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Ed's Intro

Well, the Committee have planning well under way for this season's events and it is clear that it is going to be a busy year – there are more events than ever on the calendar and it is becoming more and more difficult to decide what not to do! We have a new show at Tetbury and, bordering with Midlands, another new event which is being staged in Stratford. There are also new events in Devon, Somerset and Cornwall and I'll try and get as many listed as I can on the Calendar of Events.

However, the focus in this HNSW is to notify you of all that is planned for the early part of the season, noting this year's very early Easter weekend, and a very busy April then follows. Even before the season really kicks-off though, we have events taking place. Firstly, a visit to the Morgan factory in Malvern, really only a few weeks away, so get your names in to Jim Hutson for this really interesting visit with a planned lunch at a local hostelry afterwards! Also in March is the first AutoSolo event of the season – this one will be somewhat different, so see below for details.

Looking more widely now to National events, as you will have noted in Revcounter, the AHC has arranged 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 planning our first 'Breakfast at Twyning' event which will be timed to coincide with the FBHVC's National 'Drive it Day' on the 21st April. I hope that we may be able to offer a drive, as well as the rendezvous at Twyning, and also to extend the usual breakfast to allow for drive-in opportunities throughout the day.

I said it was a busy month – so much so that our official 'season opener' cannot be staged until the end of April, Sunday 28th, when we will be returning to NT Tyntesfield, just south of Bristol, where we had a very strong turnout and good weather 2 years ago; again, details below.

2013 promises to be a great year with lots of interesting events and locations on the calendar. We also plan to include a monthly driving event for those of you less keen on the static shows and keen to get out and drive your Healey!

Mark

Book Now!

Morgan Factory Tour & Lunch

Friday 22nd March @ 10.00 am.



The visit costs £12.50 per person and takes about 2 hours. Places are limited so if you want to join us on a tour of the factory and the museum, contact Jim Hutson:

Tel: 01285 720223 or e-mail: hutson77@btinternet.com

We plan a group lunch after the visit, so do let us know if that would also be of interest.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Reminder!

Cotswolds Noggin & Natter!

The Noggin has moved to:

The Kilkeney Inn south-east of Cheltenham.

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

Coleford Carnival of Transport – Easter Monday 1st April!

This event is now booked; if you missed the deadline, then email Rob and ask to be put on the reserve list!

Rob Hudson: Director@ahc-southwestern.co.uk

Reminder!

AutoSolo 2012! First Event – 3rd March - at Kemble Airfield

This first AutoSolo of the season promises to be a busy day – it is a joint event with Devizes Motor Club. Even if you do not (yet!) wish to participate, simply turn-up to watch and see an AutoSolo in action.

A great opportunity for a real fun day of driving – a *driver's challenge* -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 and improve your expertise and have a genuinely fun day out. Just turn up on the day and Mes and the regulars will gladly host you.

Mes Edwards: Mes.Edwards@tubelines.com or Mobile 07764 429035

NEW!

Corinium Run – 14th April

The annual Cirencester Car Club's event which is run in the manner of the classic 'economy runs' of the 60s – a great day out and always a good mix of classics and modern-classics! The AHC SW is an invited club, one of the few, so make the most of it and give it a go if you haven't participated before!

Details here, apply quickly or be disappointed!

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

NEW!

FBHVC National 'Drive-it-Day' and Breakfast at Twynning – Sunday 21st April

As mentioned in the introduction, we plan for the first BAT of the season to coincide with the National 'DiD'. So far as we know, this is the only planned DiD rendezvous in the area so we hope for a strong turnout and a good mix of interesting vehicles.

Details of the DiD are on the FBHVC website, so look up the events list to see what is taking place close to you if you cannot make it to Twynning. Remember this is the one day in the year when your classic should be out on the roads and in the public eye!

<http://fbhvc.co.uk/2013/01/11/drive-it-day-sunday-21-april-2013/>