



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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Hello everyone,

By now you'll all be getting your cars ready for this year's season I hope and here's hoping that those of you who are already on the road didn't get caught out by the gritting that has taken place over the last couple of weeks. I know there are a few die-hards out there who use a Healey as their daily driver... yeah honestly!!!

I am currently changing my crown wheel and pinion to a higher ratio (3.54) and I can tell you all that it's a difficult thing to get right. If anyone out there has done it, I'd appreciate a call on getting the pinion height correct! My number's on the web-site.

In between pulling bearings and measuring shims I've been sorting out some details for the SW planner and getting event information up onto the web-site. Details of the Churchill Vintage and Classic Show near Stow on the Wold and our usual event at Prescott Hillclimb with the Jaguar Drivers' Club are recent additions so why not take a look. Mark has also been doing a lot of work on our 'Drive it Day' event at the National Trust's headquarters in Swindon, more details of which appear in this edition of HNSW and of course, on our web-site. Make sure you bookmark the site and visit it regularly as new information about our Centre is being added every week, and by the way... if *you* have anything that you think would be of interest to the members that you'd like to get on the web-site send it to Mark and we'll sort it out.

Anyway, enough from me. I'm off to calculate shim thicknesses and book my place on JDC day at Prescott. Hope to see as many of you as possible on 'Drive it Day' so until then...

**Rob Hudson**

Surprise 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday present drive in a Healey; Forest of Dean this morning (Sunday)!



**Rock Oil 'Strata 20W50' Engine Oil** - We have spoken to the Technical Department at 'Rock Oil' and following our discussions they have recommended 'Strata 20W50' as the best choice for our Austin Healey Engines. We have also been able to negotiate a very good price for the Club so we are able to offer **5 litres of Strata 20W50 for just £12.60 inc.VAT.**

Speak to Tony Alden on 07786 000921 or e-mail him at [tony.alden@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.alden@btinternet.com) to discuss how to get your items and to place your order.

# News & Diary Dates

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## 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30: FBHVC National Drive it Day (DiD)!

This year's DiD is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – just the day after St George's Day! We are now planning to rendezvous at Heelis, the headquarters of the National Trust. Heelis is right next to the Great Western Designer Outlet village at Swindon, so an ideal location for the public to see the cars, this being the FBHVC's aim for DiD of course!

We plan to drive in from 10:30 as breakfast is available in the NT Heelis café from 11:00.

There is no charge to join in the DiD rendezvous but there will be a charge for anyone wishing to join a guided tour of the close-by Steam Museum.

Please notify me of your attendance so as we can plan parking and a group booking (need 15 min) for Steam: Mark at: [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)



## South Western AutoSolo Series

This year's AutoSolo series starts with a 'starter' day in May, probably Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> but TBC. If you want to get your hand in earlier than that then 2 other events precede this, both at Kemble, and both open to AHC members. The first is on 21<sup>st</sup> February and held by Devizes MC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on 10<sup>th</sup> April and held by Bath MC. Information on all AutoSolo events to:

Mes Edwards on 01285 7405129 or [mes.edwards@tubelines.com](mailto:mes.edwards@tubelines.com)

## Dates to note!

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – St George's Day – Bunny's run!

May 1-2: Stratford Motoring Festival (Jim Hutson)(likely to pick one day only)

May 28-29: La Vie en Bleu & La Vita Rossa at Prescott with Healey Hillclimb'ers (Mark)

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Churchill Car Show near Stow on the Wold (Jim)

June 12<sup>th</sup>: Prescott Hillclimb, guests of the JDC (Rob)

June 25<sup>th</sup>: Defford Air Day (just north of Tewkesbury)(Mark)

