

Naylor Car Club

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

"Never Lost in the Crowd"



Dear Members,

A Few Notes from your Editor:

Well, here we are in the season "of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as the poet Keats put it. In retrospect we have achieved a lot this past year as we strived to return to normality following the Covid pandemic and all that went with that. We managed the Birthday weekend in Northumberland and then the AGM weekend in Llandrindod Wells. Alas the celebration aspect of the AGM weekend was tempered with the passing of the Queen that we duly acknowledged. Thanks go to Rob Bream for organising the Bulth Wells Ladies choir to provide traditional Welsh entertainment. Our thanks go to Sue and Keith Heywood for their contribution in making it their "swan song" or may be it should be a "Red Kite song!" as they are now standing down from active Committee involvement. Again Ken Fletcher our Chairman has indicated he intends to step down from his role next year as he feels he has "put in a shift" as of course have Sue and Keith, so time to hand on the baton. Of course our attendance at the NEC November Classic Car show this year has been cancelled as we could not get volunteers to take it on, despite pleas to the membership, but we hope it remains open for next year if possible. We hope to attend the "MG Live" show at Silverstone next May time if an offer to the Club still stands, but details have yet to be finalised. A full report on the AGM will be covered in the December edition of the Naylor News. It is also pleasing to report that a "Midlands group" is being formed with owners getting together in that area. This again will compliment our Eastern and Northern regions, as long distance driving to venues becomes more of a problem with our aging ownership!

Spares: Negotiations to obtain "mechanical spares" from the redundant Naylor stock are on going at the moment. We hope to conclude agreement shortly and to invest club funds into providing a source of spares for club members as we have felt the need to provide members with this service. It is clear that mechanical components will become difficult to source in the future to keep our cars roadworthy, so it has been decided to allocate a portion of club funds to this project. Clive Taylor has agreed to hold these items following a process of identification and inventory stock check. Any issues involving technical matters and/or spares please speak

with Brian Daniels on 07961541920 in the first instance. and updates will be made following stock and inventory listings. Our thanks to Clive, and others involved in this project.

Magazine articles: Once again thanks to all who take the time and trouble to send me articles not yet featured. They may not go in straight away so do not be disappointed as we juggle with space etc., and balance, but I shall endeavour to publish everything that is sent in. It does take time to get the magazine produced, proof read and published before final distribution. We work on about a month lead time, so again if you require immediacy the web site is possibly a better media. Once again a plea goes out to all members for articles, anecdotes, and suitable photos as we look for a Christmas edition or I shall be “doing a Freda!!”.

FBHVC: Our secretary Mike Chatterton receives a copy of the FBHVC News to keep up to date with Classic Car matters. He will continue to send you email down loads. We also receive information from the Motorsport UK organisation, MSUK is mainly aimed at the motor sport aspect of club racing and rallying. Again an aspect which as a club we do not directly participate in. They do cover formal aspects and insurance matters when planning "events" such as "meets and runs".

Web Site: The Committee has expressed concern with the web site and the social media interaction that many people use now. The Club has set up a small steering group headed by Jacqui Naylor to exploit this form of communication and information. This will hopefully enhance and compliment our current "hard copy" Naylor News magazine and Newsletters. I have not yet received a P45!!

Events 2022:

Greene King's Brewery trip 29th June

The Eastern region held a meet up on 29th June with an afternoon visit to Greene King's brewery in Bury St Edmunds. Following parking and a lunch break at Rob and Jane Bream's a short walk through some picturesque back alleys brought us to the entrance to the brewery. We were hosted by an extremely well versed guide John, who took us through the brewing process indicating it was a "gravity" brewery where everything started at the top of the building and so several flights of stairs had to be navigated before we emerged onto the roof, with spectacular views of Bury St Edmunds stretched around. Clearly it was a 24/7 operation with little to see of the process apart from stainless steel silos and tanks with piping transporting the finished product off site to a filling plant about a mile away, such was the scale of the operation. A nightly fleet of tankers also took the beer to a bottling plant on the other side of Bury St Edmunds. The tour concluded with a tasting session and ended in the gift shop! Finally we made our way back to the Bream's before setting off to Ian and Christine Morgan's at Gt. Barton for an evening Bar-B-Q to round off the day. Photos etc and further report in next Naylor News magazine.

Norfolk Churches Run weekend 6/7 Aug

This popular run was postponed during the pandemic but was well attended by Naylor Club members from afar. John and Lyn Ross hosted a Friday evening Bar-B-Q to get the weekend off to a grand start. On the Saturday morning just North of Norwich we checked in at "The Rectory" at Crostwick and collected the route map along with a bacon bap and coffee to start the day. The route took us through the back roads to various church stops in rural North Norfolk where parish members had opened up churches for viewing, along with toilets and refreshments at some venues. An afternoon picnic in the Norfolk countryside was followed by a run to Mundesley on the coast to attend a brief church service to round off the day, before making it back to Norwich or local homes. (Ed)

RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre Sunday 7 Aug

Sunday morning there was a short run to the RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre that started with a trip around the airfield site in our cars to explore the WWII "E pen" revetments before travelling in convoy to the nuclear blast compounds designed with the same purpose in mind. A visit to the museum and the photographic reconnaissance "portable laboratories" concluded the visit. A late lunch was booked at the local pub "The Goat" at Skeyton to allow folk to return home late afternoon or for onward journeys the following day. (Ed)

Hawes meet up 20th Aug

A small but perfectly formed band of NCC members arrived from all points of the compass to gather for a lunch at Hawes, at the head of beautiful Wensleydale. The weather was a TF top-up/top-down mix but that didn't curb the enthusiasm, and much camaraderie, fun and laughter was had.

Anne and Tony Brooks had come up with the idea and organised everything superbly (including the pre-order menu choices!). We met first for coffee (and more...) at the Dales Countryside Museum before meeting for a long lunch at the very well-chosen and handsome Stone House Hotel two miles out of town.

It was great to see Shirley Burnhill joining us and also meet Magnus and Laura McIntosh - new members from Cumbria in their recently acquired Naylor! (Ian Collingwood). Photos in Naylor News to follow (Ed)

Future Events 2022

Bardwell Windmill Annual Steam Threshing Day Sat 8th Oct

Taking place at Bardwell Windmill Suffolk, near Ixworth, post code IP31 1AH for those in the Eastern region. Refreshments and beer tent available. £2 entrance fee. Opens at 10.30 a.m. Informal meet up for Naylor owners.

Christmas Dinners 2022

Yet to be fully detailed in various regions but a chance for a meet up before the year is out.

Future Events 2023

24th Birthday Weekend 12th -15th May 2023

In the beautiful Derbyshire Dales bordering the Peak district situated in central England at the venue of Matlock Spa with the New Bath Hotel acting as the focal point. We are aware that the cost of these weekends is substantial to some and therefore we are proposing to make available a list of cheaper B&B's in the area should people wish to avail themselves. Of course the "celebratory birthday dinner" will be held in the hotel with costs applied if attending and staying elsewhere. A booking form will go out with the December issue of the Magazine. I understand the hotel room rates will be held until a February cut off point, so do please book early. A series of visits are scheduled to the Blue John Mines and also Chatsworth House to cater for all tastes. More details to follow with the booking form. Hope to see you all there.(Steve Allan)

Alrewas Show (Staffordshire) 15th July 2023

A new date for the diary when the club is planning to take part in the annual Alrewas Show, a traditional country show which has been going since 1879 includes a well established classic car section which regularly attracts some 100 vehicles from car clubs and individuals, all entries restricted to 25 years and older (cars that is!). Following intense interest generated by the entry of our Naylor "Odette" at this show over the past couple of years, we would welcome other members to join us, as show organisers have agreed to set aside an area for the club to display our cars. The show ground is easily accessible close to A38 between Litchfield and Burton-on-Trent. There is an entry fee of £4.00 per car for club members. If you wish to take part then please contact Jackie Moore at jackiemb77@virginmedia.com

And Finally: (Just to bring a smile!)

(A true story) On returning from the AGM in Wales we broke the journey with a lunch stop at Elton garden centre near Peterborough. Parked alongside us was an immaculate Triumph Spitfire displaying a Le Mans rally plate. We were in conversation with the driver who had owned it from new and had recently returned from France. He commented that they were applauded everywhere they went. Then he found out that it was because his number plates had the blue square with UK in yellow and they thought the car was from the Ukraine and not GB! - Mon Dieu!

I understand the police are numbered - maybe in case they get lost!

I heard Long Covid is not a Dorset village!

Having returned from Wales I feel it's safe to say the local cinema was screening the following: "Dai Hard", "The Bridge on the River Wye", "Independence Dai", "Sheepless in Seattle", "Look Back in Bangor", "Where Eagles Aberdare", so I think I had better stop as I need to go for a leek! (You are welcome to make your own up!)

I've just painted the wife gold. It's a gilt complex!

I was asked where we held the Naylor AGM, I said "Llandrindod Wells", "How do you spell that?", was the response. I replied "Sorry my mistake - it was Bath !!"

And Finally - Finally:

With Christmas around the corner I know many are starting to plan "Christmas meet ups" so our good wishes to all groups, as no doubt we shall raise a glass or two to all members, past and present.

We again warmly welcome new owners to the Club, and hope you have a long and happy relationship with your Naylor/Hutson or Mahcon and all that it offers. We sincerely hope and trust all remains well with you all, and you are never lost in a crowd.

Kindest regards to all our members,

Paul

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