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A message from Maureen and Don

Firstly I would like to thank Andrew Barker for organising a great music quiz night. I was absolutely amazed at so many members can listen to 30 seconds of music and tell you who the artist is, the composer and who sang it originally. As for my part I was as much help to my team as a chocolate fire guard, but still enjoyed the evening.

Just before the quiz started I tried to set up 6 teams in advance for the shoe box car evening to be held at the October club night. As numbers were slightly down, it was suggested that I arrange the 6 teams at the September club night. So if you fancy being on a shoe box team September club night is the place to be. It would really help me to organise the show box evening knowing that we have 6 teams of approximately the same number in each team, but if it is impossible for you to attend the September club night I am sure that we'll be able to fit you in one of the teams if you so wish.

As most of you know, Trevor and Jean Edwards organise the annual summer holiday alternate years with Maureen and I. 2015 was Trevor and Jeans year and a great number of you had a wonderful time at Warners. If all goes according to plan, Maureen and I would be looking at 2016 club holiday, but unfortunately Maureen is not firing on all cylinders, so we have had to cancel our part in organising the 2016 holiday.

But not all is lost, Trevor and Jean have agreed to arrange the 2016 club holiday, which I must say is a fantastic offer, as Maureen and I know just how much work goes in to organising the holidays. For our part Maureen and I cannot thank them enough.

Hopefully Maureen will be firing on all 4 cylinders or even 6, so we can organise a club holiday for 2017.

We would like to thank you all for your kind wishes and support over the past few months.

Kind regards
DonnyB

5th September 2015 - White Waltham Airfield

Details: West London Aero Club has an annual Members' Day at its White Waltham Airfield. This consists of flying demonstrations from a range of aircraft between 2.00pm to 5.00pm and flying model aircraft from late morning and at intervals throughout the day. The club invites owners of classic cars to come and park close to the club house, which means that you can enjoy the action as well as food and drink. John Pratt & Jeanette Mosley are members of WLAC.

Start: Car owners are asked to arrive between 11.00am-12noon and make a £5 charity donation (as this is not a commercial event or display). The address is White Waltham Airfield, Waltham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 3NJ

Would anyone interested in going along to this event please contact the committee so we can forward your details to John Pratt. As usual, every year Barkham and District Classic car Club (BAD-CCC) Members and those that have previously supported the Club are invited to the WLAC at White Waltham Airfield for their charity day for WLAC members and their guests to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Airshow meets village fete is the theme, classic and vintage cars, a silver band, flour bombing from a Tiger Moth, and an excellent raffle are in the mix. Fun for all the family.

The date is **Saturday 5th September** from 11am arrivals.

There is a £5 entry fee for individuals, however Classic vehicles are FREE although expected to pay £5 per car as a recommended donation to charity on the day.

If you are interested in attending, I now need to gather numbers of those wishing to attend the event, so please email me your name, and vehicle Make and Reg No. so that Passes can be arranged for you.

This is always an excellent day, with previous events including Spitfire and Hurricane displays and the Vulcan, and Club members have had an excellent opportunity to meet together and share some laughs around the picnic tables.

6th September Shooting Star Chase

Shooting Star Chase hold an annual Family Fun Day at the Children's Hospice, Christopher's, between Guildford and Godalming.

This is a private event for families who are receiving treatment or support by the hospice, where they can enjoy a fete style day out without the worries of taking a sick child out and about in public.

For several years a number of us from Surrey Classic Vehicle Club and North Hampshire Austin Enthusiasts Group have supported this event by taking along a small selection of vehicles for visitors to see and sit in.

This year's event is on Sunday 6th September between midday and 3pm. We need to be in place around 11.15 to allow movement and unloading of wheelchairs etc after us.

I currently have space for four more vehicles so if you'd like to join us and don't mind the odd sticky finger, please do let me know. I find this the most rewarding outing of the year.

Thanks.

Phil and Jan

12th September Heritage Day

As previously advised it had been proposed and was the intention to attend the Wartime Weekend at Hughendon Manor, West Wycombe, as our Heritage Day Run this year.

However, for a number of reasons but primarily due to the fact that there was such a poor response from members, this proposal has now been dropped and in its place is a run to the Cobham Village Heritage Day celebrations on the same day. A number of us attended last year and found it a very pleasant day out indeed. The plan will be, again as last year, to meet up at Long Acres Garden Centre, just past Bagshot on the A30 and then take a gentle drive over to Cobham, a distance of roughly 17 miles or so.

It's understood that a number of members are either on holiday, abroad, on the day in question, or are otherwise engaged, but if you're free on that date why not plan to come along for what will almost certainly be an enjoyable day out with lots of attractions going on in and around the village.

To make a rough assessment of vehicle numbers please get back to me **by return email or phone on 01344 775012** if you're interested. Further details, of course, will be announced in due course.

Many thanks and

Kind regards,

Trevor E

15th September - Battle of Britain Day flypast at Goodwood

On the 15th September there is to be a Battle of Britain Day flypast at Goodwood.

Around 40 Hurricanes & Spitfires will take off from Goodwood aerodrome to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

There is no entry fee for this event, however you do need to register for a free ticket.

Please follow the link below to the Goodwood website.

<https://grc.goodwood.com/battle-of-britain/battle-of-britain-day-flypast#s4fHco0q8VPuicCq.97>

I believe some of our members intend to go along.

Denise



24th October - Free Night at the New Inn

Tim and June have again offered us a free night at The New Inn, the date this year is Saturday 24th October. They have very kindly offered us free Bed & Breakfast. Dinner is to be taken by all and paid for together with any drinks.

Cheques must be received by 31st July.

There are still a few rooms not yet taken, so if you are interested, please let me know ASAP and then follow this up with a cheque for £10.00 which will secure your room and be used as part of the tip for the staff looking after us during our stay.

We intend to partake of delicious tea and cake at Risley Village Hall, just a short drive from the New Inn on the Saturday afternoon (Not too much to spoil our dinners of course) please see below for a link to their website.

We hope also to arrange a trip for the Sunday after checking out of our rooms, for anyone interested, however we have not yet finalised this, so watch this space.....

The tea & cake "trip" is also open to any members who do not wish to stay the night at the New Inn, so again, if you are interested in joining us, please let me know, so we can confirm numbers with Risley Village Hall.

<http://www.riseleyvillagetearoom.co.uk/>

Simon Jocelyn
20 Byfleet Avenue



21st November 40th Nightjar Navigational Scatter Rally

Those who are familiar with this event will be aware that it is the premier event staged by the NHAEG (on behalf of the Austin Ten Drivers' Club) and that it attracts great interest from IRC members and many others around the south of England.

One of the features of the event is the siting of a Soup Kitchen at one of the Manned Controls where those competing – if they have sufficient time to spare, of course – can avail themselves of something warm and cheering on what can often be a chilly November evening.

We have been fortunate, over the years, to have people come forward, not necessarily Club members, to run the Kitchen, i.e. heat and dispense the soup. This year, however, Marilyn Grant, who has ably assisted us in this capacity, has indicated that she will not be able to do so.

This is a plea, therefore, directed at all Club members, requesting a volunteer, or volunteers, to hopefully come forward and offer their services on November 21st.

For obvious reasons the precise location of the Soup Kitchen/Manned Control cannot be disclosed at this time but be assured it will not be far from where we meet for our monthly Club Nights so would be readily reachable for most members.

If you feel able to support this very popular event could you please get in touch with either myself or Colin Greig at the earliest opportunity to find out more about what's involved. My telephone number is 01344 775012 and email: trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com (note there is an underscore between 'r' and 'c.')

Colin's contact details are: tel: 01252 879173

email: cgreig104@gmail.com

Here is my personal take on some recent events: from Malcolm Ryley

1. The BEN run

This run, a charity event to support the Lynwood home for motor trade people, took place with the usual format recently. Cars met at Ascot and went on a run including some miles through Windsor Great Park usually unavailable to the public. The cars ranged from veteran to fairly modern and included some rarities such as a Stutz and a faultless 6 ½ Bentley, reflecting the affluent local area. The route was shown on a clear map with instructions, much better than last year when the rain resulted in a soggy photocopied map being practically unreadable. The run is by invitation, but a request for an entry next year would probably be successful, but remember there is a suggested donation that goes to the charity

2. The Club trip

This years trip was based at Holme Lacy, a Warner hotel near Hereford. There were three days of exploring, firstly to Croft Castle a fairly domesticated castle run by the National Trust, and lived in for a thousand years. There was also a fine garden to explore, or even sit in on deck chairs.

A wrong turn was taken on the route there, which necessitated going through Hereford, best avoided in an old car.

Another day involved a treasure hunt looking for clues in three villages, a good way of seeing places one would not normally spend much time at. I believe all the people taking part found the final answer, leaving Trevor Edwards to put in a claim for the £1,000 prize!!!



Goodrich Castle was next on the list, an impressive English Heritage run castle with towers and walkways, well described in the audio guide. It reached it's end as a defensive establishment in the English Civil war when the Parliamentarians bombarded it with foot ball sized exploding balls shot from a mortar cast specially for the job. Luckily the defenders gave up before the castle was flattened. On the motoring side Dave Holland had electrical problems which called on the full force of the electrical expertize present, but a new dynamo proved a cure; Brian Adams cured a petrol leak with solder, and Tim Proctor cured a water leak with a screwdriver.



Our last evening at Holme Lacy
Soaking-up the late summer
sun



3. Morgan cars

A trip was arranged to see how Morgan cars are made in Malvern. This was a eye opener, as the well known wooden body framed traditional cars are not the only ones made, bur super cars with big BMW engines and glued up aluminium chassis frames as used in modern aircraft practice, are also produced. They must all be going abroad as one never one on the road. Similarly one never sees the modern three-wheeler out and about, even tough there is almost a production line of them. The guide was very informative, but I don't know if any orders for cars was taken, but Dave Witton drove there in one so had already succumbed to a Morgan's charms.

4. Basing House

Trevor Mumford arranged a guided tour of the remains of Basing House.

This a piece of local history that tends to be forgotten.



There is not much left above ground as the Parliamentarians, at the start of their 11 year rule, flattened what was a huge house on the scale of Hampton Court.

The very informative guide explained why the latter was left standing, as being an important royal palace, Cromwell gave it some respect.

The weather was fine and a fitting end to the day was super cream tea provided by Simon and Denise at their new house.

Malcolm Ryley

Club Merchandise

We have some new merchandise in stock including:

1. pin badges (priced at £2.50 each),
2. key rings (priced at £3.50 each) and
3. hats (priced at £10 each).

Some pictures of these items. We have access to other items, all bearing the clubs logo. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of these items please let the committee know who will also try to bring these to each of the club nights.



We hope you like the new additions

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

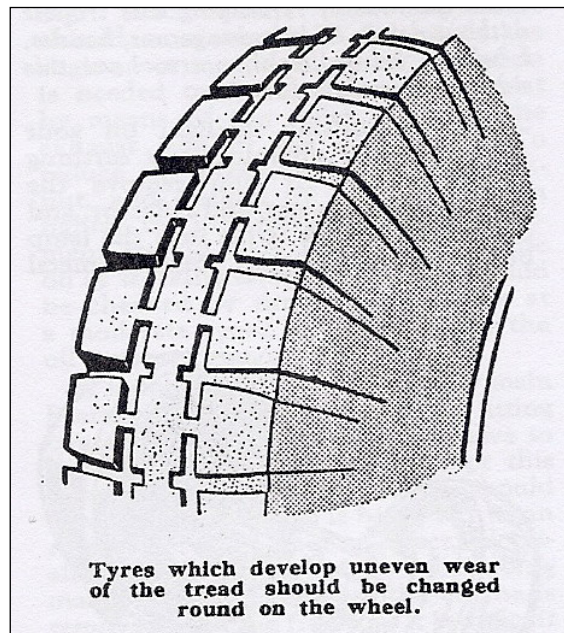
Another one from “Queries of the Month”. These originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s. This month’s selection is No 1204, Tyre Wear – Austin Ten and appeared in January 1945.

No 1204 – Tyre Wear. Austin Ten

Q. *Knowing the difficulties in obtaining replacements, I am getting a little concerned about the tyres on my Ten, as two of them are now losing their tread patterns, while two remain reasonably well treaded. I have been advised by one friend that I should change the covers round to equalize the wear, but another advises me in the present circumstances to leave well alone, or else, instead of being faced with renewal of one, or at the most two tyres at once, the time will come when all four tyres will have to be replaced, which may prove impossible or only be possible at the price of a long delay. Perhaps you will give me your opinion on this point?*

A. Your question raises a number of considerations. Normally it is considered best practice to change the covers round every 5,000 miles or so, in order that the wear shall be evened out. The nearside tyres usually show signs of wear, sometimes the front nearside tyre being the most affected, this depending very much on the degree of accuracy of the front-wheel “toe-in” setting. The reason for this increased wear of the near-side tyres is that, owing to the normal camber of the road, they tend to carry more weight of the car, but more essentially because they run nearer the side of the road where the road grit collects. The usual recommendation to remedy this is to change the wheels diagonally, front offside to rear nearside, and front nearside to rear offside, and as occasion warrants to give the spare a turn in service. It is also advised that where covers wear more on one side of the tread than the other they should be changed round on the wheel.

Under war-time conditions when tyres cannot be replaced easily, and then only by permit through an authorised tyre depot, it is probable that while the last-mentioned precaution to even up tyre wear on each side of the individual covers is fully desirable, it may be inexpedient to equalize the wear to such a degree that all fours tyres require simultaneous replacement.



But if this policy of progressive replacement is adopted, the tyres not being changed around, you will have to turn in each tyre before it wears through to the fabric (this is a legal requirement) and while it is capable of being remoulded. We trust that this advice, though not decisive either way, will assist you to determine the best procedure in your circumstances. But please do not interpret it as a suggestion that you should ignore the tyres. Rapid wear of one cover, indicates a tracking derangement requiring attention, and the normal maintenance routine of ensuring correct pressures, removing flints from the treads, and so on, should be scrupulously followed.

(Note: It makes you realise how difficult it was to own and run a car during WWII. That is if the car hadn't already been requisitioned for military use. You would need to qualify for petrol coupons, which strictly controlled essential monthly mileage, then be able to obtain enough petrol, which would be a low octane "Pool Petrol" As you have just read, tyres were like gold dust and could legally used until almost the canvas was showing. With all the Blackout restrictions in force, driving on a dark wet winter night must have been a bit scary to say the least!)

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

A magazine readers question from 1957 regarding Austin 7 shock absorbers, information might still be useful for today.

AUSTIN FRONT SHOCK ABSORBER
I HAVE recently dismantled the front shock absorbers of my Austin Seven 1936 Ruby. Some of the components seem to be missing. What number are required and what is the method of assembly?—M. J. Henderson (Gateshead, 9).

The shock absorber consists of a fixed plate bolted to the chassis; a pair of arms to the outer ends of the axle—one arm being double and the other in two portions; friction washers between the arms; a centre start bolt, star washer, nut and locknut. The shock absorber is assembled so there is a friction washer in contact with all rubbing faces; that is, a friction washer is used each side of the fixed chassis plate, and another between the double arm and the single arm (three friction washers in all).

Austin front shock absorber.

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CLUB NIGHTS AND EVENTS DIARY

Please let John (johnpratt@orange.net or 01252 643527) have details of any events that NHAEG members might be interested in:

NHAEG	2014/15 Dates	Club Nights	Arranged by or details from
	Mon 14 th Sept	Talk on Beefeaters	Committee
	Mon 12 th Oct	Shoe Box Car Build	Don
	Mon 9 th Nov	Auction	Don, Trevor, Colin
	Mon 14 th Dec	Christmas Surprise	Julie and Karen
	Mon 11 th Jan	AGM	Committee
	Mon 8 th Feb	Quiz night	Julie

NHAEG	2014/15 Dates	Club Lunch Meetings	Contact
	Mon 24 th Aug	The New Inn	cgreig104@btinternet.com
	Mon 28 th Sept	The New Inn	
	Mon 26 th Oct	The New Inn	
	Mon 23 rd Nov	The New Inn	

Club	2014/15 Dates	Other Events & Location	Contact
	Sun 30 th 31 st Aug	Swallowfield Show	www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk
	Mon 31 st Aug	Littlewick Show	
NHAEG	Sat 5th September	West London Aero Club Members Day, White Waltham Airfield.	John Pratt, 01252 643527 johnpratt@orange.net NHAEG members invited.
NHAEG	Sat 12th September	Cobham Village Heritage Day, meet at Longacres Bagshot	Trevor
SCVC	Sun 20 th September	Surrey Classic Vehicle Rally	Tilford Rural Life Centre www.surreyclassicvehicleclub.com
NHAEG	Wed 23rd Sept	Mid week run to Whitchurch Silk Mill from The New Inn	Alan Pickett
Brooklands	Sun 11 th Oct	Motor Sport Day at Brooklands	www.brooklandsmuseum.com
Watercress Line	Fri-Sun 23 rd -25 th Oct	Steam Gala at the Watercress line	www.watercressline.co.uk
NHAEG	Sat 24th Oct	Free night at The New Inn	Simon
VSCC	Sat 31 st Oct	Sprint Meeting at Goodwood	www.vsc.co.uk (free entry for spectators)
NHAEG	Sat 21st Nov	NHAEG/ATDC Nightjar	Trevor/Colin/Don
NHAEG	Mon 7th Dec	Christmas Dinner	
NHAEG	Tues 8th Dec	Salisbury Christmas Market & Cathedral Carol Concert	Jean Edwards (Coach Trip)
White Lion Antiques	Sundays - Twice a month	Classic Car Meetings, White Lion Antiques, Hartley Wintney	See web site for dates www.whitelionantiques.co.uk

Club	2014/15 Dates	Inter Register Event & Location	Contact
Riley	Sat 22nd Aug	Navigation Rally + Tour Newbury	Richard Scott rscottok@btinternet.com
Crossley	Sun 20 th Sept	Treasure Hunt North Yorks	Stephen Weld 01765 658569
Alvis	Sat 26 th Sept	Scatter Rally Dartmoor	James Campbell 01730 817049
MGCC	Sun 11 th Oct	Autumn Surrey/Sussex "Naviscat"	Tim Morris twmorris@ntlworld.com
NHAEG ATDC	Sat 21st Nov	Nightjar Scatter Orienteering, Hants/Berks	Trevor Edwards, 01344 775012 trevor_c.edwards@btinternet.com

These Inter-Register events are very enjoyable, why not give one of them a try. If you would like more information see Colin, Trevor E, Tony W or contact the organiser listed above.

“TREVOR’S TEASER”

‘Around the World in 25 Questions’

All answers are countries - some are before separation or a name change. Answers must be that of the country, spelled correctly

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|----|---|-----------|-------|
| 1 | A very annoyed republic! | - - - - - | (7) |
| 2 | An anagram of an aircraft | - - - - - | (5) |
| 3 | A green light permits one..... | - - - - - | (4) |
| 4 | A kangaroo’s home minus a metal | - - - - - | (7) |
| 5 | Water falls on all of Britain | - - - - - | (7) |
| 6 | Where one may feel uneasy or unwell? | - - - - - | (8) |
| 7 | A very cold place? | - - - - - | (5) |
| 8 | An order, to a young female, to go left on a boat | - - - - - | (8) |
| 9 | Ideal for a Christmas dinner | - - - - - | (6) |
| 10 | Sounds like a film company | - - - - - | (8) |
| 11 | Traffic hold-up and 4840 sq.yds! | - - - - - | (7) |
| 12 | Open-necked shirts not allowed! | - - - - - | (8) |
| 13 | It will be drought | - - - - - | (7) |
| 14 | Islander who could work in a brewery! | - - - - - | (5) |
| 15 | Sun makes a hearing organ go red | - - - - - | (8) |
| 16 | British PM contains nothing! | - - - - - | (8) |
| 17 | Sound as though they like elections! | - - - - - | (6) |
| 18 | With better springing the car | - - - - - | (8) |
| 19 | Do the French think this is the end of the world? | - - - - - | (7) |
| 20 | It sounds like runnng very fast! | - - - - - | (5) |
| 21 | You’re not a gal! | - - - - - | (7) |
| 22 | The price of a strong odour? | - - - - - | (5,4) |
| 23 | Another No.7! | - - - - - | (7) |
| 24 | Are you a male goose? | - - - - - | (6) |
| 25 | Posh crockery? | - - - - - | (5) |

Name(s):.....

Please submit your entry to Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. Berks RG45 6EF by Friday 2nd Oct, enclosing £1.00 towards prize(s). Good Luck!