



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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Director's Cut

Winter is just around the corner and another season of Healying is drawing to a close. We held our AGM and end of season dinner a couple of weeks ago and a fairly good turn-out I'm pleased to say... certainly the biggest during my tenure as South West Director. I'd still like a few more though for this very important date in the South West calendar so let's hope for a further increase in 2013.

As we go to press the Isle of Wight weekend will be in full swing and next year will be the 50th Anniversary of this event, so that's definitely a date to be thinking about already for 2013. We do however still have one more event happening in 2012 and that's the Christmas Blues Run on December 28th. Full details of the event can be found on our new web-site so if you haven't yet checked it out just click on your existing link <http://www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk/> and see the great new site for yourself.

Planning for next year's calendar is already quite well advanced with the majority of dates already pencilled in. The AutoSOLO (previously known as autotest!) boys and girls have quite an early start this year with the first round of the South West Championship kicking off on March 3rd. I'm looking for a few more cars to take place in 2013, so if you fancy a go please contact Mes Edwards, our Competition Secretary, and sign up. Your support would be greatly appreciated and if you haven't got any experience of motorsport don't worry. It's great fun and you'll be welcomed by a friendly group of people who'll give you all the support and guidance you'll need to get going.

We are planning a few more 'driving' events next year, kicking off with the SW BBQ which was unfortunately called off back in September due to the rain. We are now going to run this event on May 5th... that of course assumes that the weather this time will be on our side. We have a full programme of charity breakfasts and BBQs at Twyning, colloquially known as the 'BAT' again next year. We raised over £850 for our charities in 2012 through these events, so if you get a chance to join us on any of the BATs you'll get to see some lovely cars, have a bacon roll and hot drink and be helping some very worthwhile causes in the process. Take a look at the pictures on our great new web-site (another plug!!).

Contrary to earlier publicity, one thing we won't be doing in 2013 is hosting an event at Prescott Hillclimb. After much discussion and working through the numbers, the Committee have decided that to 'host' such an event would not be cost effective. We have however secured an opportunity for SW Members to spend a day at Prescott and run our cars on the famous hill, should we want to, thanks to the generosity of the Jaguar Driver's Club, who have again invited us to join them as we did very successfully last year. Their event will take place on June 9th so if you're interested get the date in your diary now.

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If you're keen to get next year's dates in your diaries early, details of all next year's proposed events can already be found on the new web-site (Okay I'll stop plugging it now!) and details of how to get tickets, sign-up, etc. will be published in HNSW and on the web-site (did I mention we've got a new web-site?) as each event 'goes live'.

So, it just remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and I hope to see many of you at events during the course of 2013. Oh and...

Rob Hudson, SW Centre Director

PS. Don't forget to check-out the new web-site!

Reminder!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Cotswolds Noggin & Natter – Change of Venue!

The N&N has moved to:

The Kilkeney Inn south-east of Cheltenham.

Details of the Kilkeney: <http://www.kilkeneycheltenham.co.uk/>

NEW!

The Xmas Blues Run 2012

- Friday 28th December

Traditionally, we try to offer a post-Christmas event to blow away the cobwebs and get the Healey out during a period where traditionally our cars do not get much use! Once again, Bunny Lees-Smith has kindly invited us to join in 'The Xmas Blues Run 2012' and I shall attach the details for this well organised and fun day out in the Cotswolds.

Entries to Bunny: bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com
or telephone 01666 577275

Breakfast at Twyning – The BAT

The final 'BAT' for 2012 saw us raise a total of £856 for fly2help and other local charities during the season. For such a small event (but hopefully growing!) this is a great result and we are most grateful to all those who have supported it throughout the 2012 season.

We are hoping that the BATs will continue in 2013 and planning is now underway to start the 2013 BATs with a drive-in rendezvous to coincide with the FBHVC 'Drive it Day' (next April), so please plan to be there!

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