



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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## **Flaming June... well sort of!**

Remember that forecast that said that May would be touch and go, but from June onwards we'd have the hottest summer for years... even hotter than 1976? Well, as expected, they got it wrong. Shame really although we have had a few blistering days... I guess we just forget the rainy ones.

MG Live at Silverstone on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> illustrated this perfectly. Saturday was absolutely baking, with those inside the marquee for John Chatham's book signing feeling the heat. Sunday saw us donning jumpers and driving home in a downpour!

Once again the event was huge with the highlight again being the Healey Race on the Saturday. (I would say that wouldn't I?) Unfortunately we weren't able to put a full grid together this year, as several of the regulars were at Monza, so we were joined on the grid by some Astons, TRs and a very quick 1600cc Marcos, which won by quite a margin. Luckily he was so far in front that we were able to ignore it and pretend that the race for second and third places was in fact the dice for the lead!

There was a good turn-out for John Chatham's book signing, and my estimate of 100 book sales over the weekend was easily exceeded. Luckily John Keener, our national Chairman, had some extra stock in his car, and we sold all of that too. JC enjoyed himself immensely and on Sunday he was joined by Ann Wisdom and Peter Riley, who also signed copies when asked. (Everyone asked!)

Having read my *signed* copy of John's biography "Mr Big Healey", I can report that it's a great read and gives a really good insight into the man himself, and what makes him tick. As soon as we got home from Silverstone, John Keener put in another order with the publishers, so if you would like a copy they are now available from the Healey Bookstore, via the club's national homepage (which I'm sure we all have bookmarked!)

The only down-side of the whole weekend was the poor attendance numbers. Despite being advertised for the last two months in Rev Counter, we sold less than 100 tickets on our great advance ticket deal, and to add insult to injury, those who decided at the last minute to attend "on the day" paid their money straight to the MG Car Club, as there was no facility for monies taken by the stewards to be separated into the different car club pots!

We live and learn, but one result I'm sure will be that the club probably won't attend in future.

To end on a positive note though, preparations are well under way for those of us who are journeying across the Channel in the next couple of weeks to attend Classic Le Mans. Both French and Dutch Healey clubs are providing the hospitality so it should be a wonderful event. Let's hope that the promised forecast comes true for July at least! Oh.. and as soon as we get back, it's Silverstone Classic. It would be great to see lots of you there...

***Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre***





# **Exmoor Classic Tour (Watchet to Porlock) August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We have been invited to attend The Exmoor Classic Tour on August 22<sup>nd</sup> by the organisers, the Minehead Motor Club. The Event kicks off at Watchet Marina at 09:00, and entrants are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes earlier, so a nice early start! Bacon butties and tea / coffee are included so missing breakfast won't be an issue. The 100 mile route across Exmoor finishes at Porlock Recreation Ground where cream teas are also included. As this event is pretty much centrally located within the patch, it should be a great opportunity for the northern and southern groups to meet-up. It's also an opportunity to share an event with the Healey Drivers Club, who also have members entering.

More information is available from the MMC's web site at [www.illuminate.taltalk.net](http://www.illuminate.taltalk.net) and entry forms are available via our own web site [www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk](http://www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

Entry price is £30 per car and the closing date for entries is 13<sup>th</sup> August.



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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.



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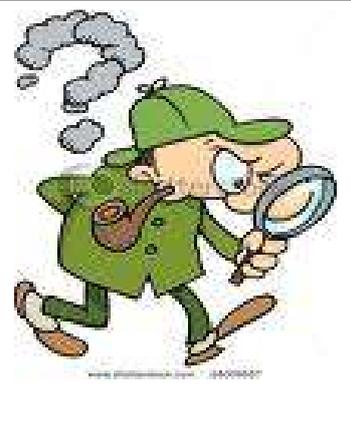
A couple of things to bring to your attention on our web-site...

Firstly did you know that the club has a national "forum" which acts like a bulletin board for all of those questions you need to ask about your car. Of course I would encourage everyone to visit the forum at <http://healey.hyperboards.com> and register. (You can also access the site via "links" on the SW home page.

Secondly, what about sending a picture of your car to the web master for a new section on the SW site we are calling "Our Cars". Just send a picture of your beloved Healey with a word or two about it to [webmaster@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)



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