

Naylor Car Club

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

"Never Lost in the Crowd"



Dear Members,

A Few Notes from your Editor:

Well, here we are into the start of another Naylor Year with the future global situation and country in a state of flux. As Tony Blair's mantra chanted -Things can only get better! We sincerely hope so. The media never fail to entertain with sound bites as we were apparently in "Chrimbo-limbo" after Christmas, and of course the word of the year was "Rizz". I guess in the wilds of Norfolk and like most people we still speak a form of English. I gather it is a derivation from the word "Cha-ris-ma", so having brought myself into the current world I feel it is highly appropriate to apply it to the TF 1700s as definitely being and having "Rizz". Although a bleak time of year I always keep the Naylor ready for the odd run locally to keep the fluids circulating and bearings turning over. Nothing delights more than driving on roads absent of traffic at a varied pace to take in the scenery and being mindful of deer and pheasants. Yes, the rural idyll is soon shattered as you hit a patch of pig slurry and liberally underseal the car! Again the countryside does have a smell about it denied to those in their hermetically sealed tin boxes with air con and filters.

As mentioned in the pre-Christmas Naylor News we are making steady progress in taking the club forward once again following the recent pandemic that certainly put a "spanner in the works". As no doubt you will have seen by now we are planning a special 30th Birthday weekend in May to be held in Yorkshire, so we hope the venue will attract most owners. Like others in our area we plan to complete the journey in two hops to make it easy. The AGM in the autumn has also been planned for a venue in Lincolnshire, so again hopefully the journey to and from these venues is not too arduous or taxing on drivers. We appreciate the Naylor does have limitations especially if you are tall or chunky! I'll leave it at that.

Another consideration raised at the AGM was attendance at this year's NEC Classic Car Show in November. It is acknowledged that whilst it is a show case for the Naylor "marqué" and it generates interest amongst the public classic car enthusiasts, we as owners and the club get very little out of it, apart from the kudos. Of course it does give those attending a chance to look around at what is on offer in the way of accessories as well as some of the more classic vehicles on show and for sale. The organisers have been generous in keeping us in mind

despite our non-appearance over the last two years. This coming year we hope to repay their generosity.

As usual prior to Christmas I managed a trip to our printers at Bury St Edmunds to thank them for their support during the year. I hasten to add our own dedicated proof readers of Ann Mills and Keith Heywood who also make a contribution to ensure typos and grammar are correct. Predictive text and continual re reading does leave you a bit word blind to obvious errors, so I thank them for a second pair of eyes. Or should it be I's ?!!

We currently hold a few copies of the Naylor Manual if you still desire a copy. As we only hold a few we will be making a re-print once the current stock is exhausted. A limited re print will take time to put into production, so act now if you are interested in obtaining a copy. The current cost is £35 plus post and packaging. Because of limited production and cost increases, future copies are likely to increase. The hard copies are now available for purchase through Clive Taylor. Please contact him with your order at TME Motorsport Engineering Ltd., Unit 1 Redgrave Business Centre, Gallows Hill, Redgrave, Suffolk, IP22 1RZ Tel : 01379 890945/ 07500 004285 email: clive@tme-ltd.com and he will send you the manual with invoice. Payment to treasurer Tony Brooks payable to Naylor Car Club. Thanks to all those who expressed an interest.

I still have a few copies of the Naylor cartoon book "Just to make you Smile" available at the princely sum of £20 - should you wish to indulge, contact the editor.

Just to add to the Winter Scene:





With the current trend of being pressurised towards electric vehicles for environmental reasons it is clear that technology on synthetic plant based fuels for ICE (internal combustion engines) is developing at pace now. I thank John Bryne for passing on recent features that appeared in the Car & Classic magazine outlining that synthetic fuels are now available. Of course currently the cost per litre is extremely high at approx £4 per litre but no doubt it may fall in the long term if production and demand balance out. This does give confidence that the demise of the ICE is some way off in the future, by which time we may of course be looking at hydrogen power as a further alternative ICE fuel source. No doubt the eco warriors will have us believe the water emissions will contribute to flooding!! To read the synthetic fuel article in full go to <https://www.carandclassic.com/magazine/so-when-can-i-start-using-sustainable-fuels/>

For those interested there are a couple of good videos on the You Tube site which show off the Naylor to advantage and also give you some background to the "marqué". "(60) Naylor Cars - The TF 1700 with David Naylor". It features an interview with David shot at the NEC Classic Car show as he describes the history of the company and its evolution. The other is "Naylor TF - World's prettiest Morris Marina goes for a Drive". This is particularly good as it shows the fun aspect of being out and about driving the Naylor. Interesting in that the car used was an ex Japanese export model re-imported. Does anybody know who owns it now? Anyhow something to watch if the weather is bad outside and getting withdrawal symptoms for the spring.

Events 2024

The calendar is starting to fill as I received an application form for the Norfolk Open Churches run a day after Boxing Day, and the event is in August! Yes, the new calendar is starting to fill - mainly with hospital and surgery appointments so it does lift the spirits by pencilling in Naylor events. The events highlighted are just key dates at the moment with further details following.

We make a plea to all Naylor groups to pass on their activities using the link "List an event on the website - naylorclub.org.uk" to highlight these events via the web site. The link will ask for relevant details etc. It allows other members to attend if in the area, giving them the heads up. Again after an event a few photos and a bit of text always helps promote both the Club and Naylor ownership. Thanks go to James Blundell for setting this up and his work on the website.

KEY DATES: (Further additions are now on the website)

6th April: Saturday

21st April: Sunday:

5th May Sunday:

17th - 19th May:

26th May: Sunday

20th July: Saturday

3rd August: Saturday

9th-12th September:

8th-10th November:

Workshop Day

FBHVC Drive It Day

Hoxne - Classic Cars run

**30th Birthday Weekend - Raven Hall Hotel /Ravenscar
Yorkshire**

Sandringham Pageant

Alrewas Show

Norfolk Open Churches Run

AGM Weekend - Petwood House, Woodhall Spa, Lincoln

Classic Car Show NEC Birmingham

Workshop Day:

Once again Clive Taylor is making his workshop available to members to bring their cars along for a check over at the TME Motorsport Engineering facility at Unit 1, Gallows Hill, Redgrave, Suffolk, IP22 1RZ. Please inform Clive if you wish to visit. It's a great start to the spring /summer motoring season if you have laid up your vehicle for the winter. You have the opportunity to see what goes on underneath your vehicle, and also to buy spares if you need them. Our thanks go to Clive for making this available to members.

Drive It Day:

Planned for **Sunday April 21st**. The FBHVC's Drive It Day 2024 is promoted as a Charity Driving Day to raise funds for the NSPCC Childline Charity. The initiative is being run by the Federation to raise funds by also selling rally plates £12.50 for the standard plate or £30 for the platinum plate. Please visit www.driveitday.co.uk/shop to purchase items, with the proceeds going to the charity. No doubt local groups will organise a suitable run in support of this event.

Hoxne (nr Diss) - Classic Cars at the Playing Field - 5th May Sunday:

This annual event on Sunday (early May Bank Holiday) features a gathering at the Swan Inn, Hoxne at 10.00 a.m followed by a run around local roads at 11.00 a.m for an hour returning to the Playing Fields for an afternoon of live music, food and liquid refreshments in the company of classic cars. Please contact Brian Daniels on naylor1700@gmail.com or 07961 541920 if you intend to go.

Birthday Weekend :

If you haven't heard by now (Where have you been?) we are pleased to announce the 30th Birthday weekend is planned to take place over the weekend **17th - 19th May 2024** and is "good to go". This is **positively the last call**, and we sincerely trust you have booked by now and look forward to meeting up and celebrating this milestone anniversary. The main venue is the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar, Yorkshire, YO13 0ET. This will provide a central location for most members. If you feel hotel accommodation is not your thing then plenty of B&B accommodation is available in the Scarborough area, but it will mean you incurring slight travel inconvenience to and from the hotel. The usual focus of a "Birthday Dinner" will be held in the hotel on the Saturday evening, so if you wish to attend then please ensure the organiser/s (David Naylor/Ian Collingwood/ Mike Chatterton) know of your plans and you will be charged for the dinner only. For those staying at the Hotel prices are inclusive. A railway trip including refreshments is planned for members to enjoy the delights of the North Yorkshire scenery, as well as a rally run around the area. We hope to make it a memorable event for all. As it is the Thirtieth Birthday, we are still hoping to hit the target of thirty Naylor's on parade so try and help us achieve that goal.

Alrewas Show 2024:

An open invitation goes to all members if they wish to attend with their cars at this major show held at the Alrewas showground close to the A38 nr Litchfield. If you intend to go please contact Howard & Jackie Pidd on jackiemb77@virginmedia.com for further details.

2024 AGM:

Initial arrangements are being made to hold the AGM this year at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa, Lincoln, LN 10 6QG. The hotel and local area has connections with the famous "Dam Busters" raids of the WWII. Once again we stress that the focus of the event is at the hotel but if members wish to avail themselves of B&B accommodation there is plenty in the Lincoln area, so we shall be happy to see you there whatever your choice. A programme of visits to local attractions and a local rally run will also form the weekend.

Classic Car Show NEC:

Yet to be detailed as currently the show dates have been announced as 8th-10th November. We shall be asking for volunteers to help run this event, and put it together. As the show is open to the public for 3 days, it will obviously span a day to set up and also a day to dismantle, so it requires a team to ease the burden, not only from the practical point but also the manning of the stand during the public opening times. Details can be worked on nearer the time. This is just to flag it up in advance.

Other News:

A small party of Naylor owners are making a spring trip to Guernsey with their cars in April and will be delighted to meet up with any current or past owners in the Channel Islands. They will be welcomed to join in the Drive It Day run on the 21st April. For further details and information please contact Keith & Sue Heywood on kbsheywood@gmail.com

Magazine articles: Once again I make the plea to members who must have some good stories out there to tell, so if you would like to see your name in lights please forward them to me.

And Finally:

Just in case we haven't left winter behind and the Christmas cracker mottos haven't been thrown away!

We had a quiet Christmas as the wife iced the cake, after covering it with temazepam!

Did you hear about two silkworms in a race ? It ended in a tie!

I have a fear of speed bumps, but I think I shall slowly get over it!!

A man walks into a pub dressed in a hospital gown and holding a drip stand, and orders a double whisky. He says "I shouldn't be having this with what I've got."

The barman replies "What have you got?"

"Only twenty pence!" came the reply.

Have you ever started to eat a horse and then realise you weren't that hungry after all?

Did you know Santa had a tenth reindeer called Olive? She's mentioned in the song.

"Olive the other reindeers....."

And Finally - Finally:

Once again a warm welcome and a Happy New Year to "TF" new members and of course our overseas members. We sincerely hope and trust you all remain safe and well, also Covid and winter flu-free, as we all look forward to a new Naylor/ Hutson/ Mahcon motoring year ahead, and the continued comradeship the club offers.

Kindest regards to all our members,

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