



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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ISSUE 2 ALREADY!!!!

It only seems like a few days ago that I sent issue 1 of *Healey News South-Western* out, but here we are, nearly half way through March already, and getting closer and closer to the start of the season. I've spoken to several of you over the last few days, and it appears that the recent bright sunshine has brought many of the cars out for the first time this year. It's good to get rid of those withdrawal symptoms eh?

I'm busy getting my own 3000 ready... in the middle of re-trimming the interior, and the realisation that it's only just over 3 weeks to the Season Opener has finally hit home. As long as I get my gauges back from Speedy Cables in time, I'll be ready, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Eastnor Castle on Easter Sunday. Don't forget, for those of you who are planning to come, **we must be in the courtyard and parked-up by 11:00.** You can ring me for meet-up arrangements right up to the last minute, (01452 857327 or 07988 649122) so why not come along and have a great day out... I'm sure the weather will be great!

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy issue 2 and find it useful and informative. I've received lots of feedback on issue 1... and surprisingly all of it positive, so thanks very much to those of you who have taken the time to send me comments and items for publication. See you at Eastnor.

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre

St. George's Day Run Saturday 24th April 2010



The South-Western Centre has been invited to attend this year's St George's Day Run, which starts from 3 different locations. It is not a competitive event, but does include some very interesting driving in an area perhaps not too familiar to us. Details and booking forms can be accessed via <http://www.stgeorgesdayrun.com/>

ARE YOUR DETAILS CORRECT?

Has the club got your current contact details? You may not have moved house recently, but in these days of switching utility companies on a regular basis, have we got your correct e-mail address, phone and mobile contacts? It's worth checking just to be on the safe side. To update your contact details just contact the National Membership Secretary, Peter Holland at peter.r.holland@btinternet.com with the latest information.

DO YOU LIVE IN, OR NEAR PLYMOUTH?

New member Chris Thornton-Parr from Plymouth has contacted *Healey News South-Western* asking for some information...

Chris has just acquired a 3000 Mk1 and is keen to find a good reliable garage in the Plymouth area, which will be able to look after and service his car. If you are local to Chris, and can help with a recommendation, please contact him on 01752 266094 or 07768 316902. Thanks.



LE MANS CLASSIC EXPERIENCE

WEDNESDAY 7TH TO TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2010

3 Additional Places Available!

An opportunity has arisen for three more Healeys to join our group at Classic Le Mans this year. Take part in an exclusive tour prepared for members of the South Western Centre, which takes in the spectacle of 24 hours of Historic Sports Car racing on the famous Circuit de la Sarthe, combined with a chance to meander through the tranquil Loire Valley.



The itinerary includes...

- 7 nights B&B at a Classic French Bourgeois House at Poncé sur le Loire, 5 km. from La Chatre sur le Loire, where the Aston Martin Team were based at the Hotel de France. Our base is 36 miles from the circuit on quiet rural roads, ideal for Healeys.
- Exclusive “Club” parking within the circuit as guests of the “Club Healey France”.
- General admission tickets for two, including paddock access for the three days of the event.
- Supplementary grandstand tickets for two for the weekend.
- “Tour de piste”... The rare chance for you to drive your Healey around the famous 24 hour circuit on closed roads, in the company of other classics... usually at least 2 laps of the 14 km. circuit.
- Picnic Lunch Hamper for 2 on Saturday.

And you get all of this for the basic cost, for the week, of £ 660.00

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In addition, there are optional dinners, BBQ's and wine tasting opportunities not to be missed, at modest cost.

For more information, contact Rodney Manners on 0033 243 44 1859, or email mjjdupuy@wanadoo.fr

A deposit cheque of £220, payable to The Austin Healey Club (South Western Centre) will be required.

Web-Site Feedback

How often do you use the South-Western Centre Web-Site? During last year, the Committee decided that our Web-Site was too small to be as useful and informative as we'd like. Consequently our new site is hosted from a different (and much bigger) server, an unfortunate side effect being that it was found necessary to change the domain name.

You can access the new site via the SW Centre link from the National Club site, or directly at www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk ... so if you have the old address in your favourites list, please update the details.

The site still looks as it did on the old server, but now that we have more capacity, we will be looking at the content over the next few weeks and updating things as appropriate.

You have a chance to influence how the site will develop by letting us know what you would like to see. If you have any suggestions (polite if possible), please send them to our "Webmaster", Steve Trimble at webmaster@ahc-southwestern.co.uk Thanks.

Jigsaw Puzzle Anyone?

Pete Tracey has contacted *Healey News South-Western* with a request for help...

Pete bought a BJ8 Phase 2 "in kit form" at the end of last year, and having no previous experience of Healey's, is hoping that members close-by can help him to work out where all the bits fit! The car had been stripped down by the previous owner and the bits stored in a barn for the last 20 years!

Pete says..." What would be a tremendous help would be to know of people in the SW that have a similar car that I could photograph and take dimensions from."

Pete adds... "The car was imported from Pennsylvania in 1989. It was stripped down... even the carbs were completely dismantled and left in a box! The guy who imported it had a lot of tin work done on the chassis and inner body. However I am finding that a lot of the work done is not correct... the "A posts" being 20 mm too far forward for a start! I have the original front wings which enable me to make these observations, but it gets a lot more edgy from the B posts backwards. I have had to buy 2 new rear wings which appear to only fit where they touch and the boot floor seems to be arbitrarily welded with no relation to any other panels".



Pete lives in Hullavington, just North of J17 on the M4, so if anyone locally feels they can help, why not get in touch with Pete on 01666 837531 (home) or 01249 661000 (work) [Looks like he's got a good workshop too!]

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