



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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Hello everyone,

Hello everyone. It's an exciting time of year as we hold ourselves in readiness for the first events of the season to get underway. As you know we are organising a series of driving events this year entitled 'DMH' days. You may remember that I said a couple of months ago that this stood for 'Drive My Healey' but I think the significance of the initials was missed by a few of us. DMH of course are the initials of the man himself so 'brownie points' to those of you who know what the 'M' stands for.

Back to the calendar... DMH1 is scheduled for 9th April and preparations are pretty well complete. We plan to meet near Newent and drive through the lovely Forest of Dean to our destination near Lydney. Full details of the event and what you need to do to get on appear later in this edition, so I hope lots of you, especially our new members, will come along and have some fun.

The 23rd April is hopefully pencilled in your diaries too, as this is the date of National Drive it Day. This too is a driving event specifically designed to get as much visibility as possible for our lovely cars. We are teaming up with the Cotswold Classic Car Club to run a joint event so lots of other mixed marque classics to come and admire. More info on this event too from Mark later in this edition.

So that's enough from me. Please come and join us on either, or preferably both of these events in April and I look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Rob

**Rob Hudson  
Director**

## **European Ruling on Motor Insurance – You Need to Respond!**

Following an accident on private land, where a man was injured by a tractor and trailer, the European Court has ruled that all motor vehicles require insurance no matter where they are being used. This could extend to SORN'd vehicles and even project cars (golf buggies, dodgems and plenty more too)! YOU need to respond to the Government consultation if we are to influence the Government's implementation of this change in the law and must do so before 31 March. Link here, consultation can be completed online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/motor-insurance-consideration-of-the-vnuk-judgment>

**AHC National facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/austinhealeyclub/>

# News & Diary Dates

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## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: the first 'DMH Sunday'!**

Start point: Cafe Rosie in the Roses Country Fayre Garden Centre, located on the B4215 between Newent and Dymock (GL18 1DL).

Rendezvous between 10:15 and 10:30 for complimentary tea/coffee, sign-in and collect route book.

The route is 25 miles and will take about an hour and a half. First car away at 11:00 to finish at The Dean Forest Railway. They have a cafe for lunch for those who wish, a museum and of course you can ride the steam train!

To help with organising the catering and route books please contact Rob Hudson on 01452 857327, mob 07988 649122 or by e-mail at [rob.hudson@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.hudson@btinternet.com) by the 31st March to book your place.

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: National 'Drive it Day'**

The annual FBHVC National 'Drive it Day' (the actual St George's Day, as intended!) and this means that if you own a Healey, or any other classic or vintage car (or any historic vehicle!) then it needs to be seen out on the road or if not roadworthy then in your drive-way!!

Plans are shaping up nicely for DiD and this year we are working with the Cotswold Classic Car Club (CCCC) to organise a joint event which should be great fun with a nice mix of classic cars!

We will meet in the Tewkesbury area and then follow a planned drive to a finish point, in itself also classic car themed, near Northleach.

Please register your interest, not least as we will need to notify the MSA rep given the number of vehicles!

E: Mark Knight - [Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@ahc-southwestern.co.uk)

### **Look ahead:**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Jaguar Drivers' Club invitation to Prescott Hillclimb, cost & details to follow

June 18<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - supporting our nominated charity fly2help at Staverton Airport's Open Day

August 13<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

### **Tyres!**

There is an offer, given an emerging collaboration, for a member to run a set of Blockley tyres on his (her) Healey. In return for feedback to Blockley you will get a sizeable discount on the set of tyres! Be quick, you might be gazumped!

Please email Rob Hudson to discuss further and/or to propose you and your car!

Rob: [rob.hudson@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.hudson@btinternet.com)

Blockley: <http://www.blockleytyre.com/>

### **14<sup>th</sup> October: Southwestern AGM and End of Season Dinner!**

A date for your diary – never too early to plan ahead! This is a very sociable evening where the formalities are invariably over and done within an hour and then we're into the bar with a nice dinner to follow! Once again to be held at the Stratton House Hotel in Cirencester and as there is a clash with another event previously booked, the AGM is a week later than is usual.

**JET AGE**  
MUSEUM

SUNDAY  
MARCH 26th

# ILLUSTRATED TALKS

11.00 am and 12.15pm and 2 pm



The George Dowty Legacy "Aviation Innovator"  
By Matthew Sexton (SAFRAN)

11.30 am and 12.45 pm and 2.30 pm

# JET AGE MUSEUM

## THE EARLY YEARS

By Phil Moss (Civic Trust Historian)

- \* Full range of museum exhibits open
- \* Café, Aviation Shop, free parking
- \* No admission charge - Donations most welcomed

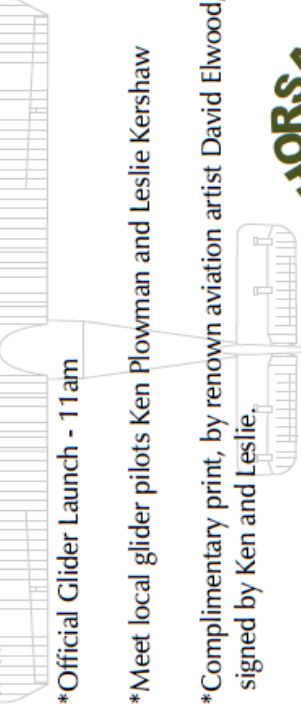
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# HORSA LAUNCH

## SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

### CEREMONY - AT 11 AM

To mark the anniversary of **OPERATION VARSITY**, the crossing of the Rhine, in **MARCH 1945**, Jet Age have invited two veteran glider pilots to officially launch a twelfth scale model of the **Airspeed AS 51 HORSA** gliders they flew at the end of WW2. The model is illuminated and suspended from the museum ceiling, portraying a diving aircraft coming in to land.



\* Official Glider Launch - 11am

\* Meet local glider pilots Ken Plowman and Leslie Kershaw

\* Complimentary print, by renown aviation artist David Elwood, signed by Ken and Leslie.

\* Full range of museum exhibits open

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