



Dear Members,

August and September has been a busy time for club members with several memorable events including:

The Half Gallon run on the 3rd August to Chawton, the joint winners were Tony & Pat Westhall (who will organise next years Half Gallon run on the June club night) and Simon & Denise (who offered to organise a weekend, daytime event, similar to the HGR this year, date to be determined).

The Walking rally on 12th August to Rotherwick, winners Richard & Janice.

The Club holiday 9th to 13th September.

Club run to Shaw House, Newbury, on the 15th September.

Club holiday to Littlecote House. Berkshire.

33 members went to the Warners Hotel near Hungerford. Littlecote House is a grade 1 listed Elizabethan manor house. It is set in 34 hectares of grounds and has very attractive 17th and 18th century gardens. Close to the old building are the remains of a Roman mosaic floor which is in a remarkable state of preservation.

Conducted tours were available around the old main building that has rooms set out in museum style. The house has a lot of history associated with it and is reputed to be the 3rd most haunted building in England. During our stay we were fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of one of the ghosts having a quick nap, (although he did look a bit familiar !)

Day trips were arranged to the Avebury stones and nearby country house, and a horse drawn boat trip on the Kennet & Avon canal.

Our thanks go to Trevor E for arranging an enjoyable holiday which also included priority parking outside the main old building.



Summary from events questionnaire

23 responses, (about 50% of members replied) were reviewed by the committee and discussed with a view to planning events and activities for 2020. Although the results could be interpreted in a number of different ways, it was clearly evident that certain activities are more popular than others, and that one or two have waned in favour.

Clear Favourites

It was clear that Runs/Trips, Guest speakers, Half Gallon Run, Auction and the Christmas Dinner are the most favoured events. Club holidays either got a 1 or a 3 in most cases. There are plenty of 1's which is good and it is well supported. However it is not for some people which is understandable.

Clear Losers

Quiz / games, Shoe box challenge and the Picnic in the Park are out of favour.

Middle of the Roaders

Coveted car evening and possibly the Annual BBQ.

Nightjar

The Nightjar appears to be high on the list which is good. It pretty much scores either a 1 or a 3, people love it or hate it, but recognise it is an important event for the club and give it their support.

Taking into account survey responses and comments, plus additional ideas thrown up by the committee, the provisional calendar is as follows:

January	AGM
February	Talk.- Alan Pickett on his work with the Albella Boys Home in India
March	'Guest speaker or U tube video show
April	'Spring Airing'
May	'Noggin 'n' Natter'
June	'Half Gallon Run'
July	'Coveted Car Evening'
August	Walking Rally
September	Photographic competition(?) - various classes
October	Guest speaker
November	Auction Evening
December	Festive Fun Night

Letters Page

A new idea for the Bulletin is to include letters from our members. As a collection of grumpy old men and lovely ladies, there must be many things that you need to air your opinion on. This could be anything from how far you have driven in your classic car, using your car for a wedding, why your car has a special place in your life, how you have fixed a car problem, or any other subject which is of interest to our club ladies. Your letter can be anonymous if requested and should not offend other members by mentioning the purchase of a new ferrari.

Please send your letters to nhaegmembership@gmail.com

For Sale / Wanted

If you have anything to sell (ideally car related) or you are looking to buy something unusual, then try our new 'free to advertise' column in the NHAEG Bulletin. Just send your advert to nhaegmembership@gmail.com and it will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Future Events

Club Night	Mon 14th Oct	Shoobox Challenge	Don Breakspear
Info	Mon 4 th Nov	Marshals briefing for Nightjar	Richard Long
Club Night	Mon 11th November	Auction Night	Don Breakspear
Club Event	Sat 16th November	Nightjar	Richard Long
Club Event	Mon 2nd December	Christmas Dinner	Committee
Club Night	Mon 9th December	Festive Fun Evening	TBC

The Murder Mystery Evening 2020.

Celebrate Valentines Day in Style!

Yes, it's time to inject a bit of **life and fun** into the **dreary** end of the **winter** again. Give yourself **something to look forward to** as you get into the anticlimax of Christmas. Come to the popular bi-annual **Murder Mystery Evening** and meet up with old friends and hopefully make some new ones. There will be representatives from other car clubs there to enliven the proceedings!

An **entertaining** time is promised. There is **tea and coffee available on arrival** from 3pm onwards. There will then be a **welcome reception** from 6.30pm where the scene is set and you get to know the characters and meet everyone else. You then **go into dinner**, dressed appropriately if you wish. The plot is set in the 1930's so you can dress to that period if you wish. The characters put themselves up for **questioning by us** at the beginning and between the courses with suitable (or unsuitable!) interjections from the floor. Then the **dénouement comes over coffee when the perpetrator is revealed** and we see how many budding Sherlocks there are! You then retire to the bar or your room.

Nobody will be asked to take part in the proceedings, apart from trying to work out who the murderer is! There will be a drive out to lunch on the Sunday (cost not included) for those who want to add to their enjoyment. The cost will be £100 per person, including dinner, bed and breakfast, based on two people sharing a room. This includes the drinks reception as well as the payment to the players for our entertainment. There is, unfortunately, a supplement for a single room.

The event will take place at **Audleys Wood Hotel near Basingstoke** on **Saturday 15 Feb 2020**. It is a well appointed hotel with a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

I need to know that you are coming as soon as you can please, but by **November 30**, so that the bookings

can be confirmed with the Hotel. I shall need a **50% deposit** on booking (or the full amount) and the balance by the middle of January with a cheque payable to A. Westhall please.

Phone me on 01420 87450 or contact me at tonyandpatw@btinternet.com for more details and to book your place! My address is 51 Old Odiham Road, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2EJ.

I look forward to meeting you and starting 2020 off in style!

And finally, (all in the best possible taste), a 'blonde joke'

A married couple were asleep when the phone rang at 2 in the morning.

The very blonde wife picked up the phone, listened a moment and said

'How should I know, that's 200 miles from here!' and hung up.

The husband said, 'Who was that?'

The wife answered, 'I don't know, some woman wanting to know if the coast is clear.'

Don't forget the latest quiz from Trevor (attached)

Happy Motoring
From
NHAEG committee