

Naylor Car Club

NEWSLETTER

October 2024

"Never Lost in the Crowd"



Dear Members,

A Few Notes from your Editor:

NEC Reminder:

I will start with a further reminder as there is little time left to take advantage of the NEC offer: This year we have made it back to the NEC this coming month for the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor show 8th-10th November. A lot of hard work has been carried out by David Naylor and the team to make this happen. Their reward is that of course we would cordially invite you along to the stand. It is a special year in that it is our Naylor Car Club 30th birthday and it also coincides with the 40th anniversary of the launch of the Naylor car and the Show, so much to celebrate in the Classic Car world. If you haven't booked already please contact David Naylor, or see booking details with a concession code (**CCCNNOV801**) in the last issue of the Naylor News. **Please note:** Discounted tickets are only available up to midnight on the 7th Nov. We sincerely hope to see you there, over the course of the weekend.

Venues for next year:

Moving on, as they say. We are already looking at the future and trying to select venues for our two main events of the year, namely the Birthday weekend in May time and of course the AGM in September. Whilst it may seem a distant way off, the availability of hotel space requires us to book early and of course the longer we leave it the more difficult it becomes as we are in competition with weekend wedding events and the like. Steve Allen has put out feelers already for the birthday weekend in May to be held in the beautiful Lake District and is currently looking at venues in the area. He has volunteered to act as the POC for this event. Hotels have as yet to be confirmed. We will update once we have more information to pass on. We are currently looking for a suitable AGM location and as yet we haven't made any commitment to an area. If you have any views "on where to go" (politely!) please forward them to Rod Hennesey. Again we need to move quickly on this as well with just a year to run. We do need someone to take this on with either connections or local knowledge of an area to make the whole thing work! Of course we do need hotels that can cater for our group and have adequate parking.

AGM 2024: A brief report:

Well, our 2024 AGM held at The Petwood Hotel, at Woodhall Spa was to say the least, an unmitigated success with thanks to Mike Chatterton for his lead on this event. A full report with photos will be published in the next issue of the Naylor News magazine. You should have received the Minutes of the AGM from Mike via the usual email communication. The run to Lincolnshire for most put the Naylor waterproofing and leak test to the limit as torrential rain swept the country. The visit on the Friday afternoon to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight was very informative with a conducted tour of their hangar. We understand some took a wrong turning and had to be escorted off the active RAF base and pointed in the right direction. No names but Ken Beels knows who he is!! After the visit we made it back to the hotel. Most members headed out to the East Kirby Aviation Museum the following morning, with bright sunshine allowing "hoods down" motoring. It was a great morning with Debs doing her best to get a team photo with the iconic Lancaster bomber, having been initially refused, but common sense prevailed and a photo shoot was achieved. Both the Lancaster and Mosquito aircraft were rolled out and prepared for an evening event. However most again enjoyed the motoring action and headed back to Tattershall Castle a National Trust site. Whilst there we were treated to the thunder of jet aerobatics from RAF Coningsby as they were holding a restricted "Friends Day". The castle made a wonderful viewing platform, not only of the aircraft but of the surrounding Lincolnshire countryside with the Lincoln Cathedral some twenty miles away on the horizon. The castle was imposing as the construction was a medieval brickwork castle with the bricks being made from local clay and not the usual stonework. The surrounding grounds with more brickwork moat facings and bridges, certainly left one with an appreciation of the medieval building skills. Then it was back to the hotel to prepare for the AGM that passed off without violence or bloodshed! Once the formalities were over the presentation of awards were made. I thank all those who put my name in the hat resulting in me coming home with two pieces of silverware - they can now be viewed on ebay!! Other awards went to Jackie Pidd, the Heywoods and Robert Baines. Keith Heywood featured again with the wooden spoon, for a multitude of sins, namely honking at goslings crossing his path and also "talking tractors" to the editor! Thanks to Clive Taylor for bringing my trophies home for me as the Naylor is not known for its boot space, even with the rack on the back. The run back to Norfolk on the Monday was again made in torrential rain, so the trophies remained dry along with their cases having travelled back the previous day with Clive. After the AGM and awards we adjourned to the dining room for the evening meal. This was followed by a very talented Peter Richmond, one of our club members, who gave us all a classical Spanish guitar recital. He entertained us with many familiar tunes from the films and concluded with some "tenuous linked numbers" to Naylor motoring. The following morning Debs organised a photo shoot at the hotel with permission to drive on their grass to position the cars. So then most members headed out to Heckington Windmill in a bright but bitterly cold morning. Although billed as "fun day" there was alas, not a lot to see or do. Most tended to spend time in the "on site" cafe enjoying the warmth and home made baking. The undulating local fen roads made steering "interesting!" with deep dykes on either side grabbing your attention! The afternoon run back to the hotel was made before the rain set in again. The following morning the rain was still with us as we left for home. Again thanks to Rod and Mike for what was a really enjoyable weekend, and Debs for acting as the "David Bailey" for the club.

Spares: Yes, the spares position is still a major issue in club matters. Further cataloguing and reviewing will be carried out when time allows. Certain popular items are becoming more difficult to source, whilst other items gather dust! Once again if you need assistance please email Clive as the preferred means of communication as he can deal with requests without interrupting his real day job. If you need assistance on technical matters and/or spares please speak with Brian Daniels our "resident guru" on 07961541920 in the first instance.

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 an après - Christmas edition, to cover the recent AGM and an NEC report. I am looking at the current cut off at the end of November, so if you have anything please forward it 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, however to ensure we have appropriate insurance cover as a motoring club we have to have a safeguarding officer as a requirement. I have taken on that role should the necessity arise following an incident. Contact details in front cover of the Naylor News.

Web Site & IT matters: It is pleasing to note the web site is starting to become used as it has been neglected for some time. Once we have confidence in using it no doubt owners will be able to use it to greater effect. Steve Allen is our resident web manager now. We have appointed Facebook managers for each of our main areas, so if you wish to submit items or use our Club Facebook site then please go through your region administrator. This is to apply a filter on material being put on the site that is relevant to the club and membership.

Eastern region - Sue Heywood

Midland region - Debs Hennesey

Northern region - James Naylor

Other News:

Diss Festival of Transport:

Two TF's made it to display at the Diss Festival of Transport on Sunday 22nd September with Brian Daniels and Brian Mills contributing. I'm told they were given a prime parking lot at the Council Offices. Obviously hoping for a rate reduction.

Trip to Thursford Christmas Show;

An East of England trip to the Thursford Christmas show on Sunday 17th November is planned with a coach from Bury St Edmunds. If you haven't already done so please contact Rob Bream on 07881046476 or robbream@btinternet.com for details.

Norfolk Churches Run.

Here in the East the ever popular Norfolk Churches run in August has alas ceased as no one has stepped up to run this event following the stand down of the current organisers this year. We are open to any further suggestions to replace this run. Please contact Sue or Keith Heywood with any ideas. We are looking at centring around the King's Lynn area with the Knights Hill Hotel but open to all suggestions.

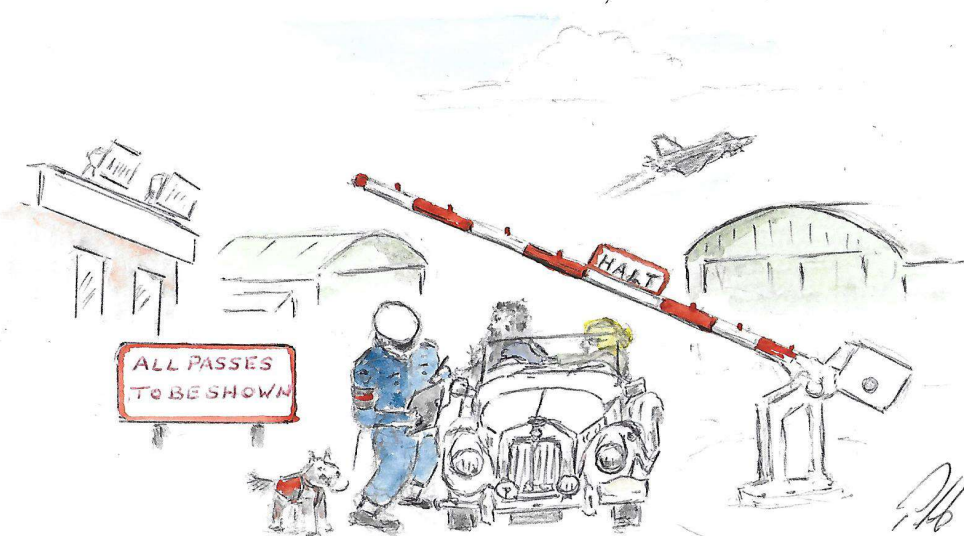
Christmas Dinners 2024

In the East arrangements are well underway with a usual meet up at the Catering College in Bury St Edmunds for a Christmas luncheon to be held on Friday the 13th December. Please contact Rob Bream if you haven't already done so.

Future Events 2025

Birthday Weekend: 16/17/18 May 2025 venue Derwent Water Hotel, Portiscale, Keswick
AGM : TBD

And Finally: (Just to bring a smile!) (from the AGM weekend)



When I asked you to accompany me to the Guardroom. Saying
- Sorry I don't play the piano was not the right answer!!

And Finally - Finally:

I went to the doctors the other morning. I said, "I keep seeing into the future", he replied, "How long has this been going on?". I said, "Since next Thursday!".

I understand this year Santa's helpers have to wear seat belts in the sleigh. It's elfin health and safety gone mad!

I bought the wife a barge pole this Christmas - Well, I thought I'd push the boat out!

I've got the wife a tailboard and a set of rear lights for Christmas, She said "I expect you got it off the back of a lorry!"

Granny has sent me an extra sock this year as she heard I had grown another foot since last year.

Enough I hear you cry!! I can't wait to open the crackers again this year!

Finally - at Last!:

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.

As previously mentioned I shall put out an après Christmas Naylor News magazine with the NEC follow up, as I think it will be ambitious to get it out before Christmas so something to look forward to in the New Year.

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.

Kindest regards and a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our members,

Paul

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