



Club Meetings

10th Feb – AGM & quiz @ New Inn. 1pm but please arrive earlier if you wish to have lunch.

10th March – please note the club meeting may be at a different venue. Watch out for updates.

NHAEG events in 2025

The Committee have looked at the possibility of arranging two outings around mid summer of 2025:

- West Berks brewery at Yattendon
- George & Dragon pub for lunch, near Swallowfield

If you are interested in either please contact Don (01189 733568)

Public Car Shows

March – ?? auto jumble Midhurst

April 27th - Drive it Day, contact Trevor Mulford, trevormulford1942@gmail.com

May 11th – Basingstoke Festival of Transport – contact Trevor Mulford

May 17th - Mill House, North Warnborough – contact Andy Seager, andyseager@mac.com

June 14th - Hartney Witney Show

June 21st - Old Basing

June 22nd - Tweseldown

July 5th - Bourne show Farnham

July 12th - Odiham fete

July 19th - Dogmersfield

Aug 3rd - Phyllis Tuckwell, Churt

Aug 8th - RAF Odiham

Aug 24th /25th - Swallowfield

Sept ?? - West Green House

AGM – Monday 10th Feb

The AGM planned for the January meeting was unfortunately cancelled and will now be held at the February club meeting. Please come along, this is your opportunity to have your say on things we have done, or not done, over the past year and to let the committee know what you would like to do in 2025. You will also be able to vote for whom you want on the Committee for 2025.

A nomination form was attached to the January Newsletter for anyone that wishes to stand for election to the Committee. If you feel you would be able to spend a couple of hours or so every other month attending a committee meeting and helping to dream up, plan and generally organize the club's activities for the year please submit your input on the ballot form prior to the AGM.

However, if you feel that you would like to organise an event or a club meeting, you are very welcome to do that without being a committee member. Just let the committee know and they will be delighted to give you any support you require.

New Member

Please welcome Trevor Strudwick and introduce yourself. Trevor has 2 x Austin Big Sevens which should be of interest to members.

French Leave

A trip to Normandy – June 2025

NHAEG member Chris Keevill has organised a Normandy Tour in 2025 for a small group of friends in vintage and classic cars.

The trip has been arranged in conjunction with Brittany Ferries and there is still one place available. Anyone interested should contact Chris for more details email:

c.keevill@btinternet.com or telephone 01189 761672

The Austin Pedal Car Story

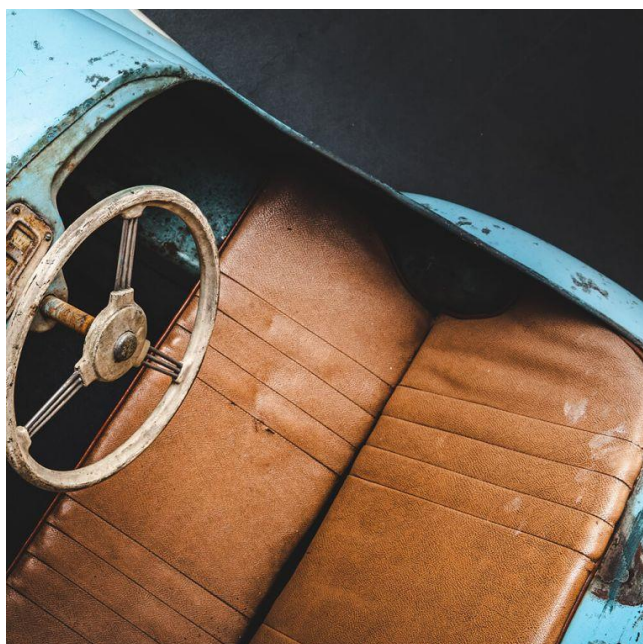
Famous for the children's Settrington Cup at Goodwood Revival, the Austin J40 pedal car was originally made in England by the Austin Motor Company Limited and was based on the 1948 A40 Devon and Dorset.

Each car was manufactured in South Wales at a specially constructed factory, opened in 1949 under the name of the Austin Junior Car Factory. Pedal cars were made from scrap metal taken from the Longbridge Austin factory, each built and painted in the same way as the actual cars

would have been. Standard features included working headlights and horn, detachable wheels with Dunlop tyres, a realistic fascia panel and leather or cloth seating. In addition, each car had an opening bonnet and boot, chrome bumpers, hub caps, grille, and boot handle.

A total of 32,098 Austin J40 pedal cars were made before production ceased in September 1971.

In 2020 a specialist J40 parts and spares business was formed by Burlen, a well-established, specialist automotive engineering company. Burlen used a combination of traditional methods and modern machinery to manufacture a wide range of Austin J40 parts, built to the highest standards with immediate delivery. At this time the business was known as The J40 Motor Company.



The evolution of Austin

Access to the new engineering technology at Burlen allowed The J40 Motor Company to manufacturer previously hard to find Austin J40 parts ready to supply a global appetite for restoring these classic pedal cars. Soon parts customers were asking for additional services, and in reply the company started to offer classic J40 cars for sale along with an in-house maintenance and restorations. The J40 Motor Company became renowned for being the only J40 specialist to offer high quality parts and a full range of specialist services.

Austin Pedal Cars - a new beginning



In September 2022 the Austin trademark was acquired which meant that new pedal cars, parts, and accessories could be manufactured under the Austin name. Immediately a new company called Austin Pedal Cars was launched which is the only dedicated Austin J40 pedal car sales, service, restoration, and community specialist in the world.

At the 2022 Goodwood Revival event the brand launched an all-new Austin J40 prototype continuation pedal car, the first in a planned series of new Austin pedal car models to launch over the coming years. It also presented a wonderful J40 racetrack which gave younger Goodwood Revival visitors a chance to experience an Austin J40 for the first time. Austin Pedal Cars is passionate about ensuring the joy of a J40 is accessible to all and strives to provide ways to interact with the cars for all children to enjoy.

The future of Austin Pedal Cars

Austin Pedal Cars is the home of the Austin J40 and provides classic pedal cars for sale which are checked for originality, fully overhauled and come with a comprehensive warranty. The J40 Continuation takes the J40 pedal car to new levels of luxury and refinement.

Traditional looks and styling

Sumptuous interior trim is styled to client taste using the finest materials, stitched and shaped by hand. The wooden rim Mota-Lita steering wheel is complemented perfectly by a hand brake lever trimmed to match, and a fully functioning, Smiths electronic dashboard displays GPS speed, 'fuel' level and time.

Austin Pedal Cars, a community

Austin Pedal Cars will soon launch a new community for owners and enthusiasts of the J40, along with an ever-changing range of merchandise and accessories. In the future it plans to launch a range of new Austin pedal cars along with a number of exciting ways to enjoy an Austin J40 experience. Austin Pedal Cars operates its spares and restoration division from its

Salisbury Headquarters and has a pedal car showroom situated at the heart of Bicester Heritage.

Prices for the new J40 Continuation are not on the website, but pristine original models are for sale at £13,000 !!



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