



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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Hello everyone,

Lots of news about forthcoming events as things really start to build up for the season – well, subject to the weather of course!

Some of you may already have seen some of the FBHVC's news, but 2 items caught my eye, namely:

- That, commencing later this year, pre-1960 vehicles are no longer required to be MOT tested ! That said, you may still choose to have your vehicle tested. I hear that there is a backlash against this already so watch this space as they say!
- The long-awaited technical analysis into ethanol additives is now available with a number endorsed by the FBHVC. That said, the increase in ethanol content has been pushed back to 2015, for the UK at least. It was interesting to note on our recent tour to Monaco and the Mille Miglia that any (and not frequent) E10 fuel pumps are very clearly labelled and that there was always the alternative of 'normal' fuel available. The FBHVC also points out, importantly, that the superfuels (V-power, BP Ultimate etc) will only ever contain 7% of ethanol, so fuelling with this high-quality fuel ought to provide a viable alternative should one be concerned. Indeed, on our tour, we noted that filling up with such fuels was roughly equivalent in price to normal unleaded fuel in the UK, so why not benefit from that and treat your classic?!

And finally, don't forget that beginning 1 July you will be required by law to carry a breathalyser ( 2 are recommended) when driving in France! Luckily they are cheap and there are plenty for sale on ebay. Don't get caught out on the forthcoming Le Mans Classic weekend!

Mark Knight, eNewsletter Editor, South West Centre.

## Recent Events – Members at Spa!

'Our man in France' and selected SW'ern members headed over/up to Spa for the recent classic weekend there. This event is growing and is organised by Peter Auto who also run the LMC classic. Rodney writes: *Michele and I had the pleasure of meeting up with fellow South West members, Austin & Maureen Laferla and Mes & Sue Edwards at the Spa Classic, last weekend in May. The weather was very agreeable and we enjoyed "trackside parking" just inside the La Source hairpin. I attach a few photos, some of which you might like to include in you next newsletter. The burning Lola is a salutary reminder that "Motor Racing is Dangerous". Thankfully nobody was hurt. Including our travels from the Dordogne, Gloucestershire and La Sarthe respectively, our total millage between us was nigh on 5000 miles over a about one week. The only problems experienced were a misfire developing on Mes's Frogeye, traced to a punctured carburettor float, and loss of brake lights on the "E" Type traced to a failed pressure switch. I have heard a growing number of people believe that floats are being attacked by these modern fuels, and one classic race engineer I know changes regularly them on customer cars as a matter of course. Well that's all from the mainland for the moment, off to the 24 hour's practicing this evening, and looking forward to meeting up at the Le Mans Classic. Best wishes, Rodders*



# Forthcoming Diary Dates

## Breakfast at Twyning – The BAT – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 0900

At the next 'BAT' we will be joined by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club, so we expect this will be a big one – circa 120-150 cars!

Join us for bacon rolls & coffee on the Twyning Green (GL20 6DF), supporting our nominated charity "fly2help" – all classics welcome!

*Note: you may participate in the AROC drive after the BAT (to Sudeley Castle) but you must pre-book via the AROC Cotswolds website. Details: Mark [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)*

## 'Castle Combe C & SC Action Day' - 30th June

Castle Combe is keen to have us there – they have recognised the prestige nature of the marque by offering us a display area in the main paddock! We have been asked to cavalcade at lunchtime. We get up to 12 passes for free, but this will be for up to 12 cars and drivers. All passengers will have to buy an admission ticket.

Info: [rob.hudson@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.hudson@btinternet.com)

Details: [Classic & Sportscar Action Day](#)

## An Invitation from our AMOC Friends!

**NEW!**

We have decided to invite a selective group of like minded car enthusiasts to our Garden party on BH Monday the 27th August. We hope that some of your members would like to come along. It will be ticket only and the cost is £35 per person which includes a champagne reception and sumptuous BBQ. As the venue is limited to around 150 and a third of tickets have already gone, please register ASAP (deadline 28<sup>th</sup> July)! Contact Richard Pinkett: [ricardopinkett@gmail.com](mailto:ricardopinkett@gmail.com) or Tel: 0780 1685613

## RAF Brize Norton Families Day Invitation

**NEW!**

RAF Brize Norton will be holding a Families' Day on Saturday 15 September and we have been invited to attend. Interested?

Please contact David Tofts:

[davidtofts@hotmail.com](mailto:davidtofts@hotmail.com)

## Pentillie Festival of Speed: 25-26<sup>th</sup> August

**NEW!**

Linked with the AMOC invitation above, this new event in the South West promises to be a great weekend – why not combine both?!

Info: [www.pentillie.co.uk](http://www.pentillie.co.uk)

## Tewkesbury Classic Car Show: 19<sup>th</sup> August

**NEW!**

The biggest event in the area, formerly the Bredon Show and known to many! Promises to be bigger and better than last year with club and trade stands. Meeting for bacon roll and coffee before a cavalcade arrival!

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All articles, pictures and feedback gratefully received.

May's score – 1 email & 8 pictures!