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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Mo's Mutterings

As I put together this month's newsletter, I am listening to the thunder rolling around above and heavy rain falling. Nevertheless, over the last four weeks a lot of club members, including Don and myself, have managed to have a lot of fun in our "real" cars.



Colin looking for clues in Twyford



and the lovely BBQ in Joan and John's garden.



Before the rain at the picnic



and a few of us at Henry Street Garden Centre

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

Quiz News

The July quiz, devised by Julie (Els), with TV programmes from the past as its theme, evidently attracted a 'record' number of entries which ought to signify something! Modesty prevents me from revealing the names of the winning couple though its fair to also report that, in fact, there were four all correct entries and the winners were eventually selected by drawing names 'from a hat' so to speak. (Thanks go to Andy R for managing to get this right!!)

This month the quiz is a non-competitive one, i.e. no entry fee, no prize, just a bit of fun. The aim of the monthly quiz is to try to offer something which is difficult, though perhaps not impossible, to 'Google' successfully. This month it probably is so *PLEASE*, please no 'Googling'. I'm sure *none* of our members would *ever* think of adopting such tactics, or stooping to such low levels of behaviour, but it's doubtless worth making the plea anyway. The quiz looks simple enough but, as they say, all is not necessarily what it seems!

Feel free to send in your answers (by 5th October please) if you would like to know the correct ones. (N.B. Friday 3rd Sept deadline for last month's quiz – 'Olympic events and equipment')

Events ~ past and future.

Shortly after our return from Leamington Spa/Warwick the annual 'Picnic in the Paddock' was held, as per usual and with the kind permission of the owners, Ray and Ian (Adnams), in the paddock in Finchampstead village. In contrast to the weather we'd recently experienced up in Warwickshire, that on the day was, to put it euphemistically, 'varied'! Certainly temperatures had dropped a little but the day started off well enough, with some sunshine breaking through periodically. However, this didn't last and the decision to erect as many gazebos as were available in close proximity to each other was a wise one since we were eventually treated to a few quite torrential showers, accompanied by sudden blasts of wind, interspersed with further brief appearances of the sun.

However, none of this managed to spoil the day and much fun was had, as always, either running or participating in the 'Driving Tests'. Sadly, the Ladies Team, all on board and ready to perform using Don's Chummy, were disappointed when 'rain stopped play' and the tests were abandoned. Never mind – there's always next year!

Nuffield Place

The trip to Nuffield Place, ably planned and organised, by Colin C., on August 11th, was excellent. The property and grounds, now in the hands of the National Trust, are situated just north of Henley on Thames and proved to be a fascinating insight into the domestic life of William Morris, Lord Nuffield. The house is a sort of time capsule harking back to the thirties and forties with furniture, decor and fittings reflecting those periods which, ruefully, some of us can vaguely remember! Everyone knows that William Morris was a very successful industrialist but possibly not all are aware of the extent to which he was also a great philanthropist – quite likely, in his day, comparable with Bill Gates and the like. He gave away huge sums of money to causes he considered worthy and lived in what was, for a person of his success and stature, a quite modest, though still very attractive and desirable property.

On the day of our visit the weather was perfect; the number of visitors, apart from us, quite few and, after the house tour, the opportunity to take tea in the garden followed by an introduction to the game of croquet, (courtesy of Nick B!), made it all seem rather like a private garden party from a former era! All very jolly – what!

BBQ

(Why, one wonders, is the word *barbecue* abbreviated to BBQ when there's no 'Q' in it? Possibly because BBC wouldn't sound quite right and has already been nabbed by some outfit or other. Just a thought!)

Anyhow, this year's gathering, at the home of John and Joan (Hancock), was, as ever, marked by an abundance of delicious fare, prepared, on this occasion, by John, assisted by hastily recruited 'volunteers', Roy (Roberts) and John (Chad) who all did a wonderful job in ensuring that no-one left 11 Arborfield Road, feeling hungry. Joan herself, Ann (Greig) and Ronnie (Hunt) prepared the cold dishes and desserts which, equally, were consumed with gusto and greatly enjoyed. This year, unlike last, when much of the time was spent trying to hang on to gazebos to prevent the wind blowing them into the next county, the weather was not only fine but HOT – 30 degrees C being reported later. This meant that what had been intended as a gentle stroll around Twyford, prior to the barbecue, working out a 'Treasure Trail', covering the village, turned out to be something of a chore with many feeling the heat to be a little too much for comfort. The proximity of the 'Wellington Arms' public house, near our parking area, provided a welcome refuge at the end of the exercise and enabled thirsts to be quenched before making our way on to the barbecue. Many thanks go to John and Joan and everyone concerned in making the day, yet again, a most enjoyable one.



2 'Johns' - John H receiving the Jan Barker Memorial Trophy from John C

Concluding, Jean wishes me to mention that a 'profit' of £73.63 was made from the BBQ, after all expenditure had been accounted for, so, in accordance with our usual practice, this sum will be added to others accrued throughout the year, in aid of '*Help for Heroes*', and a cheque sent off to this charity towards the end of the year. Grateful thanks to all who attended the BBQ and thereby assisted in helping achieve such a creditable sum.

Heritage Open Day - Sunday 9th September

Publicity has already been distributed for this year's HOD when we shall be making a trip down to Avington Park, a privately owned and occupied Palladian mansion and grounds situated in Itchen Abbas, near Winchester, not generally open to the public. Roughly 20 members have already indicated an interest in participating in the run which will start from the 'New Inn', Heckfield on the Sunday morning. Vouchers will be issued permitting free entry to one historic vehicle and, to the house, for the driver. A reduced admission charge to the house of just £3.00 will apply for any additional passenger; entry to the grounds is free to all.

If there is still anyone else who would like to join us for the gentle 30 miles meander, either at the '*New Inn*', or some place *en route*, e.g. at the lunchtime stop in East Stratton, there is still just time if you let me know immediately you

receive this Newsletter. Please contact me by phone on 01344 775012, or via email at: trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com

FBHVC Press Release

As a member club of the Federation of British Historic Vehicles Club we occasionally received press releases, in addition to the regular bi-monthly bulletin, which are of particular interest to us, as owners/users of historic cars. One falling into this category and reproduced here should be of special concern since, once again, it arises following the hint of yet a further *diktat* from Brussels! As will be noted the FBHVC is taking up the cudgel on our behalf and, no doubt, will fight our corner robustly as, indeed, it does on all issues which might affect the way we use our cars.

23 August 2012

EU ROADWORTHINESS TESTING

When the European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group (EPHVG) met in May, Szabolcs Schmidt the head of the EC Road Safety Unit, mentioned that proposals for revisions to the Roadworthiness Testing Directive, following a 2010 consultation, were expected 'in the summer'. In July, the European Commission published the detail which turned out to be a proposal to replace the current Roadworthiness Testing Directive (2009/40/EC) with a completely new Directive.

The draft of the new Directive has implications for all motorists, not just historic vehicle owners. Amongst other things, the draft includes requirements to test all trailers (which in turn implies a registration system) and requires tests to make reference to a vehicle's original 'technical characteristics'. The meaning of this expression is not defined. National governments are granted the right to make their own testing arrangements for 'vehicles of historic interest'. A vehicle of historic interest is then defined as one that

- Was manufactured more than 30 years ago
- Is maintained by use of replacement parts which reproduce the historic components of the vehicle
- Has not sustained any change in the technical characteristics of its main components such as engine, brakes, steering or suspension; and
- Has not been changed in its appearance.

FBHVC considers this definition to be unworkable and completely unacceptable. FBHVC also rejects the suggestion that Roadworthiness Testing should relate to a vehicle's 'technical characteristics', whatever the age of the vehicle. Modifications, alterations and improvements are all part of the history of motor vehicles and the older the vehicle, the more likely it is that it will have been altered at some stage. At present the basic tenet of a UK MoT test is that it is one of mechanical fitness. There is no database of original specifications for UK vehicles, so testing to original 'technical characteristics' is simply pie-in-the-sky.

Earlier this month, the Department for Transport asked stakeholders for comment on the proposals. FBHVC will be responding formally to this request when further analysis of the detailed proposals has been completed. FBHVC will be discussing the implications of the proposal with the international organisation, FIVA, and through them with the EPHVG group as well as with the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group in the UK.

It should be remembered that this is still just a proposal. It has to have approval by each EU member country before it is adopted. Some media commentary on this topic has tended towards the 'we're doomed' end of the scale. It is certainly a serious issue and FBHVC is treating it accordingly.

Notes for Editors

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs works closely with a wide range of organisations and government departments to retain the freedom to use historic vehicles on the UK's roads. The FBHVC has over 530 organisations as members representing around 251,000 individual owners.

For further information contact the Federation office Tel: 01865 400845, or the legislation committee chairman, David Hurley, Tel: 01903 235192.

Finally, a note from Jean E, re the Christmas Lunch Tour

Christmas Lunch Tour
Sunday 9th December 2012

Just a reminder that seats for this event have been booked for the following members:

Peter & Pauline Barlow

Jane Hanslip

Ruth & George Ewart

Ginny & Trevor King

Trevor Mulford & Ann Rogers

Jean & Trevor Edwards

Ann & Colin Greig

Joan & John Hancock

Don & Maureen Breakspear

Hazel & Dave Holland

Roy Roberts & Ronnie Hunt

I would like to receive payment of £55.80 per person no later than Club Night on 12th November 2012.

Cheques to be made payable to 'NHAEG'.

Many thanks,

Jean Edwards

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Crowthorne. Berkshire
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Hope you've now sent in all those club cars photos/images to Andy Seager or Phil Dunford! Next Club Night we've got to choose the ones we like best to provide a selection for Tim, our Landlord, to pick out the six or so he would like framed to hang on the walls of our meeting room at the 'New Inn'.

Safe motoring!

Trevor

COLINS COMMENTS

At our August club night we held our **Coveted Car Event**, which had been put back from July when we held the Half Gallon Run that had been postponed from June due to torrential rain causing flooding on the roads. The weather was not much better for the August meeting with rain early in the evening causing some members to decide to come in their modern cars, however twelve members did brave the weather and came in their 'real' cars which enabled us to go ahead with the planned event.

The winner of the Peter Adnams Memorial Trophy for the best car overall went to Tony Westhall and his 1931 Austin 16/6 Iver. The Jan Barker Memorial Trophy for the best Austin 7 went to John Hancock and his Box Saloon. There was also a bottle of wine for the Landlords Choice which went to Brian Adam and his 1926 Top Hat Austin 7, with the Previous Winners prize for the best out of all the winners of the past three years going to Trevor Mulford and his 1929 Talbot A/G 14/45. Well done to all four of them and also the other members who braved the rain earlier in the evening and came in their 'real' cars

We had two events during August, the visit to **Nuffield House** which was very well attended with 15 cars parked in front of the house. The house itself was very interesting and in the afternoon members could be seen sitting around enjoying the sun, walking in the woods and quite a few were to be found playing croquet on the lawn. A very enjoyable day with glorious weather.

The second event was the **BBQ at John and Joan's**, which was preceded with a run to Twyford organised by Trevor and Jean. On arrival at Twyford we parked the cars and set off on a Treasure Trail, this lasted about two hours, which was quite exhausting on such a hot day but never the less great fun. Needless to say most members could be found in the pub adjoining the car park when they had completed the trail.

We then drove to John and Joan's for the BBQ, which was most enjoyable with plenty of food and good company. Another great day with again glorious weather, in fact it was so hot we needed to sit under the gazebos, which had been erected in case of rain. Many thanks to John and Joan and son Tim for organising the event and allowing us to use their garden, also to Trevor and Jean for the Treasure Trail. Thanks are also due to Roy and John C. for helping John with the BBQ, and to Ann for helping Joan with the shopping and preparing some of the food with help from Maureen. What you might call a team effort.

Coming up in September is the run to the to **Avington Park on the 9th for Heritage Open Day**, you should have received details of this event from Trevor. On the 16th there is a **Classic Vehicle Gathering at the Rural Life Centre**, details of which can be found at www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com and on the 30th there is the **Autumn Amble**, contact Roy for details. The other event is of course the **Beaulieu Auto Jumble** on the 8th/9th. Lets hope for some decent weather.

Safe and Happy Motoring,

Colin

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 757, Carburetter Setting, Austin Ten-Four, No 758, Removing Dynamo, Austin Light Twelve-Four and No 759, Starter Pinion, Austin Ten-Four.

All appeared in the September 1936 edition.

No 757 – Carburetter Setting, Austin Ten-Four

Q. *I wish to check up the setting of the carburetter on my 1933 Austin Ten saloon and shall be glad if you can give me details as to the correct jets, choke, etc., for this model.*

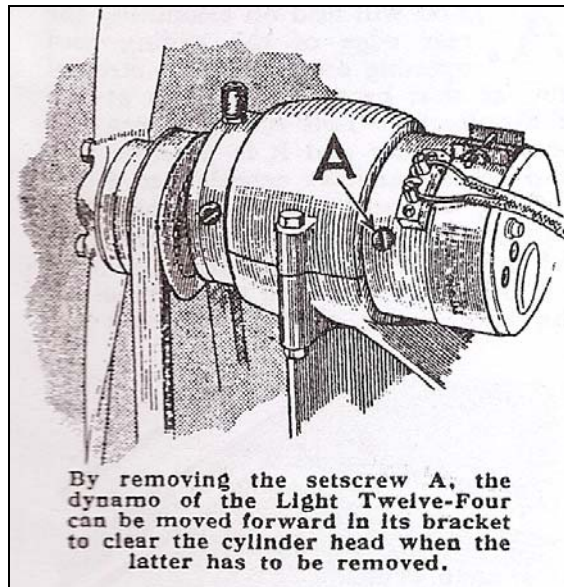
A. The correct setting for the carburetter on your Ten-Four is as follows:-

Choke	17
Main Jet	57
Compensating Jet	..		95
Slow Running Jet	..		45

No 758 – Removing Dynamo, Austin Light Twelve-Four

Q. *Can I remove the cylinder head for decarbonising my Light Twelve-Four without dismantling the dynamo?*

A. When it is desired to lift the cylinder head for decarbonising , etc., it is not actually necessary with the design of the dynamo mounting on your car to remove the dynamo completely.

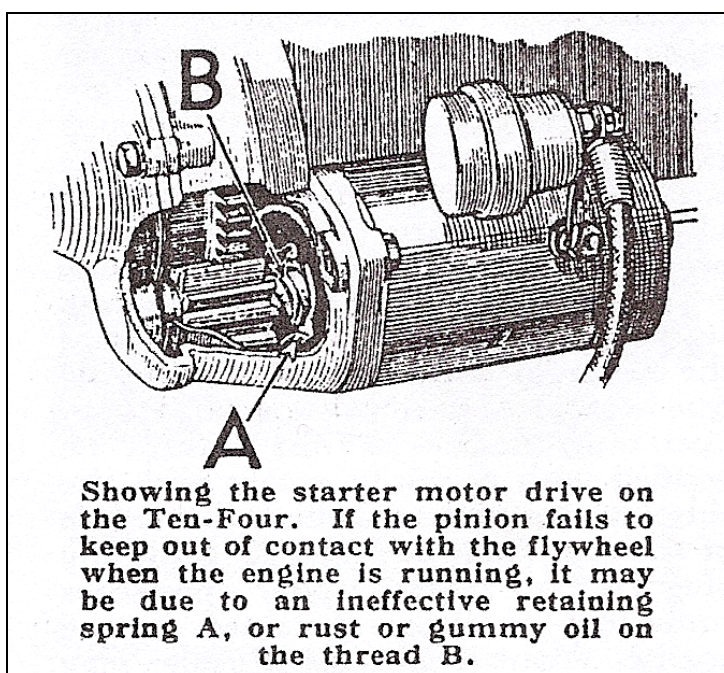


The best method is to release the fan belt adjustment, lift the belt off the dynamo pulley, and take out the locating grub screw in the dynamo on the rear side of the bracket. With the dynamo mounting then slack it will be found possible to move the dynamo forward sufficiently to clear the cylinder head and enable the latter to be lifted. This was shown in Motograph No 43, which appeared in our issue for August.

No 759 – Starter Pinion, Austin Ten-Four

Q. *I am a reader of the “Austin Magazine” and would appreciate your advice as to the probable cause of the following and how it could be remedied. The starter pinion of my car develops a rattle at about 40 m.p.h., and when 45 m.p.h. is exceeded the noise again decreases, but still can be heard. It appears that the pinion leaves its place of rest and either vibrates on the shaft or comes into contact with the flywheel. Can this be prevented ?*

A. It seems from your description that the starter pinion fails to disengage properly after being used for starting or, alternatively, that its retaining spring is not acting efficiently to keep it out of mesh. We suggest that you remove the starter, which can be readily done either from above or below the car if it is carefully manoeuvred, and examine the thread along which the starter pinion runs. If this appears to be either rusty or gummy with oil and dirt, you should clean it carefully so that the pinion can ride freely along its thread without any impediment. Actually, this thread should be quite bright and only very lightly lubricated to prevent rust. This ensures that when the engine fires the pinion is thrown quickly out of mesh with the starter ring and back to its retaining ring.



Possibly, of course, the retaining spring has been damaged and requires re-setting, so that it retains the pinion effectively, or else renewed. You will be able to verify this quite readily when you have removed the complete starter.

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

So More Old Advertisements

Two old advertisements from the February 1957, all about looking after your chrome. I wonder how effective the chrome plating kit was ?

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Andy Ranson

Hardy Country Classic Tour

A classic car tour is organised by a local Dorset club every year, the “Hardy Country Classic Tour”. It takes place in June and this year was their 13th event. The organising club is the Transport of Yesteryear (TOY Club). The tour is an all day event covering approximately 60 leisurely miles around the Dorset countryside and all money raised is donated to the local air ambulance.

We went along on the tour this year in our 1933 Austin 10/4 and had a very good day out. The weather was mixed, a few showers and a bit of sunshine. There were a total of 62 classic vehicles of all types, shapes and sizes. One vehicle that took part was a 1919 GMC truck in very original condition, I don't know what its original colour was as there was no traces of paint to be seen on it anywhere! It was just a mellow brown rust finish. A few pictures below.





The tour started from Auto Express at Higher Bockampton, all cars were seen off by the Dorchester Town Crier, in full regalia, with his bell. The lunch time stop was at Melbury House, hosted by the owner, Lady Charlotte Townsend. The tour finally finishing in Weymouth with all cars being greeted by the Deputy Town Mayor. Quite a regal day for a local club.

Andy Ranson

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome John Richard BENNETT and his wife Jill who have joined the NHAEG. John and Jill, who live in Fleet, may be contacted on 01252 620851 or by e-mail on johnbennett.88@o2.co.uk John's mobile number is 07876330098. They own a 1926 Austin 12/4 Clifton reg.
George Ewart, Membership Secretary

Revised Mobile Number

The mobile telephone number in your 2012 Membership List for Don Breakspear is incorrect and should read 07415 938361.
Please re-check your own entries and let me know if corrections are required.
George Ewart, Membership Secretary

THE PROCTORS NEED HELP!

Tim and Anne were wondering whether the bad performance of their Austin 10 Clifton Tourer was because it had never been given a name!

They have scratched their woolly heads, but to no avail. The number plate is YSK 144.

Their granddaughter is called Yolanda, so Yoyo is out... Cliff is masculine and, having three sons, they definitely feel they ought to have a girl's name!!

ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?????????

You can send any name suggestions to me, Maureen, if you like or direct to Anne and Tim, e-mail address: aproctorartist@yahoo.co.uk

Good Luck!

'Think Again!'

This month's short quiz is just for fun – no fee, no prize, but please,

NO GOOGLING either! However you may still wish to find out how you scored so feel free to send your answers in to me at :

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Or via email to: trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4 In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after which animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a Purple Finch?
9. From where do Chinese Gooseberries come?
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

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NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

Arranged by or details from

Sept. 10 th	Photo Competition	Andy S/Phil D.
Oct 8 th	Talk—Forty Years Of Catching Smugglers By Malcolm Nelson	Jean E
Nov 12 th	Auction	Don/Trevor/Colin
Dec 10 th	Christmas Fun Night	TBA
Jan 14 th	AGM	Committee

Events

Aug 27 th	Littlewick Show	Colin for details
Sept.9 th	Heritage Open Day (Avington Park)	Trevor/Jean
Sept. 16 th	Rural Life Centre--Classic Vehicle Gathering.	www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com
Sept 30 th	Autumn Amble	Roy Roberts for details or www.austinsevenownersclub
Oct 13 th	Free Night At The New Inn (all rooms now taken)	Colin
Oct 14 th	Tylney Hall Open Gardens Day	Julie/Mick
Oct 14 th	Brooklands Autumn Motor Sports Day	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Oct 27 th	VSCC Autumn Sprint Meeting At Goodwood Free Admission	Colin for details or www.vsc.co.uk
Nov 17 th	37 th Nightjar	Nightjar Committee
Dec 3 rd	Christmas Dinner	Trevor/Jean
Dec 9 th	Christmas Lunch Tour (River Cruise)	Jean E

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

Colin