



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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It's been a busy April... and May looks good too!



April has been pretty busy and it was great to see some of you at the Drive-it-Day meeting at Bishopstone on the 25th. Hopefully most of us were able to get out on the road that day, although I have to say, there didn't seem to be as many classics on the road this year as last. Perhaps the terrible weather on the Saturday put a few people off.

It was also great to meet lots of you at the Bristol Classic Car Show in Shepton Mallet over the Bank Holiday weekend. As you can see above, we had 3 fabulous cars at the event... Alister Rayner's Concours winning 3000 Mk2, Ben Wightman's very impressive Sprite and the fantastic SAL75, John Chatham's first ever Healey. I've written an article for Rev Counter about the weekend, so look out for the full story and more pictures in next month's copy.

18 Healeys reportedly turned out at Prescott Hillclimb last weekend and ran the hill. Not sure of the exact number, but it was there or thereabouts. Although cold to start with, the weather brightened up as the day went on and a good day was had by all, despite a dropped core plug on one of our cars, and yours truly's timing slipping half way through my second run... most embarrassing! Cause identified fairly quickly as a dodgy distributor clamp.

Reminders for the next few weeks.... Firstly and most importantly is our National event at Silverstone on the 4th, 5th & 6th June (courtesy of MG Live). Last year was fantastic... especially the Saturday which saw the first running of the John Gott trophy with 27 (I think) "Full Race" Healeys taking to the circuit. We plan to do something similar this year, so I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. For those of you who can't make Silverstone (or want to do both) we also have the joint AHC / Glavon TR run and BBQ on Sunday 6th as detailed in the flyer below. Don't forget the second round of the Autotest Championship is being held at Kemble on Sunday 23rd May from 11:00 onwards. It's still not too late to come and give Autotesting a try, but for those who would rather spectate, don't forget "La Vie en Bleu" at Prescott on 29th & 30th. Hope to see some of you during the month...

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre

Apology from me and URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

Can I apologise for the late notice of the New Forest event below.... I've only just realised that the deadline for booking is **15th May** despite the fact that it's in **bold** in the text. (Sorry Steve!) Anyway can I suggest that if you want to take part, you not only complete the application form and send it off with payment as required, but you e-mail Jim immediately jimf@nfahc.co.uk to advise him of your requirements. **Better still ring him on 01962-862378.** Again, apologies. Rob.

NEW FOREST CENTRE PUB BRUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA ON A CANAL BOAT

Sunday 6th June

The day is all about relaxing, enjoying the cars and then being transported back to the last century by taking afternoon tea on the Kennet & Avon canal, whilst being propelled by real "Horse Power".

We gather at "The Cross Keys Inn", Upper Chute, Andover. SP11 9ER for a Brunch at 11.00am and leave by 1.00pm for a country drive to Kintbury on the Kennet & Avon by 2.00pm. If you are there early have a stroll along the canal.

There are two car parking areas by the bridge at the canal, where we will gather for our 2 hour canal trip which starts at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea and cakes will be served whilst we are being pulled along the canal by either "Bonnie" or "Freddie" the working shire horses. (The afternoon teas are subsidised *).

Bookings and cheques are to be with Jim Finch by the **15th May 2010** to include your brunch orders, as all food will be pre-ordered with the "Cross Keys" and the Canal Barge.

We can take a maximum of 50 people at these venues, so get those bookings in!



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Names.....Please reserve.....places for the day out.
 Address.....
 Post Code.....Tel number.....
 Email address.....

Brunch - Cooked breakfast at £5.00/head	x.....	£.....
Shepherds Pie with vegetables at £6.50/head.....	x.....	£.....
Lasagne with garlic bread & Salad at £6.50/head.....	x.....	£.....
Roast Beef and vegetables at £7.00/head.....	x.....	£.....
Tea or Coffee will be £1.00 on the day.		

2 Hour Canal Trip & Afternoon Tea (Scone, cake & tea/coffee)
 number.....@£12/head*.....£.....
Total £.....

Send cheques made payable to the "Austin Healey Club" to:-
 Jim Finch, 166 Teg Down Meads, Winchester, Hants. SO22 5NS.
 Any queries ring Jim on 01962-862378 or email jimf@nfahc.co.uk .

A New Adventure!

The first joint TR and AH Club drive
and BBQ
Sunday 6th June

Day begins with bacon roll, coffee and
route brief at The Aviator Café,
Staverton (Gloucs airport) @ 10:00

100 mile drive through the 'Three
Counties' – Gloucestershire,
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Finish at RetroMarques workshop for a
complimentary BBQ funded by the 2
Clubs!

Prior registration essential (for catering numbers!)

Glavon: verdon.j@btinternet.com or 07740 402200

AHC Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk or 07791 417256

RetroMarques.co.uk

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East Devon Noggin & Natter...

Following last month's item from Ian Harkness, I'm afraid we have now received the following disappointing news from Ian. If anyone out there has any suggestions, or a desire to do something, please contact Ian directly, or write to [Healey News South-Western](#) at the usual address... Ian writes as follows...

We have been holding meetings at The Globe for the past couple of years, but slowly attendance has declined to just a couple of enthusiasts each month. In April Dave and I were the only two to arrive in our Healeys, and we decided that we should let you know that there will be no more planned meetings due to a lack of interest. I will let the Editor of Revcounter know, so that he can remove reference to the meetings in 'Noggin and Natters'.

The meetings in South Devon at Liverton are an option for anyone in the west of our area. These are well attended and are organised by the Healey Drivers Club -Contact Bill Cummings 01392 276887.

There are the usual local events at which I am sure we will meet up, eg Wiscombe on May 8th and 9th, the Exmoor Run in August, Powderham, and Killerton on Sunday May 30th, and the various other events publicised in Revcounter and the Classic Car publications.

See you during the Summer!

Cheers!

Ian Harkness



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY?

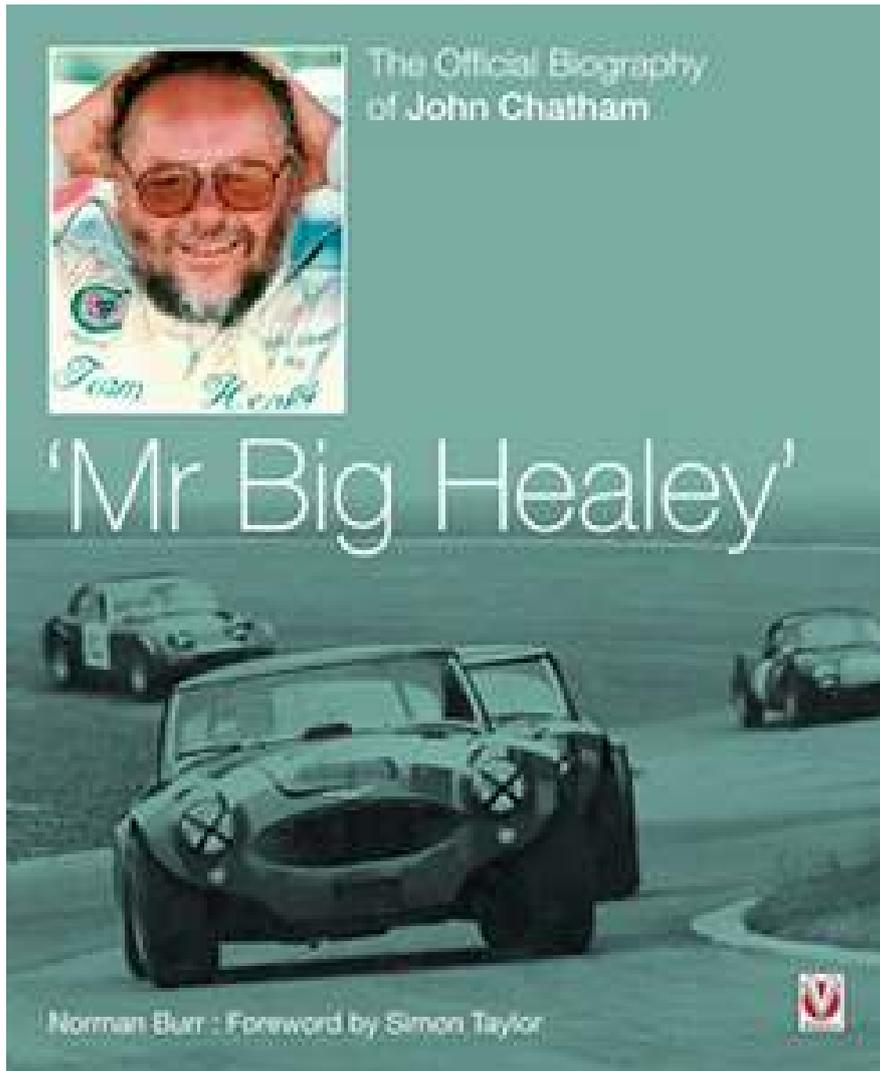
The Silverstone Classic returns to Silverstone on the 23-25 July and celebrates 60 years of the Formula One™ World Championship. F1™ cars from the 50's, 60's and 70's will race on the historic GP circuit and be joined by a range of classic racers from the 1920s to the 1990s covering saloons, sports, touring and open wheelers.

The club has arranged a great "2 for 1" ticket deal for this event and Club Members will be able to park in a dedicated Austin Healey Club area within the circuit itself. For more information on this fantastic event, and to book your "2 for 1" tickets, visit <http://www.silverstoneclassic.com/> and use CLUB CODE "SC10AHC".

With luck I'll see you there.

STOP PRESS!

I've just heard that John Chatham's "official" biography, "Mr Big Healey" by Norman Burr, is now published and will shortly be available from the Club Bookshop at <http://www.austin-healey-club.com/Pages/bookshop.html>. For those who want an early signed copy though, John has agreed to attend MG Live on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June, where he will hold a couple of book-signing sessions. As a backdrop we hope to get some of his famous cars on the stand, so why not come along, buy a copy, meet the man himself and get your copy signed.



It's also a great opportunity to get a photo or two of the moment, so don't forget your cameras. A reminder "flyer" will be coming out with June's Rev Counter, but why wait until then? If you haven't already got your tickets for MG Live, this attraction alone should tempt you shouldn't it?

Here's John with his first Healey SAL75, which we hope will be there... Hopefully DD300 too, but we are still working on that!



GUESS WHAT SHOULD BE IN HERE!



He's looking for the article that ought to be in this box..... Unfortunately I didn't receive anything this month, so he's going to be out of luck! Although I've done my best, I still have this little bit of space left unfilled.

Please send me something of interest for the next issue and hopefully we won't see this character again! Thanks.