

Naylor Car Club

NEWSLETTER

February 2026

"Never Lost in the Crowd"



Dear Members,

A Few Notes from your Editor:

Well, here we are again well into the New Year with the last of the turkey to deal with. There are only so many things you can do with "left over's" before the waste bin calls. No doubt we are not alone in buying too much and being sucked in by the over indulgence of the Christmas season. We sincerely trust the festive season has been spent in the usual manner with family and friends, overeating and drinking - it has to be done!! The bathroom scales tell the story. Now it's just the satisfying "clink" as all the empty bottles are thrown into the recycle bin - you know the "Gaviscon", the "Covonia", along with the other "empties". All those well meaning New Year resolutions made and quickly broken, as we slip back into the normal familiar ways. All those LED Christmas light decorations that are carefully wrapped and packed away in the attic ready for next year when alas next year we have to go through the same process of unravelling them yet again. I suspect during the summer months they automatically knit together in the darkness of their box!

We hope you received your latest Naylor News Magazine in with the Christmas post so at least you had something to look at apart from the usual selection of routine repeat TV programs and dire news reporting. As an observation I find nearly every report now is prefixed with a warning - that "some viewers may be upset or distressed". I might have to put that as a header in the Naylor Magazine!! Now we have the delights of AI to combat, where obviously you do not know whether things are true or fake and a field day for the scammers. Many years ago when I was involved with writing computer programs we had a sticker on the door that said - "Beware the Technological Overkill". How true is this with the electronic advances in automotive dashboards. Do we need all this "stuff"? It would seem most modern drivers spend all their time looking at the various functions instead of concentrating on the road and what is going on around them. Our washing machine has over 20 programmable settings with remote switching and yet it is put on every couple of days on the same setting all the time regardless! So much for technology!!

Since the end of July last year the wife has been suffering with a broken shoulder as a result of a fall. Thanks to our good Naylor friends we made the AGM ok but alas we had to

miss out on several of the pre Christmas activities of the local Naylor group due to Fracture clinic and physio appointments clashing with the planned activities. At long last we seem to be getting somewhere back to NFN (Normal For Norfolk!). We sincerely thank all the members for their messages of support during this time.

Once again in the run up to Christmas it was a busy time for our friends at Premier Print who have since moved offices, although still in Bury St Edmunds. In the course of getting the recent Naylor News Magazine out for Christmas I paid them a visit to thank them personally. Thanks also go to our own dedicated proof readers of Ann Mills and Keith Heywood who respond at very short notice to my requests for a second pair of eyes to ensure "quality control". I recall the old chestnut of the Norfolk school boy being asked in class, "Where's your grammar?" the answer came back, "She be wive my grand dad!!"

We are pacing ourselves with the Naylor Magazine as the last issue concentrated on the AGM and IOM visit. Of course we had the NEC event in November so will hope to fill the pages of the next edition with that report as very little activity takes place over the post Christmas time especially on the motoring front. This year for the first time I have SORNEd the car and put it on axle stands so at least it can be run and the wheels turned to keep the clutch and rear braking system working. I shall endeavour not to take out the rear of the garage during these "risk averse" runs.

As you will have noted we have little time to stand still with our major events as venues get booked up earlier all the time, and we compete against weddings and other events that make hotel booking a nightmare. We obviously require parking space over the weekend, so



One too many sherries I guess !

choice becomes difficult. It's good to know that we are ahead of the game this coming year and we can descend en masse to the Knights Hill Hotel in Kings Lynn for the Birthday Weekend in May. A forward recce party has been out and "cased the joint" as they say in criminal circles! So with the application form included in the magazine we sincerely hope you will take up the offer and join us all. Hence you received the booking application form for the May Birthday weekend along with the Christmas magazine. In case you have mislaid it I shall attach it to the end of this Newsletter. You still have time to book up, special rates end on the **28th Feb.**

We have yet to nail down the AGM venue for September.

In previous Newsletters I have mentioned some Naylor/Hutson "You Tube" videos. Following the NEC show we had a quite good coverage of the Naylor stand. This can be viewed on the You Tube site by logging into "British cars/ British Leyland / Naylor - NEC Saturday November 2025". The Naylor stand features about 24 minutes into the video. The reporter is a young girl and I would suggest a bit "out there" but nevertheless makes a change from the classic car nerd. More about the show in the next edition of the magazine, but of course our grateful thanks to all those who were involved in putting it together and manning the stand especially to the Naylor family given their recent tragic loss.

As we look back over the year it is pleasing to welcome some new faces into the club as vehicles have changed hands. We hope they continue to enjoy both the ownership of the car and the making of new friendships. A liking for coffee, cake and ice cream seems to be the passport to success on this front!

I shall still send out our hard copy Naylor News magazine and the email Naylor Newsletters to keep you all in the loop.

As mentioned in the magazine we aim to send out to members a brief survey to gauge an idea where we should be steering the club. We obviously have a few "hard core" members who keep the club and events going, and of course many thanks to them, but we would sincerely like to engage with more members to find out what we can do to improve the current status. Under the old adage - If you don't know, how can you manage! So we are asking for your cooperation in carrying out the survey to gauge your views. The survey will be sent out with the Spring edition of the magazine. Those overseas members who receive the electronic version will of course receive a copy but for information only however they may wish to make comments and return but they will not have the anonymity from hard copy recipients as email addresses will be shown on replies.

We continue to try and make use of the social media, however most of us are of an age where we are not conversant with this form of communication hence we find very little interaction from members with this medium. However it is clear from statistics we do get quite a lot of interest about the Naylor /Hutson brand. Of course these sites need to be current and updated. Again recent regulations do not allow "free reign" to put any offensive material out there, hence we have to maintain control, to this end James Naylor has volunteered to act as the "gate keeper". As stated in the last magazine if you wish to post anything then please submit it to james@naysoft.co.uk. Many thanks.

Events 2026

The calendar is starting to fill usually with medical and surgery appointments but it's nice to pencil in the Naylor events both local and national. The list below is in no way comprehensive but just to give members the "heads up" for events going on that you might like to attend as an exhibitor or visitor. Here in the East we usually sit down as a group at the end of February and decide which ones to go for. Please note these are event dates taken from various sources and may be subject to change. Please go to the web sites for these events for further information or contact local group members if you are interested in attending.

KEY DATES: (So far notified this year)

4th April: Saturday:

26th April: Sunday:

4th May: Monday (BH)

8th - 11th May:

17th May: Sun

24th May: Sunday:

31st May: Sunday

12th July: Sun

18th July: Sat

19th July: Sun

7th-10th Aug

TBD: September:

13th-15th November:

Workshop Day, Redgrave, (Diss, Suffolk)

FBHVC Drive It Day/ (Local)

Broadland MG Owners 34th Heritage Run (Diss)

Naylor Car Club 32nd Birthday Weekend

Knights Hill Hotel, Kings Lynn (Norfolk)

Rickenhall Car Show (Diss, Suffolk)

Sandringham Pageant (Norfolk)

Gissing's Sunday Best (Diss, Suffolk)

Culford Hall Classic Car show (Bury St Edmunds)

Alrewas Show (Staffs)

Roxwell Classic Drive (Essex)

Welsh Wander (Llandrindod Wells)

AGM Weekend

Classic Car Show NEC Birmingham

Updates and confirmation of events will be announced as and when groups wish to attend. Details of entry fees and entry forms can be found "on line" together with other details.

Workshop Day:

Once again by kind permission Clive Taylor is making his workshop available on Saturday 4th April for 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 purchase spares if we have them and you need 'em. Our grateful thanks go to Clive for making this facility available to members.

Drive It Day:

Planned for Sunday April 26th. The FBHVC's Drive It Day 2026 is promoted as a Charity Driving Day to raise funds in support of the NSPCC Childline Charity. The initiative is being run by the FBHVC to raise funds by also selling rally plates £12.50 for the small plate or

£30 for the regular 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. It is likely that Eastern Region members will head to Anglesey Abbey NT gardens near Cambridge for a gathering as it offers parking and picnic area with the cars.

Birthday Weekend :

We are pleased to announce the 32nd Birthday weekend is planned to take place over the weekend **8th - 11th May 2026** and is looking "good to go". We sincerely trust you have booked by now as the cut off for hotel reservations is the **28th February**. The main venue is the Knights Hill Hotel, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 3HQ. This will provide a focal location for most members. If you feel hotel accommodation is not your thing then plenty of B&B accommodation is available in the West Norfolk 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 (Robert Baines) is aware of your plans and you will be charged for the dinner only. For those staying at the Hotel prices are inclusive. Please respond ASAP as arrangements cannot be held for ever! When contacting the hotel please speak with reception and ensure they know it is the Naylor Car Club booking. All details can be found on the booking form attached.

Alrewas Show 2026:

An open invitation goes to all members if they wish to attend with their cars at this major show held at the Alrewas showground **18th July 2026** close to the A38 nr Lichfield. If you intend to go please contact Howard & Jackie Pidd on jackiemb77@virginmedia.com for further details.

2026 AGM:

As yet arrangements have not yet started nor a venue chosen.

Classic Car Show NEC 2026:

Once again nothing has been put in place as yet. This is just to flag it up in advance. If you wish to ring fence dates scheduled for the **13th -15th November 2026**

Other News:

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.

Members News:

Our eastern region member Robert Bream qualified for an "octagonal" badge back in November so we extend our congratulations. The local members attended a celebratory party for him in the Great Barton village hall. They tell me that riot police were called to break up the party and tins of Horlicks were seized!

And Finally:

Just in case we haven't left winter behind and the Christmas cracker mottos haven't been thrown away! Following on the theme of the "Winters Tale" in the latest magazine.

You've no doubt heard of the famous Jewish detective - Shylock Holmes.

Dr Watson came in and found Sherlock sitting in the fireplace - "Ah", said Watson, "You must be the grate detective". (groan)

Sherlock said to Watson, "Lets go down to London and set up an exhibition in Earls Court". "I say", said Watson, "That's Ideal Homes" !

Note: Those of you who can remember that far back! I see it is still being held back at Olympia. Back in the 50's it was every housewife's "must go to exhibition" to see the latest kitchen gadgets after the post war austerity.

I heard that when Rod & Debs Hennesey were seeking a venue for the AGM they pulled up at a remote Welsh hotel and knocked on the door that was duly opened. "We wish to stay here." said Rod. "Ok" came the reply and promptly shut the door!

During my recent speed awareness course they asked what sign may you see on a motorway? Apparently "Pick your own strawberries" was not the right answer!

And Finally - Finally:

Once again a warm welcome and a Happy New Year to new "TF" members and of course our overseas members. We sincerely hope and trust you all remained safe and well, also virus 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. I note that we have recently had the pleasure of new members joining us as I have updated my contacts listing in line with our membership listing. Once again I can only emphasise the car club is the means of bringing people together, so we shall be happy to meet the "new owners" at our various events.

Kindest regards to all our members,

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All contact numbers can be found inside the front cover of the Naylor News magazine.

Attachment:

2026 Birthday Weekend Application form.

Naylor Car Club 32nd Birthday Weekend 2026

King's Lynn, Norfolk, May 8th – 11th

ENTRY FORM

I/We wish to join the Naylor Car Club Birthday Weekend to be based at the Knights Hill Hotel and Spa, South Wootton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 3HQ

Reservations: - Tel. 01553 675566 and quote Naylor Car Club when booking. To get the special rates that we have negotiated, you must book by 28th February 2026 at the latest

I/We have booked into the Knights Hill Hotel & Spa for the following nights at the Naylor Car Club Special Dinner, Bed & Breakfast rate of £90.00 p.p.p.n. The first six single rooms will be at the above rate thereafter any single rooms will carry a £50.00 per night supplement. (Please delete as appropriate). Upgrades are available at £40.00 per room per night.

FRIDAY 8th May	Double/Twin YES/NO	Single YES/NO
SATURDAY 9th. May	Double/Twin YES/NO	Single YES/NO
SUNDAY 10th May	Double/Twin YES/NO	Single YES/NO

There is NO deposit taken at booking, just your credit/debit card details. The balance is payable on arrival.

Extra nights before or after the weekend are available at the same rate as above.

For any member not staying at Knights Hill Hotel & Spa we have arranged a dinner only rate of £35.00 p.p.p.n. Please inform the organiser (details below) which night/s you would like dinner for and for how many guests when you return this form and cheque.

ENTRY FEE £30 PER CAR

The above fee covers the cost of your Rally Plate, Attendance Plaque and Birthday Cake.

I/We enclose a cheque for £30.00 made payable to **Naylor Car Club** or you can pay by BACS to the Naylor Car Club, sort code **80-22-60** account number **26231061** putting your surname and birthday as the reference so that the treasurer can pick it up.

Please send this completed booking form with cheque (if not paying by BACS) by **28th February 2026 at the latest** to: - Robert Baines, Bramble Barn, Gestingthorpe Road, Little Maplestead, Halstead, Essex.CO9 2SJ. Alternatively, you can scan the booking form and email it to Robert Baines at bramblebarn2008@gmail.com

For any queries or more information contact Sue Heywood on 01787 389331, or mob. 07885 435289 or kbsheywood@gmail.com or Robert Baines on 01787 477233, or mob. 07745 163404 or bramblebarn2008@gmail.com

Car Make and Model.....

Car Registration Number.....Colour.....

Driver and Passenger Names.....

Home Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Home Phone.....Mobile Phone.....

Email Address.....