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Ed's Intro

Well, we're almost there – the Grand Prix season begins again in a week or two's time and not long after that so does the AHC SW season!

April is looking busier than ever with an event being held on every weekend, so should you choose, you have a busy month ahead! In fact, April is so busy that we have had no choice but to push the Season Opener to the back end of the month.

Even before the season begins in earnest, we have a visit to the Morgan factory in Malvern. This is now only a fortnight away, so get your names in to Jim Hutson for this really interesting visit followed by a planned lunch at a local hostelry afterwards!

March also sees the entries closing for 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 with an excellent programme, so I would suggest you get your '2 for 1' tickets ASAP.

Our first 'Breakfast at Twynning' event is specifically timed to coincide with the FBHVC's National 'Drive it Day' on the 21st April, so we are hopeful that this will be used as the area's main rendezvous for classic and vintage vehicles. Do check the FBHVC's own website for details of meetings near to you and, whilst mentioning the FBHVC, do take the chance to check out for their new website and all of the new logos – specially revised to highlight their anniversary year! I can now confirm that we will be able to offer a drive, as well as the rendezvous at Twynning, courtesy of the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club Cotswolds Section. I also hope to be able to extend the usual breakfast to allow for drive-in opportunities throughout the day.

2013 promises to be a great year with lots of interesting events and locations on the calendar – there really is no excuse for not getting out there and enjoying your Healey!

Mark

Last chance!

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

Cotswolds Noggin & Natter!

The Noggin remains at The Kilkeney Inn south-east of Cheltenham.

But please note that we intend to hold a 'roving Noggin' as from the May N&N; the location for which will be promulgated at the April N&N and thereafter the following location 1 month in advance!

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

Reminder!

AutoSolo 2012! Next Event – 7th April - at Kemble Airfield

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 the regulars will gladly host you.

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

Last chance!

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>

Reminder!

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

The first BAT of the season and planned to coincide with and support the FBHVC's National 'DiD'. So far as we know, this is the only planned DiD rendezvous in this 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/>

**12th April
deadline**

Fairford CCC St George's Day Run – Tuesday 23rd April

The Fairford Club have once again invited the AHC SW members to join in with their annual St George's Day Run. The tour begins with coffee/tea at Chedworth and then follows 65 miles of scenic country roads before finishing with a 2-course lunch. The

entry form is attached, further details from:

Michael Scott: michaelandhelen@greenbee.net



Reminder!

Season Opener – NT Tyntesfield – Sunday 28th April

So busy is April, that the 28th is the first opportunity to hold the Season Opener! We had a great turn-out 2 years ago, as you can see from the panorama above, with cars not only attending from the AHC, but also from several of our other associated clubs. Free entry, whether NT members or not, and lots to see in magnificent grounds, gift shop in the old – but fascinating - cow-shed and café.

Please contact Tony Alden to notify him that you will be attending and please note that you must let him know if you wish to reserve house-tour tickets and you will need to be in position no later than 10:30 !

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Diary Dates – Forthcoming Events

- 3-5th May – Donington Classic – see Revcounter for AHC National stand entry
- 12th May – Drive and BBQ, kindly hosted by Jim Hutson, postponed from late-2012
- 30th May – a visit to Thornley Kelham's workshop nr Cirencester
- 9th June – invitation to join the JDC at Prescott Hillclimb (limited numbers)

Member Report



Dear Rob and Mark,

I thought you might be interested to see a photo of the rebuild? It's with Cape International and is all beginning to come together. To cut a long story short, the insurance company agreed to pay in full and so the car has had an engine out/ front end respray/ complete new wiring loom. I'm really pleased with it. I've taken the opportunity to add an access panel for the Webers, and a fire extinguisher system is being plumbed in too. I'm not sure when it will be ready, but am hoping that it should be by the end of the month or early March?

I look forward to being back on the road!

Do hope you're well, kind regards,

Nigel