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A busy start to the season...

Here we are in May and it feels like April was just a blur. Apologies for not getting a HNSW out to you all last month, but I just haven't had the time. What with all of the events going on and the fact that I have come out of retirement and gone back to work, it's all been a bit too hectic. Anyway to make amends I've decided to get this month's edition out a bit earlier.

Our season opener was fantastic. The biggest turn out of Healeys for this event for many years, helped of course by a brilliant venue and magnificent weather. You'll have seen Mark Knight's feature in the current issue of Rev Counter, so no need to go into any more detail here... just to say thanks to all of you who came along and joined in the fun. A few people were disappointed not to get a ticket to view the house, but we were very much victims of our own success. Tyntesfield advertised the fact that we would be there on their web-site and this resulted in the largest single-day crowd the house had ever seen. To avoid excessive wear and tear on the property visitor numbers are limited and all tickets for the tour of the house were sold by early afternoon... the first time this has ever happened. Needless to say the National Trust were very happy with the results and will no doubt want to welcome us back again in the future. Perhaps you could let me know if we ought to hold next year's opener there too.

We had a good looking stand at the Bristol Classic Car Show yet again this year, which featured Jim Hutson's superb BJ8, Martin & Sarah Ewart-James' Frogeye Sprite and Joe Cox's wonderful Healey 4000. Many thanks to them for allowing us to borrow their cars for the weekend and thanks to all of you who came along and said hello to Tony, Ann, Jim, Angela and myself on the stand. Your support at events like this is much appreciated.



The weather was kind to us again at Coleford where we managed to get 8 Healeys to attend the Easter Monday event. As always the town was packed with the usual mix of classics and the thousands of enthusiastic spectators who always make this event such a success. All in all a great start to the season and here's hoping for the same weather throughout the rest of the summer. Lots planned so make sure you have everything in your diaries and on your calendars. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the summer, especially at the Club's 50th Birthday bash at Chesford Grange.

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre.

South West Centre's Prescott Hillclimb Weekend



Bookings are now being taken for the Prescott Weekend. You'll have seen the article on P13 of April's Rev Counter so book early to avoid disappointment. Visit the SW Centre web-site for all the details and to get your booking form. Details of special rates on accommodation are also listed for those wishing to make a weekend of it.

Come along and join in the fun!

What's On?

Every month I receive lots of offers from local clubs and organisers across the South West for the Club to attend their events. Here's a few that have come in over the last few weeks which may be of interest to some of you... I'll simply cut and paste so if you need any information that you can't get from the relevant web-sites etc. give me a call.

Bristol area – July 9th.

Hi Rob,

We are organising a large, private and FREE charity event sponsored by Bath & Bristol Audi which is being held at the Children's Hospice near Bristol on Saturday 9th July.

The charity cares for over 1,000 seriously ill children and their families in the south west, and is easily accessible from all directions from the M5 motorway (Junction 19).

There is also a raffle of great prizes, including VIP hospitality at the major Silverstone Classic race meeting, sailing voucher, champagne and tickets to visitor attractions.

Full details can be found here:

<http://www.caringwithcars.com>

We only have spaces for 400 cars. Your members can add their name to the list here:

<http://www.pistonheads.com/calendar/event.asp?i=24428>

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What's On? (cont.)

Bude – June 5th.

The Bude Motor Classic 2011

As a result of the outstanding success of our 2nd Classic Motor Show, and in response to many requests, Bude Motor Club has decided to run its show as an annual event.

Bude Motor Club will be holding its 3rd Classic Motor Show at the Rugby Ground in the centre of Bude on Sunday 5th June 2011.

This year our Show will again be totally FREE to all entrants and visitors alike - yet another recession busting treat for all classic car enthusiasts in the South West and beyond!

Entries are invited from all interested parties, including clubs and individuals.

Vehicles (and visitors!!) of all types, age and condition are most welcome!

The show site has full bar and food facilities. It is superbly situated next to the River Neet, close to Bude town centre, the historic Bude Canal, the Castle and the fabulous beaches. Camping for entrants is available at the venue if required. Full details will be posted on our website.

Instead of sending out entry forms to those who would like to attend the show with their vehicle, we have decided to hand out the forms on arrival for completion on the day. This will save a lot of postage and will eliminate any risk of forms going astray. It would be useful if you can email us with your intention to attend, and what vehicle(s) you are showing - but this isn't mandatory.

We have plenty of room so just show up!

Any interested trade parties please contact us at the above email address.

Once again, any monies raised during the event, by collections, donations and bring and buy sales etc. will be donated to our chosen charity for 2011:- SHELTERBOX.

Powderham – 9th & 10th July

We are the **Crash Box & Classic Car Club of Devon** .

Every July we hold the **Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham** – (we also like long titles!)

More can be downloaded from our website at www.cbccc.net where also you will find up to date information about the event which this year is on the **9th & 10th July**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. Should you have any queries regarding the above please do contact me. **Steve Day, Secretary**.

Chippenham - 28th August

The Lions Club of Chippenham are hosting a Vintage Vehicles Show near Castle Combe race track in Wiltshire on 28 August 2011 to raise money for Lions Charity work.

It's intended as a fun day out - Vintage Vehicle drivers and their vehicles have free entrance if registered in advance - other visitors £2.50 and children under 10 free. There will be plenty of parking and easy access to the site - Allington Farm, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

There will be good food - the famous Allington Farm sausages and burgers - as well as others, and drink and ice creams. We have ordered good weather specially!

There will be many different car marques to see and plenty of opportunity to show and perhaps judge your own vehicles. There's a parade ring as well as auto jumble and other stalls.

[If you are interested, contact Rob Hudson.](#)

Our Chairman Goes Hill Climbing...

After many years of just watching motorsport, the South West Chairman Steve Jones decided last year that 2011 would be the year he actually donned the fireproof overalls and got directly involved.

To this end, he and his son Martin have jointly entered a Sprite (It's actually a Midget but you can't say that in HNSW!) into the Midland Hillclimb Championship, held primarily at Prescott near Cheltenham. Steve is also a member of the Midland Automobile Club who own and run Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, so the car will be entering events there too throughout the summer.



Steve has put long hours of preparation into the car over the last few months getting it ready for it's first outing last weekend at Prescott. Last minute gearbox problems resulted in a replacement being fitted late into Saturday evening but despite this the fault could not be rectified. A problem with the box jumping out of 3rd gear on deceleration was 'fixed!' with a 'recon' box which unfortunately jumps out of second... a much worse problem for the Prescott hill. As if that wasn't enough, just to heighten the tension even more, when Steve received his entry confirmation from Prescott he realised that at this first meeting of the season, and on his first ever competition, he was the first car on the hill! Despite this, he held his nerve and turned in a good time on his first practice run (that's him in the main photo above rounding Pardon Hairpin at 09:00 as the first runner on the Sunday morning)

Both Steve and Martin were within one second of their handicap times in the competition proper so a good effort by both at their first event.

The next time you are at Prescott or Shelsley Walsh why not look out for the little Sprite (OK, Midget) and say hello. I'm sure Steve and Martin would appreciate the support.