



# Devon Sevens

June 2023

Newsletter for

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## The Devon A7 Club



Refreshment stop at Withypool

A taste of the recent drive around beautiful Exmoor arranged by Steph & Doug Whittlestone - 8 Austins and a couple of friends from the Morris Register.



Plenty of photo opportunities



A really good, if chilly, day - and it stayed dry - a bonus after the heavy rain in the days leading up to the run. Thank you Steph and Doug.



## Secretary's Notes

I am very pleased to be able to let you know that we have a new Membership Secretary. Joe Rowing has kindly agreed to take over this role and he will also be the point of contact for the sale of any of the Club Badges, so thank you Joe, that has lifted a big chunk of admin. off my desk.

I still feel that the Club would benefit from someone in the role of 'Events Co-ordinator' and just to confirm that this need not involve becoming a committee member if that would work better for you. If you would like more details of what would be involved, please get in touch.

Further down this page you will find an updated list of tools which are available on loan to any Club Member. Please contact me if you need any more information or indeed if you have another tool which you would be willing to loan out to members.

The closing date for entries on our stand at the Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham is fast approaching and full details can be found on page 4. We are now just about full for Saturday, but have some space on Sunday so if you would like to come along, please send in your entry as soon as possible. Your car does not have to be in showroom condition or a rare model, all A7s are welcome and don't forget that you get free entry to the showground for the driver and 1 passenger.

*David*



## Club Tool Loan Scheme

Any Club Member can ask to borrow one or more tools free of charge. There will be a refundable deposit of £20 to be paid, in cash if the tools are collected, or by BACS to the Club Bank Account if they are to be posted. The cost of postage to be met by the Club Member.

Request for any tool can be sent by e-mail or by telephone to the Club Secretary, David Aylmore. Contact details on the back page.

### **These are the tools that are available:-**

Brake shoe adjustment gauge.

Clutch alignment tool.

Clutch plate riveting anvil.

Cylinder Head & Block core plug punches.

Flywheel fitting spacer.

Front main bearing removal jig.

Guide for drilling out broken cylinder head stud.

Tool for drifting front main bearing onto crankshaft.

Tool for drifting rear main bearings onto crankshaft.

Tool for removing rear spring bolt.

Wheel bearing drifts.

King Pin reamer.

Stud removal socket set.

Engine lifting rig using 2 x spark plug threads (14mm & 18mm available)

*Note this tool can also be used to lift a 'stuck' cylinder head from the engine block.*



# D DAY COMMEMORATION

June 3rd & 4th 2023

## FOX & GRAPES, LIFTON

Meet the Devon Military Vehicle Trust, the Cornwall Military Vehicle Trust and the Southwest WW2 Re-enactment Society.

Remembrance of the fallen and tribute to Private Bill Millin (the mad piper)

See how Lifton looked in the 1940s with the Lifton History Group.

Evening Entertainment in the Coronation Hall, with the Hummingbirds

(1940s swing band playing music and songs of the era)



Free entry for vehicles, Camping available for the weekend (£5 flat rate).

Tickets for the evening entertainment, £5.00 per person.

Entry form on the Devon A7 Club website or available from David (details on back page) or contact

The Fox & Grapes on 01566 471732 , e-mail: [foxandgrapespub@gmail.com](mailto:foxandgrapespub@gmail.com)



## Zoom Club Night



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

**Monday 19th June at 7pm**

A chance to have a chat with fellow A7 enthusiasts

**The Zoom link will be sent out by e-mail during the week preceding the meeting.**



The 'Golden Jubilee' 60th

National *Austin Seven* Rally

**Beaulieu - Sunday 2nd July 2023**

The largest annual gathering of Austin Seven enthusiasts, vehicles and trade suppliers.

Special Display:

**'COMMERCIAL & MILITARY SEVENS**

**+ BIG SEVENS**



Entry forms available on the PWA7C website: [www.pwa7c.co.uk](http://www.pwa7c.co.uk)

Rally Organiser: Ian Nelson  
[ian.s.nelson@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.s.nelson@btinternet.com)

07803 888585





# HISTORIC VEHICLE GATHERING

## POWDERHAM Castle, Nr Exeter.

8th & 9th JULY 2023

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 pay entry fees for DA7C members who display their cars on our Stand.

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](http://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 27th** so please don't delay.

An entry form has been sent with the newsletter and should be filled in and sent to Richard Bishop, 40 Feltrim Avenue, Exeter, EX2 4RP e-mail: [rchrdbshp7@gmail.com](mailto:rchrdbshp7@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

If you would like any more information, just drop Richard an e-mail or telephone David on 01626 852259

**Please note** - time is running out for getting your entry in for this event. The stand is just about full for Saturday but there is still some space for Sunday. If you would like to bring your Austin along please send your entry in as soon as possible.



## RHS Garden Rosemoor Classic and Vintage Weekend

RHS Rosemoor, Great Torrington, EX38 8PH

July 29th and 30th 10am - 4pm

The event is held at the Arboretum Lawn on Lady Anne's side of the garden, which gives a beautiful backdrop to the cars. There's always an eclectic range of vintage and classic cars, motorcycles, tractors and caravans - a chance to reminisce about the good old days. There will also be Punch and Judy, steam traction engine rides, vintage games and food and drink available - something for the whole family.

Learn all about civilian life during the Second World War in the Stream Field with 1940's re-enactors or enjoy music from a bygone era, with 1940's singers and Lindy Hop Dancing.



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 a pop up beverages tent where exhibitors will be able to enjoy free teas and coffees, and also separate portable toilets will be available for exhibitors.

Caravans, vans and camper vans etc can stay on site overnight - if you plan to stay on site, please state this on your vehicle entry form. There are no shower facilities, but a toilet block will be available overnight.

Vehicle entry forms are available on the club's website or from Nick Borst-smith, or David Aylmore (contact details on back page). **Please send your entry form directly to Rosemoor**, but let Nick B-S know that you plan to attend so that he can arrange the space for DA7C members to park together:

[nickbs@outlook.com](mailto:nickbs@outlook.com) or 01363 866819

**Please Note that dogs are not allowed at Rosemoor (unless they are registered assistance dogs)**

## Silverstone Festival August 25th - 27th

Join thousands of Classics and take centre stage with your car in our dedicated display area.

The best historic motorsport • unrivalled paddock access

A packed schedule • live music • off-track fun for all

Make it your weekend of family fun

More information at: [www.silverstone.co.uk/classic-car-clubs](http://www.silverstone.co.uk/classic-car-clubs)

Our club's exclusive display package code is : 23CCD165



Derek and Jane Vertenten have asked me to thank people for their generous cash donations made during their recent 'Run with a View'. Jane passed the money on to her friend Sharon, who donated it to Breast Cancer, as her daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer at Christmas and is currently going through chemo before having surgery. Sharon and her husband Keith were very taken aback and have sent the following message of thanks:

*"We would just like to say a huge thank you for the kind donation Jane presented us with today, for Ali, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. It means so much to us to know that others are thinking of her as she goes through her journey, and the money will be carefully used. Thank you for your kindness, we really appreciate it.*

*With love from Sharon, Keith and Ali. xxx"*

# PUZZLE PAGE

by Julie Eddles

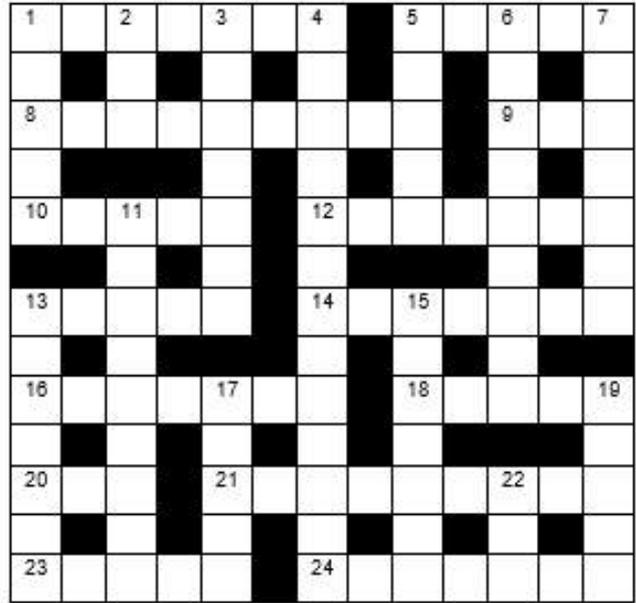
## QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- 1. Comfy seat pad (7)
- 5. Assisted (5)
- 8. Facial hair (9)
- 9. Pinch (3)
- 10. A Cathedral cleric (5)
- 12. Infinite, eternal (7)
- 13. Wild parties (5)
- 14. Aromatic herb (7)
- 16. Italian racing car pioneer (7)
- 18. Group of nine (5)
- 20. Consume (3)
- 21. Opera singer, Luciano ..... (9)
- 23. Stories (5)
- 24. Boils gently (7)

**DOWN**

- 1. Cartoon magazine for children (5)
- 2. Worthless old coin (3)
- 3. Means (7)
- 4. Decorative neck cloths (13)
- 5. Edit (5)
- 6. Garden weed (9)
- 7. Part payment (7)
- 11. Ship's course plotter (9)
- 13. Theft (7)



- 15. Childish outburst of rage (7)
- 17. Sorts (5)
- 19. Works hard at (5)
- 22. Male neckware (3)

### ONE WORD TWO MEANINGS

Insert a word into the space between each of the following pairs of words, which has the same meaning as the word or words on either side of it.

1. TRIFLES	_ _ _ _ _	Y-JUNCTION
2. CHINK	_ _ _ _ _	PRISON
3. WATERSOURCE	_ _ _ _ _	FIT
4. SEVERE	_ _ _ _ _	AFT
5. TWISTED	_ _ _ _ _	INJURY
6. CUP	_ _ _	FACE
7. BEAT	_ _ _ _ _	ENCLOSURE
8. FOODBASKET	_ _ _ _ _	IMPEDE
9. SIDLE	_ _ _ _ _	RIM
10. FIRE A GUN	_ _ _ _ _	SPROUT
11. GET SUPINE	_ _ _	FIB
12. FOOD	_ _ _ _ _	LARVA

### SPIRAL

Starting with 1, enter the first of the four letter words going clockwise towards the following number. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next, creating one long chain of words in a spiral.



- 1. Attic
- 9. Church song
- 2. Carry
- 10. Without feeling
- 3. Work for
- 11. Account
- 4. Cut
- 12. Secure
- 5. Joint
- 13. Eager
- 6. Way out
- 14. Want
- 7. Net
- 15. Silly
- 8. Heave
- 16. Sharp

*See page 12 for the answers to these puzzles*

## David's Diary

Our month started with a rather disappointing Drive-it-Day, as the event I planned to attend was cancelled at the last minute due to the previous day's very wet weather. Dawlish Council, quite understandably did not want 'The Lawns' turned into a ploughed field by a hundred or so Vintage and Classic cars. A great shame as the weather on the day itself was dry and sunny. I headed down to Dawlish in 'Ernie' our Milk Delivery Car, anyway as I had arranged to meet up with John Pine from Brixham, and my phone call to let him know of the event cancellation was 5 mins after he had left. We did enjoy an hour or so's chat and a good bacon roll sitting by Dawlish Water, before he set off home and I went for a drive around Dawlish Warren, Starcross and Newton Abbot. Unfortunately, I omitted to take any photos, for which I feel very guilty, having banged on so many times about everyone sending in pictures when they are out and about with their cars – Jan gave me a score of 7/10 – Must do better!!!!

A couple of weeks later and we trailered 'Mabel' our 4 seat tourer up to a campsite at Bridgetown in the Exe Valley for a few days. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May we joined up with 7 other A7s and a couple of members from the Morris Register for a tour around Exmoor organised by Steph and Doug Whittlestone. We had a really lovely day starting with an excellent breakfast at The



Anchor Inn at Exebridge followed by tea and scones at Withypool. After a few more challenging hills and lanes, we were back at Exebridge for an early evening drink. Thank you Steph and Doug for arranging a lovely day.



The weather dawned fine the next day so Jan and I headed out on our own over Dunkery Beacon to Horner for a short walk and the inevitable cuppa in the excellent tea garden there. We retraced our route back over Dunkery, but the two mile 1 in 4 climb proved to be too much for Mabel who boiled up a few hundred yards from the top. – *Note to self – Always check the water level before setting out, especially when you have done a 50 mile Exmoor drive the previous day – my score dropped to 5/10 needs improvement!!!.*

Luckily the long downhill section from the Beacon cooled the engine down and after topping up at the garage at Wheddon Cross we trundled safely back to the campsite. All in all a very enjoyable couple of days.

Also this month I have been pleased to have the opportunity to help a lady who contacted me a while back to ask if I could advise on the best way to sell the 2 A7s that she had inherited from her late husband. The cars had been laid up in a dry garage for 10+ years but had been well looked after. Pete Gilbert agreed to come to help me and with just a few hours of tinkering, both were up and running. We did identify a few minor issues, but nothing that wouldn't be expected from having stood for so long. Pete was however able to drive them both around the garden and the look of pleasure on the owner's face was worth all the effort. Both cars are now for sale, but only to an A7 enthusiast who, in the owners words, "*will use and cherish them in the same way as Kenny, my husband did*" I have put more details and some photos in the 'For Sale' section on page 14. Please contact me for more information or if you would like to view either of the cars. They are both in really very good order.

Our next planned A7 trip will be to visit Michael Thorne's tractor collection on the 20<sup>th</sup> May followed by the autojumble on the 21<sup>st</sup> – Busy, Busy, Busy!!

*Happy Austineering.*

*David.*

## ***National Drive it Day 2023 - on the border***

Hands-up, confession time, got my dates wrong - I missed it!

Jane Austin is reasonably fettled-up and raring to go, weather was much better and spoilt for choice on which meet to attend. The word 'reasonably' is however not to be taken too seriously.

Where did I choose to go? Of all places, we had booked an away weekend at Porlock. Since I can first remember, the very name Porlock has been synonymous with Austin Sevens and doubtless a perpetual challenge, even perhaps to the more formidable 'double-barrel' named types of our fraternity who, I imagine gallop up and down the said Hill at least five times before breakfast!

(Doesn't sound quite right, but in this age of everybody being called Guys, I see that fraternity, although definitions include 'brotherhood' can also relate to an organisation, so that includes all persuasions?)

We were staying in Porlock Weir at the 'Bottom Ship'. For any unfamiliar with the location, Porlock has several pubs, two of which are called The Ship – hence Top Ship and Bottom Ship respectively.

Bottom Ship is handy to what passes as the Quayside, with a few often stranded, brave yachts, bracing sea air blasting across the Bristol Channel from Wales and an ideal venue for a would be Boaty type. Although I've already 'fessed-up, I think, taking the Austin on such a weekend could conceivably be construed as 'pushing my luck just too far'? Even Sam Barker elected to stay behind!

Bottom Ship is uniquely located on the Somerset/Devon border by the South West Coast Path. In fact, it's so close, that I think the said path actually runs through the bar, which is conveniently open all day and half the night, with a constant stream of fit looking types with haversacks, boots and poles, intent on topping-up their hydration before tackling the ascent up the coast path. (Hopefully 'fit looking' types can be taken as gender neutral?)

So, there we were – no boat, no Seven and no Drive-it Day, just sitting outside the pub enjoying the second pint of the day. Then, out of the Blue, on a bright Sunday morning, two magnificent cars rocked-up, both Alvis, with their entourage. I'm not sure if they even knew that it was the auspicious day?



Both cars were understood to be of c 1928 vintage, with the 'black beauty' being a reconstruction of an earlier racing model. For the mechanically uninitiated like myself, they were the epitome of excellence - with magnificent powerfulness, class and presentation.

(I can imagine this minefield of a piece already has our esteemed Editor reaching for her blue pen for potential flagrant PC violations!)

On hearing of our visit, my son who is an avid cycling enthusiast, having an 8-ounce bike or similar, with 4 or 5 times more gears than the RN, said: 'Porlock Hill – it's on my bucket-list of rides to do'.

*Mike Moore*

## More Drive it Day outings

### Michael Tabcart met up with friends

Philip Snell and I had a meet up at Seaton sea front and then joined in with a short drive with my Morris register friends, over to the Honey Farm near Blackbury Camp. After our coffee and cake Philip and I adjourned to Axmouth and had lunch at the Ship PH. The weather stayed fine until after I got home, which was good.



### Mark Nutbeen enjoyed a trip around Somerset

Out today around Cheddar, Wells and Priddy in the Mendip Hills, Somerset, a lot of interest was shown to our Ruby by the Vincent owners club meet at the Hunters Lodge in Priddy. Travelled around 50 miles today and luckily managed to avoid the showers.



### Chris managed to fit in two trips for Drive it Day

I didn't exactly manage to get to an A7 event, but I have recently got my Dad's Austin 8 going and so he and I took that to Buckfastleigh station where there was a good gathering. The car wasn't too sure about the rain which arrived just after lunch – by which I mean it mysteriously stopped as I was halfway across pulling out on a main road in the pouring rain! Anyhow, once it stopped raining it came back to life and got back to home and I'm none the wiser as to what the issue was.

And then, I thought I should take the Austin 10 out for a run over the moor since the sky looked more promising. As I had guessed there were quite a few classics out and about, so we exchanged waves and beeps – and to prove it here's a picture of the kids and dog at the top of Widecombe hill doing a good impression of not being cold!



## My interest in Austin Sevens



This picture is of me and my very new wife leaving our wedding reception in Annie in 1964. When I was an impecunious student I was offered the chance to buy Annie in 1963 for £20. When I proudly drove up to the parental home, I was greeted by my Dad, who said, "You haven't bought that have you?" He was assured that I had, to which he replied, "Oh well, I suppose it will go a long way in a long time." I guess he was right, we went to Cornwall for our honeymoon in 1964, taking three days to get there from Cambridge.

We spent a great summer holiday together, where I was working 5 and a half days a week to pay for our flat and grub. We went round lots of pretty villages in the car taking a picnic with us on Sundays. I guess it was that happy memory which stayed with me for ever, and cemented my interest in Austin Sevens.

A couple of years ago as my wife's health deteriorated, and I needed an absorbing hobby, and remembering my early motoring days I discovered the Devon Austin Seven Club, where I have learnt a lot about these dear wee cars from the very knowledgeable membership. I bought my Annabelle MV 3057 a couple of years or so ago, and got to know Mike Moore, who found Annie again for me, and I was able to buy her back last year, much to my delight. A complete rewire by Pete Gilbert and the front suspension completely rebuilt by Richard Bishop left me with some upholstery jobs. David our secretary was kind enough to tell me of a source of materials for upholstery the main job being to fit a ceiling under the roof. The following 2 pictures are of work in progress.



Previous owners of Annie had made some strange decisions and much has had to be done to her since I bought her back. I have made several visits to Richard Bishop's address in Exeter, and have been greatly helped by him. I do hope he doesn't think I have taken advantage of his generous help too much.

I now await to hear from a firm in Swansea which has the speedometer for refurbishing and then it will just be the usual servicing and so on to do. I hope to be able to drive to many events without having to use a trailer as I had to with Annabelle in the past.

Here is Annie parked up next to Philip Snell's Ruby waiting to go out for Drive it Day with my Morris Register chums.



*Michael Tabcart*

## Out and About

Steve Herwin has certainly been getting out and about recently:



On Coronation Day, I took my Chummy up to a friend's street party with my grandson Jimmy, his partner Charlotte and my great-grandson Elijah. Apparently the Chummy's arrival 'made the afternoon'!



Our Chummy travelled 15 miles east, deep into the South Hams, for an open gardens event in support of St Luke's Hospice. I invited one and all to sit in the Chummy for a photo and did my best to answer the questions which varied from the super informed to one person who asked if the temperature gauge pointed in the direction the car needed to go!! A collection tin was pleasingly full by the end of the afternoon. Great weather and a great day out.



### OP goes to work

On Tuesday I run a coffee bar for folks that need somewhere to chat and relax, the arrival of the Chummy was the cause of much excitement and stimulated plenty of chatting and reminiscing! Many photos were taken and all who wanted to had a sit in. It was particularly rewarding to watch the more physically able help others to get in and out of the car. OP will be visiting again!



Michael Tabcart says, "Max and I went over to Axminster to get some specialist shampoo for him in the Pet Shop. You can just see Max peering over the steering wheel as though he thinks he should be driving."

# Gez and Josies' Incredible Adventure

By Gez Parton

Many of you will know me from Facebook and various events around the country. In 2021, one of my Austin 7s called Josie, drove from Findon to John O'Groats to Lands' End and back to Findon. In 2022 we drove to the Scottish Austin 7 Rally and in July attended the Centenary Rally in the Cotswolds.

Josie is a 1936 Austin 7 Mk 1 Pearl that I have owned for 12 years.

This year we plan to travel the whole of mainland Great Britain (including Scotland and Wales) via the coast.

We are doing this to raise money for the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution). This journey will be approximately 5,000 miles and will take Josie and I about a month to complete during the summer. Given that on one infamous occasion we broke down 30 seconds after leaving the house, this is clearly going to be a challenge!

As you all know we have a fantastic network of Austin 7 owners in the UK and we hope to stay with many of you on our travels. A bed, a garden or even a field that I can sleep in for one night would be an amazing help. If you are able and willing to provide me with some form of accommodation, please email me.

I have set up a Just Giving Page, and if you would like to donate to this amazing cause, the link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gez-parton-1679494033534>

If you are interested in seeing my itinerary and route please email me at [gezparton@hotmail.com](mailto:gezparton@hotmail.com).



## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 6

### Quick Crossword

#### Across

- |            |             |              |           |           |               |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Cushion | 5. Aided    | 8. Moustache | 9. Nip    | 10. Canon | 12. Endless   |
| 13. Raves  | 14. Catmint | 16. Bugatti  | 18. Nonet | 20. Eat   | 21. Pavorotti |
| 23. Yarns  | 24. Simmers |              |           |           |               |

#### Down

- |            |               |             |                  |           |              |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Comic   | 2. Sou        | 3. Intends  | 4. Neckerchieves | 5. Amend  | 6. Dandelion |
| 7. Deposit | 11. Navigator | 13. Robbery | 15. Tantrum      | 17. Types | 19. Toils    |
| 22. Tie    |               |             |                  |           |              |

### Centre Words

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|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRIVIA | 2. CLINK  | 3. WELL | 4. STERN  | 5. WOUND | 6. MUG   |
| 7. POUND  | 8. HAMPER | 9. EDGE | 10. SHOOT | 11. LIE  | 12. GRUB |

### Spiral

- |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. LOFT  | 2. TOTE  | 3. EARN  | 4. NICK  | 5. KNEE  | 6. EXIT  |
| 7. TRAP  | 8. PUSH  | 9. HYMN  | 10. NUMB | 11. BILL | 12. LOCK |
| 13. KEEN | 14. NEED | 15. DAFT | 16. TART |          |          |

### Wanted

We have several members looking to buy an A7, so if you know of any cars for sale, please let David Aylmore know - contact details on back page.

### Wanted

6 volt Cut-Out for A7 Ruby. Contact Alan Smith:- 01803 882264

### For Sale

1935 Austin 12 Ascot. Very solid car but some minor work required. Starts well, runs smoothly. New brake linings. Good tyres. Car is near Exeter. Just not being driven as I have an A7 and until recently an A10.

**£6000 ono.** David Kernick 07584 562629 e-mail: [dkernick@gmail.com](mailto:dkernick@gmail.com)



### For Sale

1936 Ruby. It runs and stops, chassis seems good but the cabin gets smoky once the engine is hot, although there is little blue smoke from the exhaust. Will probably need tyres fairly soon. Original number plate.

**£4,500** More photos and details from Andy Scarrott at: [andy.scarrott@gmail.com](mailto:andy.scarrott@gmail.com)



### For Sale

1929 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer, restored in 2002 by previous owner and resprayed maroon/black. For more information and photos contact Steve Kennedy at: [steve.kennedy419@gmail.com](mailto:steve.kennedy419@gmail.com)

**Offers over £10,000**



### For Sale

1936 Austin 7 Ruby, gloss black paintwork with green interior, 63,927 miles. Lovely restored condition. Engine rebuild in 2014 at a cost of nearly £4,000. Lots of paperwork and manuals. Sliding sunroof and opening hinged windscreen. Delivery available at cost.

Contact Carol Stafford at: [cestafford1@gmail.com](mailto:cestafford1@gmail.com)

**Offers around £9,500**



## For Sale

### **Austin Seven Chummy.**

First registered on 30.05.1928

In present ownership since 1995 when it was re-registered with an age related plate following a full restoration. History and information from previous 2 owners is available.

**£12,500**



### **Austin Seven Nippy.**

1936 Re-registered in 01.12.1995 with the original number after a complete restoration. Full photo record of restoration available.

**Offers in excess of £17,000**



Both cars are, overall, in excellent order but will require re-commissioning as they have been off the road for 10yrs. Both are on SORN.

For more information, please contact David Aylmore. Details on the back page.



## Events

### **Regular Monthly Meetings**

#### **1st Thursday monthly, 8pm**

Combined BSAOC Tamar Valley Group/DA7C/CA7C meet at the Fox and Grapes, Lifton (landlord is DA7C member Philip Hockin) Contact Philip for details: [philip.hockin@gmail.com](mailto:philip.hockin@gmail.com)

#### **2nd Wednesday monthly**

The North Devon A7 Group have an evening run out or visit in the North Devon area. If you would like to join them please contact Chris Hartnoll on [chartnoll@icloud.com](mailto:chartnoll@icloud.com) for details.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly** at 7pm. Members Zoom meetings with a Guest speaker every 3 months if possible.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly,**

DA7C Members are invited to join the Somerset Sevens who meet at the Lamb & Lion, Hambridge, TA10 0AT at around 7.00 p.m. (Note some winter meetings are changed to lunchtime.) Contact Anne Whellock on 01460 66434 for more details

#### **Every Sunday morning,**

DA7C Members are invited to join the Somerset Sevens who meet at Upton Bridge Farm, Long Sutton, TA10 9NQ, from 9am - 12noon for a Cars and Coffee gathering.

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## **Provisional 2023 Events**

- Sat/Sun June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>** D Day Commemoration at the Fox & Grapes, Lifton see page 3 for details
- Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>** Beamish Reliability Trial - Start & Finish Beamish Museum, Co. Durham. 155 mile route around the Yorkshire Dales - Entry form & route available on [www.devonsevens.co.uk](http://www.devonsevens.co.uk) or Contact Nick Borst-Smith for more information.
- Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>** National A7 Rally – Beaulieu. Entry form available on the Devon A7 Club Website or from the Pre-War Austin Seven Club [www.pwa7c.co.uk](http://www.pwa7c.co.uk) .
- Sat/Sun July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** Historic Vehicle Gathering, Powderham. Full details on page 4.
- Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>** Ideford Vintage Fayre, 11am - 5pm, postcode TQ13 0AE. Vintage and classic cars, vintage tractors, motorbikes, stalls etc. More details from [idefordfayre@gmail.com](mailto:idefordfayre@gmail.com) or from David Aylmore.
- Sat. July 29<sup>th</sup>** Honiton & District Lions Classic Car Day at the Allhallows Ground. Information from Michael Tabcart, Entry forms from David Aylmore (contact details on back page). Michael has attended this event before and found it very enjoyable.
- Sat/Sun July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** Rosemoor Vintage Weekend, Great Torrington, Details on page 5
- Friday/Sunday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** Torbay Steam Fair. Full details later in the year but we hope to link up with the Devon Vintage Car Club as in 2022.
- Sunday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** North Devon Festival of Transport, Bideford. Entry form from David (details on back page), or on the DA7C website or Clare Kane on: [ndsccecsec@gmail.com](mailto:ndsccecsec@gmail.com)
- Thursday Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>** Chagford Show Entry form from Paul Greenwood e-mail [vintage.chagfordshow@gmail.com](mailto:vintage.chagfordshow@gmail.com) More information at [www.chagfordshow.co.uk](http://www.chagfordshow.co.uk)
- Sunday Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** Chanters Classic Car Show – Ottery St. Mary. Details to follow later.
- Sunday Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** Seaton Carnival Classic Car Show – Contact Mike Tabcart (details on back page).
- Monday Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>** Merry Harriers Classic Car Show. **This show has been cancelled.**
- Tuesday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** Widecombe Fair. Details to follow, or contact David Aylmore, details on back page.
- Saturday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Sidmouth Classic Car Show.



**Planning is at an early stage for the following events and no definite dates have been set. More details will be included in future newsletters.**

Taster Trial at a venue near Bickington, S. Devon. Tests and ground to be chosen suit all A7's, non-competitive and non-damaging.

Workshop meeting at Payhembury Nr Exeter.

Breakfast Run to Re-Fuel Nr. Cullompton.

## Keeping in touch with the Devon Austin 7 Club

Remember that as well as the Monthly Newsletters you can keep in touch and up to date daily with both our Facebook Page: Devon Austin Seven Club and the Website: [www.devonsevens.co.uk](http://www.devonsevens.co.uk)



### Also of interest:

[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  
Austin 7 Spares/Cars for sale Group



## DA7C badges for sale

### 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.

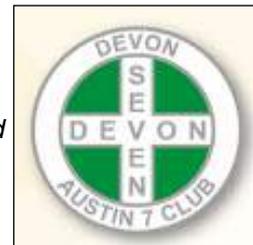
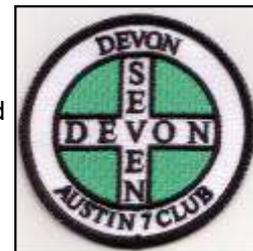
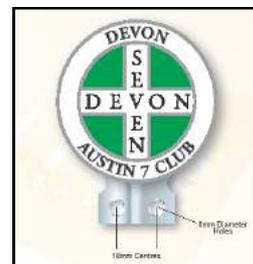
Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

### 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 Joe Rowing by phone or e-mail or can be collected from any club event.*

*Contact details are on the back page.*



## July 2023 Newsletter

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Copy for inclusion in the July 2023 issue should be with me by **Wednesday June 21st 2023** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday June 28th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.

## Devon Austin 7 Club - Officers & Committee members 2023/24

You will notice that the full postal addresses have been removed from this page. This is to protect your Committee Members' privacy, as the Newsletter is freely available for anyone to view on the internet. If you need to know a Committee Member's postal address, please feel free to give them a call. Below, you will see the phone number and email address of each committee member, together with the general area of our region in which they live.

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