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We're Healeying again.....

After a long and sometimes very cold winter, the "preview" to the 2011 season took place at Kemble last weekend (20th) with round one of the 2011 auto test series. We had a reasonable turn-out for the first event but unfortunately a few of the regulars couldn't make it, leaving just 6 cars to compete for the early season points. Yet again Mes Edwards in his Sprite took the honours with yours truly coming second in Angela's Frog. (Angela incidentally came third so harmony still reigns in the Hudson household!)



As you all know by now, the season opener proper takes place at Tyntesfield on the 10th April and I've had a lot of interest from members and also from the invited car clubs. So much interest in fact that I've had to check with Tony Alden, who's organising it for us, that we have enough room at Tyntesfield for all the cars! It should be a great day and remember it's free to attend so make sure you get the date in your diaries. **The plan is that we arrive at 10:30**, so please make an effort to be there before the place opens to the public at 11:00am. There is only one entrance to Tyntesfield so just follow the signs. Once through the main gate Tony is erecting signs on the driveway to direct the classics away from the public parking, and toward the courtyard, so it ought to be pretty straightforward.... FAMOUS LAST WORDS!!!!

Don't forget to order your Silverstone Classic tickets <u>in the next few days</u>. The two for one "Early Bird" deal ends on the 31st so you only have a couple of days to benefit from this half price offer. Just visit the web site at http://silverstoneclassic.com/tickets/ and use booking code C11047.

And finally, this is the last chance to remind you all that we will be at the Bristol Classic Car Show (STAND B51) on April 16th & 17th, so come and say "hello" if you get the chance. Don't forget that Sunday 17th is FBHVC "Drive-it-Day, so as many cars on the road as possible please, and a visit to the show at Shepton Mallet if you are in the area. Hope to see you there...



50th Birthday Celebrations – July 1st, 2nd & 3rd Chesford Grange Hotel

Following this month's announcement in Rev Counter that bookings are now open, we've had lots of response. Over 50% of the reserved rooms have already gone, so if you are still "thinking about it", I wouldn't hang around too long. Once we're full, we're full, and you won't want to miss it!

South West Centre's Prescott Hillclimb Weekend



Apologies to those who were disappointed not to see the detail of our Prescott Weekend in last month's Rev Counter as reported in the last issue of HNSW. We missed the deadline for the March printrun, so full details will be published in April's Rev Counter instead. Sorry!

No need to wait if you are that keen though. As also reported last month, further details can

be obtained by contacting Mark Knight on 01684 274938 or at Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk

St.George's Day Run

'Vale and Plain'

Saturday 23rd April 2011



The Fairford Classic Car Club has invited us to the tenth St Georges Day run. The format will be much as in previous years, a social atmosphere, no competition, and interesting roads. Included in this year's event are coffee at the start, a midday two course lunch and a cream tea to wind up the day at the finish. Every year the organisers move the action around the Fairford area, and this year they are heading south west and then east on a slightly longer route. The organisers report that the views on this year's route are just magnificent.

The event is open to members of The Fairford Classic Car Club, Cirencester Car Club, Austin Healey SW, and guests driving vintage, classic/post classic cars, modern sports (at the organizers discretion) and motorcycles. The entry fee, which includes coffee/tea with biscuits for two at the start, a rally plate, mid rally two course old English roast lunch for two, cream tea for two at the finish, and all documentation, is £65. Your cheque should be made out to 'FCCC' and sent to Bunny Lees-Smith with the entry form which can be found as an appendix to this issue.

The suggested route is just over 100 miles starting at 'The Crown' at Cerney Wick just off the A419 at Latton to the south of Cirencester. The first car away is at 10.00am, with others following at 30 second intervals. Please try to arrive at the start by 9.30am to sign on. The route will head south and then west along the Avon valley in Wiltshire. It then passes over Salisbury Plain to arrive in the Vale of Pewsey where lunch is taken; the finish being back at the start point at Cerney Wick.

The route directions will be as usual, namely 'descriptive tulips'. Drivers will appreciate that this year the route is longer than previous years, and many of the roads are real country lanes. Motorways will be avoided altogether and main roads used for only short distances.

Finally a reminder that this event is a touring assembly, with a 'suggested route' only under the rules of road events. It does **not** include any element of competition.



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Entry form for St Georges Day run 23rd April 2011

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Email address			
ClubAustin Healey Club.			
Co-driver/Navigator			
Surname	First name		
Vehicle Manufacturer			
Model	Capacity		
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before and after the run, and meals Entry Fee per car with two persons £6		; at funch.	
Entry Fee per car with two persons £42.			
Additional car passengers £22 each	-		
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Please tell me if you need a vegetarian lunch.