



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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June, a month of change for the South West Centre...

The first thing I need to do is to apologise for the long wait for this, the next issue of *Healey News South-Western*. June was an extremely busy month for the Committee, the majority of whom have been involved in organising our forthcoming Prescott weekend, which I hope lots of you are planning to attend. Don't forget it's just two weeks away on the 30th & 31st of July so if you haven't booked yet, you need to act quickly. We have bookings so far for about 80 cars but we still want more. Booking forms are on our web-site so no excuses!

Personally my time for the last few weeks has been completely taken up with organising the Club's 50th Birthday Party at Chesford Grange. It was a fantastic weekend as those of you who were there will know. There will be a full report in Revcounter next month so look out for it. That's all done and dusted now though, giving me a bit of time to pull this issue together. I hope you've all been suffering withdrawal symptoms!!!

You may be asking '*what's all that got to do with a month of change though?*' ... Well the biggest piece of news for the South West Centre last month was the resignation of our Chairman, Steve Jones. As you will know from the last issue, Steve has just embarked on a pretty busy season of hillclimbing in his Midget, and this has resulted in Steve feeling that he cannot now spend as much time on Committee business as he should, as most weekends are now taken up with either competing or preparing the car. Consequently he has decided to step down with immediate effect. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that we wish Steve lots of success in his new endeavour and also to thank him for his service to the Club over the last few years.

As a result of Steve's resignation some changes have had to be put in place within the Committee. Between now and the next AGM in October, it has been decided that I will take on the Chairman's role temporarily. To enable this to happen it has been agreed that Mark Knight will take over the production of *Healey News South-Western* to free-up a bit of my time. This will therefore be my last offering. All other Committee posts remain unchanged.

On the subject of the Committee and the forthcoming AGM, I have been notified that at least one more of the existing Committee members will be standing down this year after many years of service. It's pretty obvious then that we need some new blood on the Committee next year, so if you feel that you'd like to give some of your time and help to run the centre, why not stand for office at the next AGM? The Club and the Centre is only as good as its members, and we need your support to run it. Please give it some serious thought. Thanks.

Finally I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Silverstone Classic next weekend, where hopefully the weather will be kind to us. See you soon I hope...

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre.

South West Centre's Prescott Hillclimb Weekend



FINAL REMINDER

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO

DON'T MISS OUT ON
THIS GREAT
OPPORTUNITY TO
DRIVE YOUR CAR UP
THE WORLD FAMOUS
PRESCOTT
HILLCLIMB

BOOK NOW

The Lions Club of Chippenham

are hosting a Vintage Vehicles Show near
Castle Combe race track in Wiltshire on 28
August 2011

to raise money for Lions Charity work.

The organisers have said....

It's intended as a fun day out - Vintage Vehicle drivers and their vehicles have free entrance if registered in advance - other visitors £2.50 and children under 10 free. There will be plenty of parking and easy access to the site - Allington Farm, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

There will be good food - the famous Allington Farm sausages and burgers - as well as others, and drink and ice creams. We have ordered good weather specially!

There will be many different car marques to see and plenty of opportunity to show and perhaps judge your own vehicles. There's a parade ring as well as auto jumble and other stalls.

*If anyone is interested in attending I suggest we pre-register as a Club. There is a deadline of 31st July however to register so **ACTION NOW PLEASE!** Let me know if you want to be included and I'll sort out registrations etc.*



“The Exmoor Rut”

presented by

The Healey Drivers' Club

on Sunday 2nd October 2011

BBC RADIO DEVON
AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL



This Appeal is raising funds for Devon Air Ambulance Trust
Registered Charity No: 1077998

*The proceeds from this event are going towards the Radio
Devon Air Ambulance Trust Appeal
for a NEW HELICOPTER - please give generously.*

Booking forms available at <http://www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk/>

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FBHVC

(FEDERATION OF BRITISH HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUBS)

IMPORTANT SURVEY – PLEASE GIVE 15 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME.

Subject: Self Preservation

Message: Have you completed FBHVC's 2011 survey yet?

If you haven't, please go to www.fbhvc.co.uk/2011-survey and spend a quarter of an hour or so doing your bit to help protect your right to use your Austin Healey on the road whenever you wish.

Why should I? Because if FBHVC can't show how important and valuable the historic vehicle movement in this country is, its ability to lobby on our - your - behalf is diminished. The more you do and the more you spend on your hobby, the more important it is for you to complete the survey (which can be completed anonymously) - and the more you have to lose if FBHVC was ever to fail 'to uphold the freedom' to use old vehicles.



I'm happy to announce that we've negotiated the inclusion of the Austin Healey Club South Western Centre to the Opie Oils list of supported clubs. Members can now get discounts of at least 10% off Opie Oil's usual prices by registering on the Opie Oils web site at www.opieoils.co.uk. Once registered on the web site and logged in as a member of our club, the prices shown include members discounts, with the normal public price crossed through, for information. All prices shown include VAT.

We do hope that you, our members will benefit from this association. Opie Oils have an unrivalled choice of oils and fluids and are happy to pass on the benefit of their "oil expertise"!

To benefit from club discount prices when ordering online, you need to choose The Austin Healey Club from the list of clubs when registering. You'll also need to enter your club membership number... the direct link for you to register is <https://www.opieoils.co.uk/createaccount-short.aspx>

Whilst many people order online via a web site, it may be that you prefer to telephone for advice and to place an order. You are welcome to call Opie Oils for advice or recommendations on any oil or fluid and they'll give the club discount prices on all orders. They are open Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm and can be contacted on 01209 215164, option 2.

If you'd like oil advice we've opened up a topic on the South Western Centre section of the Healey Forum 'oil advice and recommendations' at http://healey.hyperboards.com/index.php?action=view_topic&topic_id=2722.

You can either post your query here or PM "oilman" if you'd like free recommendations from across the 9 major oil brands Opie Oils stock.

Steve Trimble

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Federation of "to uphold the freedom"
British Historic Vehicle Clubs



PRESS RELEASE

ETHANOL in Petrol: Corrosion, Compatibility, and Combustion

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) report that their research into the effects of increased amounts of ethanol in petrol is continuing. They have identified the "three Cs" in this respect – Corrosion, Compatibility and Combustion.

Corrosion in fuel tanks and failure of traditional materials used in fuel systems due to incompatibility with ethanol cause fuel leaks. Because fuel leaks create a high risk of fire or explosion, these matters have been given priority in extensive articles in the FBHVC's newsletter since October 2008. These articles show how the problems associated with corrosion and compatibility have been identified. As a consequence the FBHVC is in the process of commissioning a programme to test commercial additives designed to overcome corrosion problems.

Combustion, on the other hand, affects only the driveability of a vehicle and poses no significant risk to life or limb. Ethanol has long been recognised as a fuel supplement that improves performance and the FBHVC considers it unlikely that the modest proportions of ethanol in modern fuel will have anything other than a positive effect on the combustion process. Others, who take a different view, have criticised the FBHVC for not doing more to investigate the assertion that the presence of ethanol leads to slow combustion in low-compression engines resulting in poor performance, overheating and damage to exhaust valves.

The Federation continues to research these issues and investigation into aspects of combustion will be its next target with the aid of an independent consultant.



Minehead Motor Club Classic Tour of Exmoor Sunday 21st August 2011

Minehead Motor Club invites you to join in their 18th Classic Tour of Exmoor on Sunday 21st August. Once again the route will wind through some stunning Exmoor countryside with the opportunity for refreshment stops at a choice of places offering local food along the way.

If you would like to take part, please complete the booking form, available from our own web-site at <http://www.ahc-southwestern.co.uk/> and send it, together with a cheque for the full amount, to the organisers at the address shown on the form. Details of this year's route will be given on the day.

Closing date for entries is 1st August so please act quickly.

Navigation Test

A road run cum navigation test cum treasure hunt is being organised for Sunday 21st August.

Our intention is to follow a route of about 100 miles around the north of the patch, navigating using OS grid references, visiting places of interest where clues must be collected, taking tea and coffee along the way and arriving at our final destination for results and a barbeque. (A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the BBQ)

Contact Rob Hudson to register interest on 01452 857327