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November, end of the 2011 season and the beginning of 2012...

The first thing I need to do is to apologise for the long wait for this, the next issue of *Healey News South-Western*, and the first for the new 2011/2012 year.

Over the past few months, and following Steve Jones' resignation, Rob Hudson has been acting-Chairman, Director and Secretary and getting everything done for all three positions was always going to be a challenge (not to say that Rob doesn't like a challenge of course!!). Now, following the rationalisation of the Chairman and Director's positions and the handing over of the e-newsletter to myself (again!), hopefully we can start off the new Club year in good shape. Anyway, more of this when you read a brief resume of the AGM's proceeds below.

Although I've headed the newsletter 'end of the 2011 season', we're also hoping that many of you will not put your Healeys to sulk, sorry to bed, for the winter but be out and about on every cold, crisp, blue skies day we manage to get over the next few months and both enjoying your winter motoring and keeping everything on the Healey 'active'!

So, with this in mind, we have news of two events coming up, the first replaces our oft-held 'Alternative Boxing Day' event and sees us joining up with the Fairford Classic Club guys for a run on 30th December, and the second offers you an opportunity to blow those 'New Year's Day' hangovers away by running out for the annual NYD rendezvous with the Cotswold Classic Car Club at the Frogmill Hotel near Cheltenham. For details scroll down.

The HNSW is not only about the AGM and event news though, we also have an offer for a most appropriate Christmas card from our neighbouring Thames Valley, so support the Club and solve your card problems by ordering these – see below for a taster of the graphics!

Finally I'm looking forward to a great classic motoring year ahead – not least with both the Monaco Historic and Le Mans Classic being held this coming season! If you haven't been brave enough to venture across the Channel with your Healey, then this is the ideal 'first foray' – and, with more than 6,000 club cars at the last Le Mans Classic, you can be assured that the weekend is not only affordable but very much built to cater for the classic car clubs!

See you soon I hope...

Mark Knight, SW Centre.

South West Centre's AGM & Dinner

The AGM was held at The Royal George Hotel at Birdlip, just south-west of Cheltenham - a new location for the Club and one that worked very well as we were allocated their barn conference facility with coffee, tea and so on. There was a good turn out with 20+ members in attendance and proceedings were completed in spot-on the hour! Key outcomes/decisions of the AGM were as follows:

- The post of Chairman and Director have been merged. Doing so ensures that the Director directly represents the SW'ern position to the National Executive Committee and can also better implement the NEC's direction at local level. It is of course one less Committee post to fill, as we are not exactly inundated with volunteers to help run the Club!
- All other posts remained as-is with the exception that David Morgan has retired from the Committee, after many years of service at both National and Centre level, and is replaced by the addition of Jim Hutson.
- Member of the year award was presented to David in recognition of his sterling service over many years!

The AGM was followed by an excellent 3-course dinner in our own dining room, so overall a very successful AGM and end-of-season dinner. Please do try and make it next year – it's actually quite a light-hearted affair and very sociable!

2012 Season Planning

The Committee met recently to begin planning for the coming season with the focus on agreeing priorities and what should form the basis of next year's events calendar. A number of principles were agreed, as follows:

- Associated and local like-minded classic car clubs would be invited to our events as a matter of course, so as to: boost numbers, reduce potential financial risk and add interest to events.
- The theme of holding the season opener at an historic house would continue.
- The 'Breakfast at Twyning' charity event would continue in the coming year, with it most likely being held every other month; the possibility of an evening event mid-season was proposed and we also discussed whether to arrange a road-tour after the breakfast. What do you think – we need your feedback?!
- A hillclimb day at Prescott would be organised (post-meeting note: Prescott cannot offer us a date for 2012, so 2013 will be booked and an alternative hillclimb may be investigated for 2012).
- South Western would facilitate bookings for a club entry for the Le Mans Classic 2012.
- Following a request from Healey Sport, we would look at hosting the Healey racers with a SW'ern stand at the Castle Combe classic race day in autumn 2012.

Next Event #1

Bunny Lees-Smith (one of our members) is also a member of the Fairford Classic Car Club. Along with the Cirencester Car Club, they are organising this post-Christmas tour which will replace the oft-held 'Alternative Boxing Day' event:

Date - **30th December 2011**

- Type – Touring assembly with suggested route. Non-competitive and no timing.
- Time - 10.00am for 10.30 start at 1 minute intervals
- Start – Chedworth Farm Shop cafe. GL54 4NQ – Just off the Fosse Way A429 south of Fossebridge. Hot drinks and cakes available.
- Route – approx 50 miles of minor roads. If the visibility is good then the views are excellent.
- Roadbook – no map really necessary but AA good enough. Route defined by 'tulips' and written instructions.
- Finish – At Cerney Wick south of Cirencester just off the old A419
- Late lunch – At the Crown (about 2.00pm) at Cerney Wick.
- Lunch – will be a choice of either Roast Beef or Roast Turkey or Home-made Steak and Kidney Pie all with vegetables. There will be a choice of homemade desserts. This will cost £9.95 for the two courses. It will be necessary to let me have the selection of the main course with the entry form.
- Entry fee – to cover organisation/paperwork costs £5.00 per car
- **Entry forms: Bunny Lees-Smith, 1 Follyfield, Hankerton, Malmesbury. SN16 9LA. Tel 01666 577275 or bunyleessmith@btinternet.com**

NEXT EVENT #2

New Year's Day Meet: the Cotswolds Classic Car Club is again holding its annual New Year's Day meeting at the Frogmill near Andoversford, just south-east of Cheltenham on the A40. This is an informal 'get the classic out and blow away the New Year's Eve party cobwebs'(!) gathering, so start the year as you mean to carry on and let's get a good show of Healeys out at the Frogmill. Details on the CCCC's website.

AND FINALLY...!

If you've got questions, feedback, stories or pictures which could be used in the e-newsletter, then please email them in! Equally if you're not getting what you want to see in the e-newsletter then constructive criticism would be welcome!

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