

Association of Healey Owners Newsletter, September 2015

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Hi everybody, I hope you have all had a good summer, out and about enjoying your Healeys [or whatever transport you have available!] Apologies for the lack of newsletters but unavoidable issues have been getting in the way this year.

The Autumn is now upon us and looming on the horizon is the ever popular Classic Motor Show at the NEC Birmingham. There is an Association of Healey Owners presence again at this year's show so please come along and visit the stand.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.necclassicmotorshow.com or by phoning 0871 230 1088

There is a discount available to club members by using the code CSCMS15 for single tickets or CFCMS15 for family tickets. There is also a weekend pass covering Saturday and Sunday for £35.50 and a 3 day pass for £56.50 as always there will be a booking fee of £1.50 and the phone lines are charged at 10p p/minute plus standard network charges and no doubt there is also the car park charge.

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LORD MONTAGUE OF BEAULIEU

by Peter Richardson

I'm sure most will have learnt of the recent death at the age of 88, of Lord Montague who, at the age of 2 inherited the family estate at Beaulieu Abbey from his motoring pioneer Father.

His Forebears had acquired the estate after the Dissolution of the Monasteries under King Henry VIII the mansion being requisitioned for a Special Operations Executive training school during WWII.

After service in the Guards in Palestine he set about trying to establish Beaulieu with a viable future and in memory of his Father created the Motor Museum in 1952, initially in the mansion, then in a purpose-built building opened by the Duke of Kent in 1972. It now houses a collection of over 250 cars, including the Elliott rebuilt at Warwick and an Austin Healey and is a top tourist attraction with over half a million visitors a year.

The measure of his success was an invitation to become the first chairman of English Heritage's predecessor in 1984 and he helped found the Historic Houses Association, broadening his activities to setting up the Beaulieu Jazz Festival and the major annual Autojumble. In supporting motoring events he was a regular entrant in the Brighton Run and in 2000 published his autobiography "Wheels within Wheels". His legacy to us, the award winning National Motor Museum provides excellent research facilities and a postal enquiry service with a vast collection of archives and photos including many of Healeys. Lots more information is available on their website www.nationalmotormuseum.org.uk



Healey Elliott owned by the National Motor Museum on the Michael Sedgwick Run 1991.

Photo courtesy of the National Motor Museum.

There is now an additional website for the Association. It is being developed to allow for easier administration of the club and will assist in membership renewal, contacting members, sending out updates and information, searching for specific models within the club and so on. The website is <https://membermojo.co.uk/aoho> and will be used for emails to members [such as the one below] and this Newsletter. Phil Robinson is doing all the hard work to get it up and running and we will keep you informed as to it's uses. Any data stored will be secure we are assured so hopefully once we all get used to using it communication will be quicker and easier.

- **The Association of Healey Owners All Members** <mailer@membermojo.co.uk>

Hi all,

hope your all enjoying the Indian Summer in the UK, and if your abroad, hope its nice there too.

Warren Kennedy of Classic Restorations has just finished re-manufacturing and race testing a new pulley set for the Riley 2 and half litre engine in most of our Healeys. The re-design was necessary as the current set up only allows for a very thick belt to be used, which has a tendency to shred under heavy use. Warren shred one on this years Mille Miglia and had to do a roadside change. The new pulleys take a modern thin belt which is much more flexible and fits the groove correctly. Having seen one myself, TBW and I have opted for one on our re-build of ETR (Elliott). I wouldn't be suprised if it also ups the power output a little too (due to less drag). Anyway the new pulleys and belt were recently race tested at Goodwood on Warrens Mille Miglia Duncan Drone. If anyone is interested pictures are on the website, they are manufactured from a solid Aluminium billet and cost £320 per pair.

Additionally, Warren asked me to let all Silverstone owners know that his is currently about to make some Silverstone (E Chassis) bucket seats, and if anyone was interested he could make more enabling him to keep prices low.

Happy Healying
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As always the Federation of British Historic Vehicles is hard at work trying to sort out how the changes made by Europe and our Government will affect our hobby.

Their website is www.fbhvc.co.uk and is well worth a look. You can read their Newsletters and get information on things such as petrol additives, ethanol, changes to taxation and so on.

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Classic Car Show, you might be able to get a bargain buy to help finish your restoration.