



# Devon Sevens

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Newsletter for

## The Devon A7 Club



*Widcombe 2019 - see page 7*

## Chairman's Chat - February/March 2020

What a wet month it has been, I trust that nobody in the Club has had to endure any flood issues. Seeing the pictures of the floods on the T.V. was just horrific. One cannot even start to imagine what it must be like to have to cope with a flooded home.

On a lighter note I have decided to put my Ruby up for sale. We have owned the car for fifty years and I am finding that to keep the Ruby and the Special both in a road worthy condition is taking up more and more of my time and I feel the need to reduce the fleet! It is going to be quite a wrench to part with the car but I have thought long and hard over the options and my mind is made up, the Ruby must go!



January's Sunday Saunter to the Dartmoor Lodge just outside Ashburton was one of the wettest days of the month but not to be put off we took the Ruby and almost managed to stay dry. Although Marlies had to do a bit of bailing and squeezing out of sponges! We had an excellent meal and were really impressed with the carvery, and it was good to catch up with everyone. Many thanks goes to our Treasurer Mike Gregson for setting this one up. As often happens the weather changed and our journey back to Exeter was in sunshine and the roads had dried out, making for an enjoyable trip home.

We have just returned from a week's idleness, sitting in the Lanzarote sun and doing very little. We were very fortunate to leave Exeter just ahead of storm Ciara and were home again before storm Dennis broke!

Thinking of all the storms and wet that we have been having recently you will probably think my current workshop project a little strange, and that is the winter maintenance of the water pump for my allotment! We are allowed to extract water from the river Exe for use on our plots and have on loan from the Council a petrol driven pump. But to save on the time consuming work of fetching water from the nearest trough I have put in my own ex bilge pump which enables me to pump river water into the ten interconnected barrels spread around my plot! So I have been busy rebushing all the moving parts of the pump as the main frame is an aluminium casting and wears quite quickly.



I hope that we have a good turnout for our February's Sunday Saunter to Bramford Speke's Agricultural Inn, see you there!

*Richard Bishop*

## Thank you!

A big 'thank you' to everyone who responded to my request last month, for copy to fill the Devon Sevens Newsletter. We have 4 more pages this month - hope we can fill them again next month. A reminder that the new deadline for copy is the 3rd Wednesday of the month, so I look forward to a full 'inbox' around March 18th!!

*Janet Aylmore (editor)*



## Secretary's Notes - February/March 2020

At the time of writing, it looks like our forthcoming AGM is going to be a very lonely place for the committee unless we have a few more members book in. I can guarantee that the AGM will be kept as short and informal as possible and that you will enjoy one of the best Sunday lunches in Devon, so why not reserve your place today? – Full details can be found on page 4. If you can't get along on the day, it would help us greatly if you would be willing to give your 'proxy vote' to another member who is attending. Please contact me for details as to how you can do this.



I was very pleased earlier this month to receive an e-mail from our member John Turley who is also a member of the Bristol A7 Club and has been elected onto their committee as the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) representative. John will be keeping tabs on anything A7 related that the FBHVC is up to and will give updates to both Bristol & Devon Clubs. His first article can be found on page 9 and we look forward to more in the future. Many thanks John.

At the recent A7 Clubs Association meeting, updates were given about the 100th Anniversary rally in July 2022, how to attract more younger members to our clubs and how to make car clubs Carbon Neutral. Notification was also given about the positions on the committee that are coming up for nominations at the AGM in April – Chairman, Advertising Manager and Registrar. If anyone is interested in serving on the Association committee in any of these positions, please contact me in the first instance for more information.

As I have said several times in my monthly notes, I do receive some very interesting e-mails and phone calls. One that came in last month was really quite exciting. We were asked to get involved with the TV programme 'Car SOS'. For those of you who don't know the programme, they restore a classic car without the knowledge of the owner and then reveal the finished vehicle to him/her at a car event. We were contacted to see if we would get a group of A7s together in Plymouth so that the owner of an A7 Chummy that had been restored could be persuaded to come along to a fictitious filming event only to find that his car was on show amongst the Devon members' cars.

After a few enquiries and trying to sort out the logistics, all in secret of course, we were ready to give our support when the production company changed their minds and decided to handle the 'Reveal' in a different way, so our 7's were not required. I will however try to keep in touch to find out when the programme will be aired and let everyone know when details are finalised.

I was also contacted by one of our 'Trusted Traders' Tim Whellock in Chard. He is selling off what he describes as "40 years collection of A7 Spares". It sounds as if he has just about every major part available from engine blocks, crankcases, crankshafts, prop shafts, manifolds, wheels, axles – front & back, gearboxes, exhausts etc etc. So if you are looking for anything, drop him an e-mail at - [anne.whellock@btconnect.com](mailto:anne.whellock@btconnect.com)

We have already received several enquiries about Powderham (July 11th and 12th). Mike Gregson (details on back page) is organising the club's stand again this year and there will be full details in next month's newsletter. If you want to get your entry in early, there is an entry form attached to this newsletter or one can be found on the members' section of the club's website

Finally, I would like to highlight the article on 'A Quest for Pearl' on page 5. This is an opportunity to meet up with, and help members of another A7 club and also to help with a very worthwhile fundraising effort. Have a look and get involved if you fancy a run out in May.

Many Thanks.

*David Aylmore*

## New Member

This month we welcome Fred Sutton to the Devon Austin 7 Club. Fred lives in Ottery St. Mary and owns a 1934 Box Saloon in green/black. We look forward to meeting Fred at future events.

## 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 for lunch - obviously no need to book for the meeting - just turn up!

**Please note that David needs final numbers for lunch by Sunday March 8th.**

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

*Modern cars are equally welcome!*



## Drive-it-Day - Sunday April 26th

On Sunday April 26th 2020, there will, once again be numerous events taking place up and down the country to mark the anniversary of the first 1000 mile motor trial held on April 23rd 1900. Organised by the Automobile Club it started from London and went through Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Derby, Kendal, Carlisle to Edinburgh. Then returning via Newcastle, Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham and back to London. Leaving from Grosvenor Place, London, there were 83 entries of whom 65 actually started. By Edinburgh 51 were still running and 35 vehicles made it back to London. The great Thousand Miles Trial of 1900 extended from April 23 to May 12.



Below are details of just 2 events taking place in Devon this year:

Once again the Crash Box Club are organising their popular annual static classic car show at The Lawns, Dawlish in South Devon. There is usually live entertainment throughout the day, and the town shops and seafront are all within easy level walking distance. There is no need to pre-book, and the show runs from 10am, but you can arrive and leave at times to suit you.

Nick Hawkins is organising a Drive it Day run, in North Devon meeting at 9am to leave by 9:30 at the latest from the car park at Next (near Asda in Barnstaple). The route passes through Ilfracombe and Combe Martin before a lunchtime picnic on Holdstone Down then dropping down to The Hunters Inn at Heddons Mouth, then on to Lynton & Lynmouth via The Lee Abbey Toll road and Valley of Rocks. Coffee stops on the way round! Return via Watersmeet, Simonsbath, Challacombe and Bratton Fleming.

Phone 01271 375730 or email Nick Hawkins at [valhawkins3@aol.com](mailto:valhawkins3@aol.com) to confirm attendance or to meet 'en route'.

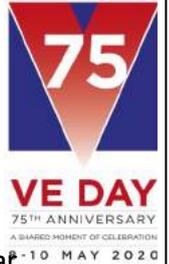


Official Drive it Day rally plaques are available, either with the 2020 date or without, from Dragon Fly, The Rally Plate Company at £8.95 each.

Contact Dragonfly on 0800 783 8634, e-mail [sales@dragonflyrally.co.uk](mailto:sales@dragonflyrally.co.uk) or via their website, [dragonflyrally.co.uk](http://dragonflyrally.co.uk)

## 75th Anniversary of VE Day Commemorations

In the south of the county ...



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

**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)

.... alternatively, in the north ...

### VE Festival is being hosted in the glorious North Devon town of Barnstaple!

**May 9th and 10th**

The commercial hub of the region, Barnstaple boasts some fabulous locations and the organisers are very proud to be making use of both the historic Pannier Market and outstanding Butcher's Row!

Events include live music throughout the town - 1940s style, vehicles and static displays, themed events across the town, VE style children's street party in Butcher's row etc.

Full details can be found on [www.vefestival.co.uk](http://www.vefestival.co.uk)

If you would like your A7 to be part of the vehicle display please call 01271 371001 or e-mail [contact@veteranscharity.org.uk](mailto:contact@veteranscharity.org.uk)



### A Quest For Pearl

From Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford  
To Cornwall Gold, Nr. Redruth, Cornwall



Pearl Bonner was a long standing, much loved and very active member of the Essex A7 Club, and fellow EA7C member, Trevor Fleuty is undertaking a charity drive in his 1938 Big 7 from Essex To Cornwall in May 2020 to raise funds for Farleigh Hospice ([www.farleighhospice.org](http://www.farleighhospice.org)) who took care of Pearl during her illness.

We would like to show Trevor some Devon hospitality and, if needed, assistance while he travels through our County. His route brings him across the Dorset/Devon border on the A35 between Dorchester & Honiton on Tuesday 12th May and continues on minor roads to The Fox & Hounds at Eggesford for an overnight stop.

On Wednesday morning, the charity drive will continue to the N. Devon coast at Bude where the Cornwall A7 Club plan to meet Trevor and travel with him to Redruth.

If you would like to be part of this very worthwhile event, you would be most welcome to join in at any point.

Contact David Aylmore if you would like to come along on Tuesday 12th May & Nick Borst-Smith for the Wednesday part of the run. Contact details are on the back page.

More details can be found at [www.questforpearl.com](http://www.questforpearl.com), or If you would like to donate to the fundraising, please follow this link. <https://pearl-bonner.muchloved.com/fundraising/events/238496874>

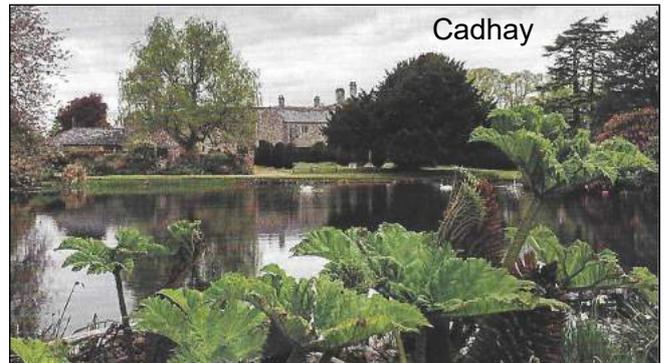
# East Devon Amble

## Saturday May 23rd

### Starting at East Hill Pride Farm shop, Sidmouth

Timings and route for this popular annual event will follow nearer the date, but will include a morning stroll along The Byes - a pleasant riverside walk, lunch at The Bowd Inn in Sidmouth, and visits to Sidbury and Cadhay at Ottery St. Mary (charges for a tour of the house).

Once again thanks to Chris Clover for organising this day out.  
Chris can be contacted on 07546 267229 for more details.



## Vintage & Classic Weekend, RHS Garden Rosemoor 1st & 2nd August 2020

Now in its tenth year the Vintage & Classic Weekend has proved to be one of Rosemoor's most popular events with Vintage Vehicles, Motorcycles, Tractors, Model Railways and Horticultural Machinery. In 2019, the event attracted over 2000 visitors a day making it the one biggest events of the event calendar and the biggest show since its creation ten years ago.

The event is held at the Arboretum Lawn on Lady Anne's side of the garden, which will give a beautiful backdrop to the vehicles on display. (See picture below). There is a small café and toilets available at this side of the garden, or it is a couple of minutes' walk to the visitors building where the main restaurant is located.

There will be a pop up beverages tent, where exhibitors will be able to enjoy free teas and coffees, and separate portable toilets will be available just for exhibitors. Vehicle exhibitors also receive free entry to Rosemoor Garden and free camping is available on site for those wishing to stay over. This is only available to people with campervans, caravans or converted vans. A toilet block will be accessible all night, but this does not have shower facilities. As the event is held inside of the garden, it is the RHS policy of **no dogs**, unless they are registered assistance dogs.

An entry form for this event can be found on the Members' section of the Club's website, or from Carrieann Moore (events co-ordinator at Rosemoor) on 01805 626810, e-mail [carrieannmoore@rhs.org.uk](mailto:carrieannmoore@rhs.org.uk)



## Recalling Widecombe Fair 2019

We are always intrigued to hear that the person looking at our car actually remembers going on holiday with their parents and two siblings in an Austin 7, with their grandparents in the back + suitcases, the dog and a budgerigar in its cage. Perhaps the cars actually shrink over the years?

In these dark days of winter with 'Storm Dennis' buffeting around the house and everywhere saturated, it was a delight to receive some wonderful pictures of our Austin 7's, sent all the way from the United States.

I should explain that Ann and I, with Hon LM Sam Barker, spent the whole week based in Widecombe over the period of the Fair. On the preceding Sunday morning, I parked the RN right outside Widecombe's splendid church with its tall spire. The setting was perfect – the car and the surrounding buildings looked like something from an Agatha Christie novel.

I struck up conversation with some visitors, who showed interest in the car. It transpired that they were from the States en-route for Cornwall. I explained that there was to be a sizeable contingent of A7's from both Devon and Cornwall at the world famous Widecombe Fair on the following Tuesday, and being Americans and able to cover Cornwall in 2 days, expressed the intention of visiting again on the return leg.

Good as their word Alan Tucker, together with his niece and her husband – Liz and Bob Rinehart, duly rocked up midway through the fair. It transpires that not only being very gracious people, Alan is an accomplished photographer. The accompanying quality pictures show the mixed battalions of the Devons and the Cornish arrayed in all their glory.

Subsequently I learnt that Alan was originally from Buckfastleigh, moving with his family to America in 1954 aged 12 but still with very fond memories of the West County and the moors in particular. Alan's oldest sister married a GI after WWII and they eventually settled in West Virginia around 1948.

Being an Austin 7 owner, albeit a rustic one in my case, there's always more to it than just hoping to get there in one piece and you can often experience the world without leaving the County.



*Mike Moore - Chardstock*

## A7 Centenary 2022

The Austin Seven Clubs' Association are well under-way with planning the A7 Centenary Rally which will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Austin 7. This is a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to mark this momentous milestone and the event promises to have plenty to keep the whole family interested and occupied.



The Rally will take place on Sunday 24th July 2022 at the Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire. Those who are able to devote more time to the celebrations will be able to enjoy an entire week of activities which will commence at the college from Monday 18th July 2022.

There is lots to look forward to including: an unprecedented collection of historically important, sporting and long-distance cars; sporting demonstrations of competitive Austin Sevens; a comprehensive display of Austin Seven archive material; speakers, (Fuzz Townshend from 'Car SOS' fame, who has owned several Austin Sevens and larger Vintage Austins has provisionally agreed to give a talk); a celebration dinner, dancing and informal barbeques throughout the week; film shows; visits and tours in the local area; entertainment relevant to children of all ages; trader's stalls; a loan scheme enabling those who are unable to bring their own car an opportunity to borrow one and a goody bag packed full of fun!!

The site has plenty of accommodation available which is best described as 'Premier Inn' standard. This comprises 300 double en-suite rooms (30 of which can be twins), and 100 single en-suite rooms. There is also plenty of space for camping & campervans and a dining room which will seat 400 people.



Please do make a note of the date now and keep it clear, you won't regret it!

## Competing in an A7

After competing in his 1929 Austin Ulster rep, member Don Adams from Bideford, has come first in Class 1 in the 2019 Vintage Sports Car Club's Speed Championship (Sprint and Hillclimb).

Following an engine blow up at Prescott in 2018 due to loss of oil circulation, a costly winter engine re-build by Pigsty Racing has proved itself worthwhile with the car now putting out 43.5 HP!

Don has been achieving fast times in all nine events throughout the 2019 season culminating with an impressive win at the last Prescott outing of the season plus beating the class 1 record by over 2 seconds.

His efforts are to be rewarded with the presentation of the Reg Nice class trophy at the VSCC's AGM in March.



Wiscombe 2019

*Congratulations Don, and thank you for sending us the article - editor*

## FBHVC Matters



### FBHVC

For those who don't know, this stands for the **Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs**, to which the Devon Austin Seven Club and therefore you, as members, belong.

The Federation was set up in 1988 to support the interests of the owners of older vehicles and was the amalgamation of two existing organisations. These were established as a result of the concern that the MOT test, which was introduced in 1960, would adversely affect the every-day running of older vehicles on British roads.

The first, the HVCC was set up in 1960 to informally lobby parliament with the principle that no vehicle should be required to perform to a higher standard than that which applied when it was new. This organisation supported owners of pre-war vehicles. The second, the CVCC was formed in 1980 to protect the owners of 1950s and 1960s vehicles. So far, so good.

However, a serious problem arose when the UK joined the Common Market. It became clear that a condition of our membership was that new laws passed in Europe would be applied to legislation in the UK. So, the 'old boy network' lobbying of our own MPs was useless - the historic vehicle movement needed representation in Europe as well as Westminster. In 1988, the HVCC and CVCC amalgamated to form the FBHVC and became the UK's representative in FIVA, the Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens, which employs a professional lobbyist to influence European legislation.

The FBHVC's one objective has always been to uphold the freedom to use our older vehicles on the road. It now represents over 500 clubs, with about a quarter of a million individual members.

So, what's the score now that the UK has left the EU? Well, we need the FBHVC to safeguard the use of our A7s in the UK and the FBHVC's representation in FIVA when we use our A7s abroad.

**John Turley**

### Low Emission Zones

No doubt some of us can recall encountering dreadful smog in the 1950s. Air pollution is becoming an increasing problem once more, this time due to exhaust fumes. Major cities in England are formulating proposals to charge or totally ban certain vehicles, but, apart from London where an ultra LEZ is in force, their proposals have stalled while they consider how to overcome the practicalities involved.

However, Scotland has recently proposed National Regulations which will frame the scope of any LEZs within Scotland. The proposal is for a blanket exemption for all vehicles over 30 years old, in line with the international FIVA definition of 'historic vehicle'. The FBHVC will be drafting a response which supports this threshold and they congratulate all those involved in achieving this. Subject to this being introduced, this means that for all Scottish cities, Austin Sevens will be exempt from restrictions.

Looking to the continent, FBHVC persuaded FIVA to carry out a survey of historic vehicle users to produce quantitative data. This showed that the historic vehicle movement in Europe was worth €16 billion to the economy, but more importantly the survey showed that historic vehicle use was low, at less than 0.1% of the total. As a result, the European Commission will not recommend specific measures against old vehicles as a means of protecting the environment, as their use is so small as to be insignificant.

As for England and Wales, we must wait and see, but rest assured that the FBHVC is lobbying hard on our behalf.

**John Turley**

## David's Diary

As I write this, I am keeping my fingers crossed that the weather on Sunday will be kind enough to allow Jan & I to use Mabel, our A7 4 seat Tourer to drive over to The Agricultural Inn at Brampford Speke for the February Sunday Saunter. Hopefully the rain will at least be a bit less than the last time we were out which was for the January Saunter to the Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton when we had a rather damp drive out. The saving grace was an excellent Sunday Lunch, good company and a dry drive home. All in all a very enjoyable day.



I am pleased to say that there has been more progress with the restoration of John Pine's Opal, which now has the electrics sorted and just needs a few minor finishing touches to the upholstery, carpets and side-screens and it should be ready for its first outing.

I did have plans to go to the February Re:Fuel meeting at Dunkerswell, but as with many plans over the past few weeks, the weather got in the way and the 7s stayed in the garage.

I have made a little progress with the restoration of the A7 based trailer. I have cleaned up the A7 axle used on the trailer and stripped down both the hubs which were generally in very good order. Its amazing how much better everything looks after a good rub down and a couple of coats of Hammerite.



I have also added to my garage equipment and bought a 'Hobby Weld' Oxygen & Acetylene cylinder. Many years back, I used to have a BOC – PortaPak gas welding set and got on much better with it that I ever did with Arc welding, the only alternative at the time – MIG & TIG had yet to come to the hobby workshop. However, BOC put up the rental charges to the level when I couldn't justify the expenditure, so the cylinders were returned and the regulators, hoses and trolley went into store. Then earlier this year I came across 'HobbyWeld' which does not charge cylinder rental, and the initial deposit you pay on the cylinders is refundable if you finish the contract. To my pleasant surprise, the BOC regulators and handset worked straight away when connected to the new cylinders so the repairs to the metal structure of the trailer chassis are now possible.

*Happy Austineering.*

*David*



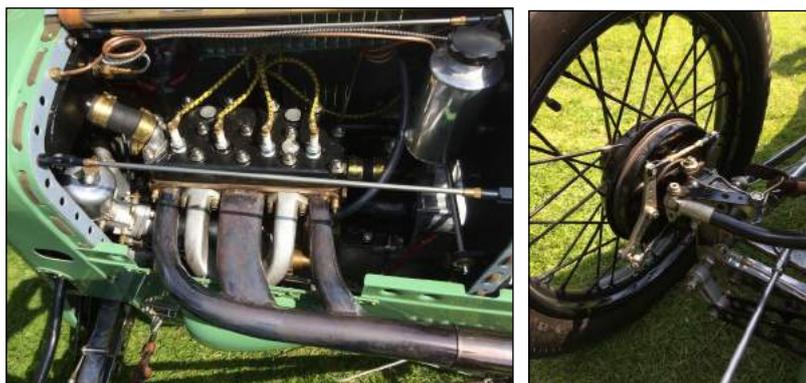
The Bedford Garage, c. 1930. In the very centre of pre-war Exeter stood this huge covered garage. It was adjacent to St John's School, and the western side of the garage backed on to the rear of Bedford Circus. It was entered from either Catherine Street or Bampfylde Street. Not only did the garage undertake sales of vehicles but it offered the most convenient parking in Exeter. It was destroyed in 1942. The new Princesshay was to have a garage – Hughes of Exeter.

Viv Gale came across this picture in a book called 'A Century of Exeter' by Peter Thomas. What an interesting line up of new cars.

*Secretary's note – Thanks Viv. Shame that not all the registration numbers are visible and unfortunately, none of those that can be read show up on the A7CA register.*

## High quality engineering

Please find attached a couple of photos (that I took) from last year's round of the Bert Hadley Championship held during the May Wiscombe pack hill climb (Unfortunately clashing with Chris's East Devon Run). The pictures show a delightful single seat racer, piloted by a young girl from Belgium! From memory her mum was driving a big Healy and dad seemed to be providing mechanical support. The engineering on the PGS (Pea Green Special) was to a very high standard – check out the suspension parts machined from solid on the twin leading shoe front brakes. The whole style of the car was basically like a miniature ERA, with matching radiator grille and the PGS logo on both radiator and steering wheel boss being a copy of the ERA logo



Will Wells

## An addition to the Trusted Suppliers of A7 Goods & Services 2020 edition

Thank you to Will Wells for recommending this business, which will be added to the 2021 edition of the 'Trusted Suppliers of A7 Goods & Services' booklet.

Will says "I needed to source a new petrol tank for Sue's nippy last year. Tim Whellock told me about [www.compbrake.com](http://www.compbrake.com) who supply Ruby tanks. They copied the existing tank, for £ 299.99p + VAT this includes a new f/gauge sender unit + £ 20 for powder coating in satin black. This has been fitted for several months and is working well. The picture on their web site is of the tank they made for us. They seemed to be charging £20 extra for a Nippy tank over a Ruby, but to be fair there is a bit more work involved. Their turn-around time was 5-days from receipt of our tank – very impressive".

## Devon A7 Club - 2020 events

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** AGM in Spreyton Village Hall and lunch at The Tom Cobley, Spreyton. See page 4 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. See page 4 for details of 2 Devon events - Crash Box Club Classic Car Show on The Lawns Dawlish from 10am and a North Devon Enthusiasts Group Run.
- 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 or contact Nick Hawkins on 01271 375730, e-mail: [valhawkins3@aol.com](mailto:valhawkins3@aol.com)
- Tues/Weds 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> May** Charity run with Essex A7 Club. Details on page 5.
- 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 on page 6.
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> July** Visit to Eggesford Airfield. More details to follow or contact Philip Burrow on 01363 84330, e-mail: [philipburrow@higherlivingantiques.co.uk](mailto:philipburrow@higherlivingantiques.co.uk) *(note change of date)*
- 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, or contact Barry Sangster on 01395 514262, e-mail: [marionberry@icloud.com](mailto:marionberry@icloud.com)
- 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.

Dear David and members of the Club,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that you sent to me. They are now in pride of place in the hall.

It was so nice to see you, David, and have a chat yesterday, I know Howard enjoyed it.

Once again thank you all very much, we hope to see you later in the year - Powderham??

All best wishes Janet (Palmer)



## Other Events

- Wed. March 11th** North Devon Enthusiasts Group Destination Run - no start point, just make your way to the destination - Jeff Blight's Garage for 7pm.
- Sun. 15th March.** Re:fuel, Mansell Raceway Karting Circuit, Dunkerswell Airfield, EX14 4AH - a meeting place for enthusiasts of all things with wheels! Just turn up on the day - admission is £5 per vehicle.
- Wed. April 8th** North Devon Enthusiasts Group Destination Run - no start point, just make your way to the destination - Westleigh Inn, Westleigh, Bideford EX39 4NL for 8pm.
- May 7th/8th/9th** VE Day Celebrations in Brixham and Barnstaple with static vehicle displays. See details on page 5.
- Sun. May 10th** Uffculme Show. Exe Valley Rotary, email [patsyphili@aol.com](mailto:patsyphili@aol.com) for details or an entry form can be found on the Members' section of the website.. This is a proper Agricultural Show with a large turnout of cars, plus all the Fun of the Fair, very good food and drink, serious Dog Show etc.
- Sat. July 25th** Mid Devon Show, a proper one day Agricultural show. Application form on website - [www.middevonshow.co.uk/classic-vehicles-motorbikes/](http://www.middevonshow.co.uk/classic-vehicles-motorbikes/). For information - contact 01884 820859 or e-mail: [office@middevonshow.co.uk](mailto:office@middevonshow.co.uk).
- Sat/Sun Aug. 1st/2nd** Rosemoor Vintage Weekend, See page 6 for details.
- Sat Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** Dalwood Fair – very Traditional Village Fair - Jubilee Fields, Dalwood, EX13 7EW. Contact David Aylmore (see pack page) for details

## Found in a House Clearance!

Bristol A7C member John O'Neill found these old photos in a house clearance. He has no information on them. The registration number could be a clue. If DC, this came from Middlesbrough, if DG, then it's Gloucestershire. The number is not on the Association Register. If you recognise the car or the people, the pictures can be yours!

Please contact David Aylmore - Secretary, in the first instance.  
Contact details on the back page.



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## Wanted

Magneto and/or Dynamo for a 1928 Ulster Replica.

Contact Sam Archer on 07592 743993 or e-mail [samscaravan4@hotmail.com](mailto:samscaravan4@hotmail.com)

## For Sale

Surplus to requirements rear luggage rack to fit early Austin's as new condition. Open to sensible offers (supplied by Austin Repro Parts) new price £280.



Surplus to requirements early bulk head fuel tank in good condition to fit Chummy models. Open to sensible offers.



Call Paul Sleeman on 07378338793 for more information on either of these items.

## For Sale,



1935 Mark 1 Austin 7 Ruby. It has been my car for the last 50 years. The engine has a Phoenix crank and rods. The interior is original with the leather upholstery and door panels. Paintwork is in hard wearing and practical Dulux Weathershield! Sunshine roof and windscreen fully functional. Also a shed load of Ruby related spares which must go with the car.

**£5750.00 O.N.O.**

Contact Richard Bishop on 01392 439916.

## Free to a good home!

A7CA 'Grey' Mags - full Set from 1993 to 2018

These belong to an ex-Member and he would like to pass them on, ideally as a complete set but would consider requests for individual magazines.

If you are interested, please contact David Aylmore in the first instance. (Details on back page)



*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)*

## April 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 April issue should be with me by **Wednesday 18th March 2020** and the newsletter will be distributed on **Wednesday 25th March**.

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

For advice on how to make the best use of our website you can contact Steve Day at:  
[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.

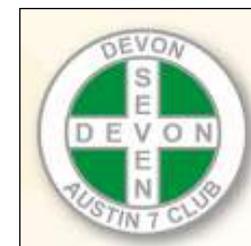
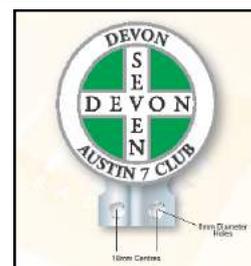
We also now have a very smart embroidered club badge available. It is 3 1/4" (80mm) in diameter and is, as shown in the picture, very similar in design to the car badge. Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

### 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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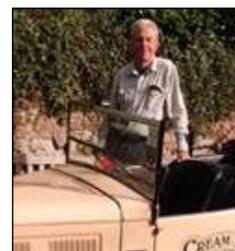


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