



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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## **On your marks...**

Mid February and the weather is getting better all the time. I'm sure many of you have already had one or two Healey outings just to blow the cobwebs out. Angela has been out in the Frog a few times already and it just needs a slight tweak on the timing and an oil change before we both embark on the 2011 autotest series with it... great fun and we're really looking forward to it. It's been a long cold winter and we can't wait to get going again.

The South West calendar of events is getting pretty full now, with offers to attend events coming in to my in-box on a regular basis... mainly in the top end of the patch though I have to say. Don't forget; let me know what's happening *down south*...

First up on 20<sup>th</sup> March is round one of the Autotest series, and on April 10<sup>th</sup> we have the Season Opener at Tyntesfield as you all know, and I'm hoping for a good turn-out again this year. We had 20 Healeys at Eastnor Castle last year and I want to exceed that number at Tyntesfield this year if possible. Additionally I'm in the middle of arrangements for the Bristol Classic Car Show, and I have just agreed with their owners, the three cars that we'll be exhibiting this year, so we should be able to attract lots of attention on Stand B51 again. (same stand as last year). The second of the two days, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, is the FBHVC "Drive it Day" and as such, the organisers are providing a "classics" car park for those wishing to attend the show *and* get their classic out. I've just checked their web-site and the Club discount code of "Club 32" still works, so make sure you've got your tickets and I'll see you there.

The organisers of the Coleford Festival of Transport (Easter Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>) have just issued their application forms, so I'm going to need to know who wants to come. As you can see (right) last year's event was a tremendous success and it's a great day out. The whole town is shut down and just filled with classics of all kinds... cars, bikes commercial and military, plus lots of stalls. It's so popular that we are limited to a maximum of 8 spaces, and the names need to be in by 7<sup>th</sup> March, so we need to act quickly.



**Ring me (01452 857327) or e-mail [rob.hudson@btinternet](mailto:rob.hudson@btinternet) if you want me to reserve you one of these 8 places...** It'll be first come, first served so act quickly please, oh and by the way, it's free!

Well that's all for this month. Don't forget to make sure that your diary is up to date with all of this year's events, and I'll hopefully see you at Tyntesfield. That's free too, so just turn up on the day.

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

# RAF Brize Norton Families Day

The Club has again been invited to attend and exhibit our cars at the annual RAF Brize Norton Families Day, which this year will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

As always the event is being organised by New Forest Centre, and again this year the available 18 spaces are being allocated equally between New Forest, Thames Valley and South West.

There are lots of static display aircraft... some of which you can climb on-board and have a look round, lots of classic vehicles, and plenty of display flying, and this year's display will include a fly-past to mark the Queen's birthday.

If you would like to visit the base, which of course is usually restricted to the public as Brize Norton is a fully operational airbase, and take one of the 6 places on offer to South West members, then please contact Rob Hudson (01452 857327) or e-mail [rob.hudson@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.hudson@btinternet.com) as soon as possible. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and entrants will need to provide identification information beforehand, and be vetted before being issued with passes for the day. Despite the sound of it, for UK nationals this tends to be a very straightforward exercise and is not at all inconvenient. In fact once you've completed the entry form you won't even know it's happening...

...So, if you like planes, this one's for you.



## South West Centre's Prescott Hillclimb Weekend



Full details of the South West Centre's Prescott Weekend on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July will be published in the March edition of Rev Counter, so keep an eye out and book early.

A planned drive has been arranged for the Saturday and on Sunday the South West Centre has booked Prescott Hill Climb, where those who wish to "Drive the Hill" may do so in a non competitive atmosphere. Participants will not be timed, so you can drive with as much, or as little "gusto" as you like. The whole idea is just to have fun!

For those wishing to make a full weekend of it, events are being arranged for the Saturday evening, and details of accommodation in the local area are also available from the organisers.

For further details contact Mark Knight on 01684 274938 or at [Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk](mailto:Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk)

## ***Moor 2 Sea. Sun 15th May 2011.***

This year the **Exeter Area MG Owners Club** will present their 22nd Annual Run in aid of local charities.

In previous years they have held a weekend rally. This year they have decided to do something different & hold their annual run on a Sunday with the possibility of an informal get-together on the Saturday evening for those wishing to make a weekend of it.

The **Moor 2 Sea** this year will take you through some of the most picturesque Devon countryside. You will also take in some of the hidden haunts of Dartmoor. The run will commence with coffee/tea at the start, visit a Devon town where you can take lunch & finish with a traditional cream tea. For those wishing to make a weekend of it, you can take the option of staying at one of the local hotels or camp in one of the many sites in the area.

The event is open to MG's of all ages & other fine cars. There will also be some quizzes for the participants en route.

For further details, booking form & list of accommodation in the area, contact:

Roger Luscombe on [rogerlus@talktalk.net](mailto:rogerlus@talktalk.net) or tel 01392 495757

or visit the website: [www.exetermgoc.co.uk](http://www.exetermgoc.co.uk)



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Arrangements are really taking shape now for the Club's big event of 2011... our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend at Chesford Grange. (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

The high spot of the weekend is going to be our Celebration Dinner Dance on the Saturday night, where we are fortunate to have the Counterfeit Stones providing the entertainment.



We have reserved 100 rooms at Chesford Grange, and we already have 82 names on the register of interest site... It's therefore imperative that you register your interest now if you don't want to miss out on what's going to be a fantastic weekend of Healeying.

**Tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> March** with booking forms being sent out with the March edition of Rev Counter, which will also include a full report on the weekend's planned activities and how to get involved. Alternatively booking forms will also be available from the event web-site at [www.healey-weekend.com](http://www.healey-weekend.com) from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Don't delay... places will go quickly... **You've been warned!**