

Dear Austin Healey Club Members,

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Welcome - to the Austin Healey Club UK International Healey Weekend 2017. I have the great honour of welcoming you to this event as the Chairman of the Austin Healey Club in my first year of office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Foster and his helpers on your behalf for all their hard work putting this weekend together.

Over the years the club has changed in many ways, in no great part due to the increased values of the cars we love and drive. However, the one thing that has remained constant has been our fun-loving mentality and our enjoyment and friendship of being part of the Austin Healey Club. I believe this makes us stand apart from most other classic car clubs.

The action-packed itinerary of this year's event looks to revive those days of running around gymkhana fields and enjoying the great Austin Healey drives of the "Old" days. Remembering that we are all not as young as we once were, so comfy beds and soft armchairs replace camping and sitting on picnic chairs.

This weekend is informal and the only request we make is that you:-

Enjoy yourselves, join in and have fun.

Next year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Austin Healey Sprite and we will be looking to celebrate the birth of the "Frogeye" with a special event. There are currently committee & club members working on the details and when we have them finalised you will be the first to know.

It only leaves me to wish you all a happy weekend and thank you for coming.

Anthony J Curran

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Chairman Austin Healey Club

INTERNATIONAL HEALEY WEEKEND PROGRAMME SUMMARY

FRIDAY 7TH JULY

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Car parking for all cars in the area to the left of the hotel Collection of Welcome Pack and identification lanyards

Bar drinks available at the Internet Café bar

19.30 – 21.30 hrs Hot and cold Buffet Dinner in the Lawns Restaurant

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

07.00 – 09.30 hrs	Breakfast in the Lawns Restaurant
09.30 - 10.15 hrs	Staggered departures on the planned drive to Blenheim Palace
12.30 - 13.30 hrs	Buffett lunch in the Orangery Restaurant exclusive for AH members
14.00 – 15.00 hrs	Private Guided tours of the Palace in groups of 30.
15.00 hrs onwards	You can continue to tour the palace and gardens at your own pace
19.30 hrs	Complimentary pre- dinner drinks reception in the Internet Café bar
20.00 hrs	Gala dinner in the Lawn Restaurant with complimentary wine on the table.
21.30 hrs	Guest speaker - Tony Mason

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

07.00 – 09.30 hrs	Breakfast in the Lawns Restaurant
09.15 hrs	Departure to Stratford on Avon for members booked on the boat trip
09.45 hrs	45 minute boat trip on the River Avon
10.00 hrs	Commencement of the Concours judging
11.30 hrs	Gymkhana
13.30 hrs	Carvery lunch in the Lawns Restaurant.
	Presentation of the cups and prizes for the Concours and Gymkhana winners
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PLEASE WEAR YOUR IDENTITY LANYARDS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE WEEKEND

PLEASE CHECK OUT AND VACATE YOUR ROOMS BY 12 NOON ON SUNDAY

MEMORIES OF PAST INTERNATIONAL HEALEY DAYS

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu was the venue of the first Austin Healey Day on the 22nd July 1973. Born by an idea from David Hicks and progressed by the Eastern Centre Committee.75 Healeys arrived at the gates of Beaulieu, the sun shone and many competed in the Gymkhana and Concours d'Elegance. It was the first of what has evolved into "International Healey Weekend".

The one day events continued and in 1978 the venue was Weston Park. The admission was £1 per head plus a charge for camping. During the late 70's and 80's camping was very popular at Club events and great fun was to be had in the evenings sat around the BBQ nattering about all things Healey or repairing our cars, many of which were not so pristine or reliable as they are today. Weston Park was my first Healey day, it was brilliant. I remember John Wheatly's Healey 100 winning the car of the day. The Thelma Segal Memorial Trophy introduced for the car with best aggregate from points gained in driving tests and 'concours', Donald Healey himself presented the prizes.

The first International Weekend was in 1979 at Knebworth House, a full programme of Driving tests, Gymkhana, Concours, planned drives, hotel accommodation and the usual great camp site. It was also the year our Frogeye 9364BP won the Donald Healey Trophy, the first Sprite to do so .The Concours was very well supported at these early events and at Kenworth each car was examined at a judging "station" and driven to the next judge. The judge drove the car to test everything was working and capable of being driven to the event.

Club members have enjoyed some wonderful times at the IHW events over the last 44 years but a few stand out in our memories. Highlights include blasting the Frogeye around Thruxton and Goodwood, being driven up Prescott Hill by championship winner Richard Mason in his 3000. The highly competitive Gymkhana Centre Competions were great fun. At Ashton Court in 1980 the team had to push an engineless Sprite and drive under a tarpaulin, around a course, manually lift the front of the car and change the wheels. Our Welsh team were beaten into second place by a fit heavyweight crew from South Africa . IHW venues have included Cirencester, Stow School, Nostel Priory, Stafford Showground, Malvern, Wyboston Lakes and a very damp Brands Hatch to name but a few. The New Forest centre entertained us one year with their "War" dance around the camp fire brandishing, tomahawk fashion their copper hide mallets, how could we forget that.

IHW grew from just a nice Healey day for old car enthusiasts into the major type event we see today (for even older car enthusiast). Times have changed, cars have increased in value beyond anything we could have foreseen, people now are looking for top class facilities and professional standards of organisation, and home restoration of cars to a concours standard is now perhaps unusual.

The cars which attended the first Healey Day are almost half a century older but continue to provide fun with entertainment to their aged owners and the new club members who follow us. I am confident that IHW will continue to be the premier international meeting where we meet old friends, make new ones and thoroughly enjoy our Healey and Austin Healey Cars.

With thanks to John Bowman for providing us with an insight into the good old days and Bob Kemp for providing the photographs.



Knebworth House 1979
John Chatham, Syd Segal, Roger Byford and
Geoff Healey



Ashton Court 1980 Welsh Team Inter-Centre Games



Wyboston Lakes 2004
Concours Polishing and Cleaning



50th Anniversary of the Sprite



INTERNATIONAL HEALEY WEEKEND PROGRAMME NOTES FOR SATURDAY 8TH JULY

07.00 - 09.30 hrs	Breakfast in the Lawns Restaurant

O9.30 – 10.15 hrs

Staggered departures for the planned drive to Blenheim Palace.
refer to Page 10 for the start of the Tulip Run. If at any stage you wish
to curtail the planned drive and you have a Satnav. the post code for
Blenheim Palace is OX20 1PP. The drive will take approximately 2 ½ hrs
The entrance tickets are in your lanyard pouch. When you arrive drive
through the gates, passing other visitors queuing for entrance tickets,
drive towards the Palace at the end. When you reach the end turn right
where you will be guided towards the Healey parking area in the

Quadrangle in front of the Palace (weather permitting).

12.30 – 13.30 hrs lunch is in the Orangery Restaurant, exclusively for members.

13.30 – 14.00 hrs

The private guided tours will be in groups of 30 indicated by the colour coding in you lanyard pouch. Each individual tour will leave at 5 minute intervals. Upon completion of your I hour tour you may spend further

time in the Palace and/or in the gardens at your leisure.

16.00 – 17.00 hrs Please see Page 13 In the Welcome Book for the recommended return

journey to the hotel, which should take about 1.5 hours.

16.00 hrs Club Accessories will be displaying the club regalia in Room 18

19.30 hrs Pre dinner drinks in the Internet Café bar and in the front patio.

20.00 hrs Gala Dinner in the Lawns Restaurant with a seated table plan.

Dinner wine is provided

21.30 hrs Guest speaker – Tony Mason

In 1972 Tony and Roger Clark were the outright winners of the RAC Rally Of Great Britain in a Ford Escort. They were the only British crew to achieve such a prestigious rally covering a 35 year period.

At the end of his career he became a presenter for a period spanning 14 years on the BBC's Top Gear programme. He continues to cover the World Championship RAC Rally for the BBC. He is also part of the

Commentary team at the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Tony has written four books and writes for a number of national

papers.

INTERNATIONAL HEALEY WEEKEND PROGRAMME NOTES FOR SUNDAY 9TH JULY

07.00 - 09.30hrs

Breakfast in the Lawns Restaurant

09.15hrs

Drive to Stratford- upon- Avon for members booked on the boat trip. Follow the route on Page 18 in the Welcome Book for guidance to the Avon Boat Yard which takes about 20 minutes. The £2.0 fee for the public car park will be provided on arrival. Members will be in attendance to ensure that your car is secure whilst you enjoy the boat trip.

09.45hrs

A leisurely 45 minute cruise on the River Avon. After the boat ride there is sufficient time for you to return to the hotel and take part in in the Gymkhana. Or you may wish to stroll over the bridge into Stratford –upon-Avon. Woodland Grange post code is **CV32 6RN**.

10.00hrs - 1300hrs

Commencement of the Concours judging will be held within the

allocated area in the Car Park.

11.15hrs - 13.30hrs

Gymkhana held on the grass area near to the car park

13.30hrs

Carvery lunch in the Lawns Restaurant

Presentation ceremony for the Concours and Gymkhana winners.

The prizes will be presented by Peter Healey.

15.30hrs

Extraordinary Annual General Meeting in accordance with the notice

previously given.

THROUGHOUT THE MORNING THE FOLLOWING ATTRACTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

ROOM 17 - CONTINOUS VIDEOS ON AUSTIN HEALEY RACES AND VARIOUS PAST ACTIVITIES CAN BE VIEWED.

ROOM 18 - THE CONTINUING SALE OF CLUB REGALIA BY CLUB ACCESSORIES AT REDUCED PRICES.

INTERNATIONAL HEALEY WEEKEND TULIP RUN INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Each significant junction or feature will be numbered in the Road Book. Adjacent to each description will be other route information boxes containing the relevant signpost directions for the intended route, road and place names, "Give Way" and other information. Please remember that not all of road junctions will be shown in the Road Book. An instruction will only be given if the intended route deviates from the road on which you are travelling. It is therefore important to use the total or interval mileages to ensure that you are at the correct junction.
- (2) Parking for the Windmill is immediately after the right turn and is only on the road pull off as far as possible off the road.
- (3) In checking the finalised route it was felt that on the return journey from Blenheim Palace it was possible to go wrong in the middle of "Shipston on Stour". The main road goes right and then left around the old Pump and covered market building.
- (4) For those of you not familiar with tulip diagrams. You arrive by the ball and leave by the arrow or you arrive by the bulb and leave by the petal.

PLACES OF INTEREST ON ROUTE

- Junction 2 The Welsh Road, also known as the Welshman's Road or the Bullock Road, was a drover's road running through the English Midlands, used for transporting cattle from North Wales to the markets in South East England. The age of the route is not known. Helmdon parish records show money being given in 1687 "to a poor Welshman who fell sick on his journey driving the beasts to London"
- Junction 6 The Fosse Way is the oldest of the roads featured on this site. It runs from Exeter to Lincoln and was built in the middle of the 1st century AD. The word Fosse comes from the Latin word for ditch (Fossa) and is appropriate for this road. The Western boundary of Roman controlled Britain was protected by a ditch running between Exeter and Lincoln.
- Junction 10 **Chesterton Windmill** is a 17th century cylindric stone tower windmill with an arched base, located outside the village of Chesterton. It is a Grade 1 listed building and a striking landmark in South –East Warwickshire.
- Junction 15 **Brick Kilns** In the latter part of the 18th century Thorney Hill had a thriving industry and fuel was required to keep the brick kilns going .The travellers camped in the forest would be employees to cut bundles of gorse and twigs for kindling. Coal and perhaps turf would then be used to keep constant heat.
- Junction 20 **Tad Martin Heath** hill fort and holy fort. In the centre of the camp is a copious and ever flowing spring of pure water, called the Holy Well, which rises from the side of a steep mount near a lone farm house. The stream which would be sufficient to turn two overshot wheels down a dell to Lower Tadmarton village.

With thanks to Peter and Joan Hickman in planning and organising the Saturday Road Run

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Additions to the Tulip Run on Saturday

(1) Woodland Grange to Blenheim Palace

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- (a) 27.0 miles Junction 17 Page 2 It is a cross road not a roundabout as shown.
- (b) 32.8 miles Junction 21 Page 2 Take care the road has recently been resurfaced with gravel for 0.5 miles.
- (c) 40.4 miles Junction 28 Page 3 Texaco petrol station
- (d) 47.0 miles Junction 29 Page 3 Look out for the large gated entrance to Blenheim on the right hand side.
- (2) Blenheim Palace to Woodland Grange
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General Note for Petrol

The nearest petrol station is a BP garage 6 miles away, see Tulip map for the Woodland Grange to Avon Boat Yard Junction 6 Page 1

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