



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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**Hello Healey'ers!**

It feels like we've had a proper summer so far and a busy one for classics too – hurrah! The Le Mans Classic pilgrimage was a great long weekend away with our own entry topping 30 cars and then bolstered in the Clubs parking area by the French, Belgian and Healey Driver's Club entries – so a good turn out! On track the 100/4s (and a lone green 100S) were both plentiful (in relative terms!) and quite successful and in the next age-related grid the 6-cylinder cars were very strong with Karsten Le Blanc particularly quick in DD300 – our own local ex-John Chatham car!

Talking of famous cars, some of you will have seen that EVV106 – the ex-David Shale green 100S – was sold at Bonham's Goodwood FoS auction for a strong £673,500; the market continues to value the rare early Healeys it seems – good news! Having mentioned Karsten, he also tells me he is driving his own recently purchased 100S now – not to mention a Cobra and a Mustang (I'm in the wrong job..!!)

Closer to home, we attended the new Naunton Village Fete and Classic Car Show near Stow and were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the entry there. A lovely setting, very friendly hosting and locals and some amazing cars. My own personal 'prize driver and car of the day' has to go to the father and son combo who drove their 1903 Peugeot from Cheltenham to be there: 'It took us 1 ½ hours to get here' the younger driver said, 'but it'll be a bit quicker on the way back as it's more downhill!'

The first BBQ at Twynning (that's still a 'BAT'!) was a great success – but we were oh so lucky with the weather! Originally forecast to be a wash-out, I was watching the weather radar images throughout the day and also somewhat worried about the soft 'going' on the Village Green. Well, mid-afternoon the rain eased off and a 4x4 confirmed the going as 'firm' so I sent out a global email saying 'it's on'! In the end a good 35 cars or more turned out, Gary and Sandra were able to continue with the BBQ outside the pub and we had a lovely warm, sunny evening, live music in the pub and a successful fund-raising raffle for fly2help; many thanks to those that staunchly supported the event!

So, what's coming up? Two major events for late August – the Tewkesbury Classic Car Show (don't miss your free breakfast on us!) and the Pershore Plum Festival – on successive weekends. Early September sees the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the new Tetbury shows and then the final 'BBQ at Twynning' fund raisers. Looking a little further ahead, 2 dates for your diaries, the AHC National weekend on 4/5<sup>th</sup> October (squarely in our area!) and the season-closing AGM and dinner on 18<sup>th</sup> at the Crown of Crucis just outside Cirencester.

*Mark*

LMC14 - DD300 ready to go!



Healey line-up at Staverton Open Day



# 2014 Event Calendar

Main Events August & September

## August 17<sup>th</sup> – Tewkesbury Classic Car Festival

Join us for our annual breakfast rendezvous at The Railway Inn, Ripple for bacon rolls and coffee (at 0930) and then a convoy drive and arrival to park as a Club stand at the show. And don't forget, the Club pays for breakfast, so make the most of it!

Please let me (Mark) know you plan to come along so as we can get catering numbers to Sue at The Railway!

## August 25<sup>th</sup> Pershore Plum Festival Classic Car Show

We have managed to secure a prime position at this year's Plum Festival closing event, but places are limited so don't delay in planning ahead for the BH Monday! There is plenty to see and do and the town is closed to vehicles for the day, so wandering out of the Abbey grounds into historic Pershore is a very pleasant stroll!



## September 7<sup>th</sup> – Tetbury Classic Car Show

The 2<sup>nd</sup> show to be held in Tetbury and building on the success of last year's inaugural event! Jim Hutson has arranged a Club stand so just come along and enjoy the day! Please note that the display is adjacent to the town centre so strolling out into historic Tetbury is very easy!

## September 20<sup>th</sup> – BBQ at Twynning raising funds for fly2help

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of our summer Saturday evening BBQ events on the lovely village green in Twynning near Tewkesbury. We managed close to 100 cars last year so let's try and break that record! The Village Inn will put on a BBQ again and the pub is open as normal of course. Fly2help will have a stand with us on the evening and will host a prize raffle to raise funds.

Please tell us you are coming, so the pub can plan for catering numbers:

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## Look Ahead to October:

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> AHC National Weekend incorporating the Prescott Autumn Classic and the Castle Combe Classic

South Western are organising this fantastic Healey sports weekend with Healeys on the Hill on the Saturday and then on the circuit on the Sunday. Club stand on both days and a hotel deal for those who wish to stay mid-way between the 2 locations and 'party' on the Saturday night! Block the weekend in your diary and standby for further details!

### 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Peaks Tour - with the Fairford Classic Car Club

Enjoy 4 days touring with the FCCC in the spectacular countryside of the Peaks. See the flyer attached for more details.

### 18<sup>th</sup> – AGM and End of Season Dinner Evening

To be held at the Crown of Crucis just outside Cirencester – please support this event, it is your ideal opportunity to participate in the debate and planning for 2015 and for a friendly dinner evening afterwards!