



# HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN



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Hello everyone.

Well the season has started and our plan of doing lots more driving events this year has got off to a great start. Last Sunday's DMH1 event attracted 12 cars and we all had a lovely run through the Forest of Dean and along the Wye valley, culminating with a visit to the Dean Forest Steam Railway. The weather was fabulous with plenty of sun cream in evidence. Thanks to all who turned out in support of the event.

If you couldn't make last Sunday, don't worry because we have lots more opportunities for you to get out and drive your Healey. April 23rd is FBHVC National 'Drive it Day' and we are getting together with the Cotswold Classic Car Club to put on a joint event in support of this important initiative. More about that event from Mark later in this edition.

Plans for the second of our 'Drive My Healey' events is well under way and Tony is just finalising arrangements as we speak. This event, which we are calling DMH2 is planned for the 14th May and again we plan to meet up for morning coffee and do a planned drive which will finish at a place of interest..... intriguing! More on this too from Mark later.

Finally I would just like to mention that we have again been invited by the Jaguar Drivers' Club to join them at Prescott Hillclimb on Sunday June 11th. This is a great event and I would encourage all of you to come along and have some fun on the hill. All the details and application forms are on our web-site but as always places are limited so I would encourage early booking to ensure you place.

So let's hope for more of this lovely weather and make sure you get out and drive your Healey... especially on April 23rd.

**Rob Hudson**  
**Director**

**Don't forget! AHC National facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/austinhealeyclub/>

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



# News & Diary Dates

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

The annual FBHVC National 'Drive it Day' is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April – actually on St George's Day this year, as intended! This means that if you own a Healey (or any other classic or vintage car/vehicle!) then it needs to be seen out on the road!

Plans are set for our DiD and this year we are hosting the day's event jointly with the Cotswold Classic Car Club (CCCC), which should be great fun with a nice mix of classic cars! We will meet at the Gupshill, just on the edge of Tewkesbury, for coffee/tea and then follow a planned drive to a finish point near Bibury at The Classic Motor Hub.

Please register for this event as otherwise you will not have a route book! Also let us know if you want a bacon roll at the Gupshill so we can plan catering!

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## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May: 'DMH Sunday'!

Start point: Burford, at the Little Chef café on the main A40/A361 junction, at 10:00. Then a scenic drive to finish at a 'mystery' attraction and with another 'driving' event to follow! Intrigued? Be there!

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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June: JDC Invitation to Prescott Hillclimb

An opportunity to join the JDC at Prescott for their annual event on the Hill. It is non-competitive so you can drive the famous hill and enjoy a wonderful day out in a quintessential English setting!

Entry via the AHC SW website



## Look ahead:

June 18<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - supporting our nominated charity fly2help at Staverton Airport's Open Day; please plan to attend as we intend to run a 'Healey charity shuttle service'!

August 13<sup>th</sup> – DMH Sunday

## Safety!

As the season's driving starts, please make sure there's one extra check you make on your car. The front shock assemblies have been known to collapse resulting in the front wheel folding up into the arch and likely loss of control of the car; OK, but why?

The plate that the shock mounts onto (on the chassis tower) develops hairline cracks down the sides of the shock base-plate and eventually shears, often when in a turn with the weight bearing down on it. Whilst we're at it, the securing bolts do routinely work loose, so regularly check they're tight (inners from the engine bay, outers from inside the arch).

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