



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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What happened to July?

Well as many of you may have noticed, there wasn't a *Healey News South-Western* in July. I imagine therefore that you are all desperate to hear about what's going on... but in reality, the reason for no July issue was that I, along with many others, spent most of July in France, touring round and attending Classic Le Mans, and within a couple of days of my return, it was off for 3 days at the Silverstone Classic. Given that I like to send *Healey News South-Western* out mid-month, so as to arrive between issues of Rev Counter, there seemed little point in bothering with July... so; here we go with issue 6...

Le Mans was great, although extremely hot. All 3 days saw temperatures of over 35 degrees, and the cooling effects of 1664 came at an extortionate 7 Euros for half a litre!!!! I made the mistake of buying the first round, and the 42 Euro price tag made me wince somewhat to say the least. Needless to say, at that price there was little risk of being over the limit as we left the circuit on Friday evening.



Saturday morning saw us taking 3 "tours de piste" (nothing to do with the 1664!!) which were the high spot of the weekend. Admittedly we were left in the weeds by most of the Porsches and Lamborghinis, but I thought we did OK in a 50 year old car with "interesting" brakes. Over 1300 miles on lovely French roads in total, and the car didn't miss a beat.

Here we all are at Rodney and Michele's place (left)... and very nice it was too.

Silverstone Classic was also a good event, and apologies to all of you who found that the "2 for 1" ticket deal didn't work in July... I did encourage everyone to book early in issue 5 of *Healey News South-Western*!!!! Anyway, June's Rev Counter did feature an advert for the event, although quite small and not very prominently placed. Consequently I asked the editor to make it bigger and more prominent in the July issue, which he duly did. Unfortunately on July 1st (at 08:30 am) I received an e-mail from Silverstone stating that they were turning off all of the club offers immediately, as they had been inundated with entries (Not from us though!!!) Anyway despite my protestations, they refused to budge, and we ended up with a massive advert in Rev Counter offering something that no longer existed! Our turn-out was pretty dismal to be brutally honest, and although the withdrawal of the offer by Silverstone didn't help, I'm sure we just didn't get the expected interest. Anyway, for those who were disappointed, again I apologise. I'm sure there's a lesson in there somewhere... perhaps it's "*book early to avoid disappointment!*"

Lots of stuff still to do this season, including the very important SW AGM, more of which later in this issue. Already things are being organised for 2011, not least of which is the event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Austin Healey Club. Read on to find out more, but remember, *book early to avoid disappointment!*

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre

A New Noggin in the North?

The North of the South-West that is... Our Chairman, Steve Jones has arranged for the Club to hold a Noggin & Natter meeting at the Beckford Inn, Beckford, Glos. this Friday (20th August) The venue is extremely "Classic Car" friendly, and they are dead keen to have us there.

The Beckford Inn is on the A46 between Bishop's Cleeve and Evesham, about 1 mile the Evesham side of the Teddington Hands roundabout. It would be great to see as many cars as possible on the night... any time after 7pm.

If the event goes well, this may become a regular Noggin venue. Watch this space for feedback and more information. Contact Steve Jones on 07834 493321 or 01684 296626 for more details.

AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB SOUTH-WEST CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you only attend one meeting during the year, the AGM is the one to attend. It is by far the most important meeting of the whole calendar, and it is the opportunity for you as Club members to have your say about how the South West Centre is run, and importantly who runs it.

Officers of the Club are elected every 12 months, and the election process culminates with voting for the various candidates at the meeting itself. If you want a say in who is elected, it is important that you attend and register your vote.

The full election process, and how you can take part in it, will be explained on the SW web site in a couple of days time, at <http://www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk/>

You can also stand for election to one of the Committee posts yourself, should you be so inclined. You will need a proposer and a seconder for your application, and the forms for this too can be found on the SW web site. (Just give Steve Trimble a couple of days to upload the links)

This year's AGM will be held on 16th October, Venue TBA. The meeting itself will commence at 5:00pm, followed later by a "Black Tie" dinner.

To register your interest in attending, please contact the Chairman, Steve Jones on 07834 493321 or 01684 296626.

Remember... it's important.



Austin Healey Club
www.southwestern.austinhealeyclub.org.uk South Western

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Westmancote, Bredon,
GL20 7EU

Entry fee for all adults: £4 on entry

For information contact: Steve Trimble on 01684 311612

www.bredoncarrally.org.uk



Tewkesbury Rotary Club

Bredon Vintage & Classic Car Rally

Visit to the Vintage & Classic Paint Shop (Change to Noggin Venue)

Next month's Noggin at the Highwayman has been moved to accommodate a visit to The Vintage & Classic Paint Shop near South Cerney in Gloucestershire.

We have received a very kind offer from Simon Thornley to visit his workshops on Wednesday 8th September, so this being the second Wednesday of the month, it has been decided to move the noggin to the local pub after the visit.

Simon tells me that he can cater for up to 35 people, so nobody should be disappointed. Some of the staff are staying behind after work to talk to us, so the visit itself needs to be an early evening affair... 7pm latest!

Simon has offered to put on some drinks and snacks for us, so it is very important that I know how many he needs to cater for. **Please therefore contact me on 01452 857327 or 07988 649122 before the end of August if you would like to attend.**

Simon's web site is worth a visit at <http://www.vintageclassicpaintshop.co.uk/> and this will also give you directions etc.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2011

As mentioned earlier, next year is the 50th anniversary of the founding of our club. To mark this auspicious occasion, the club is organising a weekend of events to celebrate the birthday.

We have booked the Chesford Grange Hotel near Warwick for the event, and the date for your diaries is 1st, 2nd & 3rd JULY 2011.

A link is currently being constructed on the AHC National web-site for members to register their interest, as take-up for the available spaces is expected to be very high. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis, with those registering in advance on the web-site being offered first choice of rooms etc.

More detail of the weekend's itinerary will follow in the next few weeks, so keep a close eye on Rev Counter and *Healey News South-Western* to see what we have planned, but remember it is vital that you **register your interest and book early** if you don't want to be disappointed.



Saturday 21st August

Jimmy Cricket

(From 8pm)

"and there's more"

Live music from

boda fire

Licensed Bar
Hog Roast
Disco



ADVANCED TICKETS £10.00
ON THE GATE £12.50
UNDER 16'S £5.00

Gates open from
7pm - Midnight

Tickets available from L.A & R.W Piper Car Trimmers.
Also available from The Camelot Pub in South Cadbury

Ticket hotline!

01963 441431

Sunday 22nd August

CHARITY GATHERING OF CLASSIC CARS

Last year over 250 classic cars / vehicles attended including a vintage Aston Martin, Ferrari's, MG's, Triumph's and even a Russian army tank, to name just a few!

Car arrival / stall set up time
7am - 10.30am

Pedestrians from 11.00am
Show closes 4.30pm

Classic and vintage farm machinery
Miniature ride-on train
Swing boats, air rifle range
Live music from 'The Breeze'
and much more!

Hot food and refreshments
Beer tent, stalls & bouncy castle



Entry Fee

Cars & other vehicles £4 (driver & passenger)
Adult £2 / Children under 16 £1 / Under 5's free!
Car clubs with 10 or more cars attending
£3 per car - advance booking only!



Event to be held at



Longhazel Farm, High Street
Sparkford, Somerset
BA22 7JH



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