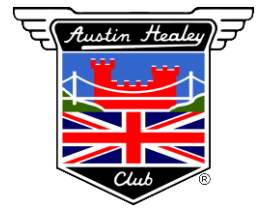




# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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Hello everyone,

As the end of the year draws close I can report that your Committee have been busy pulling together our programme of events for 2017. Following some of the feedback we've had both locally and from last year's on-line survey, full details of which will be published in Revcounter in the early part of next year, we've decided to re-structure our approach to the 2017 season.

Next year therefore will be very much about driving our Healeys as opposed to attending any particular classic car show or race meeting. We will of course still do the occasional one here and there but during the summer we've decided to organise a road run event every month and we're calling these our DMH days... Drive my Healey! (see what we did there?.. quite neat I thought). The first DMH day will be on Sunday April 9th and we're also making this our 'New Member's Day' too, so if you're new to the Club please join us... even if your car isn't finished yet. You'll be most welcome in a 'modern' and we really want to meet you all. More details as they're available about all of the DMH days, and everything else too, on our web-site and in Revcounter.

Exciting times nationally too... I can report that we now have a new Chairman. After 16 years of loyal service John Keener stood down at the National AGM and was replaced by our Northern Director, Tony Curran. I've worked with Tony on the National Executive Committee for many years and those of you who know Tony will agree with me I'm sure, that the Club is in safe hands going forward and I wish Tony every success in the role over the coming years. Look out for the new photo in the 'Chairman's Comment' of January's Revcounter.

Finally can I just wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Let's all get the cars fettled and ready for the good weather and I'm really looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can in 2017 as we continue to enjoy our beautiful cars.

Best regards

**Rob Hudson**  
Director

**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

## **‘DMH Sundays’ – ‘Drive My Healey’ Sundays!**

You’ll have seen in Rob’s introduction that we plan for a monthly driving day during the main part of the season. These will vary in format but generally will involve a rendezvous at a start point for coffee, then a good drive, a stop for lunch and a further drive to a finish point. In some cases we’ll plan for another event to act as the ‘lunch destination’ but with a good drive there and back nonetheless!

The DMH Sundays will rotate around the Committee members for planning and organisation on the day, but if you have an area/route/point of interest to recommend then do please let us know! At present we’re looking at options for April’s drive which will also act as our ‘new members’ day’.

This change in focus for 2017 will also mean that the majority of the static events will be ‘below the line’ on the planner and therefore not attracting a formal entry from Southwestern. That doesn’t mean you can’t go but you may need to enter personally. Better still, why not offer to enter a AHC group, especially if it is an event with which you are familiar?!

Comments/suggestions to: Mark Knight: [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

## **APRIL**

April 9<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday & New Members’ Day

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – FBHVC National ‘Drive it Day’; format/location to be announced.

### **Look ahead:**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

June 18<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

July – TBA

August 13<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

September 17<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday (possibly linked with Kop Hillclimb nr Princes Risborough)

## **14<sup>th</sup> October: Southwestern AGM and End of Season Dinner!**

A date for your diary – never too early to plan ahead! This is a very sociable evening where the formalities are invariably over and done with in an hour and then we’re into the bar with a nice dinner to follow! Once again to be held at the Stratton House Hotel in Cirencester and as there is a clash with another event previously booked, the AGM is a week later than is usual.

### **Newsletter Admin!**

Firstly, a warm welcome to the several new members who are hopefully receiving the HNSW for the first time!

Please add this address to your contacts/address list as doing so should ensure the newsletter emails do not get side-lined into your ‘spam’ folder: [healey\\_news@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:healey_news@ahc-southwestern.co.uk) (note the underscore between ‘healey’ and ‘news’!)

Finally please note that this is a sending email address only and all routine replies/enquiries should be sent to the ‘Info@’ address below!