



Dear Members

Another daytime Club meeting was held on Monday 23rd August, which was attended by 19 members, plus one newcomer, (Les?), whom Tony W had met the previous day at Brooklands and, at his suggestion, came along, from Upton Grey, to see what we're all about. We hope he liked what he found.

The weather was just fine enough to meet up outside, though not warm enough to discourage most of the ladies from retiring to the comfort of the 'New Inn' itself to chat and dine, leaving their other halves to do the same *al fresco*.

The opportunity was also taken for a discussion on Club activities or, more precisely, *perceived* lack of these (by some) and some concerns raised were carefully noted by Committee members also present on this occasion. These will, of course, be on the agenda for discussion during a Committee Meeting scheduled for early September.

At the time of writing 36 members have expressed an interest in attending the Christmas Dinner, which, this year, will be held on Monday 6th December at Sand Martins Golf Club, Finchampstead. Shortly now a 'begging bowl' will be sent round requesting payment and a choice of dishes from the menu distributed previously. Don't worry though, if this has been mislaid; a further copy will be sent out in due course.

Please note, if there is anyone else who would care to join the three dozen already 'signed up' for the Christmas Dinner, please do let me know soonest.

Start digging out all your items which are no longer wanted. November Club Night (8th) will be our annual Auction Night again this year. Last year it was, of course cancelled, for very obvious reasons so you will probably have double the amount of 'stuff' which is 'excess to requirements' now! It doesn't have to be vehicle-related, but needs to be reasonably portable, obviously.

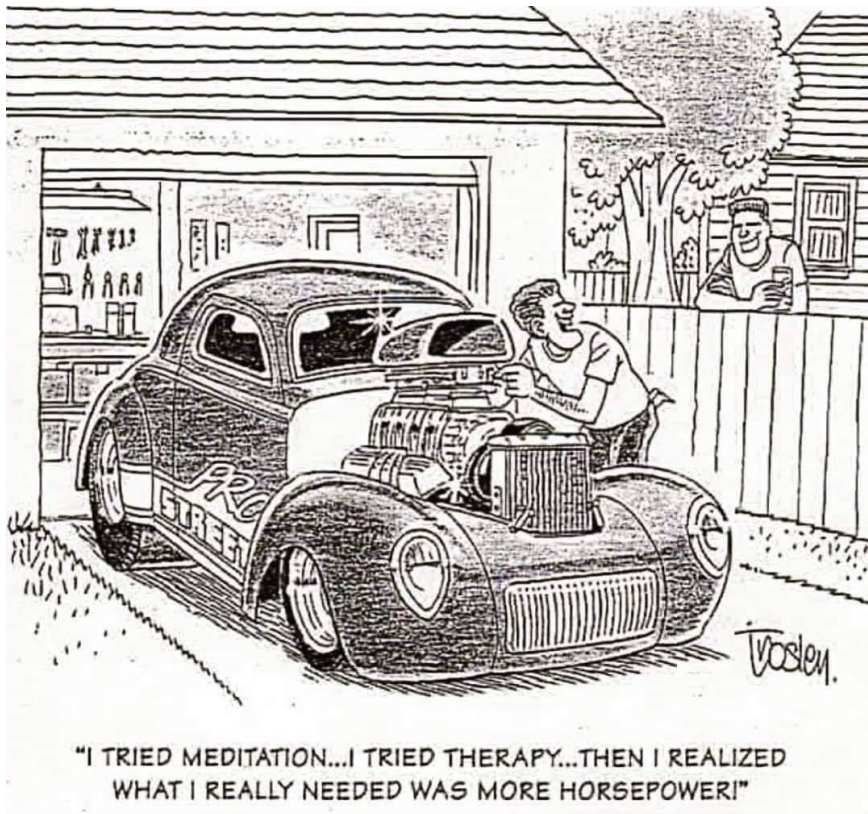
Adrian (Walker) is organising a breakfast run on Sunday 26th September, which certainly sounds intriguing. Disappointingly, on this occasion and due to the change of date, Jean and I will be unable to take part owing to a date-clash with a pre-arranged family visit, but it is nevertheless hoped it will be well-supported and no doubt greatly enjoyed by those who do take part. If interested please do let Adrian know by emailing him at:

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Finally, please remember that another evening (indoor) Club meeting will be held, at the 'New Inn', on Monday 13th September. Hope to see you there, all being well. Meanwhile,

Happy motoring and please stay safe. Sadly, we're 'not out of the woods' just yet!

Trevor E



Letter from Austin Magazine 1988

We really had a great time with our Chummy. We bought it in June 1935 for the grand sum of £24 or thereabouts, from a used car dealer second or third hand, and we did our best to smarten it up, but sadly no amount of wax polishing could raise a shine on the body and no amount of scrubbing could make the yellowing side screens transparent. We christened it "Eustace" and set off at weekends and evenings for trips around the countryside using ROP or Dominion petrol at 1/1d per gal.

When I think of some of the things we did we both go cold, but when one is just 20 and the traffic was not so heavy, events can be amusing such as driving through the newly opened Mersey Tunnel. It was opened on a Wednesday and we went through the following Sunday with only 3 cylinders firing. The plugs oiled up regularly and caused many a roadside halt so that the plugs would be washed with petrol and then set alight with a match and then on again for a further 50 miles or so before repeating performance.

Another time we failed to stop at crossroads when the policeman put out his arm and we just sailed under it, this happened at Queensferry in Wales, but the arm of the law was understanding and we went on our way. We took "Eustace" up all sorts of narrow lanes in Wales and one time found ourselves on a steep narrow track leading down to the valley, not only was the track steep but it had a decided lean-to port, being low on fuel the gravity fed carb was getting no petrol and owing to the list to port, unable to restart the engine the brakes are applied with only partial success, one of us was obliged to take out station at the rear of the

vehicle and hold it back with as much strength as could be mustered, we eventually reached the valley floor, made a cup of tea and recovered.

All sorts of things seem to happen, until finally we were coming through Macclesfield and somehow joined a procession and led it through the town until we managed to turn off and eventually there was a terrible clanking on the road behind us and we found that "Eustace" had shed half a leaf spring and on examination discovered that only one leaf now remained. We managed to get home to Liverpool, the steering having fits of jitters at any speed over 30. We realised that our happy days motoring in our old Austin 7 Chummy were over and it was towed away to a scrap yard in 1936. Our next car came after the War.

The British Motor Show, Farnborough

I visited the Farnborough Car show on Thursday 19th August. It got off to bad start at 10:00 on the first day. The signs for 'park and ride' were either very small or non existent, so there was a huge traffic jam as cars tried to enter the airfield but were constantly being turned away. I eventually found the public car park but it was back in Aldershot on the Army land in Queens Avenue. There then entailed a 15 min walk back to the exhibition centre. There was a bus service provided but feeling fit, I thought it was quicker to walk, (not such a good idea when I would be on my feet for the next 3 hours).

The car show was initially much as expected. Lots of new shiny cars both petrol and electric housed in a large exhibition building. There were also the usual side stands offering everything from live stage shows by car SoS stars Tim Shaw & Fuzz Townshend, computer simulation driving games, clothes, posters, scalextrics, engine tuning and food etc. Additionally there was a separate exhibition area just for electric vehicles including some classics which had been converted to battery power.

However, the greatest surprise was that the main hall also included some interesting classics mainly from the 60's and 70's, and outside there were many classic car clubs with members cars on display. These included Porsche, Mini, MG, and American clubs. Overall the number of classic cars probably exceeded the number of new cars and so it made an interesting day for most petrolheads.

On returning back to the public car park (field) I was presented with my next challenge. Since parking up in the morning, the number of cars had increased considerably and there were no row numbers or position markers, so finding my anonymous black car in a sea of thousands took a while ! However, I thoroughly recommend it for next year.

Adrian W



Club holiday France – Sept 2022

John Bennet is considering planning a club holiday next year to France. However, before doing so he needs an indication of how many members would be interested in such a venture. More details will be circulated in due course, so please watch your in box and respond to the questionnaire when received or discuss with John at the next club meeting.

Basingstoke Festival of Transport – Sunday 22nd August

Thousands of people descended on the War Memorial Park for the Basingstoke Festival of Transport. The event was run jointly by the Thorneycroft Society and Basingstoke Rotary Club, and supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, returned after a 16 month hiatus, for its 30th anniversary festival.

The NHAEG had a club stand this year kindly organised by Trevor M. About 8 cars were displayed which attracted attention from many visitors including the Basingstoke Gazette.

This was an excellent day out for all the family and petrolheads alike. Two very large areas were devoted to all kinds of classic cars, military vehicles, other modes of transport such as buses or motorcycles, and stationary engines. In addition there was a huge variety of side stalls from various traders selling everything from specialised tools, second hand equipment and spares of all kinds, auto memorabilia, charities, clothes, food and toys etc.

By mid afternoon , in the glorious sunshine, the organising team estimated that approximately 15,000 people and 700 vehicles had attended the show.



Events – (note - pre-booking may be required at some events)

Alton Classic Car show – 18th September

This will be held on Saturday 18th September from 10am to 4pm in the town centre.

West Green House – 19th September

Display your classic car in front of West Green House. Registration form and charges on the website at: <http://www.westgreenhouse.co.uk/events/classic-car-show>

Teas or lunches are available or bring a picnic and listen to the music played where the cars are on display. There is an award for both the best and most popular car in the show!

Basingstoke Doughnut run – 19th September

This year the run is on Sunday 19th September 2021, starting and finishing at Milestones Museum, Basingstoke. Details at <https://basingstokemgclub.co.uk/>

Breakfast Run – Sunday 26th September

This will be a short drive to a local place of interest where you can have a choice of hot or cold meals whilst watching aeronautic activities (subject to the weather). The intention is to arrive shortly after 10:00 am for breakfast / coffee, so an early start will be required. Meet at the canal car park, near the Waterwitch pub, Odiham at 09:30.

Beaulieu Simply British Classics – 26th September

Any pre-1990 classic vehicle built in Britain, or by a British manufacturer, is welcome to join the display.

Brooklands Mini Day – 3rd October

All types of Mini (including the modern BMW models) plus a variety of trade stands offering Mini parts, spares and memorabilia.

Bicester open day, - 10th October

As well as enjoying the visiting classic cars, motorbikes and other vehicles, you can explore the best-preserved WW2 RAF Bomber Station in the country and also glimpse inside the 40+ specialist businesses now based at Bicester Heritage, who will be opening their doors throughout. Tickets in advance £15.10. <https://bicesterheritage.co.uk/events/>

Club Christmas Dinner – 6th December

Sand Martins Golf Club, Monday 6th December, £32.50

Stay safe

NHAEG Committee