



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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Hello everyone,

If you are one of the 170 (of 176) AHC South Western members who missed the mid-summer evening 'BBQ at Twyning' on the Village Green on Saturday 28th July, then you missed a great evening. The weather was lovely and close-on 100 cars turned out. Much more importantly, the charity raffle made £258 for fly2help, our affiliated charity.

A great mix of cars parked on the Village Green for this mid-summer's evening variation in the series of 'BAT' charity meetings. Added interest was provided by the owners of an Audi R8, Tesla electric supercar and a local gentleman who turned up with a pre-war Mercedes 500-series replica – stunning! Lambrettas, a VW Camper, Matra Simca(!), amazingly 'patinated' Hillman Minx, a strong turn-out from the Lotus 7 Club, a 'rally' Jensen, lovely Bristol and lots more, ensured there was plenty to look around! The BBQ at the Village Inn bathed in warm evening sun was popular and the whole evening typified the nice, relaxed, friendly classic car meet atmosphere we all hope for.

Fly2help supported the evening with a charity stand so as the public could learn a little more of what our nominated associated charity does and kindly ran the raffle from their stand. Particular thanks to the many supporters who contributed raffle prizes – everything from an Italian hamper, to a ladies leather handbag and classic car mugs – oh, and some 'bottles' too of course!

The next month or two look pretty busy, so do read on for details of the Tewkesbury (formerly Bredon) Classic Car Show where we will have a Club stand preceded by a breakfast rendezvous – which will be free! The following weekend (the BH weekend) will be both the next BAT and the acclaimed Pershore Plum Festival. In September, one of our key – driving - events of the year, the SW'ern BBQ and Road Run on the 23rd, which will kindly be hosted by Jim and Josie Hutson. This will also be subsidised by the Club, so do take advantage and make sure you get this in the calendar!

Mark Knight, eNewsletter Editor, AHC South Western Centre.

Recent Events – BBQ at Twyning (the mid-summer BAT)!

A selection of pictures of the evening.



A Gymkhana – ‘Horse Power’ but no ‘Horses’!

This Sunday – 12th August, 1100 Start !

If you were offered a cheap day out, an opportunity for a great day of enthusiastic driving and a superb car handling experience and all for £15, then why wouldn't you take advantage of it?

This is what the South Western gymkhana days at Kemble airfield offer you – a great day out with like-minded individuals and a perfect opportunity to safely explore your Healey's handling - off the public roads! Talk to Mes Edwards about what the day offers and bring some friends – it doesn't matter whether it's a Mini or a Marcos, a Peugeot or a potent rally car, there's a class for you all – but we don't take it too seriously! Having fun and learning to handle your car more competently is what it is all about, so why not try it! Next time you face challenging conditions on the road, you'll be glad you've done so.

Please contact: Mes Edwards Mes.edwards@tubelines.com

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Follow-on dates: 16th September and 14th October



Cotswolds Noggin & Natter – Change of Venue!

During the recent Committee meeting, we discussed whether to move the monthly Cotswolds area Noggin & Natter, given some problems experienced at the Bathurst Arms. Accordingly, and having tried it for other meetings, the N&N will move to the Puesdown Inn on the A40 east of Cheltenham.

The first N&N to be held here will be the September Noggin

Details of the Puesdown: <http://www.puesdown.cotswoldinns.com/#>

In the workshop #1

Are you staring at a dirty, greasy engine bay every time you open the bonnet? Help is now at hand! Carl runs PortaJet, a mobile steam-cleaning service and having just had an MG and a TR7 cleaned, I can vouch for the quality of the service. Great guy, really helpful, takes a lot of care, and very reasonably priced - it will likely only cost between £30-50 per car!

www.portajet.co.uk

In the workshop #2

We have had a spate of cars coming in with brake and clutch problems lately. Some causes are obvious, others less so and diagnosis can be challenging! The good news is that your good-quality, original parts (callipers, cylinders, servos) can be fully overhauled (s/s sleeving too) and bench-tested prior to re-fit.

Talk to Rob at RetroMarques for advice regarding these problems.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

NEW!

Breakfast at Twyning – The BAT – Sunday 26th August @ 1000

The next 'BAT' – BH weekend Sunday, so come and join us for bacon rolls & coffee on the Village Green at Twyning (GL20 6DF), supporting our nominated charity

“fly2help” – all classics welcome!

Please pre-book breakfast with:

Mark Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

Reminder!

Tewkesbury Classic Car Show: 19th August

Formerly the Bredon Show and the biggest event in the area! Bigger and better than last year with club and trade stands. Pre-meet for bacon roll and coffee, then a cavalcade arrival onto the AHC SW'ern stand!

We do need numbers so as to be able to book breakfast, so please email/call:

rob.hudson@btinternet.com

Last chance – entries close shortly..!

An Invitation from our AMOC Friends!

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 28th July)! Contact Richard Pinkett: ricardopinkett@gmail.com or Tel: 0780 1685613

NEW!

Pershore Plum Festival: BH Monday 27th August

A well-known gathering of classic cars in Pershore by the river. Used to clash with the Bredon (now Tewkesbury) Show but helpfully now deconflicted, so you can do both! Tony needs applications no later than this Sunday, 12th August!

Info: rob.hudson@btinternet.com

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

Reminder!

Pentillie Festival of Speed: 25-26th August

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

Reminder!

RAF Brize Norton Families Day Invitation

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

Finally:

FBHVC Heritage Days, 8/9th Sep – possible local event, heritage-related, TBC

Castle Combe circuit, 6/7th Oct - Healeys in action, supported by SW'ern stand, TBC

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All articles, pictures and feedback gratefully received.

June's score – 1 email and 1 photo, thank you!