



# Devon Sevens

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## The Devon A7 Club



*Some of the highlights from 2019.*

*Check out page 9 for events coming up in 2020.*

## Chairman's Chat - January 2020

A very happy New Year to you all and I trust you all had a truly wonderful Christmas. I have been in the workshop a good deal especially towards the end of the year when it was so wet. This has meant that the rebuild of the Ruby has really moved on with the engine back in and running. Not without the odd hiccup though, such as a cylinder head nut just turning and turning and therefore the need to make up a stepped stud to sort out the problem! I was amazed how useless year old petrol was when the time came to start the engine. I had to put fresh fuel into the carb and the engine leaped into life. So all that remains is to bolt back the radiator grill and bonnet and then get out and use the car.



We enjoyed a trip out in the Special early this month to Bow's garden centre to meet up with the Crashbox club. It was good to catch up with everyone and enjoy a very good lunch and dessert all reasonably priced.



I will try and have more to report on next month although we have booked another week away in the Lanzarote warmth early February.

*Richard Bishop*

**A new year .....**

**A new decade .....**

**A new publishing date for 'Devon Sevens'**

Future editions of 'Devon Sevens' will arrive in your 'in box' by the 4th Wednesday of the month (a few days later for those of you receiving hard copies). The next edition will be a double issue, February/March and should be with you by the 4th Wednesday of February (26th), and the April issue will arrive by the 4th Wednesday in March etc. The deadline for copy will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

This arrangement is to make life a little easier for your editor! I also edit our local parish newsletter, which means that I presently have 'newsletter commitments' on 2 weekends each month. This new arrangement will give me one very busy weekend each month, but will make it easier to plan holidays and trips away etc.

I hope these changes don't cause our members any inconvenience.

Janet (editor)

## Secretary's Notes - January 2020

Can I first of all take this opportunity to wish all Members a rather belated Happy New A7 Year.



With the New Year comes the time to renew your membership and a big 'Thank you' to those who have already got around to it. For those who haven't, just a reminder that renewal fees were due at the end of December so please send yours as soon as possible. For your convenience another Membership Renewal form has been sent as an attachment with this newsletter. Please complete it and send it in as soon as possible. Full details of how to pay are on the renewal form. We are very keen to keep our Club record of member's cars up to date, so if, over the last 12 months you have bought or sold any A7's, please include the details in the appropriate place on the renewal form.

With the Christmas & New Year break, there has not been quite so much A7 news arriving in my 'In Box' but a couple of interesting articles have caught my eye.

There was a lot of speculation a couple of years back about the possibility of increasing the Ethanol content of Petrol from 5% to 10% with the likelihood of consequential damage to various parts of vintage fuel systems. Things have been rather quiet on this subject for a while but recently I saw that the labelling on petrol pumps was to be standardised with all being marked 'E5' referring to the max 5% Ethanol content. The presumption was that this move was the first step in preparing for the introduction of Petrol with up to 10% Ethanol as the legislation allowing for the sale of this includes a requirement for it to be clearly labelled at the pump. This would be 'E10'

However, whilst the 'E5' label can now be found on the pumps, it looks unlikely that 'E10' will appear anytime soon (thank goodness!!). At this stage, it is understood that the only UK refinery for the alcohol additive has closed and the environmental costs of shipping alcohol additives from other parts of the world negates any environmental benefit and fuels on the forecourt are therefore likely to remain unchanged. The FHBVC are monitoring this situation closely as they feel that this will emerge again as a potential issue for historic vehicle owners and will keep it under review.

Your Committee met again early in January and have agreed another full Calendar of events for the coming year. There are some 'Old Favourites' and some new events included and details for several still have to be finalised but I hope that everyone will find something to tempt them out with their car this year.

One event which we are trying to organise is in May (provisionally 12/13/14<sup>th</sup>) and will be in support of a charity drive being undertaken by a leading member of the Essex A7 Club. Trevor Fleuty will be driving from Chelmsford in Essex to Redruth in Cornwall in his 'Big 7' and raising funds for the local Hospice in memory of Pearl Bonner a long time member of Essex A7 Club. Our plan is to give Trevor some Devon hospitality and to accompany him as he drives through our County. The exact date and route still have to be finalised, but if you would like to provisionally put your name down, please let me know. Further information can be found at; - [www.questforpearl.com](http://www.questforpearl.com)

Can I also draw your attention to the article on the Murray Park Cup on page 4. This is an award for any member (Not a Committee Member) who you feel has contributed in some way to the Club, or to an individual member. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' reasons for your nomination, so please give it some thought and send in your form as soon as possible. Once all the forms have been received, the Committee will review them and decide on the most deserving member and the Cup will be awarded at the AGM in March.

Finally, I would like to send our very best wishes on behalf of all the Club Members to Janet Palmer, Howard's wife, who had to go into hospital for an emergency operation just before Christmas and is facing more hospital visits early in the New Year. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you Janet for a speedy and full recovery.

On a practical note and bearing in mind the above comment, could anyone who has a DVLA related enquiry, please contact me rather than Howard for the time being.

Many thanks

*David Aylmore.*

## 2020 Membership renewals

**Forgotten to pay?  
Don't Delay  
Do it Today!**

Thank you to all members who have already sent in their renewals. Everyone who has sent in their form and payment, should, by now, have received the new Yellow copy of the updated 2020 'Trusted Trader' leaflet. If any member has renewed, but not heard from me, then please get in touch.

For those who have not yet got round to completing their renewal application, another form has been sent with this newsletter and if you want to continue your membership, then it should be completed and sent to me as soon as possible. If you pay by Bank Transfer, could you please ensure that you add your surname as a 'reference' as without this Mike, our Treasurer is unable to identify the payment.

Many thanks.

*Nigel Brookes*

*Membership Secretary.*

## The Murray Park Cup.

This award is given annually to a member of Devon A7 Club for their:-

### **'Notable achievement during the past year'**

The recipient is chosen by the Committee from members who have been nominated by you, their fellow club members.

A nomination form has been sent with this newsletter and once completed it should be e-mailed or posted to me. Nominations can be made for any reason connected with the Club - organisation of an event, regular attendance at club events, A7 restoration or help given to other members are just some thoughts that come to mind, but the choice is yours.

**Please note that committee members are NOT eligible to receive this award.**

The presentation will be made at the Club AGM on March 15<sup>th</sup> (details to follow) and nominations must be received by **Saturday Feb 15th** at the latest. So don't delay, fill in the nomination form and send it in today.

Many thanks.

*David Aylmore. (Secretary )*



*Colin Towle receiving the award at  
the 2019 A.G.M.*

## **Re:Fuel - Sunday January 19th and Sunday February 16th**

**Mansell Raceway Karting Circuit**

**Dunkerswell Airfield**

**EX14 4AH**

**Admission is £5 per vehicle (not per person)**

includes a free coffee

Re:Fuel is a venue - a meeting place for enthusiasts of all things with wheels to meet at a weekend, relax, grab a coffee and check out what else has graced us with its presence. It doesn't matter if you drive a 1960 VW Beetle, a Series 3 Land Rover, an Ariel Atom, a Ducati Monster or a Ferrari 458 Italia - Re:Fuel is an open, welcoming chill-out zone for all.

Just turn up on the day! Why not bring your pride and joy along - all makes and models welcome.

Re:Fuel is all about variety - if it's got wheels, it's welcome.

As well as the Mansell Raceway Restaurant, the Re:Fuel food and drinks vendors will be on site, so plenty of variety for refreshments.

### ***A few house rules***

NO wheelspins or drifting    NO loud music    NO excessive revving of engines

## **Sunday Saunter**

**January 26th 2020**

**Dartmoor Lodge, Pear Tree Cross, Ashburton. TQ13 7JW**

**Please book your place with Mike  
by January 19th at the latest!**



**Sunday Carvery - £11.95 choice of 2-3 meats with vegetarian options.**

**For full details and directions see - [www.dartmoorlodge.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorlodge.co.uk)**

**Meet at 12 Mid-day for 12.30 Lunch**

to reserve your place, please contact Mike Gregson:

**Tel 01626 821314 or e-mail [mike@penpark.co.uk](mailto:mike@penpark.co.uk)**

*For our new members who may be confused, a "Sunday Saunter" is a run out in an A7 or modern car to meet up with other members for Sunday lunch - always an enjoyable social event.*

# February Sunday Saunter

Sunday February 23rd

*Agricultural Inn, Brampford Speke, Nr Exeter EX5 5DP*

website: [agriculturalinn.co.uk](http://agriculturalinn.co.uk)



Please put the date in your diary now .

Members who have e-mail will receive full details nearer the time,  
or please contact Nick Borst-Smith - contact details on the back page.

## 2020 A.G.M - Sunday March 15th 2020

Once again we will be returning to Spreyton for the 2020 A.G.M. of the Devon Austin Seven Club.

The meeting will be held in the Village Hall:

**10.30am Coffee & Biscuits**

**11.00am Start of Meeting**

**12.30pm Lunch at the nearby 'The Tom Cobley Inn'**

*The Tom Cobley serve a superb Sunday Roast (served to table), £17.95 for 2 courses and tea/coffee. If you can't manage the dessert, the staff will wrap it for you to take home for tea!!*



Please contact David Aylmore (details on back page) for more information and to book your place.

*A good selection of Austins lined up outside The Tom Cobley following last year's meeting.*

*Modern cars are equally welcome!*



## **Brixham - back to the 40s once more!**

### **75th Anniversary of VE - Day**

**May 8th - 10th 2020**

These celebrations follow on from the successful D-Day events held in Brixham last year.

There will be exhibitions, events and specific activities on each day to enjoy - including more than 40 free events.

**It is hoped to have a static display of pre or circa 1940's vehicles under the Old Fishmarket on Brixham Harbourside, with a strong Devon Sevens presence. If you would like to be there for some or all of the three days, please contact John Brennan on 01803 852270 a.s.a.p.**

*Full details of the event can be found on the website [www.brixhamfuture.co.uk](http://www.brixhamfuture.co.uk)*

### **New Member**

This month we are pleased to welcome Tony Beck to the Devon Austin 7 Club. Tony lives in Budleigh Salterton and owns a 1934 Box Saloon in blue - known as 'Bluebird'. We look forward to seeing Tony, his wife and his car at events this summer.



### **Almost new members ..**

We have recently bought a beautiful Austin 7 Ruby and so joined Devon Austin Seven Club. We came along to the meeting at Penn Inn before Christmas and were made to feel so welcome and the day was really enjoyable.

The rear bumper of our car has gone off to Weston-Super-Mare for re-chroming and the photo attached shows where we have replaced the running board rubbers, and we have also greased the rear axles. Driving the Ruby has been a bit of a challenge but we're getting used to it - nobody warned us about the brakes! It's going to be great fun.

Looking forward to the next meeting!!

*Denise and Ian Mould*



## David's Diary.

I am rather embarrassed to admit that since the last newsletter I have managed to clock up just 19 A7 miles!



My excuses include family commitments over Christmas/New Year, poor weather and engine problems with our 4 seat Tourer, but it still feels wrong. 4/10 – must do better!!

I have however in the last month been pleased to have been able to lend a hand in the rescue of another A7. Back in April 2018, I helped John Pine transport a 1936 Opal back to his workshop.



The engine and chassis had already been restored, but the body and everything else, was still in need of a lot of attention. After many hours work on the body, it was ready by mid-November 2019 for a new hood, and I was pleased to be able to help with the transport to Devon Disability Collective in Exeter who did a very good job .....

.....and then after just 2 weeks to take the car on again to have the Electrics sorted.



With a bit of luck and a following wind, the Opal should be ready to join in at some of this summer's events. Well done John for saving another one.

Hopefully there will be a little more to include in next month's Diary.

Happy Austineering.

David.

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

### Devon A7 Club - 2020 events

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Sunday Saunter, Dartmoor Lodge. See page 5 or contact Mike Gregson (see back page) for more details.
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.** Sunday Saunter, Agricultural Inn, Bamford Speke. See page 6 or contact Nick Borst- Smith (see back page) for more details.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** AGM in Spreyton Village Hall and lunch at The Tom Copley, Spreyton. See page 6 or contact David Aylmore (see back page) for more details.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** Re:Fuel, Revival. – Dunkerswell. More details to follow so watch this space.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** Drive-it-Day. More details to follow, but we know of 2 Devon events so far - Crash Box Club Classic Car Show on The Lawns Dawlish 10am – 1pm and a North Devon Enthusiasts Group Run - put the date in your diary now.
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** DVCC Autojumble at Buckfastleigh Steam Railway. More details to follow or contact David Aylmore (details on back page)
- Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** Killerton House Classic Car Show - more details nearer the time.
- Tues/Weds/Thurs, 12/13/14<sup>th</sup> May** Charity run with Essex A7 Club. Details to be confirmed. David Aylmore arranging.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** East Devon Amble, starting at East Hill Pride Farm Shop, Sidmouth. An annual event organised by Chris Clover (07546 267229), more details to follow.
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club Vintage Show. More information to follow or from Ian Jones (contact details on back page).
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June** Visit to Eggesford Airfield. Philip Burrow is organising - look out for more details.
- Sat/Sun 11/12<sup>th</sup> July** Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham Castle, Exeter. Details to follow or from Mike Gregson.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** Waterhouse Farm Vintage/Classic Car Day - Derek Vertenten.
- Fri. July 31<sup>st</sup> – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.** Joint stand with DVCC at Torbay Steam Fair. Details to follow, or from David Aylmore.
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug (B.Hol)** Merry Harriers Classic Car Show. Details to follow from Chris & Lorna Serna.
- Tuesday. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Widecombe Fair - details to follow.
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Sidmouth Classic Car Show - details to follow.
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.** DVCC Autojumble at Buckfastleigh Steam Railway. More details to follow or contact David Aylmore (details on back page)
- November** To be arranged.

### Other Events

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Re:fuel - see page 5 for details.
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Re:fuel - see page 5 for details.
- May 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>** Brixham VE Day Celebrations. Static display at the Old Fishmarket on Brixham Harbourside. Contact John Brennan on 01803 852270 for details or see page 7.

### **Wanted**

We have 2 members looking to buy an A7 - one would prefer a later model up to £8,000 but any model considered, preferably 'on the road'.

Please contact David Aylmore if you can help - details on back page.

### **Wanted**

A7 hub puller in sound condition. Text Chris Clover on 07546 267229 and he will call you back.

### **Free to a good home**

Approx. 80 copies of 'Automobile' magazine - 1980's - 2000's. Contact Chris Clover as above.

*Austin 7 related items 'Wanted' or 'For Sale' can be advertised in Devon Sevens free of charge.  
Items will be removed from the listings after 3 months unless you have notified me that you  
would like the advert to continue.*

*Thank you - Janet (Editor - contact details on back page)*

### **Please help to fill our newsletter!**

You will notice that this month's 'Devon Sevens' is rather thin and lacking in content.

I know this is a quiet time of year on the A7 front, but please help to make the next issue more interesting by sending me a few words or photos of trips you make (however short) or have made in the past.

Other members are also always interested to hear about work fellow members have done to their cars.

If you haven't sent anything yet please make it a New Year's resolution to have something published in your club's newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to having to add several more pages to the next edition of 'Devon Sevens'!

*Janet (Editor, contact details on back page)*



### **February/March Newsletter:-**

Please send your letters, comments, articles and photos to [devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to Janet Aylmore, Corner Cottage, Ideford, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 0BG.

Copy for inclusion in the February/March issue should be with me by **Wednesday 19th February 2020** and the newsletter will be distributed on **Wednesday 26th February**.

To avoid any possible problems with copyright, please confirm, when sending in articles, photo's diagrams, maps etc, that they are free from any copyright restrictions. For information, the copyright remains with the originator of any photos etc for 50 years and the originator's permission is required before they can legally be reproduced or distributed. Within the very friendly A7 world, there is generally not a problem, so long as the originators copyright is acknowledge but I need to be made aware of the situation before publishing.

Many thanks. Ed.

## Keeping Informed

For those of you with a computer or smart phone etc, you might find the following websites a useful source of information and news. Don't forget you can also follow the Devon Austin Seven Club on our Facebook page.

[www.devonsevens.co.uk](http://www.devonsevens.co.uk) - welcome to the website for the Devon Austin 7 Club. Here you can find out all about the 'Devon Sevens'. How we started, what we do and how to join.

There is a **Members Only** section that we are developing. Currently it has the latest and past Newsletters, plus entry forms that can be downloaded for all club events and many others.

The website also has a fully updated list of 'Trusted Suppliers'.



[www.austinsevenfriends.com](http://www.austinsevenfriends.com) - the one stop web site for Austin 7 enthusiasts across the world. Austin 7 news and events throughout the country and beyond!

Useful Facebook Groups: Austin Seven Spares Sale / Exchange  
Austin Seven  
Pre1939-Vintage Autojumble

In the May issue of Devon Sevens, Steve Day wrote an article on how to make the best use of our website, and offered to answer any questions via e-mail.

[steve-j-day@outlook.com](mailto:steve-j-day@outlook.com)

## DA7C Badges.

### Car Badge.

There is a choice of 2 styles of Car Badge. Both have the same Green & White motif with black lettering.

1. A small windscreen self adhesive badge which is ideal for a "Modern" if space for a larger external badge is not available. - £1 each
2. A high quality Chrome & Enamel external badge as shown in the Illustration.  
1 badge £13.50 inc. 2nd class post, 2 badges £25 inc. 2nd Class post.

### Embroidered Badge.

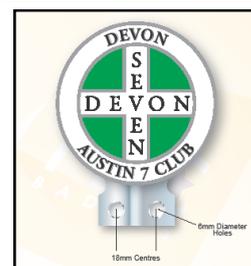
We also now have a very smart embroidered club badge available. It is 3 1/4" (80mm) in diameter and is, as shown in the picture, very similar in design to the car badge. Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

### Lapel Badge.

Following requests from members, we can now offer lapel badges. These metal badges measure 25mm diameter, and the cost is a very reasonable £2.25 inc p&p.

All badges can be purchased by contacting Nigel Brookes by phone, post or e-mail or can be collected from any club event.

Contact details are on the back page.



## Trusted suppliers of A7 goods & services.

You should have received your hard copy of the 2020 list of **Trusted suppliers of A7 goods and services** when you renewed your membership. If you haven't received yours please contact Nigel Brookes or David Aylmore (details on back page) and they will put one in the post for you.

If any member has received good service from an A7 supplier, please forward details to the editor. Their details will be published in the Newsletter and added to the next hard copy edition, due in January 2021.

A full list is available on the club's website. (see above)

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*Please contact the Secretary if you would be interested in joining the Committee.*

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