



# *Devon Sevens*

*April 2020*

*Newsletter for*

*Issue 125*

## *The Devon A7 Club*



*Our AGM was held in  
Spreyton Village Hall  
and was followed by  
lunch at The Tom Cobley  
Tavern.*



## Chairman's Chat - April 2020

A successful A.G.M. although numbers were down on last year's record turnout. But that was not surprising as the weather was pretty atrocious in the morning. We approached Spreyton from the Bow end and met some serious floods on the way as this picture shows! Many thanks to everyone who braved the weather.



After the A.G.M. was over most people headed for the Tom Cobley pub in the village where we enjoyed a superb Sunday roast which rounded everything off nicely.



As I write this the news is coming through of more and more restrictions due to the spread of the corona virus. We were due to join up with some of the Crashbox Club members for a few nights in Salisbury at the beginning of April. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled and I do not hold out much hope for our planned trip with the Dorsets in May. This was going to be with Brittany Ferries out from Portsmouth to Santander and on to the Pecos mountains in northern Spain. Oh well, will just have to stay at home, keep our heads down and keep busy. On that front I have recently acquired a rather nice Qualcast push mower. It had been in an allotment shed for years and totally unusable, but being Qualcast the build quality was second to none with heavy cast iron side frames and well engineered parts. So this is my current project and I will do a piece for the mag with photos when the job is completed. Looking at various websites to try and research the model, I came across details of a lawn mower club, very tempted to join, who knows where that would lead!!



Well I wish everyone well in these unsettling times and who knows when we shall meet up again, hopefully fairly soon.

*Richard Bishop*

## Secretary's Notes - April 2020

What a difference a month makes. This time last month I was tapping away at the keyboard merrily looking forward to a Spring & Summer full of exciting A7 events, runs & shows and now the calendar for at least the next couple of months is blank.



At the moment, Jan & I are struggling to keep up with the press releases, e-mails and messages from the various event organisers we are in contact with. However, the overriding consideration has to be keeping everyone as safe as possible and if that means missing out on a few car events in 2020, then as far as I am concerned – 'so be it'.

I have heard from one of our 'Trusted Traders' – Exeter Engineering, who I know have been used by several members, to say that for the time being they are open and trading. If you are considering using some of the enforced down time to progress a project and need their help, they can arrange collection and/or delivery of a vehicle or individual parts. Contact Aaron on 01392 344944

We were very fortunate to be able to hold our AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, just one day before the shutters came down. The event was not as well attended as previous years but it did provide a good opportunity to catch up with members from across the county and once again the Village Hall at Spreyton and the Tom Cobley Tavern served us very well.



John Pine was the worthy recipient of the Murray Park Cup for outstanding effort in taking over the late Ralph Villis's restoration project, despite having several other projects already on the go. The A7 Opal is now nearing completion and will hopefully be ready for late summer shows.

I was very pleased that all the committee agreed, albeit reluctantly in some cases, to stand for re-election. Richard and Mike agreed to continue as Chairman & Treasurer respectively. Nick will continue to keep the register of cars up to date but unfortunately, Nigel's increased work commitments prevented him from continuing as Membership Secretary, and I have taken on this role for the time being.

For the last few months, I have been seeking to encourage some members to step forward to join the committee and as I said at the AGM in my report, we really do need to progress this idea over the coming year. Under our rules, this is the last year that Richard can hold the Chairman's role and both Ian & I have been on the committee since the club started and cannot be expected to continue indefinitely. Please contact any committee member if you would be interested in learning more about what is involved.

With a view to us all keeping in touch, there should be, elsewhere in this Newsletter, some information on the Club's Facebook page and some initiatives to encourage the sharing of information and photographs of what we may be doing with our cars. You will also see on page 5, a press release from the FBHVC cancelling 'Drive it Day', but encouraging members to post photos and memories from previous years. I do know that some members have a distrust of Facebook and other social media sites, and I can quite understand that point of view, but there are ways of enjoying the benefits without risking any loss of personal information. During the coming months when our A7 social interaction is curtailed, the computer can provide us all with contact with fellow enthusiasts from far & wide. Speak to Nick Borst-Smith if you would like some guidance of how to get started.

Keep Safe.

*David.*

**CANCELLED**

**Unfortunately the following events/meetings have had to be cancelled or postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.**

RE-Fuel Revival due to be held at Dunkerswell on Sunday April 19th

Drive it Day events planned for Sunday April 26th are all cancelled.

Devon Vintage CC Autojumble at Buckfastleigh on May 3rd.

VE Day Commemorations in Barnstaple, May 9th and 10th have been postponed until May 8th and 9th 2021.

Classic Car Day at Killerton on Sunday 17th May 2020.

East Devon Amble arranged for Saturday May 23rd has been postponed - a new date will be advised in due course.

Waterhouse Farm Vintage/Classic Car Day on Saturday July 25th.

**Please be aware that many more events will be cancelled over the coming weeks, we will do our best to keep you up to date via this newsletter and the club's Facebook page.**

## Help please!

With more and more events being cancelled, there isn't going to be much content in the 'Devon Sevens' over the next few months - unless you can help.

Self isolating and working in the garage?- let us know what you're doing, and, if possible, include a photo.

Send us your P.O.S. (see below).

Spending the time looking back through old photos? - send some to us with a brief description.

We are happy to receive anything A7 related - however loosely!

*Janet Aylmore (editor) Contact details on back page.*

*The deadline for the May issue of 'Devon Sevens' is Wednesday April 15th .*



## Picture on Sunday (P.O.S.)

This is a relatively new addition to our Facebook page. The idea is to post a picture of your car wherever it is and whatever you are doing with it on a Sunday. A couple of examples below:



# Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs updated statement on Drive it Day 2020



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## Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs updated statement on Drive it Day 2020

### #DriveitDayMemories

The FBHVC is committed to following the latest UK Government advice on events and public gatherings pertinent to our member clubs and as such, the following statement replaces all previous correspondence regarding National Drive it Day during this fast-moving situation.

In response to the updated guidance and restrictions issued by UK Government, the Federation recommends that all activities that involve taking a historic vehicle out on the road specifically for the purposes of Drive it Day, now be abandoned. All enthusiasts are now urged to stay at home on 26 April 2020 and not partake in any non-essential travel for Drive it Day and instead, get involved in a nationwide social media campaign to spread positivity around historic vehicles during this difficult time.

Currently, UK government are advising against all non-essential social contact. Our current general guidance to car clubs, that can be found on our website [www.fbhvc.co.uk](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk), encourages the cancellation or postponement of meets, events and gatherings of people. Additional advice has now placed restrictions on non-essential travel of any kind.

However, enthusiasts of historic vehicles are still encouraged to participate on 26 April 2020 in the mass sharing, via social media, of images and memories of themselves and their families out and about in their historic vehicles during a previous year's Drive it Day.

Use your chosen social media platform to share images and stories of memorable trips with your historic vehicles or indeed, what you might be working on within the 'self – isolation' of your garage or shed.

The FBHVC are asking for all enthusiasts to share pictures using the hashtag #DriveitDayMemories.

Post your picture on to the FBHVC social media feeds or those of your member clubs. We will be monitoring those social feeds and public posts published with the #DriveitDayMemories hashtag will be gathered onto a special area within the FBHVC website galleries in the future.

As previously stated, with such a crowded event calendar, the possibility of achieving consensus for a revised Drive it Day date later in the year will be virtually impossible. Therefore, Drive it Day 2020 will not be re-scheduled for later this year, but will resume its normal format on 25 April 2021.

For the latest advice for car clubs, events and other news – keep up to date via the Federation news pages at [www.fbhvc.co.uk](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk).

### About the FBHVC:

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles on the road. It does this by representing the interests of owners of such vehicles to politicians, government officials, and legislators both in the UK and (through the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens) in Europe. There are over 540 subscriber organisations representing a total membership of over 250,000 in addition to individual and trade supporters. All our directors operate in a voluntary capacity supported by our secretary.

## 75th Anniversary of VE Day Commemorations

**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)



### 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.farleighospice.org](http://www.farleighospice.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>

*It is hoped that this drive will still take place, but a final decision will be made after Easter, so watch this space!*

### May 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 May issue should be with me by **Wednesday 15th April 2020** and the newsletter will be distributed on **Wednesday 22nd April**.

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.

# Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham

Organised by the Crash Box & Classic Car Club

Scheduled for July 11th & 12th 2020



A decision will be made in mid-May as to whether this event can go ahead. If not, it will either be cancelled or rescheduled to a date later in the year. We will keep our readers updated via 'Devon Sevens' and The Devon Austin 7 Club's website and Facebook page, but in the mean time, you are asked to send your entry forms in to Mike Gregson. You will find an entry form attached to this newsletter.

## 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 one of the 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 [carriannmoore@rhs.org.uk](mailto:carriannmoore@rhs.org.uk)





## Merry Harriers

### Classic Car & Bike Show

Monday 31st August

11am - 4pm

including Auto Jumble



An entry fee of £5 per car is going towards supporting The North Devon Hospice.

You are welcome to bring Auto Jumble with you.

There will be a prize for the best in show

Afternoon cream tea for two for every Entry

*Entry forms available from the Merry Harriers website  
or from the member's section of the DA7C website.*

## 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!

## Can you help?

Gary Stringer sent in this request via our Facebook page:

"Having bought a 'type 65' with the plate OD8333 first registered in Exeter 1934 I would love to know more about its history pre 1986. The history only goes back to 1986 as it was re-registered and thankfully given its original plate, DVLA records are no longer available.

I now know Mr W Skyrme had it off the road and did a major rebuild on it for a period preceding 1962 until he went to Brazil and sold it in 1986 to Mr Chinchin. He sadly died and I bought it from his daughter. Period 1934-1962 would be interesting.

Just a chance someone might be able to help. Much appreciated - Gary"

*I wonder who the supplying dealer in Devon could have been in 1934? Any ideas or info please let the Editor know or post on our Facebook page.*





**E10 fuels consultation. FBHVC position statement.**

On Wednesday 4th March 2020, Her Majesty's Government published a consultation on proposals to introduce E10 petrol as the standard for fuel across the UK. The lead proposal would introduce a minimum ethanol content of 5.5% for standard 'premium' fuels in 2021, whilst - and this is important for historic vehicles - maintaining the current E5 blend in the 'protection' grade.

The consultation seeks views on the proposed mechanism, definitions and derogations. It also includes a call for evidence on potential changes required to existing policy mechanisms (including targets under the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation) following an introduction of E10. The consultation will run for six weeks, closing on 19th April and the FBHVC have received a formal invitation to participate in the consultation and have confirmed our intention to do so.

The reasons given for considering the introduction of a standard of fuel containing up to 10 per cent bioethanol, centre around attempts to make significant savings on carbon emissions as the government makes attempts to meet its climate change targets.

Typically, fuel companies currently blend petrol with up to 5% bioethanol and diesel with 7% biodiesel. The government have a target to ensure that 9.75% of all transport fuels must come from renewable sources by the end of this year under their "Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation". The government believe that a move to standardising E10 fuel will be equivalent to taking 350,000 cars off the road each year. The Department of Transport estimates that this may cut CO2 emissions for transport by 750,000 tonnes per year.

E10 is of concern to historic vehicle owners because it may cause some flexible fuel hoses, seals, gaskets, plastics and certain metals critical to the fuel system to corrode or degrade. This may cause damage to fuel pumps, carburettors, seals on injectors, pressure regulators and fuel tanks that are not resistant to ethanol. The bioethanol may also dislodge particles on older fuel systems causing blockages.

There are other challenges facing the roll-out of E10 fuel aside from compatibility. As published in Federation News, Issue 1 2020, we understand that the only UK refinery for the additive has closed and the environmental costs of shipping additives from other parts of the world negates any environmental benefit.

The Federation note that the government, in previous consultations on the matter, have recognised that historic and cherished vehicles are not advised to use fuel with these proposed levels of bioethanol. The Federation has also advised in previous consultations of the requirement to run an alternative 'protection grade' alongside E10 for historic vehicles and we will seek to reinforce that standpoint in this latest consultation. The Federation will also seek reassurance that historic vehicle owners will not be financially penalised at the pump when purchasing protection grade fuel and that its availability will not be time limited.

In September 2019, compulsory fuel labelling was introduced to ensure that consumers were informed of the contents of the fuel they were using on the forecourts, their environmental impact and a fuel's suitability for a particular vehicle. It required a new set of fuel labels which were harmonised across Europe. E10 petrol is used elsewhere on the continent and is particularly prevalent in France and Germany, where it is also offered alongside E5 grades.

The same day as the consultation was announced, FBHVC Chairman David Whale attended a meeting at the House of Commons with the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicles Group, chaired by Sir Greg Knight, to reinforce the concerns of the Federation's members directly with MPs.

The following question was posed to the Secretary of State for Transport by Sir Greg Knight, Conservative MP for East Yorkshire: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the use of E10 fuel on older vehicles?"

Which received the following response from Rachel Maclean, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Transport): "Increasing the share of bioethanol in petrol by blending up to 10 per cent, known as E10, could provide significant carbon savings, helping us meet our climate change commitments. One of the main barriers to introducing E10 has been vehicle compatibility. Currently, around 95% of petrol cars used in the UK can use E10, but around 700,000 are not warranted by their manufacturers to use E10. This number is expected to decrease as vehicles come to the end of their life. However, some classic and cherished vehicles that are not advised to use E10 will remain in use. The prolonged use of E10 fuel in those older and classic vehicles not under manufacturer warranty can cause corrosion of some rubbers and alloys used in the engine and fuel systems. For those vehicles, the Department remains committed to ensuring that E5 is retained as a protection grade, if E10 is introduced."

The FBHVC will be consulting with all interested parties and our member organisations prior to making our submission to the E10 consultation by the deadline.

## ETHANOL OH ETHANOL

### From first hand experience....

Most of us have read or heard about the problems caused by Ethanol fuel and now add additives to our fuel to compensate for the problems. I have done this, but have any of you physically seen what Ethanol actually does to our car components?

I have now encountered two situations, which I can only say have been caused by this fuel.

1. Some two years ago now, the engine on my 12/4 seized. I will not fully recount the problem or how I solved it - better done over a pint or two - but briefly, I had to remove the cylinder head as No. 4 piston had seized with No. 7 and No. 8 valves. The exhaust valve being open to the atmosphere via the exhaust, the whole of the piston and valve area was covered by a white mould which was growing on the valves and down the valve stems.

2. I have just purchased a Big 7 and even when I test drove the car it was Kangarooing. I assumed some form of fuel starvation, but the car drove well, so fuel, no problem. The elderly gentleman who sold me the car said this happened now and again. I trailered the car home from the Manchester area and started to solve the fuel problem. On taking the banjo bolt out of the carburettor fuel intake, there is a gauze filter. This had small specks of a black substance, which when rubbed between my fingers was almost like a paste. I also then cleaned then carburettor bowl - very mucky and black. I assembled it all, two gallons of new fuel, started car and it drove well for a few days. Then the same problem appeared again. So working back from the carburettor down to the fuel pump, removed dome cover, checked washer - all okay. The circular gauze filter had black specks, so cleaned and placed on one side. Black diaphragm removed by pushing down on the spring and twisting, so disengaging the connection, this now exposes another bowl, and this was covered in a black substance which I removed with a small artist paint brush and petrol. So where has this black substance come from? I checked the black diaphragm and found it disintegrating on its edges and when rubbing between fingers it came off like a black paint.

I purchased an Ethanol Resistant Diaphragm (RED) from the Austin 7 Workshop, cleaned and checked the small inlet and outlet valves in the pump. Re-assembled all. And have now done some 150 miles and touch wood no problems.

So it may pay you to check the colour of your diaphragm, because this fuel will not go away. There has again been some talk of increasing the ethanol content to 10%. (see FBHVC article on page 10

Ken Hickman

*(First published in 'Focus', the newsletter for Cornwall A7 Club)*

## Con-Rod Teaser

I guess that this is a query that is normally found in the A7 section of Facebook, but I thought that I'd throw it open to club members instead.

While re-building the engine from my 1926 Top Hat, I came across this asymmetrical con rod. 'Easy', I hear you say, 'Someone has ground down one side'. But no. As with the standard con rod there is a matching groove in the casting on each side, so this must have been how it was produced. But why? The other three con rods are the normal full size, so where did this one come from? Is it from an earlier engine?



John Turley

## Dauids Diary

Our A7 month has been a quiet one with just one rather wet drive up to Spreyton for the Club AGM.



I am pleased to report that 'Mabel' performed very well and that despite the heavy rain, Jan's knees stayed dry in the passenger seat. Since the last trip out I had added an extra seal along the top of the windscreen frame and that does seem to have worked quite well.

Back in the garage and whilst having a general check around the car I detected a bit of movement in the rear number plate support frame. From what I can see, the bracket under the rear floor to which it is fixed is starting to split. Now a slightly loose number plate frame is not a big deal, but as the same bracket is used to support the fuel tank, it will need some attention. It should be easily sorted with a bit of welding, but as is often the case, it will take a lot of dismantling to get at it. I will report on progress in forthcoming newsletters.

With all the doom and gloom around at the moment, I am pleased to say that I have had a bit of good luck this month. Last week, I had to take some rubbish to the re-cycling centre in Newton Abbot and whilst there went into the sales area to see if they had any lengths of angle iron I could use to repair the A7 Trailer I am restoring. They didn't, but one of the attendants had just brought in a Draper 5 drawer tool cabinet on a wheeled frame. It looked in a pretty poor state with a couple of draws stuck, but at £20 I thought it was worth having. Now having it back home and with a clean up and attention to all the drawer runners, I am really very pleased.



Now all I've got to do is to re-organise a corner of the garage to fit it in!!!

One other improvement that might be worth mentioning has been to the lighting in the garage. I have 5 fluorescent fittings but as with this style of lighting, they don't much like cold weather and tend to flicker. A while back I saw an advertisement for LED replacements but they needed the whole fitting to be replaced, then this month I came across a tube and starter which could be used as a simple replacement for the tube alone. At £12 each (from Tool Station) they are not particularly cheap but the one I have replaced works very well, giving a much improved light, no flicker and no delay when switched on. As and when the remaining fluorescent tubes fail, I will certainly replace them with LEDs

I do hope to take one or other of our 7s out for a solo run when the weather improves, but it doesn't look like we will be out and about again as a club for a while. However, we have to look on the positive side – whilst the events calendar is now blank, now is the time to get out that long neglected 'TO DO' list of all the jobs on the car that you have been putting off for ages.

Happy Austineering, and keep safe everyone.

David.

## Devon A7 Club - 2020 events

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** Re:Fuel, Revival. – Dunkerswell. **Cancelled**
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** Drive-it-Day - 2 Devon events - Crash Box Club Classic Car Show on The Lawns Dawlish from 10am and a North Devon Enthusiasts Group Run .  
**Both Cancelled**
- Sunday 3rd May** DVCC Autojumble at Buckfastleigh Steam Railway. More details to follow or contact David Aylmore (details on back page) **Cancelled**
- Sunday May 17th** 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) **Cancelled**
- Tues/Weds 12th/13th May** Charity run with Essex A7 Club. Details on page 6.
- Saturday 23rd May** East Devon Amble, starting at East Hill Pride Farm Shop, Sidmouth. An annual event organised by Chris Clover (07546 267229). **Postponed**
- 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 4th July** Visit to Eggesford Airfield. More details to follow or contact Philip Burrow on 01363 84330, (note change of date) e-mail: [philipburrow@higherlivingantiques.co.uk](mailto:philipburrow@higherlivingantiques.co.uk)
- Sat/Sun 11/12th July** Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham Castle, Exeter, organised by the Crash Box & Classic Car Club. Details to follow or from Mike Gregson.
- Saturday 25th July** Waterhouse Farm Vintage/Classic Car Day - Derek Vertenten. **Cancelled**
- Fri. July 31st – Sun 2nd Aug.** Joint stand with DVCC at Torbay Steam Fair. Details to follow, or from David Aylmore. A decision will be made in June whether this show will go ahead.
- Monday 31st Aug (B.Hol)** Merry Harriers Classic Car Show. Details on page 8.
- Tuesday. 8th Sept.** Widecombe Fair - details to follow.
- Saturday 19th 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.

## Other Events

- Wed. April 8th** North Devon Enthusiasts Group monthly run out, but please contact Nick Hawkins on 01271 375730 or email [valhawkins3@aol.com](mailto:valhawkins3@aol.com) for details. **Cancelled**
- May 7th/8th/9th** VE Day Celebrations in Brixham and Barnstaple with static vehicle displays. See details on page 6. **Barnstaple event cancelled**
- 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. **Cancelled**
- 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 7 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

### 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)



### For Sale

Newly recommissioned special, 1938 V5 Sorn. Fully rebuilt, no hood but hood frame and screen brow present. Nearly all new or fully reconditioned parts. Full details from George Mooney on 01202 425989.



*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)*

## 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.

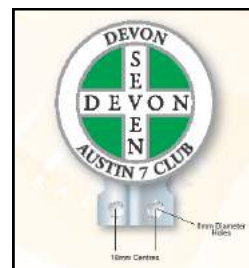
We also now have a very smart embroidered club badge available. It is 3 1/4" (80mm) in diameter and is, as shown in the picture, very similar in design to the car badge. Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

### 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 David Aylmore (details on back page) and he 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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