



Devon Sevens

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Newsletter for

The Devon A7 Club



Stuart Palmer during the Lands End Trial



David Aylmore drove to John O' Groats - and back!

'Out & About' during April



Enjoying the Devon countryside and sunshine on 'Drive It' Day



Andrew Grabham had a fun day at Woody Bay.



Secretary's Notes

I unfortunately have to start this month on a sad note as I heard earlier this month that our member Peter Vowles, sadly died on the 18th March after a short illness. Peter had not been very active with his cars in the last few years, and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.



Our AGM was, considering these difficult times, well attended with 18 at the meeting and 15 staying on for the usual excellent lunch at the Tom Cobley Tavern. There were a good number of A7s in the car park and as usual, they attracted a lot of interest and comment.

I was very pleased to be able to welcome a new Committee Member at the AGM. Steve Herwin from Plymstock owns a 1926 Chummy and is a very welcome addition to our ranks.



By the time you read this, Drive-it-Day (Sunday 24th April) will have come and gone and hopefully you will have enjoyed a great day out and about with your A7. If you did participate, please send some photos to Janet for the next issue of **Devon Sevens**.

Our next two events will be in May and full details can be found on pages 3 and 4. On Wednesday 11th May, Richard & Nicci Soffe will be hosting the Dartmoor Ramble & Picnic, starting in Bovey Tracey. On Sunday May 22nd, we will have our usual stand at the Devon Vintage CC Autojumble at Buckfastleigh. This is always an interesting and enjoyable day so why not come along for a chat or to hunt for that elusive spare part. If you have spares to sell, there is full information on page 4.

Looking forward, the Torbay Steam Fair will be held on Fri/Sat/Sun 5th – 7th August but unfortunately due to other commitments, there will not be a committee member available to set up our stand this year. However, our friends at the Devon Vintage Car Club have kindly agreed to welcome any Devon A7 Club members onto their stand and to use their marquee. If you are going along to this event, it would be very helpful if you could let me know so that I can pass on details to the DVCC so that they know who to expect.

Our friends at Re-Fuel SW have restarted their events at a new venue. Full details are not yet available, but some dates have been released, and details can be found on page 4.

Our Zoom Members Catch Up Meetings have continued on the 3rd Monday of each month but the number of members joining in has tailed off a bit. To add a bit of interest, we have been wondering if any Club member would volunteer to give a bit of a talk, demonstration or Q&A on any interesting subject? The subject need not be directly A7 related, but just something of general interest. Perhaps about a hobby or travel story? We will be happy to assist with the technology and way of displaying photos or other files on Zoom, so please get in touch if you think you can help.

John Davies, from the Scottish Austin Seven Club owns a Mk1 A7 Pearl and feels that they are a much overlooked model. John would like to set up a register of surviving cars, archive material and related information and would be delighted to hear from any Pearl owner to help to get this initiative off the ground. John can be contacted on events@scottishautinsevenclub.co.uk or telephone 07925 246671.

Happy Austineering.

David.



Zoom Club Night

A chance to safely catch up with other DA7C members,
without leaving the comfort of your own home

Monday, May 16th 2022 at 7pm

Join us at our regular monthly Members' Catch Up Evening

Zoom link will be sent out by e-mail 1 week in advance of each meeting

Dartmoor Ramble & Picnic Wednesday May 11th

Meet at the Station Rd Car Park, Bovey Tracey
at 10.30 for 11am start.
(Coffee shops & toilets nearby.)



The route will take us out onto Dartmoor visiting Manaton Church, Hound Tor, Saddle Tor and Haytor (toilets available). There will be plenty of time to stop on the way, enjoy the view, take photos or even have a stroll – all weather dependent of course, this is Dartmoor after all!!!

The route will then continue through Bovey Tracey and Chudleigh Knighton to Richard & Nicci's home at Kerswell where there is plenty of parking and space for a picnic so bring your own hamper – Richard & Nicci will be happy to provide tea and coffee if required.

Please contact Richard on 01626 853232 for more information and to let him know that you plan to come along.



Richard and Nicci took their Pearl out to check the route for the Ramble.



DEVON VINTAGE CAR CLUB

AUTOJUMBLE

THE BEST IN THE WEST



SUNDAY, 22nd May 2022

**SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY, BUCKFASTLEIGH TQ11 0DZ
CONVENIENTLY OFF THE A38**

Gates open 9am – 1pm Entry £2.

Details of the DA7C stand on page 4

DA7C Stand at the Devon Vintage Car Club Autojumble on May 22nd

We have booked a stall at the Autojumble with the objective of providing a meeting point for Devon Austin Seven Club members and to sell surplus parts on their behalf.

The sale of parts will be a FREE service to members, BUT

We can only accept parts for sale on the following basis:-

- Every part or collection of parts must have a tie on luggage label attached with your membership number (NO NAME PLEASE), price required, and if it is not obvious, a description of what the part is.
- When the item is sold the label will be cut off and kept with the money to be returned to the member.
- Members can, if they wish, indicate on the label how much reduction they are willing to give to 'hagglers'. This will be indicated by adding a letter, (A, B, or C) after the price, 'A' will entitle the stallholder to give a maximum of 10% reduction, 'B' 20% and 'C' 50%.

e.g. a label could read **Mem No 5. - £100 B.**

(Selling for member No.5, price £100 possible 20% reduction)

We are aware that there is always a certain amount of pilfering goes on at these events and whilst the people on the stall will be as vigilant as possible, neither the individual nor the club can accept responsibility for any losses.

Why not come along and help on the stall for an hour or so - that way you can keep an eye on your spares, help the club, and have a good day out. You might also find that elusive part that you have been seeking for ages!!!

If you are willing to volunteer to help out for all or part of the day, or have spares to sell, please contact: David Aylmore - Contact details on the back page.

Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines

Saturday 4th June 2022

Eggesford Airfield



Last year's visit was memorable and we are lucky enough to have been invited again this year. As you may know we are producing a short video depicting "a year in the life of Devon Sevens" and our visit to Eggesford this year will hopefully, weather permitting, include some of the classic and vintage aeroplanes flying, this, and our Sevens will provide some footage for the video.

Tea and coffee will be available . Times tbc but likely to be 11am to 4pm.

If you interested in coming please contact Nick Borst-Smith nickbs@outlook.com or 01363 866819



Sunday 5th June 2022, 09:00-21:00

Re:Fuel Jubilee Sunday

Cullompton

Re:Fuel's Cars and Coffee days are back once again, bigger and better than ever!!

This Re:Fuel event will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee!

We will not be ticketing this event, so it will be on a first-come, first-served basis with ample parking!

Details on location and times will be released nearer to the 5th of June!!

Summer Drive Out Saturday 18th June 2022



Photo of Derek's previous premises

Derek Vertenten has devised an interesting afternoon drive starting from Mole Avon in Crediton at 11am (tbc) and winding its way to his home and workshops near Silverton for afternoon tea.

His workshops will be open and his current rare projects will be on view. For those who have not met him or seen his work, be prepared for perfection.

The view from his home is out of this world too!

To let us know you are coming please contact Nick Borst-Smith
nickbs@outlook.com at or 01363 866 819

HISTORIC VEHICLE GATHERING POWDERHAM Castle, Nr Exeter.

9th & 10th JULY 2022

Organised by the Crash Box & Classic Car Club.



One of the major events this year will be our Club stand at the Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham Castle, Kenton near Exeter. The club will once again cover entry fees for DA7C members who display their cars on our Stand and we plan to have the A7 Centenary as our theme this year.

You can exhibit on one or both days and cars can be left on the stand overnight on Saturday or driven to and from the venue. Space is also available for trailer parking.

The show is organised by the Crash Box & Classic Car club of Devon Ltd, and is widely recognised as one of the very best in the country. It offers a huge range of attractions and displays for all members of the family.

Have a look at their website www.historic-vehicle-gathering.info it really is a great day out.

July may seem a long way in the future, but with the amount of planning necessary for an event of this size, entries need to be in early and the latest date for reserving a space on our stand is **Saturday May 21st** so please don't delay.

An entry form has been sent with the newsletter and should be filled in and sent to Mike Gregson, Penpark, Bickington, Newton Abbot. TQ12 6LH. E-mail mike@penpark.co.uk as soon as possible.

If you would like any more information, just give Mike a ring on 01626 821314.

RHS Garden Rosemoor Classic and Vintage Weekend

RHS Rosemoor, Great Torrington, EX38 8PH

July 30 & 31 2022



We have been invited once again to this excellent show now in its 12th year. The event is held at the Arboretum Lawn on Lady Anne's side of the garden, which gives a beautiful backdrop to the cars.

This is a free to enter event for vehicles, which will provide you with entry to all of Rosemoor Garden for you and a guest. There will be an exhibitor's pop up beverages tent, where you will be able to enjoy free teas and coffees and separate portable toilets will be available just for exhibitors.

There is onsite overnight stays for those of you that have caravans, vans or mobile homes. There will be a professional security person on site for the Friday and Saturday.

Please Note that dogs are not allowed at Rosemoor.

All Devon Sevens entries are being collated by Nick Borst-Smith so please contact him for reservation details. nickbs@outlook.com or 01363 866819

Austin Seven Centenary Rally

Would members who have a confirmed booking for the Centenary Rally at Moreton in Marsh please send their details to Mike Gregson - contact details on the back page. When your committee are aware of who will be at the rally and when, they hope to organise some Devon A7 Club activities during the week.



Some other events recognising the centenary year of the Austin 7

BRITISH GRAND PRIX – Austin Seven Drivers' Parade - July 2022

To celebrate the Centenary year the possibility of Austin Sevens being involved in the Driver's Parade at the British Grand Prix in July 2022 is being explored. The Parade will take place on either Friday 1st or Saturday 2nd July 2022 but the actual date is yet to be decided. Points of interest such as history and pedigree will be considered when selecting the cars for the parade. This will provide a varied selection of cars and give the commentator something interesting to say about each car as they drive round - a selection of 24 cars is being sought. If you would like to be considered for the Driver's Parade, please email a picture of your car and any points of history, interest or pedigree to: supercar@silverstone.co.uk.

NATIONAL AUSTIN SEVEN RALLY AT BEAULIEU - weekend of 3rd July 2022

Come to the 59th A7 rally at this lovely venue in the New Forest - it's always great fun! Entry forms are now online at <https://www.pwa7c.co.uk/events750beaulieu.php>

SEVENS IN THE COTSWOLDS - Friday 22nd July

This could ideal for those attending the Centenary Event or for any Seven owner within striking distance of the area. An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the competition Sevens 100 years ago. Get in touch with Colin or Steve if you would like to take part or would like further information:

colinbromley@yahoo.com phone 07798 687186 or stevekaytwo@btinternet.com phone 01873 830724

THE CLASSIC, SILVERSTONE - AUGUST 2022

The Austin Seven Clubs' Association have been invited to The Classic to be held at Silverstone between **Friday 26th and Sunday 28th August 2022**. To help celebrate the centenary year a dedicated discount booking code has been set up for all Austin Seven owners, giving them a classic car package consisting of two adult admission tickets plus a vehicle display pass. The discounted packages will be available until Tuesday 31st May 2022, subject to availability. Please see full details in the April edition of '*Devon Sevens*'.

SHUTTLEWORTH - FANTASTIC OFFER FOR AUSTIN SEVEN OWNERS - SEPTEMBER 2022

One of the world's most prestigious collections of vintage aircraft and vehicles is held at Shuttleworth, Old Warden, Bedfordshire, and Austin Seven owners are being given the opportunity to visit the Collection on **Saturday 10th September** - which is the 'Moth fly-in' event. De Havilland aircraft of the 1920s and 30s from all over the country will be congregating on the Old Warden airfield.

Full details can be found in the April edition of '*Devon Sevens*'.

Ulster Transport Museum, Belfast

On a recent trip to Belfast (without an Austin 7) we stumbled on a most excellent museum, located just outside the City, right next to their splendid Ulster Folk Museum.

This museum, which is part of National Museums NI, is described as 'one of the most comprehensive collections in Europe' and warrants a whole day visit or even longer - so much to see. We had only limited time and I was anxious to see what Austin 7's contributions were represented. A modern building with imaginatively presented displays in multiple Halls, on descending levels, on a sloping site.

Everything from horse drawn buses, trams, vintage lorries, early cars, vans and motor bikes. The steam locomotives were magnificent – their size, their presentation and exhibition, mighty power and engineering perfection were (and here I am struggling for an adequate superlative, but settling for) 'totally gob-smacking'.

My whistle stop tour noted some extraordinary examples of cars predating the baby Austins, with a 1911 Belsize 10/12 hp made by Marshall & Co catching the eye.

But where was the elusive Austin 7? Tucked away on the lowest floor, among her contemporaries, a modest 1929 Top Hat Saloon, she proudly maintained her rightful place in the history of man's quest for enhanced, independent mobility. Although not apparently hitherto appreciated, the Curator team are now fully apprised of this year's Centenary Event significance.

Well worth a detour, if you are ever in those parts, enjoy a visit – but please allow yourself more time than I had.



1929 Austin Seven Top Hat Saloon



1911 Belsize 10/12hp

Mike Moore

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Bit disconcerting when you have screws and bolts left over after assembly.

Have I missed something or are they 'just in case' fixings?

Remains after putting together a new barbecue!

Viv Gale.



Smelly

I like to take out my Seven when I can around the lanes of Hartland. One of my usual trips is to pick up farm gate eggs. Last week on such a trip I smelled burning plastic as I travelled and put it down to a nearby cottage where such things happen. I travelled on to Hartland Quay and parked to look at the sea and make sure the tide was coming in or going out.

I like going to the Quay, the hill back is very steep and worth the challenge. You don't want to be stuck at the bottom!

The sea was behaving itself so I decided to return home. I pulled the starter knob and there was a clunk from the starter and the same smell of burning plastic I had earlier accounted. I pulled a few more times but nothing happened except the smell got stronger.

I pulled up the bonnet and reached down to pull the starter switch lever by hand. It was burning hot and smoke arose from the switch and my finger. The main ignition cable is also attached to the starter and it started to get hot and very soft. I isolated the battery with its terminal switch and then undid the very hot bolt on top of the starter which connects it to the battery.

I then had to get home. With a piece of wire I connected the battery cable to the ignition wire and with the help of a visitor bump started the car and we 'roared' home.



Switch showing hole burnt in strip. Was there an insulated wheel on that lever end?



This burnt out insulation was inside the switch. Was it riveted onto the spring?

Note rivet mark below hole.

I have removed the switch from the top of the starter motor and can see that inside the switch where the lever pushes up the copper strip to make a contact the insulation between the strip and the lever has fallen away allowing the lever to contact the strip making a direct short between the battery and earth. A hole has been burned through the steel strip which backs the copper. (See photo) A small piece of insulation has detached itself from the spring allowing the cam to touch the metal. Was there an insulated wheel on the cam lever at one time?

My meter showed that the lever only need to be moved about two millimetres for there to be continuity between the battery and earth. It was fortunate that the outside switch spring was strong enough to hold back the cam.

I was lucky that all the wiring didn't go up in smoke though the car still smells of burning plastic.

Viv Gale

Answers to Prize Acrostic in the March newsletter, and well done to our 2 winners.

Hugh Greene The Darkening Sky

They struggled on the loose stones. The path between the knee-high heather and bracken was well worn; in places it had been replaced by steps and in others protected by lengths of Hessian to prevent erosion.

54 Year Restoration

My Austin Seven Van is 90 years old.

My 1932 RN Express Delivery Van, JB1439 was a pile of bits when I bought it from Neil Baldry, in 1968 for £10, which made a big dent in my student loan. At the time I was a student in London staying with relatives in Maidenhead from time to time. I found the van in a local builder's yard which was being cleared for redevelopment. It was painted off white with cherry red wings but no signwriting. A few years later, Neil Baldry started a Van Register but I don't know what became of it.

Sadly the original chassis of my van was rusted beyond repair so it came with a donor chassis of the same vintage, reg. no. JL 229. Back in the day my mode of transport was a tatty 1937 Ruby, which I used to drive in and around London and sometimes down to Devon (8 hours nonstop). So the van was put to one side but eventually found its way to North Devon, still in bits. My father reluctantly allowed me to store parts of it in his barn near Bradworthy and I kept the rest of it in my loft and at the back of my garage in Bideford. I knew the van was incomplete and over the years I collected the missing parts and refurbished the broken bits.

As I approached retirement from my surveying business I realised that if I didn't make a start rebuilding the van it would never happen. I decided the first thing was to shot blast everything made of iron. Most of the bodywork survived this but the iron cant rails and van side panels were in a sorry state. I had to replace the centre sections of the two sides and replace the cant rails with handmade aluminium ones. The timber framing was also in a poor state which meant I had to make and replace about half of it including the laminated wheel arch supports. The original van floor had long since disappeared so that had to be made from scratch. Reassembly started in 2010 and was completed last year after we moved from Bideford to my parent's smallholding near Tamar Lakes on the Devon border with Cornwall. Sadly they didn't live to see the finished vehicle. The only modification I have made is to replace the original 1inch brakes with slightly wider ones; when the van is fully laden with a 5cwt payload you need to be able to stop!

Compared to my Ruby the RN Van drives well but the ride and handling of the Ruby is far superior despite it being only 5 years younger.

JL 229 is booked in to appear at the Centenary Rally in July but just needs a coat of paint and a very elusive and rare metal spare wheel cover. Neil Baldry had one for sale in 1974 for £8. At the time I thought that was a bit rich bearing in mind what I had paid for the whole van! Never mind, there must be another one out there somewhere.



Martin Wright

PUZZLE PAGE

by Julie Eddles

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Stride (4)
3. Ran (8)
9. Tell (7)
10. Indicate (5)
11. Lacking courage (5,7)
13. You might need to do this to your engine (6)
15. Mild (6)
17. Irreconcilable (12)
20. Small and delicate (5)
21. Disturbance (7)
22. Remains too long (8)
23. Enthusiasm (4)

DOWN

1. Protective garment (8)
2. Dog (5)
4. Like better than (6)
5. Defect (12)
6. Missile (7)
7. Obligation (4)
8. Special occasion hat (6,6)
12. Apartment building (8)
14. Advantage (7)
16. Indifference (6)
18. Book (5)
19. Brave man (4)

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SPLIT WORDS

Complete the six letter words in the grid by adding pairs of letters taken from either of the two columns alongside.

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CA				ME	RG
RI				TT	LA
SC				IP	OL
TR				IN	HE
IS				NV	DD

NUMBER CODE

The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Crack the code with the help of the clues for the words numbered 1 to 6, which are all encrypted using the same code and then transfer the letters into the grid to discover the 8 letter word.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

1. 3 4 8 7 Part
2. 6 4 5 3 Acidic
3. 8 2 1 7 Decorative trim
4. 1 5 3 7 Heal
5. 1 3 5 7 8 Merciless
6. 6 1 2 3 7 Frighten

QUADRUPICS

Select the word with the correct definition from the four choices.

1. ERUDITE

a) dull	c) disrespectful
b) impatient	d) educated
2. ACOLITE

a) comet	c) lightweight
b) assistant	d) nun
3. PETARD

a) tabard	c) flower part
b) small bomb	d) pastry
4. LUGUBRIOUS

a) slimy	c) mournful
b) glorious	d) untrustworthy
5. WORRICOW

a) hobgoblin	c) teaser
b) a nag	d) horsefly
6. ALTRUISTIC

a) realistic	c) mean
b) unselfish	d) careful
7. MIRADOR

a) reflection	c) turret
b) copy	d) bullfighter
8. OBSEQUIOUS

a) fawning	c) sly
b) fussy	d) humorous
9. DINKUS

a) game piece	c) symbol
b) wild dog	d) skirmish

Answers on page 13

David's Diary

Well, to my surprise, but with a great sense of achievement, Mabel & I completed our Centenary End to End run on Monday 18th April. I set out from home on Friday the 8th, stayed overnight at Lands End and set off for John o Groats on Saturday morning.

Bearing in mind that the drive to Lands End was the longest days' drive I had ever done in an A7, I really did not know what to expect, or even what sort of distance either I or the car were likely to manage. I had therefore no set timetable and had only pre-booked the first 2 nights accommodation, and those could be amended up to 24hrs before arrival.



In fact, the whole trip went very well, and I will no doubt bore you with the details over the next few Newsletters.

In outline, I stopped at Bristol, Preston, Kilsyth and Inverness before reaching John o Groats around 1pm on Wednesday 13th in very wet, windy and cold conditions.



We made it!!



Dunnet Head, the most northerly point of mainland Britain.

If I reached John o Groats, I never planned to just turn round and head south again as I know just how beautiful the North of Scotland is, particularly the West coast. So, after taking the obligatory photo at JoG, I headed West to the most Northerly point on the mainland at Dunnet Head and onto Thurso for the night. The next 2 days were spent pottering along the superb North and West coast, taking the more remote roads where possible. I camped overnight on Thursday at Ullapool as it was now the Easter Weekend and B & B's were in short supply. The next day saw me in Fort William where I did find a B & B, and Saturday took me to Glencoe and over Rannoch Moor, stopping on another campsite at Moffat.



Campsite with a view at Ullapool

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With all the wonderful Scottish scenery and their deserted roads now behind me, I must admit that the rest of the drive was much more focussed on getting home, so I made good progress on Sunday to just South of Warrington and with an early start, reached home just after 5pm on BH Monday, despite having to divert away from my planned route to avoid the holiday traffic south of Bristol.

According to Mabel's odometer, I covered 2099 miles in 11 days. Average speed was between 30 – 35 mph and the only major issue with the car was a broken spoke on one wheel. Damaged when I hit one of the many large potholes.

I used all A & B roads, avoiding all Motorways and with the possible exceptions of a few sections of the A30 in Cornwall, and the A9 in Scotland, I felt very comfortable driving the 7. The vast majority of other drivers appeared to be much more interested in the car, rather than annoyed or frustrated at being held up. Indeed, on many occasions, cars would continue to follow me at my steady 35 – 40 mph for several miles despite there being easy overtaking places. I can only assume they were taking photos or making sure their Dash Cams got a good video before eventually passing with a cheery wave or toot on the horn.

We are all used to having the 'A7 conversation' when we are out and about, but I had not reckoned with the amount of time it would take to fill up with fuel or stop for supplies on this trip. On several occasions, I literally had people queuing up to speak to me or take photos of Mabel. The trip certainly provided a great opportunity to spread the word about our wonderful little cars.

I will, if anyone is interested, go into a little more detail about the trip next month, but in preparation, I did little more to Mabel than to give her a good service with fresh oil and grease all round. Pete Gilbert kindly checked that the dynamo was working OK and I modified the back seat area to enable me to store some tools, spares, oil & petrol, as well as being able to load my personal luggage and camping gear. Jan made up a tonneau cover for the rear area and that worked very well. Obviously, there is little in the way of security when travelling with a tourer, but at least everything was out of sight and when the hood was down, the tonneau stopped any bits blowing around as well. I also fixed a red & white warning board to the spare wheel and this did make the car much more noticeable on the main roads.



With that trip to prepare for and recover from, there has been no progress with the Box Saloon and 'Ernie', our Milk Delivery Car, is still waiting for his promised run out. Maybe later this month? but for now, Mabel will hopefully be out for the Drive-it Day run to the War Horse Museum on the 24th April.

David.

All dressed up & somewhere to go



Jane Austin all togged-up, ready to convey a beautiful bride to the local Church on her big day.

To better accommodate the fine wedding dress, I find it easier to temporarily remove the front passenger seat completely. This unfortunately exposes a rather ungainly battery box, which I conceal with a wooden plate.

Why 'yellow ribbons' – to match the groom's tie of course!

Mike Moore



You will grow up to be like this if you eat your greens!

Austin Seven Ruby 1936 & Austin John Cooper Works Mini 2016.

Worlds apart but from the same root.

Other captions welcomed!

Viv Gale

I will print any other captions received in next month's Devon Sevens - Editor.

Answers to puzzles on page 10.

Quick Crossword

ACROSS 1. Pace 3. Sprinted 9. Narrate 10. Point 11. Faint hearted 13. Rebores 15. Gentle 17. Incompatible 20. Elfin 21. Trouble 22. Outstays 23. Zest

DOWN 1. Pinafore 2. Corgi 4. Prefer 5. Imperfection 6. Trident 7. Duty 8. Easter bonnet 12. Tenement 14. Benefit 16. Apathy 18. Bible 19. Hero

Number Code

CAROUSEL 1. Role 2. Sour 3. Lace 4. Cure 5. Cruel 6. Scare

Split Words

MARGIN PETROL BUTTON CANVAS RIDDLE SCHEME TRIPOD ISLAND

Quadrupicks

1. (d) educated 2. (b) assistant 3. (b) small bomb 4. (c) mournful 5. (a) hobgoblin 6. (b) unselfish
7. (c) turret 8. (a) fawning 9. (c) symbol

For Sale

1937 A7 Ruby. Drives well and is in good overall condition. Interior appears to be original. Engine & Chassis numbers show it is likely to be the original engine. Will have full mechanical check and 2 new tyres prior to sale. Can be viewed at the Moretonhampstead Motor Museum



£6,500 ono. Contact Frank on 07773 554257 for more details

For Sale



Instrument Panel - £8



Late 1937 3 bearing crankcase - £25

Early Banjo Axle. Bolt on Torque Tube type, but no torque tube or pinion shaft included. Diff and Crown Wheel look to be in good order. Complete with back plates and hubs. Space needed so all sensible offers considered.

Contact John Pine on 01803 851256

For Sale

1936 Ruby & 1934 Box Saloon. Both cars have been in dry storage for 9 years so will need some re-commissioning. Engines turn over on the handle. Interiors are in good overall condition. Bodywork on the Ruby is in better order than the Box but both cars were in regular use before being laid up. Cars are in the Torbay area.



Offers in the region of £5,000 would be considered for each. Please contact David Aylmore for more information or to view. (contact details on back page)

For Sale

Various spares including;- Ruby Chassis, 2 rear mounted petrol tanks, various door handles, late type torque tubes, propshafts, track rods, drag links, oil pump drive, dynamo housing, updraught inlet manifold, exhaust manifolds, early style gear lever, timing gears, fan blades, fan pulley assembly, Ruby throttle pedal, advance/retard steering column assembly, various 19" wheels, 'D' type back axles, complete front axle, L.C. cylinder heads, Alloy brake shoes—both widths, front & rear springs, windscreen wiper motor, water manifolds and lots, lots more small bits.

Please contact Peter Gregson - peter@woodenships.co.uk or tel 07747 826281 for more information.

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Wanted

Usable 4.00 x 17 tyres
Ignition switch (circa 1937)
Any part of the back seat of a 1937 Ruby
Please contact Alan on 01803 882264

For Sale

1939 Forlite Big 7 - EYA 600. Just 80 miles since engine rebuild. Handbook, paperwork, photos etc.



Contact Jeff Horell on
01392 841574 for more details.

For Sale

1935 Austin 7 Opal. Has been stored for over 20 years, following a light restoration.



Please contact Paul Manser on 07833 333538 for further details.

For Sale



Buttercup, a 1937 Ruby, reg. CUR548, can be seen near Taunton.

£6,000 or near offer.

More details from John Miles-Taylor
01823 490595
Email: johnemtee@yahoo.co.uk

Wanted

Sports front spring, flat or 1" camber. Please contact David Aylmore (details on back page)

Wanted

Mounting brackets for brake crosshaft on 1931 (short chassis). Would consider whole assembly - or possibly fit a later (box) crosshaft assembly (larger diameter). Any help or advice gratefully received!

Please call or text Chris on 07546 267229 and he will call you back.

*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)

2022 Events

Club Events

- Wed. May 11th** Dartmoor Ramble and Picnic, starting in Bovey Tracey - see page 3 for details.
- Monday May 16th** Zoom Club Meeting, see page 3 for details
- Sunday May 22nd** DVCC Autojumble – see pages 3 and 4 for details.
- Saturday June 4th** Visit to Eggesford Airfield, details on page 4 or contact Nick Borst-Smith.
- Saturday June 18th** Summer Drive Out, see page 5 for details, or contact Nick Borst-Smith.
- Sat/Sun July 9th & 10th** Historic Vehicle Gathering, Powderham. Full details on page 5.
- Tues/Sun July 19th to 24th** A7 Centenary Rally. Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. Members who have a confirmed booking please notify Mike Gregson (details on back page)
- Sat/Sun July 30th & 31st** Rosemoor Vintage Weekend. Details on page 6, entry forms to Nick Borst-Smith
- Monday Aug. 29th** Merry Harriers Classic Car Show, entry forms not yet available
- Sat/Sun Sept. 10th/11th** Nick Hawkins' 'Pre Widecombe' weekend - details next month, but put the date in your diary.
- Tuesday Sept. 13th** Widecombe Fair, details to follow or contact David Aylmore (details on back page)
- Saturday Sept. 17th** Sidmouth Classic Car Show Entry forms not yet available.

Other Events

- Sat June 4th June.** Classic Vehicle Gathering to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Joint display at The Lawns, Dawlish & The Den, Teignmouth. Contact Angie Weatherhead, Events, Projects and Tourism Officer. Tel: 01626 863388 / 07584 052306 e-mail Projects@dawlish.gov.uk for more details. Entry form also available from David Aylmore (details on back page)
- Sunday June 5th** Re:Fuel Jubilee Sunday - see page 4.
- Sun June 12th** Lynmouth Valley Classic Car Show. Contact lynvalleyclassic@gmail.com or see www.lynvalleyclassic.co.uk for full details and an entry form.
- Sun July 3rd** Beaulieu A7 National Rally. The special theme for this event is **Austin 7s of the 1920s**. Entry forms available on the Pre-War A7 Club website. www.pwa7c.co.uk or from David Aylmore.
- Sat/Sun July 2nd & 3rd** Chickerell Steam & Vintage Show. Contact e-mail – info@chickerellsteamshow.uk or look at www.chickerellsteamshow.uk for full details
- Sunday July 17th** Dawlish Classic Vehicle Gathering, The Lawns, Dawlish. Contact Angie Weatherhead, Events, Projects and Tourism Officer. Tel: 01626 863388 / 07584 052306 e-mail Projects@dawlish.gov.uk for more details. Entry form also available from David Aylmore.
- Saturday July 23rd** Honiton Lions Club Classic Car/Vehicle Show, to include a classic car run around the town. Details at www.honitonlions.org.uk or from Kevin Linsdell on 01404 42464 or 07855 249638.
- Friday/Sunday Aug. 5th to 7th** Torbay Steam Fair. Entry forms available on www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk or from David Aylmore.
- Sat/Sun August 6th/7th** West Somerset Railway Association, Steam & Vintage Vehicle Rally, Norton Fitzwarren Fields, TA4 1BH. More details from Rob Lindley on 01823 433315, email: roblindley59@gmail.com or see the website: www.steamrally.org.uk
- Sat. August 13th** Throwleigh Village Fete - 2pm start. Details from Pete Gilbert on 07879 483529
- Thurs. August 18th** Chagford Show. Entry form from DMA or email Penny Keen, chagfordshow@gmail.com tel 07511778641 more info at www.chagfordshow.co.uk
- Sat. August 20th** Dalwood Fair - details next month.
- Sunday August 28th** Seaton Carnival Committee Classic Vehicle Show on Seaton Esplanade. Enquiries to June Millman on 01297 599625 or email: june.m@talktalk.net
- Sat/Sun Sept. 17th/18th** Somerset County Show, Taunton Racecourse. More info from Sharon Mitchell, 01823 476250 OR 07739964843 www.somersetcountyshow.co.uk
- Link for car entry form - <https://showingscene.com/events/somerset-county-show-sep-2022/classic-vehicles>

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.

www.devonsevens.co.uk - welcome to the website for the Devon Austin 7 Club. The Club Website is currently undergoing some changes, so it might not be fully functional at times. We hope that once the improvements have been completed it will have a more modern look and will be much easier for us to keep up to date.

Don't forget you can also follow the **Devon Austin Seven Club** on our Facebook page.



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
Austin 7 Spares/Cars for sale Group

For advice on how to make the best use of our website you can contact Nick Borst-Smith at:
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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 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.

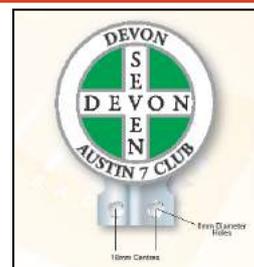
Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

Lapel Badge.

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 David Aylmore by phone, post or e-mail or can be collected from any club event.

Contact details are on the back page.



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

Copy for inclusion in the June issue should be with me by **Wednesday 18th May 2022** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday 25th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.

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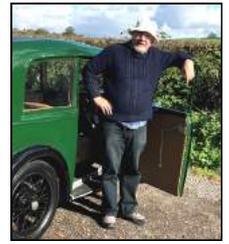


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