten.

No 808 appeared in June 1937 and No 891 appeared in August 1938.

No 808 – Direction Indicator – Austin Twelve

Q. The nearside direction indicator fails to return when my car straightens up after taking a left-hand corner, and I believe that at some time or other the switch has shifted relative to the steering wheel, as the trigger does not return to the top position. Is this a likely cause of the indicator not operating automatically?

A. The operation of your direction indicators would be affected by any shifting of the control relative to the steering wheel, seeing that the striking plate which serves to cancel the signal is actually located in the centre shell of the steering control relative to the steering wheel.

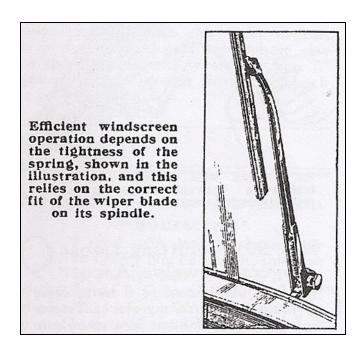


You can restore the switch to its correct position by releasing the clamping bolt below the steering gear and turning the whole switch assembly relative to the column. Subsequently this bolt should be retightened squarely as, in all probability the shifting of this switch was due to the bolt in question not securing it sufficiently firmly in its correct position.

No 891 – Windscreen-Wiper – Austin Ten

Q. I find that the off-side windscreen-wiper of my Austin Ten Cambridge saloon only wipes half the area that it should, the blade coming away about 1/8 in. from the glass halfway through its sweep. Can you tell me the cause of this and the method whereby I can rectify it?

A. There is a spring fitted to the driving spindle and the blade of your windscreen-wiper, which should hold the blade against the glass. If the blade is not being pressed against the glass during its full sweep it rather suggests that this spring is at fault, or else the mechanism has been strained in some way.



You should examine the spring to ascertain that it is functioning correctly. You should also make certain that the blade is fitted correctly to the driving spindle, as this might also be the cause of the trouble. With a little careful adjustment you should be able to restore the correct functioning of the wiper blade.

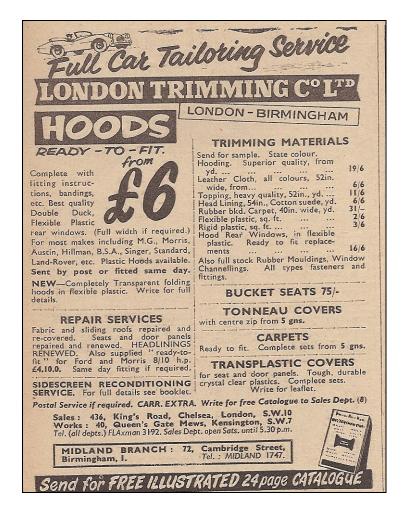
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Some More Old Advertisements

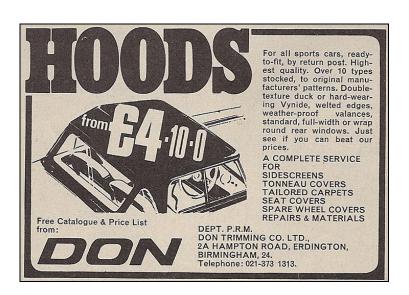
Three advertisements for replacement or repairs to hoods, one or two members might find these adverts useful (or perhaps it may have been cheaper to have cut the apple tree down!)



This advertisement is from October 1958,



This advertisement is also from October 1958



This one is from September 1968, hoods in the 60s were a bit simpler, also materials cheaper, for the average car hence the lower staring price.

Andy Ranson

NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Wessex Stitchery Workshop

This workshop introduces the students to the charming technique of Wessex Stitchery which is a combination of counted thread stitch patterns, fly and chain stitch variations. We will work a range of patterns that can be put together to form a sampler and which can also give the chance to experiment with colour combinations.

Equipment

General sewing equipment
Tapestry needles
Ring frame 6 or 8 inch
Evenweave fabric that the Learner is comfortable counting OR
Aida 14, 16 OR 18 count
Selection of threads e.g. stranded cotton, perle, cotton a broder
(all threads need to suit the fabric you choose)

Please don't worry if you do not have any of the above as I will always carry spare to purchase or borrow.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01276 31014 or anne@sandhurst14.fsnet.co.uk

AUSTIN 7 TRACTOR

During late June this year, down in sunny Dorset, we went along, in our Austin 10/4 and Morris Minor 1000, to the Annual Charity Fun Day and Classic Car Show at Chickerell, just west of Weymouth. It was the 13th show and was organised, as it is every year, by a local car club, Transport of Yesteryear, or locally known as the TOY club. The weather was glorious, dry and sunny, and the show was well attended by all types of vehicles, not only classics but stationary engines, tractors and steam. There were also plenty of stalls of all types, raffles, food and bric a brac etc. The show field was alongside a garden centre, so at the end of the day there was every chance of being penniless but not of going hungry.

One vehicle that caught our eye was an **Austin 7 Tractor**, its history was a bit unknown, but it was obviously a one off, it was very basic but well engineered. Although in proportion it was about half the size of a normal tractor.









As you can see from the pictures, engine, gearbox (actually 2 gearboxes connected in tandem), rear axle and steering are all Austin 7. The only foot pedal was the clutch for the front gearbox, it had a hand throttle just like a big tractor and braking was performed by operating one or both levers positioned at the back wheels. The position of the steering column made the driving position as per a normal car and the seat looked nicely sprung. The front and rear wheels were simple welded fabrications, I'm not too sure about the hubs. Out of all the tractors on display this little Austin drew the most attention.

Do and I had a great day out and to top it all, our Austin 10/4, complete with a NHAEG badge on the windscreen, won best Austin in Show. Can life get any better!

Andy and Do Ranson

TOLL ROADS IN IRELAND

Ruth and I have just had a very enjoyable holiday in Ireland but had a PANIC on the M50 in the Republic of Ireland on our way back.

The M50 is Dublin's equivalent of our M25 but it has a toll bridge (€3), between J6 and J7 over the River Liffey, without a toll booth in sight - the remainder of the M50 is toll free at the moment.

The system is similar to that used for Congestion Charging in London. If you have to use this bridge, you can pay later using a credit card before 20.00 the next day by phone on Irish LoCall 1890 501050 or by using www.eflow.ie

If you plan a trip to the land of fairies and little men with funny hats, we suggest that you visit the above web site. The other toll roads we used had the normal cash kiosks but they only take Euros.

Of course, being aliens from across the Irish Sea we were not aware of this procedure so we sallied forth (Irish for *went*) across the bridge with some trepidation on our way to the ferry at Dun Laoghaire but without a care in the world – probably one effect of the poteen (the devil's version of holy water).

We did find driving in Ireland stressful as one could come across other traffic completely out of the blue and having to accept that a 150 space car park at a service area had only 3 cars in place, well we ask you. It took us at least 7 minutes to decide where to park! Even having to cope with these tensions, we had a great time in the sunshine.

We did not attempt a full Irish breakfast as they would have taxed, nay beaten, our Group champion Do not worry about losing your way as placing a map on your steering wheel will immediately cause a leprechaun to appear at your door window with the perceptive observation 'Are you lost?' Having directed you as to your way forward he will then advise you that he would not have come the way you came. Also, asking where a certain village is can be fraught, as it could bring the withering reply "Y've just b'in and passed through it"

You really should give Ireland a visit sometime.

We all enjoyed the Picnic in the Paddock, the weather was very good and quite a few club members with their families attended.

Some of them were caught on camera, whatever are they doing???





Got it!





"Ready, steady, GO!"

Well done, Jane!

Sunday 31st July brought perfect weather for the annual 'Picnic in the Paddock' held, as per tradition, on land in Finchampstead owned by Ray and Ian Adnams, who, once again, both gave their permission, for which we are always most grateful. It really is superbly suited for this event which, as usual, brought a considerable number of members and their vehicles together, the former to enjoy a communal picnic in most pleasant surroundings and, later, the latter, aided and abetted by their owners/drivers/navigators to demonstrate their prowess at negotiating fiendishly devised driving tests, dreamed up by Don (Breakspear). Rather improbably, the winning team, competing in the four tests challenge, included Andy Coburn, driving, for the *very* first time, Dave Butcher's pristine 1933 10/4 saloon, assisted by Dave himself as 'co-pilot'.

Overall, a great day out was had by young and not so young, who generally felt it to be one of, if not the very best, in recent memory.



The triumphant team being presented with the Breakspear Trophy by John Chad, Chairman.

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SEPTEMBER 2011 QUIZ 'Below the Surface' Part Two All answers are creatures, plants or objects associated with water, salt or fresh.

1. Royal angler	(10)
2. Swimmer with deep voice	(4)
3. Underwater betting shop?	(5)
4. Awarded first place	(8)
5. It refuses to talk	(4)
6. Someone who throws things high	(7)
7. Marine scrounger?	(6)
8. It travels in a straight line	(3)
9. Stops water getting in or out	(4)
10. Used to gallop across the water	(3,5)
11. Part of the heart that may be warmed	(6)
12. Former male tennis star	(5)
13. A cockney kettle?	(5)
14. Well below par	(9)
15. A mobile shower	(7)
16. Classical guitarist	(5)
17. Difficult to get rid of	(6)
18. Used by underwater pianists	(4)
19. Fishing bait for a Herefordshire River	(7)
20. A long, thin dancer? Entries in, please, by 7 October 2011, to Trevor Edwards 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berkshire RG45 6EF. Don't forget £1.00!	(6,3)

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights		Arranged By
September 12 th	Wessex Stitchery in the Conference Room and Noggin & Natter	Anne Butcher
October 10th	Talk on Guns by Peter Gillet	John Hancock
November 14th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
December 12th 2012	Festive Fun	TBA
January 9th	AGM	Committee
February 13th	TBA	
March 12th	TBA	
April	Spring Airing	
Events August 29 th	Littlewick Show	Colin for details
September 3rd	Longparish Fete	Details in March newsletter
September 3rd	West London Aero Club Members Day	See Email from Trevor 2/8/2011
September 10th	Heritage Day at Basildon Park	Details from Trevor,
Sept 10 th -11th	Beaulieu Autojumble	www.beaulieu.co.uk for details.
September 18th	Classic Vehicle Show / Rural Life Centre	Don for details
Sept 24 th & 25th	Steam and Vintage Weekend Rural Life Centre	Don for details
Sept 24th	Visit to Brakspear Brewery and nights stay in Witney. <i>All places now taken.</i>	Don/Maureen
* October 22 nd	Free night at 'The New Inn' Details of activities during the day TBA * Note change of date.	John C. for details and booking a room. <i>Very few rooms left</i> .
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
<u>2012</u>		
19 th May	Bearwood Classic Car Show	TBA
19 th -24 th July	Trip to Leamington Spa. A7 90 th Anniversary <i>All places now taken.</i>	Don/Maureen

If you know of any events not listed please email details to me. Colin