



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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Hello everyone,

No doubt for many of you thoughts will firmly be on this weekend's Goodwood Revival and we'll maybe see some of you there – fingers crossed for good weather!

The forthcoming and probably most significant event of the year is also coming up shortly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and that is the SW'ern BBQ and Road Run. Jim Hutson has kindly agreed to host the BBQ and we now know that we will begin the event with a breakfast rendezvous at the Puesdown Inn just east of Cheltenham on the A40. You will then take a scenic tour of the lovely Cotswolds villages before finishing at Jim's for a BBQ. The Club is subsidising this event – details below, so if you are not there you cannot benefit!

October, rather than being a quiet, end-of-season month, is shaping up to be busy with the South Western heading for the famous circuit at Castle Combe, near Chippenham, Wilts, to support the Healey racers in what will be their only UK appearance this year! This should be a great day out so do come along and join the Club stand to watch the action on circuit and meet the Healey race drivers. Later in the month will see the final Breakfast at Twyning – the BAT – for the season. This one is planned to be a big end-of-season fund-raiser and will see the usual breakfast rendezvous on the Twyning village green, a raffle and then a short scenic drive to NT Croome Park for lunch and an autumn walk. It should be a lovely day out, so put the 28<sup>th</sup> October in your diary now!

Talking of diaries, we now have confirmation that our much hoped-for slot at Prescott Hillclimb for 2013 has been approved! This fun, family-friendly, car clubs day out on the famous hill will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Diarise it now!

Finally, we're almost at AGM and end-of-season dinner time again! 20<sup>th</sup> October will see us at the Royal George Hotel in Birdlip for the 2 events. It was a great evening out last year with our own private dinner room in the hotel, so do come along. The AGM only lasts an hour and then it's off to the bar and dinner!

Mark Knight, eNewsletter Editor, AHC South Western Centre

## **Sales and Wants:**

Set of 5 used Michelin XAS 180 HR 15 tyres, in very good condition with plenty of tread (all 5-6mm, spare at 4mm)- **£300**

Please enquire: [Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk](mailto:Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk) or 07791 417256

**Reminder!**

## **Cotswolds Noggin & Natter – Change of Venue!**

The N&N has moved 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/#>*

### **The Stephen Merchant report...**

Excited by the last minute invite from the Marcos club to attend Prescott Hillclimb on 12th August, ever the optimist, we were driving to Prescott early Sunday morning in spite of it being a grumpy looking morning and a forecast of rain. After registration & purchase of 'hill run' tickets (£20 for 2 runs, bit pricy but still worth every penny!) we caught up with Alister who was busy polishing his BN2 entered in the concours. There was a fabulous collection of cars to look at with some trailered 'beasts' ready to pound the hill.

After watching from different vantage points, I received a text from Ang Hudson saying it was 'chucking it down' in Gloucester. Looking towards Cheltenham I could see dark clouds approaching fast. With this, I charged back to the car and got to the start as quick as I could, within minutes of seeing the rain clouds I was off the line! Engine not fully warm, cold tyres and damp air ... this was not going to be a 'sighting' run up the hill, it was likely to be my only run up the hill. So I made the most of it, back end sliding a bit on the long slow Orchard bend and then continued to 'twitch' about all the way up the hill. Driving back down to the car park the rain started .....and the rain continued ..... and continued! A few cars ventured up the hill in the wet, one of the 'show beasts' obviously fitted with wet tyres revelled in the conditions & did run after run, (very impressive) but it was clear that the hill would take hours to dry. As we had friends visiting from Manchester with us, Prescott in the rain was not high on their Cotswolds 'to do' list! So we left in search of sunshine, which we found 3 hours later at Hanbury Hall (NatTrust).



# Forthcoming Diary Dates

**NEW!**

## Castle Combe – 6<sup>th</sup> October

The Healey racers in action on this famous Wiltshire circuit and their only UK appearance this year - do not miss it!

Come along to support them from the Club stand and enjoy 4 hours of classic racing!

Make the most of the 2-for-1 ticket deal and enjoy an atmospheric day of action!

Please register ASAP: Details on p29 of September Revcounter

## Kemble Gymkhana

September 16<sup>th</sup> and then October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Start time is 11:00 and it is the best fun you'll have in a classic for the bargain rate of £15!

Please contact Mes Edwards for details:

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Phone: 01285 740529

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## SW'ern BBQ and Road Run - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Just a few weeks to go to this great DRIVING day out!

Rendezvous at The Pusedown Inn at 10am, for breakfast and route books, then a scenic drive through the Cotswolds of about 3 hours before finishing at Jim Hutson's house for an afternoon BBQ  
Pre-book (before 19<sup>th</sup> Sep) and it will be free, otherwise £10 pp on the day – please note!

Just bring something to sit on, we'll provide everything else!

Entries to: Mark [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

Mobile 07791 417256

**1 week left for bookings!**

**NEW!**

## AGM and End of Season Dinner

20<sup>th</sup> October at 18:00

Just an hour for the AGM before heading to the bar and dinner!

*Do come along, hear what we're doing and meet the Committee and other members*

*Remember, this is your chance to tell us what you think and what you want (yes, really!)*

**NEW!**

## Breakfast at Twyning – The BAT – Sunday

28<sup>th</sup> October @ 1000

The next and final 'BAT' for 2012  
Come and join us for bacon rolls & coffee on the Village Green at Twyning (GL20 6DF), supporting our nominated charity "fly2help" – all classics welcome!

Prize raffle, scenic drive and then lunch and an autumn walk at NT Croome Park

Please pre-book with:

Mark [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

## **Finally:**

Our annual Isle of Wight weekend is filling up with a good number of members already booked in – don't forget to book this fun weekend away! Details in Revcounter.

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All articles, pictures and feedback gratefully received.

August's score – 1 story (printed) - thank you!