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The Director's Cut...

Thursday 23rd when I'm writing this and the temperature is in double figures at last. I see that some of us are also suffering from a drought as well... it's official! The only problem I can see with all of that is that there hasn't really been too much rain to wash the salt away but I'm sure quite a lot of cars have been out already. I suppose hose pipe bans will scupper the cleaning regime somewhat too. Unfortunately both my 3000 and Angela's Frog have their carbs off for tweaking at the moment so guess who's going to be in the dog house this weekend. An ideal opportunity to get out in the cars and nothing available!

Anyway to business... Following our editor Mark's suggestion, the National Executive Committee have decided to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the meeting between Leonard Lord of BMC and Donald Healey, which resulted in their partnership and the formation of 'Austin Healey'. The main thrust of these celebrations will take place at the Silverstone Classic in July so if you haven't already booked your tickets; this gives you yet another reason to come along. At the moment I have provisionally agreed with the organisers that the Club will be able to cavalcade our cars on the circuit during Sunday's lunchtime break in the racing. We did this last year, and although we were behind a pace car, albeit a fairly rapid one in places, it was still a great experience. Anyway don't forget that the '2 for 1' ticket deal ends at the end of March so don't think about it for too long. I've got a big spread going into the next Revcounter so check it out.

Arrangements for our Season Opener are now all in place so I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Dyrham Park on the 1st April. As last year we have invited some of our sister clubs across the patch so we are expecting a good turn out of all manner of marques. Lot's to look at then, not just Healeys. There is no need to book so just turn up on the day but of course, if you could let us know that you'll be there in advance that would be helpful. Just drop a reply to the Editor on our HNSW e-mail address.

I've had a few takers for the spaces I offered for the Coleford Carnival of Transport in the last issue of HNSW. I still have a couple of spaces left, but if you want them you'll have to move very quickly. I must have your names and vehicle details by close of play on Sunday 26th Feb. so don't hang around. Just drop me an e-mail or give me a ring. (Details in Revcounter or on our SW web-site)

I'm off to Race Retro tomorrow at Stoneleigh so hopefully I'll be able to pick up a couple of SU repair kits and at least get the Frog back together this weekend. It needs a few more running-in miles on it before it is exposed to another season of Auto-testing so the earlier I can get it fixed the better, and speaking of autotests... our Competition Secretary Mes Edwards, has arranged another season of events for us at Kemble Airfield and I'm hoping that we get a few more competitors giving it a go this year. It really is great fun and a very good way to develop your car control skills in a safe and friendly environment. It is also just about the cheapest form of motorsport that you will ever find and you don't need any special kit to take part. We charge each driver just £15 for a day's competition and I reckon that's cheap in anyone's book! Better still, if you are new to autotesting and you want to give it a go, your first event this year will be FREE... yes that's right, **FREE**. The first round takes place on Sunday 29th April, so come and give it a go; we'd love to see you there! For more details of our autotest series and how to get started, contact our Competition Secretary, Mes Edwards on 01285 740529. Finally, last year's foray into staging a charity event is on again throughout the season this year, so for details of our Breakfast at Twyning charity events contact Mark Knight using the HNSW e-mail address.

That's all for now and I hope to see you at Dyrham.

Rob Hudson.

A look forward to April

It's going to be a busy start to the season!

The 'Season Opener!'

Sunday 1st April at 1100

National Trust Dyrham Park nr Bath (free admittance to the estate)

After a great turn out last year at Tyntesfield, we return again to the house and scenic parkland setting of Dyrham Park; our associated clubs are again joining us for what promises to be a great display in front of the house!

Contact Mark Knight at: Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

St. George's Day Run

23rd April

St Georges Day Classic Run
'Thames Valley Mix'

The Fairford Classic Car Club invite you! A social atmosphere, no competition, and interesting roads!

Contact Bunny Lees-Smith:

bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com

Tel: 01666 577275

The Corinium Run – 15th April

Organised by the Cirencester Car Club in the style of the old 'economy runs'!

Contact:

<http://www.cirencesterclub.com/corin.shtm>



'EXCLUSIVE CLUB TICKET DEAL' – Drive it Day!

The Club will again be taking a stand at the Bristol Classic Car Show, to be held this year on 21/22nd April at the Royal Bath & West Showground near Shepton Mallet. As last year the event has been scheduled to coincide with the FBHVC's 'Drive it Day' and a 'Classics' car park will be available to those wishing to drive their Healeys to the event on the Sunday. Special discounted club tickets are available at www.bccsl.co.uk and use discount code 'CLUB12'.

We look forward to seeing you on **STAND B51.**



Future Diary Dates

Breakfast at Twyning – The BAT –

Sunday 6th May @ 0900

The kick-off 'BAT' for 2012, join us for this charitable 'classics on the green' "Breakfast at Twyning" (GL20 6DF), supporting our nominated charity "fly2help" – all classics welcome!

Possible road run afterwards!

Contact: Mark Knight - 07791 417256

Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

The Haselbury Mill

10am - 4pm Sunday 15th April

'Classics at the Mill' is a classic vehicle meeting at the Haselbury Mill, a unique venue in the heart of the Somerset Countryside.

Haselbury Mill is one mile east of Crewkerne, just off the A30.

www.classicsatthemill.co.uk

Silverstone Classic: 20-22nd July

You've seen the flyer but note that plans are now afoot for an Austin-Healey 60th Anniversary event!

How about 60 Healey 100s.. Wouldn't that be fantastic?!

The Noggin...!

Please note that 14th March is the next Cotswolds area Noggin and will again be held at The Bathurst Arms near Cirencester!

Bitsn' Bobs

Techy Stuff - 1!

Courtesy of our engineering consultant at Nottingham University, here's a great (but true) way to save fuel:

[reverse-into-your-parking-space-and-save-yourself-100-a-year](#)

Techy Stuff - 2!

Thinking about/planning touring next summer, take the hassle out of 'baggage' and look at this:

[Bespoke Austin Healey Bags](#)

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All articles, pictures and feedback gratefully received.

January's score – '1'! Yes, that's a big improvement, thank you!