



Club Meetings

The club meetings are 7:30 for 8pm start, but if you wish to eat at the New Inn, please arrange to do so before the meeting.

Monday 12th Aug – Quiz night

Monday 9th Sept – TBA

Monday 14th Oct - TBA

NHAEG organised trips / events

RAF Odiham – **Friday 9th Aug** (applications now closed)

Christmas lunch – Sunday **8th December**, Elvetham Hotel. (more details to follow)

Public car shows

Phyllis Tuckwell, Churt – Sunday **11th August**

Motor Show, Farnborough – **15-18th August**

Swallowfield - **25-26th Aug.** (book via Trevor M)

Beaulieu International Autojumble - **14 – 15th September.**

West Green House – **22nd September**

50th Anniversary Lunch

The 50th Anniversary lunch was held on the 14th July at the prestigious North Hants Golf Club in Fleet. The weather was better than expected so a number of members arrived in their cherished cars and were directed to the NHAEG parking area. After drinks and chatting on the club house terrace we were ushered into the main dining room that had panoramic views of the golf course. A traditional Sunday roast lunch was served and then followed by short speeches from Don and Andrew (our Chairman). To round off what was a most enjoyable day there were surprise gifts for each NHAEG member. Our thanks go to Don and Val for making the lunch booking / arrangements and to Andrew and Dawn L for selecting and wrapping the 'goodies'.



½ Gallon Run

On the evening Monday 8th July we held the traditional Half Gallon run. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather the number of entrants was significantly reduced. However a few brave club members set off for Rotherwick in search of answers to questions set by Andrew B. After a good soaking, Tony and Pat W came in first place to win the trophy, closely followed by Alan P with Mike H. Commiserations to other entrants including Trevor M with Malcolm R, Chris P and others I have forgotten.

Inflation

We've come a long way since 1925 - or have we?

A pint of beer cost 5d (about 2p) in 1925, the modern equivalent of about 75p, so why does a pint cost £5.00 today? The average male weekly wage was £5, equivalent to £285 today, so why is the average wage £540 today?

However, in 1925 a pint of milk cost 3d – the equivalent of 44p today – whereas a pint of milk still costs only that same amount today, which just shows the raw deal that dairy farmers get from the supermarkets!

In the U.K. inflation since 1925 runs at 5500% i.e. £1 in 1925 is £55 now, and this despite the fact that between 1925 and 1935 there was **deflation** of almost 15%. After the post WW1 boom, the 1920s ended in bust and by the mid-1920s unemployment was 2,000,000 in UK and 70% in some places in the north & in Wales

The cost of a semi-detached home in a suburb of London was at least £750 in 1920. A £1000-a-year man in 1920s London was regarded as a high flyer. 85% of new houses sold for less than £750 (£45,000 in today's money). Terraced houses in the London area could be bought for £395 in the mid-1930s when average earnings were about £165 per year.

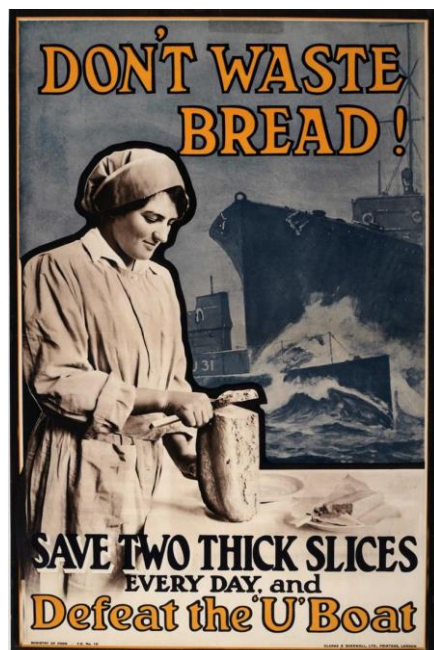
In 1925 -

- The name 'Art Deco' first appeared.
- The Daily Telegraph cost 2d.
- Chancellor Winston Churchill knocked sixpence off income tax.
- London's first double-decker bus with a covered top was introduced.
- Benito Mussolini adopted full dictatorial powers.
- Vauxhall Motors was purchased by General Motors.
- Joseph Stalin sacked Leon Trotsky.
- The Charleston dance flapped across from America.

In 1925 a gallon of 4-star petrol cost 1/8d (about 8½ pence today). By 1963, a gallon cost 4/6d (about 23p today) but currently we pay about £7.50 per gallon. £7.50 per gallon for petrol is 93p per pint – virtually the same price that small shops charge for milk!

In the last 100 years -

New research reveals that the cost of goods has risen by almost 9000 per cent in the past hundred years thanks to inflation. The increase in prices means that someone today would need £8,970 just to afford the same items you could buy for £100 in 1915.



Or looking at it the other way round, £1.11 in 1915 would get you goods to the value of £100 today. Some items have seen even greater leaps in price. Bread, for example has seen inflation of 11,000 per cent since 1915. A loaf cost well under a penny in 1915 - now the average loaf costs £1.35.

If inflation rates continue at the same rates for the next 100 years, a loaf of bread will cost £150 in 2116.

This 1917 propaganda poster encouraged housewives to cut down on the number of slices of bread used each day to assist the war effort.

Two years after the Great War in 1919 exports were booming, the bank rate was 6% and there were US\$3.90 to the pound. A luxurious furnished town house with 13 bed and dressing rooms facing Hyde Park could be rented for £26.25 per week. A dozen

bottles of good vintage champagne from Harrods cost £6.50 or a case of finest vintage port, just £4.50.

The garment industry paid seamstresses £2.50 for a 49-hour week and secretaries with shorthand typing skills, £3.50 a week. The entire staff of The Army & Navy Store went on strike because male employees were being paid £2 to £2.50 a week and some females less than £1.26.

By contrast, a one-way ticket to fly from London to Paris, provided the weather was favourable, cost £15.00.

Happy Days?

Joke of the day

A concerned member of the Hereford Austin Seven Club recently asked his doctor, "How do you determine when an older person needs to be put into an old folks home"?

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub".

"Ahh, I understand," said our club member. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" said the doctor, "a normal person would pull the plug". "Now, Sir, would you like a bed near the window?"

Road Trip – Lee on Solent

Fish and Chips on the beach was the plan, but the vagaries of the summer weather had other plans. Eleven met at Andwell Brewery Cafe for coffee and discussions on whether to go or not. We decided that we were there so let's go, it was then, only lightly drizzling. This was fine until we were well past Cheriton and the drizzle turned into cats and dogs. Too late we were on our way. All arrived at a very wet Lee on the Solent with the mist shrouding the Isle of Wight. The beach meal was definitely not on so we piled into the fish shop Cafe and were looked after really well. The rain sort of stopped so we could at least see the Isle of Wight and enjoy an ice cream. At about 3pm we went our own ways, some favouring the A32 whilst our more sedate (slower) cars opted for the country route back. I reckon that I drove about 100 miles in Gwendoline today. Despite the weather it was a very enjoyable day. 5 classics and 2 modern.
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Can You Help ?

Fifthfest is the annual 5th Farnham Scout Group family camp for beavers, cubs, scouts and their family and friends. This year it's over the weekend of 20-22 September. On the Saturday 21st there will be all sorts of adventurous activities in the morning (archery, canoeing, rifle shooting etc) and in the afternoon the live music will start featuring various bands with some members of the scout group performing. There will be a licenced bar, BBQ and later in the evening a campfire and Silent Disco.

We would love to extend an invitation to any classic car owners who would like to join us from 1pm at Garners Field, the scout campsite in Tilford, to make this year the very first Fifthfest Carfest! We are sure it will be a really exciting attraction and there will be lots of very interested young people (and their parents and grandparents, and leaders) eager to ask questions and learn about the cars and how they have been restored and cared for!

If you would like more information please contact Liz Chart, Co-Group Scout Leader, 5th Farnham Scout Group, in 07825314136 or liz.chart@5thfarnham.org.uk

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NHAEG Committee