



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 9th Sept – Noggin and natter

Monday 14th Oct - TBA

Monday 11th Nov – TBA Meetings will be at midday from now on.

NHAEG organised trips / events

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

Public car shows

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

West Green House – **22nd September**

RAF Odiham – Family Day

Our thanks go to Philip Riley from Odiham U3A who arranged for NHAEG members to attend RAF Odiham on the 9th August.

About 12 club cars arrived in convoy at 10.00 to find that there were already large crowds on site. There was initially some confusion over the parking arrangements which resulted in tours of the camp and several very tight 3 point turns but eventually we were parked in a good spot adjacent to the display area.

Although not open to the general public there were large crowds present with other car clubs, most notably Morgans, making a dominant display.

The weather started rather cold and grey but by midday things improved in time for the red arrows display at 2pm which was the highlight of the day. Also on site there were numerous food outlets, children's entertainment and live music etc. Overall an excellent day!





Swallowfield

The Swallowfield country show was held over the bank holiday weekend of the 25th and 26th August. This is a major event in the area run by volunteers and members of the Swallowfield Horticultural Society.

There was live music, trade, craft & artisan food stalls, plus a display of over 150 classic vehicles, traction engines & tractors etc. The main arena hosted events during the day such as dog shows and marching bands.

Additionally there was a large exhibition of horticultural, craft, cookery and art competition entries, together with on-site food and drink to suit all tastes.

NHAEG members were a bit scarce on the ground on Sunday, but made up for it on the following day with 11 cars. The weather was a bit changeable but it remained fine and dry and we all enjoyed a good picnic and natter.



West Green House – Sept 22nd

Bring along your classic car to parade along the private drive to the park at West Green House. A wonderful day out for the family with cars, gorgeous gardens, great food and live music at lunchtime.

We have been allocated places for 20 vehicles and a dedicated area for club parking. Please arrive before the public admission which opens at 11:00. You may need to mention NHAEG on arrival at the gate.

Hot drinks, sausage and bacon rolls will be available from 9am in the Showground, and the Tearoom in the garden will be open from 11am to 4pm. There is also an evening concert at extra cost.



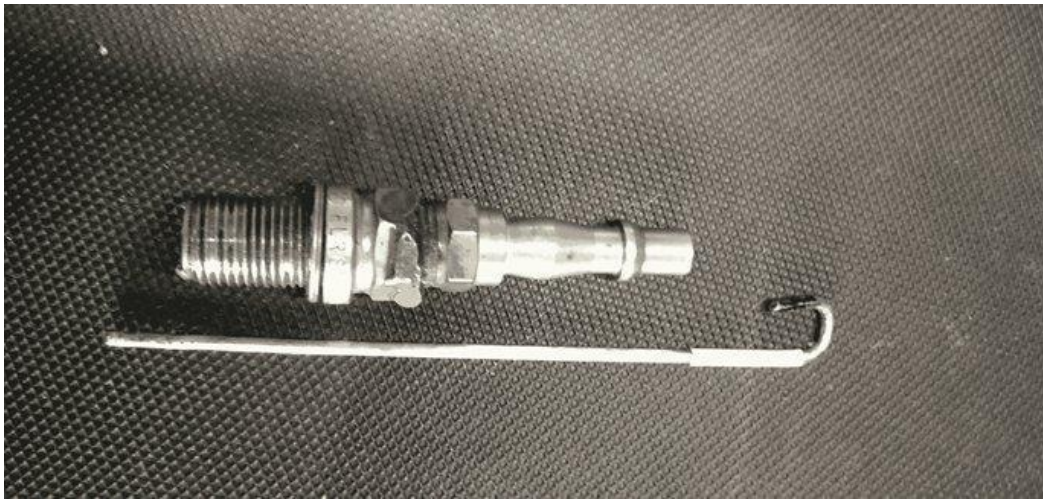
½ Gallon run update

On the evening Monday 8th July we held the traditional Half Gallon run to Rotherwick which was won on points by Tony and Pat W closely followed by Mike H and Alan P. However only Mike H came in a 'real' car and got a good soaking due to the inclement weather, so it has therefore been decided to award him the trophy. We would also like to wish Mike best wishes for a speedy recovery from a recent health incident and also hope that a collision with his Standard 8 can be repaired.

Multi Purpose Service Tool

Here is a "service" tool, which can be simply made using an airline connector and an old sparking plug. With this, one can easily set an engine to top dead centre, set static ignition timing and check for and identify the areas of compression loss. A simple tool but very useful for side valve, flat cylinder head engines.

The tool is produced by removing the porcelain centre from a sparking plug leaving the steel body. The earth/side electrode is cut off. A suitable male air line connector is then brazed or welded into the body.



The tool is screwed into number one cylinder and by rotating the engine the compression stroke can be found by feeling the pressure increase with one's thumb on the connector or by taping a balloon onto it and watching the inflation and deflation.

The next part is the "dipstick". A simple steel rod with a bend in the top, to prevent it dropping into the cylinder, this slides down the connector and rests onto the piston top. The tool is screwed into the cylinder head and the rod inserted, This will drop down and by turning the engine BY HAND, top dead centre will be indicated when the rod reaches its upper limit. This should be marked on the rod. On the one shown this is marked with some heat shrink tube which is cut at that point. So TDC is now easily set. Having TDC marked the engine can be rotated backwards (by putting into gear and rocking the car backwards) to set static firing point on the flywheel, this can also be marked on the dipstick. We now can set both TDC and ignition timing.



Now for the second use of the tool. We can of course check compression with the use of a compression testing pressure gauge, but this only indicates good or bad pressures and not where the pressure is being lost. This is where this unit comes into play. By setting the engine to TDC, for each cylinder in turn, and putting into gear, hand brake on with the wheels chocked, we can now with the tool screwed in (minus the dipstick) connect up a low pressure air line to the connector and blow air into the engine.

With the air going in, one should listen for the air leaking out :

- Any valve leakage will be heard either at the carburettor or the exhaust tail pipe,
- Any piston blow by, indicating piston ring leakage, will be heard by removing the oil filler cap
- Cylinder head gasket failure will be shown by bubbles in the radiator.

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New Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member Bryan Hull to our club, so please introduce yourself and make him feel at home.

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