



# Devon Sevens

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Newsletter for

## The Devon A7 Club



### Mid Week Run on Dartmoor





### **Hon Sam Barker RIP 2011 - 2024**

Following his retirement as Club Mascot this year and shortly after his 13th Birthday, Sam passed away peacefully.

He enjoyed life, acting as navigator, going to A7 events especially Widdecombe & Sidmouth and eating - in reverse order.

Mike & Ann were privileged to have adopted him as part of the family in 2016.

He now rests quietly under the trees at home in Burridge, along with 4 others of his Labrador brothers.

### **New Members**

We welcome 3 new members to the DA7C this month, and look forward to seeing them out and about with their cars very soon:

Jolyon Lomax lives in Wincanton, owns a black 1936 Ruby and is often out with the 'Somerset Sevens' group.

Graham King from Falmouth owns a 1934 AAK Tourer. Graham tells us that the car has a non standard chrome rad, fitted during wartime, as well as a 750cc Reliant engine.



Jim Dean from Denbury near Newton Abbot owns a black 1930 RL Saloon name Daisy. Jim says, "I was briefly a member some years ago, when I first bought the car, but various things happened which meant that I couldn't spend any time or money getting her on the road. Well now she's fixed and running, although still far from perfect. I only go on short journeys and try to avoid steep hills!"

## Secretary's Notes

Last month I asked if any member would like to take on the role of either Minutes' Secretary or Regalia officer and I was very pleased to receive one offer of help as Minutes' Secretary. However, there is a technical problem which needs to be overcome first. The member interested only has an iPad for e-mail communication and that may well not cope with writing the minutes and circulating them. So, another request for help. Does anyone have a redundant Windows Laptop that they would be willing to donate or lend to the Club? Please get in touch if you can help.



With regards to the Regalia Officers role, Viv, our Chaiman has done all the groundwork to set up an On-Line shop for Devon A7 Club badged clothing and this should be ready to go by early July. However, without someone to act as the point of contact, we do not feel confident to open it up to all members. Please do give this some thought and let me know if you are willing to help.

A few months ago, I mentioned that the Magazine produced by the Federation of British Historical Vehicle Clubs could be viewed by our members on-line. Having just received my printed copy of the latest edition, I thought it worth reminding you that if you first register at <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/register> then you can view the full Magazine.

On page 8 John Turley has picked out one article from the June edition about 'Petrol Volatility'. I must admit to not fully understanding it all, but the one interesting fact is that they change the volatility of petrol, somehow, from summer to winter and the winter 'formula' petrol could cause problems if used in hot weather. Who knew??

Another interesting article came up in the Essex Newsletter about a product I had not heard of:- 'Plastigauge'.



The product is in fine strips and by squeezing one in-between two surfaces and then comparing the width of the flattened strip, the clearance can be accurately measured. In the article, it had been used successfully to measure the clearance between a crankshaft journal and a white metallised con-rod. Have a look at [How Plastigauge Works - Plastigauge ®](#) for more information.

There has been much discussion recently both between club members and in the wider A7 world about Public Liability Insurance at Shows and events. This prompted the A7CA Insurance Liaison Officer, David Mawby, to seek some clarification from the main A7 insurer – RH and this is the response from Emma Airey, their chief executive.

*"With regard to the comments re Public Liability cover, there is often confusion between public liability vs third party liability.*

*Motor insurance policies do not give Public Liability cover, which is in line with the standard approach throughout the motor insurance industry.*

*Comprehensive motor insurance policies do give third party liability cover which provides cover for the policyholder whilst on private property. This could be pulling onto your drive, driving in a supermarket car park, or at a show/event - with the exception in most cases where the vehicle is airside or on a motor racing circuit.*

*This means that, in the event you are driving your vehicle and you collide with a third party (that could be property, people, or another vehicle), then you have cover in place to avoid paying for the resultant damage out of your own pocket.*

*In addition, if your vehicle was parked on a hill and the handbrake failed causing it to roll into another person's vehicle, this is also an insurable event.*

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Section 1 of RH's policy wording does provide cover for 'liability to others'. For example, if the insured's actions had led to someone tripping over their stationary vehicle whilst attending an event.

I can therefore confirm, on behalf of RH, that you are covered for attending events in terms of third party liability to others.

Event organisers should have public liability cover in place for themselves as potentially an accident at the event (trip or fall) could render them liable for resultant injury or damage claims.

I trust this clarifies."

I think that is quite enough from me for this month.

Happy Austineering.

David.

## Can you Help?

**We recently received the following letter from Hazel Clements:**

"My name is Hazel Clements and I am a member of the Essex Austin Seven Club - you may remember we accompanied Trevor Fleuty on his 'Quest for Pearl' from Essex to Cornwall a few years ago.

I have been asked by a friend if I can trace his Mother's first car, an Austin Seven which he understands went to Devon some years ago. He has checked with the DVLA and the registration number shows the vehicle is still on the road.

I am attaching a photograph and would be so grateful if you could let me know if the car is in the ownership of one of your members.

Take care

Kind regards

Hazel Clements



**Note** - The Register shows that the Reg number has changed from JN 4618 in the photo to 233 YUD



## Zoom Club Night

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

**Monday 15th July 2024**

**7pm**

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





# HISTORIC VEHICLE GATHERING

## POWDERHAM Castle, Nr Exeter.

13th & 14th JULY 2024

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 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.

**Bookings for the club stand are now closed**, but why not come along as a spectator. You will be very welcome at our stand for a chat and refreshments.

Have a look at the website [www.historic-vehicle-gathering.info](http://www.historic-vehicle-gathering.info) it really is a great day out.

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**Please Note:** Below is the list of entries for our stand this year. It is important that we know how many cars to expect on each day, so please check the list and contact me if your name is on the list, but you no longer plan to attend, or if you think you have booked a place but your name isn't on the list.

By the time you read this, you should have received your wrist bands and entry passes in the post, if these have not arrived, then please let me know.

My contact details are on the back page.

Many thanks.

David Aylmore. Secretary.

Rosemary Pratt	Sat & Sun	Paul Sleeman	Sat & Sun
Viv Gale	Sat	Andrew Scarrott	Sat & Sun
Eddie Eddles	Sat	Lawrence Peters	Sat & Sun
Michael Tabcart	Sat & Sun	Pete Gilbert	Sat & Sun
Mark Nutbeen	Sat	Barry Sangster	Sat
Steve Wise	Sat & Sun	John Turley	Sat
Nick Borst-Smith	Sat & Sun	Richard Soffe	Sat
Philip Burrow	Sat	Philip Snell	Sat
Andrew Titley	Sat & Sun	Doug & Steph Whittlestone.	Sat
Andy Grabham	Sat & Sun	Rob Brown	Sat & Sun
Jeff Blight	Sat & Sun	Martin Wright	Sat & Sun
Ed Bird	Sat & Sun	Nick Hawkins	Sun
Mike Moore	Sat		

## Vintage & Classic Weekend

RHS Garden Rosemoor

July 27 & 28 2024



The DA7C will again be at Rosemoor for their Vintage and Classic Weekend. If you are the owner of a Vintage or Classic car, tractor, motorbike, caravan, bicycle, Rosemoor would love to welcome you to this great weekend.

Now in its 14th year the weekend has proved to be one of their most popular events with Vintage Vehicles, Motorcycles, Tractors, Caravans and Steam Engines, and in 2023, the event attracted over 2400 visitors a day. The event will again be at the Arboretum Lawn on Lady Anne's side of the garden, which will give a beautiful backdrop to the amazing vehicles on display. 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.

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. Rosemoor will supply 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. Onsite overnight stays are available for those of you that have caravans or camper vans etc. There will be a professional security person on site over the weekend. If you wish to stay onsite on the Friday, Saturday and (or) Sunday, please remember to state it on the vehicle entry form. There are no shower facilities but there is a toilet block you are welcome to use. You will be issued with an overnight pass and given instructions on where you are able to pitch up your vehicle.

Please contact Nick Borst-Smith or David Aylmore for a vehicle entry form, and be sure to let Nick know if you plan to attend, so that he can ensure there is space for your vehicle. (contact details on back page)

Please note that it is RHS policy of strictly no dogs unless they are registered assistance dogs.



**Sunday September 1st**

**11am until 4pm**

**Barnfield Crescent, Exeter**

This will be the 9th Revival, set in the heart of Exeter, packed full with classic cars and motorbikes from the 1900s to the 1960s. To set the atmosphere, the drivers and their guests are invited to dress up in period costumes. There will be music from the Hummingbirds. Flaming Good Pizza Co and Big Bear Devon will be supplying food refreshments. Box Bar Devon will be on hand for your alcoholic beverages as will Timber Coffee with hot and cold drinks and refreshments.

The event will again be supporting the RD&E charity - <https://www.rdehospital.nhs.uk/rd-e-charity/#>

If you would like to take your vehicle along, please complete an entry form available on the DA7C website

**Widcombe Fair**  
**Tuesday September 10th**  
**9 'til late**



This is always a great day out and you can expect all the old favourite events like the family dog show, local handicraft and produce tent, bale tossing, tug o' war, sheep, cattle and horses, classic cars, vintage machinery, music and food and drink - plus a few new ones for 2024  
see [www.widcombefair.com](http://www.widcombefair.com) for more information.

The Devon Austin 7Club will be at the fair, and if you would like to join us, you can book on line at <https://www.widcombefair.com/vintage> or you will find an entry form on the DA7C website.

**You need to send your application directly to the fair organisers.**



Please book directly with the fair organisers, but do let David Aylmore know that you are attending, so that he can arrange for the 7s to be parked together.

**Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the  
Crash Box & Classic Car Club of Devon present**

**THE SIDMOUTH CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

at The Sidmouth Cricket Club, Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth EX10 8NT

**on Saturday 21st September, show opens at 11am**

(Cars must be on display by 10.45am, and for Health & Safety reasons cannot leave before 4.30pm)

More details of the show can be found on their website - [www.sidmouthclassiccarshow.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthclassiccarshow.co.uk)

This is always a lovely day out with entertainment all day and just a stroll into the nearby town centre.

Entry form available from David Aylmore (contact details on back page), or through the website above.

**PLEASE NOTE - In accordance with the organisers' arrangements, there will NOT be a Devon A7 Club stand at this year's show, so members will need to send their entries directly to the organisers.**

DA7C member Barry Sangster who lives in Sidmouth has kindly suggested that members who would like to park together at the show, could meet up at his home and drive to the showground in convoy.

Once you have your entry confirmed, contact Barry Sangster at [marionbarry@icloud.com](mailto:marionbarry@icloud.com) if you would like to take him up on this offer.



**Entries must be in by Wednesday July 31st, but you are advised to book as soon as possible as the show is very popular and usually fills up quickly.**



## FBHVC Matters

### Petrol Seasonal Changeover

It is that time of year again when petrol volatility is changing, moving from winter through spring to summer quality. The European petrol standard EN228 allows national standardisation bodies to select appropriate volatility and distillation characteristics to suit their local climate conditions.

The British Standard BS EN228 sets out the following vapour pressure grades and dates:

Spring Sales of petrol between 16 April & 30 May 45-100 kPa, VLI Limit

Summer Sales of petrol between 1 June & 31 August 45-70 kPa

Autumn Sales of petrol between 1 Sept & 15 October 45-100 kPa, VLI Limit

Winter Sales of petrol between 15 October & 15 April 70-100 kPa

Whilst a range of volatility is allowed with each season, the reality is that due to manufacturing limitations and production cost issues, the volatility will always be close to the upper limit in the summer and winter from all suppliers. From the 16 April each year a Vapour Lock Index (VLI) specification is applied as the move from winter to summer volatility is carried out by the fuel suppliers. During this time, high winter volatility petrol is still in the distribution system and the introduction of the VLI specification endeavours to limit vapour locking problems in carburettor equipped vehicles by adjusting the vapour pressure and distillation characteristics of the petrol.

Vehicle operability problems usually occur during the spring and autumn periods on warm days where high volatility fuel is still in the market as the VLI requirement does not protect against vapour lock in more severe vehicle fuel systems. With many historic vehicles fuelling with Super 97 Octane E5 fuel, known as the protection-grade, it is important to purchase the fuel from a high turnover service station to ensure the lowest volatility is available at the pump to help minimise vapour locking issues.

To save you looking it up:

Kpa – kilopascals – vapour pressure

VLI – vapour lock index - volatility levels which will ensure correct vehicle performance during hot weather conditions in each European country in its different seasons.

*John Turley, FBHVC Rep*



**The DA7C stand at the Devon Vintage CC Autojumble held in May at Buckfastleigh**

## Out and About

Keith Selley had a great weekend, with good weather at the Fox & Grapes, Lifton for the D. Day Commemeration event. Keith says, "The first photo is the special of landlord Philip Hockin who organised an excellent weekend with a full programme. I unfortunately missed getting a photo of him in his kilt playing the bagpipes! The second photo is the Sea King helicopter that landed in a nearby field for the weekend. Philip Hockin is pictured centre with the four crew. The third photo is of Nick Hawkins' Ruby and my Tourer in a prime position in the pub garden alongside a military motorcycle.



Following a successful weekend at the Fox and Grapes, Keith and Adele met up with Nick Hawkins at Morwellham Quay to display their cars again. They enjoyed good weather and a selection of vehicles to ponder over. (no photos)

Keith has since been busy catching up with jobs at home and Miss Daisy will sadly be locked away until the end of July. However, he did manage to take advantage of a recent sunny morning. Keith says, "With the sun shining brightly early on Thursday morning I decided to take advantage, and at about 6.00am drove to the Barbican and The Hoe in Plymouth. Unfortunately I was too early for the popular 'Captain Jaspers' so just stopped for a photo and then up to The Hoe for another photo with Smeaton's Tower in the background. It was a lovely round trip with warm sunshine and very little traffic at that time of the morning. Well that put a smile on my face and look forward to more runs out later in the summer".



The Somerset Sevens had an interesting gathering in May. A Ruby, a Chummy, a Box Saloon plus a pre war Talbot, MG and Riley were joined in the car park by 2 motorcycles - a vintage Sunbeam and a classic BSA Victor. There was much talk of rear axles, engines and engine noises - sorry no photos.

## Out and About cont.

Michael and Max went out with their Morris chums to Dunkerswell Airfield where they had a pleasant lunch in the Aviator Cafe. The picture below is of their meet up at the Blackbury Honey Farm before they set off together for Dunkerswell.



Michael, his son George and Max all went out for lunch at the Ship at Axmouth.



Another outing in Annie for Michael and Max - to the Cat and Fiddle near Exeter for lunch, with their Morris chums.

Philip Snell made a round trip of 320 miles and received a warm welcome when he attended the South Wales A7C Rally near Bridgend. There he met up with Andy Graham (en route to the Beamish Trial) and was delighted to be awarded the Long Haul Trophy!!



**Out and About continued** - Philip Snell met up with the Somerset Sevensers.



7 Sevens a 10 and a Riley made a striking display at the Lamb and Lion ,Hambridge when their owners met for the monthly gathering of the Somerset Sevensers. Discussion topics included SU Carburettor needles, rear axle breathers, RP Saloon door handles and the forthcoming Beaulieu Rally

**A timely warning from Group Captain Wingspan.**

Tally Ho!!

I see from a news item last week that a young boy had managed to start a vintage tractor at a country show. His mother tried to pull him off the machine and was run over by the front wheel and the tractor then crashed into two cars.

I believe no-one was seriously hurt but this brought to mind a problem we may face when we display our cars.

I think the problem with the tractor was caused by the fact that the starter is operated by either a button or lever and although the organisers said that the ignition keys had to be removed it would not prevent the engine turning over and if in gear move the vehicle.

In the diesel world the engine stop would have to be pulled out and I presume that's why this particular tractor started.

I've not seen a diesel Austin seven, but all our cars feature "live at all time starter buttons" and some do not even have ignition keys with only an on/off switch. If you think about it, it's very easy for a child to set a car moving and although the ignition may be off it will move some distance if in gear.

This is only my observation, but might it be an idea to have batteries disconnected (by switch or one terminal off) when at shows before we get descended on by the lovely health and safety lot.

Please vote for me in the coming election,

GROUP CAPTAIN WINGSPAN out.

**Secs Note.** *We agree with the good Capt' and will be asking all cars at future shows to have the battery disconnected. If you haven't got a cut out switch fitted, they are very simple to install and do provide an extra level of safety and theft protection. Have a look at this link for a sample switch:- [Tax & Shipping | Seven Workshop \(theaustinsevenworkshop.com\)](#) (Other switches & suppliers are available)*



## Musings of a Macot

Firstly I must say I was pleased when my human went off to the Wiscombe Hill Climb and was wearing his straw hat with our club badge on it. At least he could advertise our excellent club without me there with my tabard to do the job. That seems a long time ago now.

The next occasion when we were both with club members was for the auto jumble on the 19th of last month. One of our excellent club humans called Nick Borst-Smith took a good photo of me wearing my tabard at the stall. Unfortunately my incompetent human has not been able to find the photo although it was forwarded to him. My human and I had a very pleasant morning sitting quietly and minding one end of the stall to ensure there was nothing going missing without it got paid for, although we didn't do a lot else.

I had another happy time in Annie, my favourite car, when my human went to the Cat and Fiddle PH to meet up with his fellow humans from the Morris Register. It didn't seem that I should wear my tabard as all my human's Morris chums are aware that I am the Mascot of our club and always make a fuss of me.

This Fathers' Day weekend I went with my human in Annie to Bicton Park for the Saturday and Sunday, where I was proud to wear my tabard (see picture below).



I rather sensed, from the conversations my human was having, that he was a bit disappointed that we were in the only Austin Seven attending such a pleasant location.

It was good to hear more than once that Annie was the best car in the show, and it was also good to hear my human having conversations with more than one other human who expressed an interest in our club. If only I could speak I would be able to tell any interested party that they couldn't spend £10 more wisely.

I think the next time I can see an opportunity to wear my tabard is in a couple of weeks on 30th June when my human is planning to attend the vehicle extravaganza in Axminster.

That's about it for now.

*Happy Austineering,*

*Max*

## David's Diary

I missed the editor's deadline (Yes that does apply to me as well!) last month so I have a bit of catching up to do and it has been quite a busy time with the A7's over the last couple of months.

I am pleased to say that there has been progress with the RP restoration project. Following the completion of the welding around the windscreen and 'A' pillars, the body was strong enough to be removed from the chassis to give easier access to all parts. So now the body is back with my friendly welder in Newton Abbot, and I have the chassis at home to work on. On first inspection it appeared that some refurbishment work had already been done so I was hopeful that the chassis could just



be given a clean-up, re-paint and be ready for the return of the body. The rear axle was the first unit to have attention. I took off the first brake drum to find the shoes contaminated with oil, so clearly further work was going to be needed. Then when I removed the hub and found the nut on the half shaft only just finger tight, I realised that everything was going to need a thorough check. I should have known from my previous experience with the engine and body that this would not be a simple job.



The welding has progressed well and a good deal of 'tin worm' has been replaced with new metal. One disappointment is that repair panels purchased from some of the regular suppliers have not proved to be a good fit and I have now decided that it is best to get any further panels fabricated on site, despite the extra time involved. This way I can at least be sure that they will fit without a lot of 'fettling'.

The gearbox rebuild for Mabel, our A7 AH Tourer went well thanks in no small part to the knowledgeable help of Richard Bishop and it was back in the car in time for the drive to Wiscombe Hillclimb. Some minor adjustment was needed to the clutch and the handbrake mechanism which runs very close to the front prop shaft Hardy Spicer coupling but that was sorted quite quickly. One job I wished that I had done on the gearbox was to modify the screwdriver slot in the clutch pedal spindle. That would have made adjusting the pedal travel much easier and saved a lot of bad language while lying under the car!!

The next outing in Mabel was to provide wedding transport for Tim and Rachael who live in Chagford. Tim approached me last year while we were at the Chagford show and whilst I usually decline these requests, there was a very special reason for agreeing to do this one. Tim is the Grandson of Eric Gordon-England who many will know was a close associate of Herbert Austin. He is also thought to have been instrumental in persuading Herbert Austin to have a works racing team and later went on to set up his own business producing a range of A7 based cars & vans. Tim and his fiancée Rachael were very keen to keep the family A7 link going and with the support of Richard Soffe in 'Pearl' I was very pleased to help.

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## David's Diary cont.



Earlier this month I took Mabel out on Nick Hawkins' Dartmoor run and we had a lovely day without any mechanical issues but unfortunately, whilst the gearbox was working well, the elusive noise was still there. With a bit of further investigation, it became evident that the problem was in the transmission and appeared to be coming from the front end of the Torque Tube. Now, I had never taken one of those apart but as I have already said, I had removed the back axle from the restoration project, so I used that as a practice run. Having stripped that Torque Tube down, I felt more confident to tackle Mabel's and as I write this her 'bits' are laid out on the bench and another noisy bearing has been located and replaced. Hopefully all will be back together in time for a quiet drive to Beaulieu next weekend.



Ernie, our Milk Delivery Car has been out and about as well. On Drive-it-Day, 21<sup>st</sup> April, I took him to meet up with other members at Whiddon Down and then did a tour of Dartmoor. Some pictures were in last month's newsletter, and I have booked him in for several shows later in the Summer, so hopefully he won't feel too left out!!

*David.*

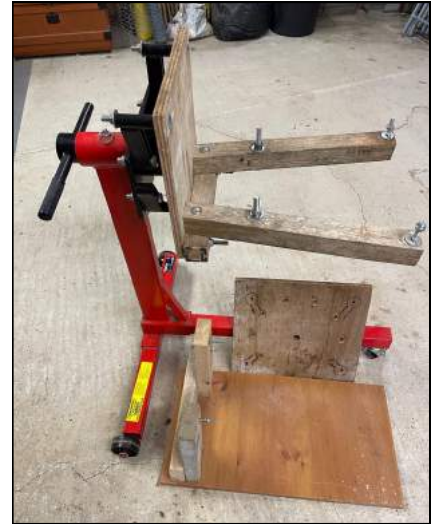
## For Sale and Wanted

### For Sale

Austin 7 engine servicing stand. 340kg max.  
Complete with brackets specifically for both the crankcase and gearbox.

**£20.**

Collect from Bude. Tel. 07771544390



### For Sale

A7 Chummy Complete SWB Rolling Chassis c.1929 – With correct front / rear axles & steering column. All VSCC eligible.

Chassis was restored some years ago with new kingpins & bushes, plus spring shackles & bushes, brake linings & cables.

Fitted with c.1926 Magneto Engine and 3-speed gate change box. Internal condition unknown. Wheels need rebuilding. Chummy petrol tank and later radiator surround also available.

**Price £ 2500.** Possible delivery if required.

Contact: 01460 30724 or 07775588046 or [wells823@btinternet.com](mailto:wells823@btinternet.com)

### For Sale

A pair of vintage front seats for reupholstering. Not Sure what they are from but they seem to be pre - war. One adjusts, the other doesn't. Both are front hinged.

Would be ideal for a special

**£ 50 the pair.**

Please contact Alan Smith at 01803 882264



### For Sale

Pair of inner wings for A7 Opal/Ruby/Pearl. New old stock.

**£100 o.n.o**

Contact David Aylmore - details on back page.

*More 'For Sales' on page 16*

### For Sale

Austin Seven Special. Was built for classic road trials, but due to ill health sadly for sale. Based on a 1934 AUSTIN Seven, ulster style fibreglass body professionally made using moulds made by Chris Gould. Standard 747cc engine and 4 speed gearbox (best for trialing). Custom made alloy fuel tank, new wiring harness with LED headlamps and converted to 12volt.

This car has not been trialed and has only been driven for road testing since completion.

**Price - £9500 ono**

Happy to provide more information, or any questions ring Pete on 07879 483529



### For Sale

Indoor Airchamber approx. 4 m long and suitable for A7. 4 years old but unused, not even unpacked.



This is the link for the current model:-

<https://www.carcovershop.co.uk/airchamber-protection.php>

Open to any reasonable offer. Can be viewed/picked up from near Widecombe in the Moor. The owner is an ex-member and he tells me that it will shortly be advertised elsewhere but he would prefer a local cherished A7 owner to enjoy it if possible. So don't delay if you are interested. Initial contact to David Aylmore please. – details on back page.

### For Sale

1927 Chummy. Only 3 owners from new. Bought by the present owner in 1988 and was little used before being laid up in 2016. Recently undergone a "health check & light re-commissioning" at the Haynes Museum workshop and now runs well. The car will need a comprehensive check over before being used in view of its time in storage. Overall, this is considered to be an honest and largely original unrestored car.



**£11,995 ono.** Contact David Aylmore (details on back page) in the first instance for more information.

*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.*

## 2024 Events

*The following list of events is for information only and implies no recommendation from the Devon Austin Seven Club. Before entering any event, members should ensure that they have read the terms and conditions on the entry form and are willing to comply with them.*

- Sun July 7<sup>th</sup>** 'All Things Morris' (And Friends) Classic & Vintage Car Show on Ilfracombe Seafront, 11am – 4pm. More details at [www.allthingsmorris.co.uk](http://www.allthingsmorris.co.uk). Entry form from 'Marnie' on 07970258149 or email [events4ilfracombe@gmail.com](mailto:events4ilfracombe@gmail.com)
- Sat/Sun July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** Historic Vehicle Gathering, Powderham. Full information on page 5.
- Sat. July 20<sup>th</sup>** Honiton & District Lions Club Classic Car Show. More details and an entry form from [www.honitonlions.org.uk/classiccarday.html](http://www.honitonlions.org.uk/classiccarday.html), or contact Michael Tabcart.
- Sat/Sun July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** Rosemoor Vintage Weekend, Great Torrington EX38 8PH, see page 6.  
Contact - Nick Borst-Smith
- Fri/Sun Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** Torbay Steam Fair. Dartmouth Road, Churston Ferrers, Brixham, TQ5 0JT Entry form available on the Club Website or at [Exhibitors – Torbay Steam Fair](#)
- Sat. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>** Ideford Vintage Fayre. Entry forms available from David Aylmore.
- Sun. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** North Devon Festival of Transport. – Contact Don Adams. 07525 000866
- Thurs. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>** Chagford Show. Full details and entry form from [www.chagfordshow.co.uk](http://www.chagfordshow.co.uk)
- Sun. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>** Seaton Carnival Classic Car Show – Contact Michael Tabcart.
- Sun. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>** Chanters Carnival Classics. Chanters House Ottery St. Mary. More information and entry form – email [chanterscarnivalclassics@gmail.com](mailto:chanterscarnivalclassics@gmail.com) or Tel. 07791 686546
- Fri/Sun Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Silverstone Festival, full details of the event at: <https://www.silverstone.co.uk/news/2024-silverstone-festival-tickets-going-sale>  
Details of the Car Club Display Package at: [www.silverstone.co.uk/classic-car-clubs](http://www.silverstone.co.uk/classic-car-clubs),  
The code for Austin 7 Clubs' Association Car Club Display Package is **151CCDP24**
- Sun. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** Barnfield Crescent Vintage Car Show - Revival 2024. More details on page 6.
- Tues. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** Widecombe Fair. Details on page 7.
- Sat. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** Brampford Speke Classic Car Show & Village Fair, in Camberlain's Field. Brampford Speke is a picturesque Devon Village, 4 miles north of Exeter. For more details or to enter your car please email Douglas Ford at [ffrford@outlook.com](mailto:ffrford@outlook.com).
- Sat. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** Sidmouth Classic Car Show. Full details on page 7.
- Sat/Sun Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>** Woody Bay Station Gala. If you would like to show your A7 on either day, or for more information, please contact Martin Harvey at [harveymg@live.co.uk](mailto:harveymg@live.co.uk)
- Fri/Sat/Sun Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Riverside's Beer, Cider & Music Festival. Vintage Tractor & Classic Vehicles. Camping & B&B accommodation available. South Molton, EX36 3HQ.  
To display your A7 call 01769 579269. More information at [exmoorriverside.co.uk](http://exmoorriverside.co.uk)

*See page 18 for Regular Events*

## Regular Monthly Meetings

- 1st Thursday monthly, 8pm** BSAOC Tamar Valley Group meet at the Fox and Grapes, Lifton. DA7C members most welcome to meet up with like minds. (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, 7pm.** Members Zoom meetings with a Guest speaker every 3 months if possible.
- DA7C members are invited to join the Somerset Sevensers at their regular gatherings for all types of cars. Contact Anne Whellock on 01460 66434 for more details:**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly,** Meet at the Lamb & Lion, Hambridge, TA10 0AT at lunchtime and in the evening around **7.00 p.m.**
- 1st Wednesday monthly,** **5pm** Evening meet at Dinnington Docks, TA17 8SX.
- 1st Sunday monthly,** **2pm - 5pm** North Down Orchard, TA18 7PL, Off the A30, east of Crewkerne.
- 3rd Tuesday monthly,** **5pm** gathering at Eli's Rose and Crown, Huish Episcopi, TA10 9QT.
- Every Sunday morning,** Morning coffee gathering at Upton Bridge Farm, Long Sutton, TA10 9NQ, from **9am - 12noon** for a Cars and Coffee gathering.

## Mid Week Dartmoor Run

Thank you to Nick Hawkins for organising the recent mid week run on Dartmoor. Unfortunately, I haven't received a written report on the event, and I was unable to be there myself. However, I understand that it was a well supported event and an enjoyable day was had by all - so thank you again Nick, and I hope to be at the next one (hint hint!!). Thank you to those who have sent in photos of the cars on the moor - more can be seen on the front cover.

*Editor*



## 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.

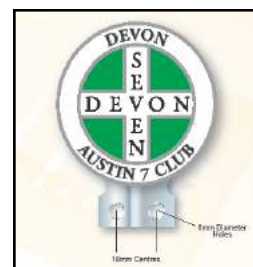
Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

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

*Contact details are on the back page.*



## August 2024 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 August 2024 issue should be with me by **Wednesday July 17th 2024** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday 24th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.

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