



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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## Director's Cut

With just a week or so to Christmas, I hope you are all ready for the holidays and the cars are all tucked up nice and warm. The forecast this winter looks quite harsh so don't forget to check your antifreeze and all that stuff. What with all the festive arrangements going on at the moment it would be very easy to forget all about Club things for the next few weeks, but there are a couple of things that I want to bring to your attention that need thinking about in the very near future... Firstly the National Club have arranged for us to visit the Donington Historic Festival on the first weekend in May (advert on P33 of December's Revcounter, see also <http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/>). This is going to be well attended I'm sure, so I would suggest you get your '2 for 1' tickets ASAP. On a more local note, I am currently in the process of booking our space at the Coleford Festival of Transport which takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Monday). This is a very popular event and as such we only have a small club stand available. Numbers are therefore limited and I will be taking names on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January so start thinking about whether or not you want to be there now.

On a slightly different note, it was good to see a few of you at the NEC Classic Car Show a few weeks ago. Some nice cars and good company as always. The Club's AGM was interesting this year with a lot more debate than in past years. The detail of all of that will be featured in the next edition of Revcounter. A little disappointed that only Mark Knight and I were in attendance from the South West but perhaps a better turn-out next year!

So finally, can I wish you all, on the behalf of myself and the South West Committee, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Next year's calendar is already very full so check it out on the web-site or in the Revcounter 'Action Planner' and start planning your 2013 Healeying right away.

Regards,

Rob Hudson

**Final Reminder!**

## The Xmas Blues Run 2012 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Traditionally, we try to offer a post-Christmas event - to blow away the cobwebs - and to get the Healey out during a period when, traditionally, our cars do not get much use! Once again, member Bunny Lees-Smith has kindly invited us to join in 'The Xmas Blues Run 2012' and I shall attach the details for this well organised and fun day out in the Cotswolds. Time is running out, so book now please!

Entries to Bunny: [bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com](mailto:bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com)

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## Forthcoming Diary Dates

**Reminder!**

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

The N&N has moved to:

The Kilkeney Inn south-east of Cheltenham.

*Details of the Kilkeney:* <http://www.kilkeneycheltenham.co.uk/>

**NEW!**

### Coleford Carnival of Transport – Easter Monday!

Am amazing – both in size and diversity – show with all sorts of vintage and classic cars and bikes, also auto-jumble and parts vendor stands. The show takes over the whole of Coleford and it is an amazing day out – not least for the great breakfasts available on arrival!

As a result of its popularity, it is usual that we will only be offered circa 10 places for the AHC SW stand, so please get an entry in quickly and no later than 31 January.

More information:

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**NEW!**

### AutoSolo 2012! First Event - 3 March - at Kemble Airfield

Well, some good news – you no longer have to confess to fellow motoring enthusiasts that you are ‘just off to the gymkhana in the Healey!’

For 2013 you have the opportunity for an amazing day of driving – a *real driver’s challenge*, but carried out off the public highways, and for the bargain price of £15! Where can you get such value for money these days..? Most of us like to think we’re good drivers and can handle a classic car competently, but in the Autosolo series you can practice, improve and have a genuinely fun day out. You never know, you might even win something! No special insurance requirements, no overalls or helmet, no special car preparation – just turn up on the day and Mes and the guys will gladly host you.

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**NEW!**

### Morgan Factory Visit

On Friday the 22nd of March 2013 we have booked a visit to the Morgan Car Factory at Pickersleigh Road, Malvern, WR14 2LL. The tour will start at 10.00am and takes approx a hour and half in the factory and half an hour in the museum. The tour will cost £12.50 per person to be paid on the day. There will be a special parking area for all of us. After the tour a pub lunch could be arranged – please let me know if you would be interested in this and we’ll book somewhere suitable.

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