



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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Hello everyone,

Welcome to another edition of HNSW. I'm sure that like me you have already had your car out in the nice weather we've had over the last couple of weeks and have found out just what has suffered over the winter period. For me it was a complete lack of brakes as I set off on my first outing since Christmas but a quick telephone call to Keith at Ahead4Healeys got me a new servo which was soon fitted and all is now spot-on. Polishing this weekend and a trip to the Prescott Breakfast Club on Sunday morning before the season starts officially next weekend with our Drive it Day visit to Tredegar House in South Wales. Even if you aren't coming to Tredegar with us please try and get your car out on Sunday 26th and support the FBHVC.

Our calendar is already filling up nicely for the year so as you all know by now, get onto the web-site and choose which events you want to do and book your places/tickets etc. Some of these events have limited numbers for attendance so don't hang around... book now. OK... enough nagging!

You'll see a round up by Mark of the things we are doing in May later in this edition, but one thing I want to bring to your attention specifically is 'MG Live' which although it doesn't sound like it's for us, I can assure you that it is. It's on June 20th & 21st at Silverstone and as you can probably guess it's organised by the MG Car Club. The event will however be celebrating 60 years of the BMC Competition Department and that is most definitely one for us! Healeys have been one of the mainstays of the Competition Department over the years and the event will see a display of some of the most iconic BMC competition cars from the past 60 years including several Healeys. As if that wasn't enough, on Sunday 21st the Club is putting on a Healey race with lots of the best loved Big Healeys, 100s and 3000s, and Sprites thrashing round the Grand Prix circuit. This will be the only opportunity, apart from Castle Combe in October, to see the big race cars in the UK in 2015 so I would urge you to think about attending. If you love seeing the big cars powering round race circuits it's a must. More info on how to get tickets later in this edition.

Anyway, enough from me... less talking and more driving now the good weather is here, so if I don't see you at Tredegar on Drive it Day perhaps I'll see you at Donington (May BH weekend).

### **Rob Hudson**

No-one sent in any pictures so I'd thought some of you might like to see the crank out of my 100..! It has done 50,000 miles with me and how many more before that, so I can't grumble! Looking forward to having it back on the road! More in the next HNSW... Mark



# News & Diary Dates

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## **Noggin & Natter – ‘Roving’ venue for the summer!**

In place of the regular N&N at the Kilkenny Arms (no change for May), we plan to change to a ‘roving’ format whereby each month will see the Club meeting at a different pub! This should mean that it is closer and easier for some members to attend, so do please make use of this format and maximise your opportunity to attend a monthly ‘noggin’! Please watch the website for each month’s details and/or email Rob Hudson for the next location: [Rob.Hudson@btinternet.com](mailto:Rob.Hudson@btinternet.com)

### **26<sup>th</sup> April: National Drive it Day and 2015 Season Opener!**

Rob’s already mentioned it but we plan to meet at the National Trust’s Tredgar House just outside Newport. Places are full now but you could still attend (as a normal visitor) and join us. If this isn’t convenient then try and find another FBHVC DiD event nearby and support this National Day for vintage and classic transport – it’s a show of strength so we need to be showcasing the cars!

[Director@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Director@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

### **2-4<sup>th</sup> May: Donington Historic Festival**

One of the top historic race weekends in the UK and getting very positive reviews in the motoring press! Details here:

<http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/>

There will be a Club stand (at National level) and there is a ‘2-for-1’ discount ticket deal. Details for this are available on the National website in the Members’ area:

[www.austinhealeyclub.com](http://www.austinhealeyclub.com)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> May: The BAT - Breakfast at Twynning**

Our opportunity to host and engage with other classic car enthusiasts but especially to raise valuable funds for our associated charity fly2help ([www.fly2help.org](http://www.fly2help.org)), so please plan to help support and host the event!

The 13<sup>th</sup> April event raised £84 and I’m sure we can do better than that!

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### **23/24<sup>th</sup> May: Prescott Hillclimb ‘La Vie En Bleu’**

One of Prescott Hillclimb’s biggest events of the year and full of interesting cars, entertainment and Healeys racing on the Hill! Details here:

[http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/la\\_vie\\_en\\_bleu.aspx](http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/la_vie_en_bleu.aspx)

Why not go along for a French-themed day and to support the Healeys in action (believed to be Saturday only)?

## **2015 National Events**

### **20-21<sup>st</sup> June: MG Live**

The AHC is an invited club! To get a discount ticket deal you need to visit <http://www.mgcc.co.uk/shop/product/mgli-ve-member-day-ticket/> and enter your AHC membership number and AHC in the drop down menu. You’ll then get discounted tickets at £18 each instead of the usual price of £28 (note that the price shown is discounted even though the ‘Discount’ box shows no discount!).

### **17-19<sup>th</sup> July: AHC National Weekend at Broadway**

The main National Club get-together for 2015. Based in our own region, so we will be helping with some of the organisation and an ideal opportunity for a weekend in the Cotswolds! The recent Revcounter has all the details, so do not delay in applying as places will surely fill-up quickly!