



Devon Sevens

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Newsletter for

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The Devon A7 Club



See page 13 to read about this interesting Saturday morning in the Workshop.

Chairman's Chat

As October wears on I am at the beginning of another year. When you've spent your working life teaching, your life revolves around the rhythm of the academic year, and even in retirement my year begins in September and works through three terms until the end of August. I can't say that this has been the best of years for me and my Ruby, either academic or calendar. A head gasket blew on the trip to Finches Foundry, a core plug gave way on the cylinder head and when I ventured out on a test drive with my new tyres I had a puncture.



Blown head gasket



Shiny new core plug

Neither did I manage to get to Powderham due to my wife being in need of my care and attention after a nasty fall.

When I did manage to see the road, I enjoyed a trip to Rosemoor, Ilfracombe and the fete at Chagford. At the latter I bought the largest scotch egg I have ever seen, which proved to be delicious! You never know what to expect at these country fairs. It was at Chagford that the screw top of my SU carburettor detached its self. Luckily the man running the Black Dog Gin stall was able to provide me with a cork which I whittled to fit the hole.



Impromptu repair!

As I write this I am interrupted by the telephone, INTERNATIONAL CALL it says. I usually don't answer these as they turn out to be annoying scams, but luckily I did this time. The caller was Brian Haines from Perth in Western Australia who was trying to find out the funeral details of one Ian Moore, who he mistakenly thought was in the Devon Club. As Ian lived near the New Forest I directed him to the Dorset Club. Brian, who is still in the Bristol Club, told me that they had about 60 members in the Perth Austin Seven Club but unlike in the UK, distances between members were longer. It was a surprising call and I am glad I picked it up.

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I spent September in Spain where the sun shines, the sea is warm and more importantly the roads are smooth and without bumps or potholes. On the way home at a service station near Zaragoza I came across an Austin Seven on a trailer. The owner turned up and told me it was a 1929 special which they towed behind their camper van and then used to go from the campsite to the beach.



A7 special near Zaragoza

I treated the Ruby to a new set of tyres this year. They are Wayfarer from Longstone but a little less expensive than their own brand. I managed to fit them using tyre levers but it was hard work. I did phone around the local tyre people but no one wanted the job. My main problem was getting rid of the old tyres. The local recycling centre charges £5.80 per tyre to accept them. Eventually I put them on the Austin Seven Parts for sale etc. Facebook page as a free item and an Austin Seven owner from Anglesey drove down and picked them up. They had tread but the side walls were a bit cracked but he said they were better than the ones he had and happily took them away.



Too cracked for me

The Club committee meet monthly via Zoom. It's a useful way of getting together people from all over the county but things can become a bit too digital so once a year we have a face to face committee meeting just to show we aren't avatars but living and breathing. This year's is in late November and we meet over lunch in Exeter which is convenient for all of us. Time to look over the years programme and plan for the future.

The Brass Band has started rehearsing for our two Christmas concerts and it won't be long before I make my annual trip with the Ruby to pick up the Christmas tree.

Meanwhile please have a good look at the programme and see if you can join in with any event or you can use your modern to come to our Sunday Saunter lunches. Three planned for this winter.

Viv Gale



Secretary's Notes

A sad note to start this month. In late September Philip Burrow's wife, Miriam, sadly passed away unexpectedly after a brief spell in hospital. Miriam regularly attended events with Philip in their A7 Opal and she also accompanied him on their Lands End to John O' Groats drive as well as European Tours. I am sure that all who know Philp will join me in sending him and his family our sincere condolences at this very difficult time.

The Autojumble at Buckfastleigh Steam Railway, organised by the Devon Vintage Car Club was once again blessed with dry weather and proved to be very popular with members. I would like to thank those who turned up early to help us to set up the stand. The banners and flags were up, trailer unloaded and all the spares displayed before 8.30. Just great.



As always, many members dropped by for a chat or to ask for help with spare parts or for advice and all in all it was a very busy but enjoyable morning.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter there will be mention of the Workshop visit on the 12th October. This initiative was aimed very much at those members who wanted some 'hands on' experience of how to maintain or repair their cars and from the feedback from those who attended, it was a great success. We do plan to repeat the event in perhaps 6 months time so keep a look out early in the new year when the events calendar will be published.

Within a few days of this Newsletter arriving in your inbox (or on the doormat), we will be holding our Young Driver Day at Re-Fuel S.W. on Sat October 26th. Full details are on page 5 and we really would like to see as many members there as possible. Ideally with your A7 but if not, in your modern car. It is very important that we do everything possible to introduce the younger generation to our Pre-War cars and if you could be on hand to just have a chat or show them around your car it would be a great help.

And finally, with the nights drawing in and winter on the way, we have some dates set for our 'Sunday Saunters' full details are on page 5 but I would just like to make the point here that these are social occasions, so there is no need to arrive in your A7. You can of course do so if that is your choice, but you are equally welcome in your modern car.

Happy Austineering.

David Aylmore.

Secretary.



Young Drivers Day at Re-Fuel **Saturday 26th October, 9am until 4pm**

We had a great response to our request for support at the April 'Vintage Cars for Young Drivers' event, and hope that our members will be equally willing to bring their cars along this time.

There will be 3 sections for A7's:-

1. Display only.
2. To take passengers on a 4 – 5 mile ride into Collumpton and back to let them experience how it feels to ride in a Vintage Car and also to see the reaction of the public that we all enjoy so much.
3. To sit alongside someone who would like to drive a Vintage Car around a closed off circuit on the Re-Fuel grounds.

We will also need some marshals and helpers around the site and it would be great if you could give some assistance even if it was for just an hour or two.

If you would be willing to help in any capacity, please contact Nick Borst-Smith. Details on the back page.

Sunday Saunter **Sunday November 17th** **12 noon**

**The Countryman, Crediton Rd,
Sampford Courtney, EX20 2SA**



A very popular and well recommended carvery lunch, with a choice of Beef, Pork, Turkey and Gammon and lots of vegetables. £16pp for a large plate, large carpark

See their website for more details:

<https://www.thecountrymandevon.co.uk/>

Nick needs to book, so if you would like to join us please contact him as soon as possible and definitely before **Monday 11th November**

Contact Details: Nick Borst-Smith 07809 568120 nickbs@outlook.com

**For our new members who may be confused,
a "Sunday Saunter" is a run out in an A7 or modern car
to meet up with other members for Sunday lunch – always an enjoyable social event.**



Zoom Club Night

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

Monday 18th November 2024
7pm

What better way to spend a dreary November evening than to close the curtains, switch off the television and spend an hour chatting to fellow DA7C members.

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



Scottish A7 Club National Rally. June 27-30th 2025



A couple of months ago, I wrote that Philip Snell and I had talked about going to the Scottish A7 Club Rally in 2025. Since then, 5 other members have expressed an interest in going as well, so it looks like the trip will be on. Arrangements are at a very early stage, so if you think that you might like to join this group, please let me know.

I would stress that there is no need for a firm commitment at this time and the next step will be to have a meeting in the new year. At that time we can see what everyone's ideas on travel/timing/accommodation are before going any further.

Drop me an e-mail at devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 01626 852259 if you want more details.

David.

Buyers Beware

We are all aware of the risk of scams when buying on-line and there is plenty of sound advice on how to avoid being caught out. However, I must admit that until recently I have tended to naively think that anyone offering A7 spares or cars must be genuine, as all A7 owners are good people – Right?

Well no, unfortunately not. In the last few months I have heard of several people who have responded to adverts on E-Bay or some of the A7 Facebook Groups, and sent off money in good faith, only to find that the advert was fake. Photos and descriptions will often look genuine, and this is because they have, in most cases, been taken from previous adverts placed by legitimate sellers.

So – please be careful when buying on-line. My advice would be to not take everything at face value and to try to carefully check out the vendor before sending off any money.

David Aylmore. Secretary.

A7 Ruby – PV 4234

Philip Snell found this photo and write up on Instagram and sent it to me as just an interesting photo.



welshvernacular • Follow



welshvernacular I took this pic a little while ago. I can't remember quite where but I recall being out and about on the local back lanes on an Antiques delivery.

I find this image just joyful and so typical of West Wales. The dilapidated home built shed with corrugated iron roof and the old car that doesn't quite fit inside despite the indicators of much trying. A charming sight indeed.

Have a lovely evening everyone. Best wishes

I thought that I recognised the numberplate, and sure enough found that it is now owned by member Alan Smith, who in turn bought it from Andy Scarrott. He acquired it from somewhere in Wales which is most likely where the Instagram photo was taken. Alan has sent two more photos, one from 1999 when the car was driven around Silverstone and another up to date one with the car looking very smart.



Unfortunately, the engine has recently suffered a broken crank so is currently off the road.

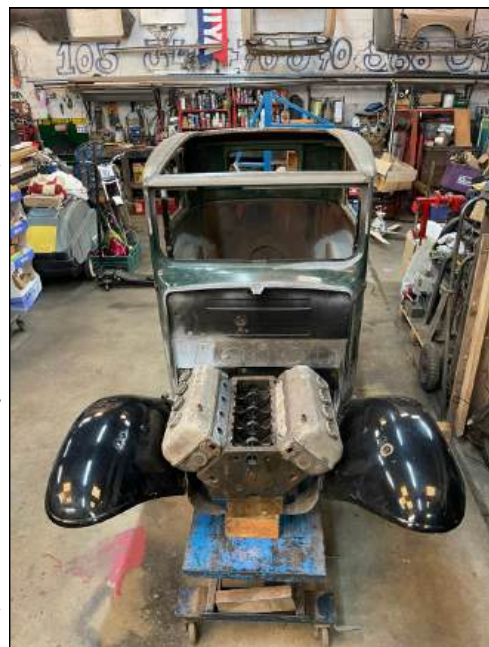
David Aylmore

David's Diary

Work on our RP Box Saloon project has continued, although I must admit that most progress has been made by other people rather than by me. As is the case with all such projects, the amount of new metal required to replace all the rusty bits has turned out to be far greater than at first thought, but once you start, there really is no going back. The end is now in sight for the repairs to the body, so thoughts are turning to the rebuild. Chris, the person doing all the welding for me just happens to have a V8 Daimler engine going spare. I think it fits quite well!!

Or perhaps I would be better off to finish putting together that pile of engine bits that has been sitting on the workshop bench for the last 6 months?

We have had a few trips out in the Sevens this month. Ernie, the 1931 Milk Delivery Car went to the Sidmouth Show and completed the 50mile round trip without any problems. When looking at the weather forecast I thought that I had jinxed it this year as throughout the summer I had been telling everyone that it was always sunny for Sidmouth. Well, despite the gloomy predictions, the sun came out and we had a wonderful day.



Mabel, our 1934 AH Tourer has also had a run out this month. I took her along to the Workshop Day organised by Jude Zebedee at Robin Edmond's Garage in Culmstock. As is often the case, I enjoyed the drive as much as I did the event and the dry, clear weather allowed me to have the hood down, which is always a bonus. 10 of us sat down to a very enjoyable lunch after the morning's activities and as always, the staff at the Culm Valley Inn looked after us very well.



David Aylmore



FBHVC Matters

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

Chairman – David Whale

We are all aware of the challenging circumstances at the moment, so I am pleased to say that just 14 weeks into our new trading year over 500 historic vehicle clubs have renewed their membership of the Federation! And the diversity is truly broad. Mel told me earlier this afternoon that an agricultural machinery group joined as a new member today and in the next telephone conversation he was helping an Italian supercar club!

Our team of 28 specialists help historic vehicle enthusiasts in all manner of ways, and all, including directors, are volunteers. No expensive facilities and only our secretary, Mel, and housekeeper, Marie, are paid on an hours' worked basis.

Our primary website, fbhvc.co.uk, supports enthusiasts outside of office hours, with an increase of visitors in the past year of 20% and, of course, the Federation responded to the DfT Call for Evidence with an online questionnaire within 48 hours, and recorded over 4,500 responses from enthusiasts.

The Federation launched the first historic vehicle apprenticeship ten years ago and now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Federation Skills Trust, in association with the Heritage Skills Academy (HSA), is delivering c.200 apprenticeships with the scope to increase that to 240 new craftspeople. HSA has created a new training facility for mechanical courses in Bicester town, while Brooklands continues to house the coachwork courses and there is even talk of new facilities to house trim courses.

Our sustainability partner, Tree-V, completed tree planting at Tom's Wood in north Yorkshire and has now moved onto a new site on the Isle of Arran. Our charity partnership in association with Drive-it Day and Ride-it Day looks to new opportunities in 2025.

The Federation retains its status as the national representative of the Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens, one of 83 organisations.

John Turley, FBHVC Rep

Widcombe Squeak

The strange squeak that I heard as we drove into Widcombe Fair thankfully didn't get worse on our return journey.

I guessed first time on the location of the noise. Taking the rear offside wheel and brake drum off revealed a broken return spring which had been gently rubbing on the back of the hub bearing. A quick rummage in my spares, and a second hand spring was soon fitted, despite being awkward to access.

Now back on the road awaiting the next funny noise.

Jolyon Lomax



New Members

Welcome to the Devon Austin 7 Club

This month we welcome 2 new members to the DA7C:

Alan Geneder lives in Bridport in Dorset and owns a 1933 A7 in blue/black.

Andrew Parbrook lives in Minehead, Somerset and doesn't own an A7 at the present time.

PUZZLE PAGE

by Julie Eddles

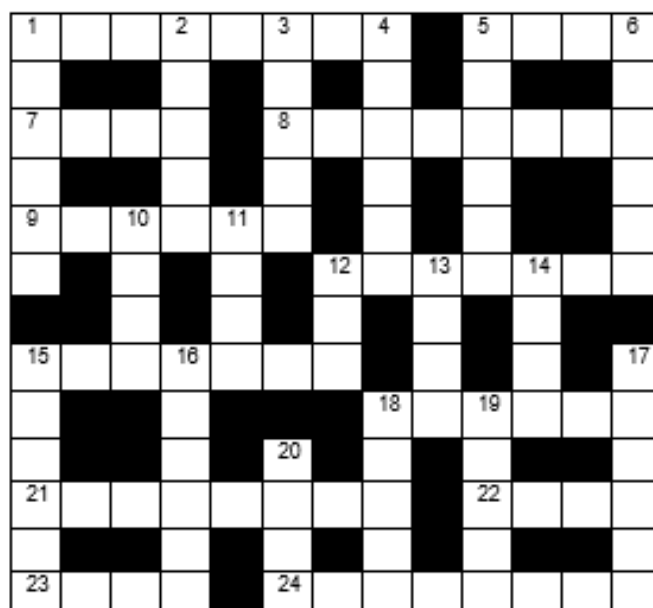
QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Legitimately (8)
5. e.g. Basil or dill (4)
7. Dull (4)
8. Useless (8)
9. Remains of a fire (6)
12. Rises (7)
15. Celebration (7)
19. Unruly crowd (6)
21. Wild adventure (8)
22. Pleasant (4)
23. Hurried (4)
24. Mislaid (8)

DOWN

1. Cabins (6)
2. Old tale (5)
3. Thugs (5)
4. Lads (6)
5. Husky, croaky (6)
6. Combines (6)
10. Messy splotch (4)
11. Train track (4)
12. Beer (3)
13. Country near Florida (4)
14. Without feeling (4)
15. Clowns (6)
16. Non-coastal (6)
17. Move back (6)
18. Grasses (6)
19. Humdrum (5)
20. Peaceful (5)



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The vowels have been removed from these groups of words, the spaces closed up, and the consonants grouped into fours, so that PRIDE AND PREJUDICE JANE AUSTIN would become PRDN DPRJ DCJN STN. Can you work out these household items and where you might expect to find them?

1. WRDR BBDR M
2. MCRW VKTC EN
3. LWNM WRSH D
4. WSHN GMCH NTLT YRM
5. STTS TTNG RM
6. TBLD NNGR M
7. TTHB RSHB THRM
8. FLWR PTGR NHS

BIRDS

The twenty-five words below can be paired up to make twelve birds, leaving one word left over – what is the word?

CRESTED	PIGEON	MARTIN	SNOW	OUSEL
TURTLE	WATER	OWL	PETREL	MUTE
TAWNY	DOVE	GOOSE	HAWK	WILLOW
STORMY	PEACOCK	HOUSE	WARBLER	MUSCOVY
DUCK	GREBE	SWAN	CARRIER	NIGHT

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Good Local Knowledge

Thank you to those who responded to this photo from last month's 'Devon Sevens'. It looks as if you have found the location.



Nick Brooks says:

Looking at the photograph of the vintage car and bicycle at a junction in the recent newsletter, I think it is the junction at Orley Common near Torbryan? It's a shame the signpost has been changed.

Chris Hartnoll spent a pleasant hour finding the spot on a map:



Eddie Eddles tells us:

Julie and I came home from the recent autojumble via Staverton, Broadhempston and Ipplepen. The signpost in the picture is near the top of Orley hill about half mile before Ipplepen. The newer signpost has now only one pointer showing the lane down to Torbryan. We had thought it was there but waited until we were coming back yesterday to confirm it.

A fair few years back when in my teens I and a schoolfriend camped on Orley Common with my corgi dog for a night before walking on to an Aunt's cottage at Staverton for breakfast. The dog was quite excited and didn't sleep much, he wandered around finding interesting smells to follow all night, and then followed us to the cottage and promptly fell asleep under the kitchen table. After breakfast we then caught the train to Totnes and bus to Torquay. I had to carry the dog up the steps on the bus.

This was before British Rail closed the line. The booking office had to write on the ticket the destination "one dog and accompanying passenger to Totnes 6d". I kept that ticket for decades but lost it when Julie and I moved house, apparently it would be worth quite a bit nowadays.

As for the corgi, he slept for two days, only getting up now and again to visit the fir tree in the garden and get another drink.

Musings of a Mascot

As the season starts to slow down there have not been many occasions when I could do my duty advertising our splendid club by wearing my tabard. The first one this past month was at Sidmouth, where we had an excellent position so that anyone visiting our gorgeous old cars could look across and enjoy a sea view.



It seemed to me that there were not nearly so many old cars for people to look at, or indeed people looking at them.

We had a great time with Jude, looking underneath her chummy on a ramp in a friend's garage on Saturday 12th October, and after that a splendid lunch at the nearby pub. I think it true to say that all our humans learnt a tremendous amount from Richard and David talking us through all sorts of things to help us when working on our cars. It is always fun for my human and me to have a convivial meal with fellow club members.

Then on Sunday 13th October it was the auto jumble at Buckfastleigh. There was quite a lot of stuff sold, several people were keen to buy engine bits for cars they were working on. I wore my tabard again but I didn't really need it,

as lots of humans there were from the club had met me several times, and made a lot of fuss of me which was fun for me. Even people from neighbouring stalls were pleased to meet me it seemed. I will have to watch it or I will get swollen headed with all the attention, but it's always good to react positively to people being friendly.

The next date will be our meeting at Refuel on 26th October which I will write about next month.

So that seems to be about it folks.

Happy Austineering,

Max

Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Gala

A line up of pre-war cars greeted visitors to Woody Bay Station and enhanced the period atmosphere of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Gala. Car owners Nick, Jim, Anthony and Philip received a warm welcome and enjoyed a most interesting day.

There were 4 locomotives "in steam" including the 160 year old "Palmerston" (on loan from the Ffestiniog Railway). Trains comprising of restored Victorian carriages hauled by one or more locomotives departed at regular intervals on the 20 minute return journey to Killington Lane.

The success of this well run event is a credit to the dedication of the band of enthusiastic volunteers.

Rain having held off for most of the day the heavens opened for our journey home !!



Philip Snell

EDUCATION FOR SOME, REKINDLING THINGS FORGOTTEN FOR OTHERS - A FUN MORNING FOR ALL.

I enjoyed a very productive and interesting October Saturday morning under Jude Zebedee's Austin 7. Thanks to her for coming up with the idea and thanks also to Robin Edmond for the use of his garage space and car lift, twelve of us enjoyed a morning discussing various aspects of Austin maintenance. Starting at the rear of the car halfshafts and hub tapers were looked at in detail, and the process of achieving a really good fit was gone over and of course how to tighten up that large locking nut really well. Various aspects of the prop shaft, fabric and universal joints were touched on and then onto the front of the car with suspension, king pins, springs and brakes were all looked at in detail. The garage layout meant that a dozen of us could gather around and easily see the parts under discussion and thanks to David Aylmore bringing his copy of Woodrow which has superb exploded drawings that helped everyone to appreciate how things came apart and went back together again correctly! It was a first for our club and I do hope that we will be able to repeat it again some time and help more members to take on routine maintenance with confidence. Lunch time came around all too quickly and a number of us retired to the Culm Valley Inn and enjoyed their excellent cooking. A thoroughly enjoyable morning many thanks again to Jude and Robin.



Richard Bishop

A7 Powered Motorbikes

I must start by saying that I know very little about Motorbikes but am intrigued by the engineering skills and ingenuity shown by those who fit a bike with an A7 engine. The first I heard of this was when one of our members restored a Brough Superior owned by his grandfather, and although he had some trouble in getting it sorted it is now often to be seen out and about around Devon.

Then a year or two back, another member joined, and he has a Triumph frame fitted with an A7 engine. I think I am right in saying that this project is yet to be finished, but I am looking forward to seeing it in the future.

Just this week, I came across this machine, which is incidentally for sale.

There is no connection with the club or any member that I know of but I thought that I would include a picture as it looks a very impressive machine to me.



David Aylmore

Caught In the Headlights

A new monthly column focusing on individual members and their cars. Devon, as we know too well, is a big county and DA7C membership is not confined to Devon residents. Attendance at events may sometimes be restricted by travel distances, so it's almost impossible to know everyone. It is proposed to interview members at random to find out what they do with their Sevens, how they came to join the Club and learn more about what everyone is up to! There is such a wealth of mechanical/electrical knowledge within the Club that members are pleased to willingly share.

Participation is of course entirely optional and the article that is proposed to be published will be shown to the member for approval prior to inclusion, with full rights for correction, amendment and accuracy.

Caught in the Headlights: Keith & Adele Selley from Plymouth

First up are newish members, Keith and Adele, who joined DA7C in 2023 and were interviewed following their trip to Sidmouth Classic Car Show this year.

Their successful debut at Sidmouth Classic this year, with their 1934 AH Tourer was a great opportunity for them to meet other club members more distant from Plymouth, and also to display their iconic car. Keith, who, when asked concerning his mechanical ability, modestly mentioned that he had served a full apprenticeship as a vehicle mechanic. This worthy attribute evidently led them to acquire the celebrated Seven named Miss Daisy from Pamela Hunt, a former producer of BBC's Pebble Mill at One programme. Pamela used the car extensively and joined the rally to Spain down to Malaga, along with our own intrepid adventurers, the legendary members Richard and Marlies Bishop - DA7C stalwarts, a past Chairman and mechanical supremo. Miss Daisy's pedigree does not come any higher

Retiring to Pembrokeshire in 2006, Pamela joined the Pembrokeshire Vintage Car Club, clocking up over 17,000 miles travelling between Pembroke Dock, Normandy, Llandudno and Dublin. She owned the car for 50 years and drove it regularly, well into her late 70's, but sadly, following a stroke, had to give up driving. The car took her from Lands End to John O'Groats on several occasions, including the 90th anniversary celebration jaunt with 6 other cars from South Wales and 40 Sevens from other parts of the country. Keith and Adele still keep in touch with Pamela at her sheltered accommodation by email.

Just over 10 years ago Miss Daisey did the pilgrim route over several weeks carrying a letter between the two Bishops from St Davids via the route of the Santiago De Compostela trail

Miss Daisy has gone to a good home and will be out and about, throughout Devon and well beyond in coming years. Keith said that Miss Daisy was in generally good order when purchased, although not used for about 2 years, requiring only fairly routine servicing - points, plugs, cleaning carburettor, oils and general greasing.

Keith and Adele took part in their first 'Drive it Day' this year from Whiddon Down to Belstone and Finches Foundary and return. They have also, attended the midweek trip-out to the Mortonhamstead Motor Museum, the Morwellham Quay trip and Cream Tea at Chudleigh.

Miss Daisy is quite famous in their home neighbourhood and once taking an elderly gentleman for a spin, who was older than the car, was thwarted by a minor 'mechanical issue!' Who's not been there!



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Keith enthused that the Young Drivers event at the Refuel venue is a really good initiative and fully supports the ambition to get the younger generation on board as next custodians of these cars. To this end, he has now added his son Robert (24) on the car's insurance. Procuring Miss Daisy was something of a self-treat to mark his 70th birthday, but with his adult son now already insured to drive the car, all bodes well for Austineering and the ongoing future of DA7C.



Miss Daisy at Belstone on Dartmoor, Drive it Day 2024



Miss Daisy on Plymouth Hoe



Miss Daisy at The Fox and Grapes, Lifton

Mike Moore

Out and About

Michael Tabcart says:

It was time for me to change the engine oil for Annie so Max and I went to the Wheelwright Pub in Colyford . We had a nice lunch and I could indulge in a drop of Proper Job to wash it down, and Max got lots of treats too. When we got home the engine was nice and warm so the oil flowed easily, and soon got changed.



Tim and Anne Whellock in their 1930 Austin 7 Chummy, enjoying a locally planned route of 75 miles, from North Down Cider Barn to Haynes and back. Unfortunately, they had to put the hood up in the afternoon.

More on Wheel Nuts

The article on wheel nuts last month brought back memories for Richard Bishop who wrote:-

Your incident reminds me of a Eurotour several years ago, when we were up in a very mountainous area of Germany, and late in the day a very white and shaken Austin driver came into the bar and said he had been overtaken by his rear wheel. If he was shaken, that was nothing compared with his poor wife. They were enjoying some magnificent scenery but only separated from an incredible drop by the crash barrier, when the wheel came off and fortunately stayed in line with the barrier, rolling on quite some way before it stopped instead of dropping into the abyss! His car was a late A7 Ruby without the locating lugs on the brake drums. He did confess later that the "to do" list had included a reminder to add the lugs to his brake drums which tend to keep the wheels in place on the drum, but with preparing everything else for the tour it had got forgotten!!

A lucky escape!

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 10.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Lawfully 5. Herb 7. Drab 8. Unusable 9. Embers 12. Ascends 15. Jubilee 19. Rabble 21. Escapade 22. Nice 23. Sped 24. Misplaces

DOWN

1. Lodges 2. Fable 3. Louts 4. Youths 5. Hoarse 6. Blends 10. Blob 11. Rail 12. Ale 13. Cuba 14. Numb 15. Jokers 16. Inland 17. Recede 18. Reeds 19. Banal 20. Calm

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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| 1. Wardrobe Bedroom | 2. Microwave Kitchen |
| 3. Lawnmower Shed | 4. Washing mashing Utility room |
| 5. Settee Sitting room | 6. Table Dining room |
| 7. Toothbrush Bathroom | 8. Flowerpot Greenhouse |

BIRDS

The left over word is PEACOCK

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|----------------|----------------|
| NIGHT HAWK | STORMY PETREL |
| HOUSE MARTIN | TAWNY OWL |
| MUSCOVY DUCK | WILLOW WARBLER |
| CARRIER PIGEON | TURTLE DOVE |
| SNOW GOOSE | CRESTED GREBE |
| MUTE SWAN | WATER OUSEL |

For Sale and Wanted

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

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

£100 o.n.o

Contact David Aylmore - details on back page.

For Sale due to illness

1934 A7 RP Saloon. Now in good running order after a mechanical overhaul. Body good, sunroof, modern indicators.

Must go, so priced at £5,000 o.n.o

Telephone Pete on 01803 552507 after 7pm.



For Sale

RP style radiator put together some 15 to 20 years ago by Plymouth Radiators. Thought to be sound, but unused by Martin.

Price - £120



Four Ruby Mk. 1, 17 inch wheels. They have been shotblasted and primed. One needs a slight repair to the rim.

Price - £20 each

For more details on either of these items contact Martin Wright at martandla@btconnect.com

More 'For Sales' on page 18

For Sale

1932 Austin Seven RN Saloon KJ8348. In good running condition, the car has been part of our family for 40 years and is now sadly for sale due to age catching up with me. Sun roof, locking door handles, 6 volt LED lights. Has been used for club runs and rallies and taken us on several enjoyable holidays, among them Beaulieu, Swanage and the Isle of Wight.

To include workshop manuals. Lots of Austin tools and spares including spanners, flywheel puller, hubpuller, spare working starter motor, spare DJ 4 distributor with cap, spare radiator and more.

Price - £9,000 ono

Contact Eddie on 01803 842653
or 07528900852



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, 2025 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.

- Sat. Oct. 26th** Vintage Cars for Young Drivers, Re:Fuel, Cullompton. See page 5.
- Sun. Nov. 17th** Sunday Saunter, The Countryman, Sampford Courtney. See page 5 for full details.
- Sun. Jan 26th 2025** Sunday Saunter, The Agricultural Inn, Bramford Speke. Full details next month.

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
- 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 for details.
- 3rd Monday monthly, 7pm.** Members Zoom meetings with a Guest speaker every 3 months if possible.
- DA7C members are invited to join the Somerset Sevens at their regular gatherings for all types of cars. Contact Anne Whellock on 01460 66434 for more details:**
- 3rd 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.



Devon A7 Club Clothing Range



Fleece Jacket , 3 Colours available.	£35
Pull-Over Hoodie, 8 colours available.	£28
Polo Shirt, 17 Colours available.	£20
Sweat Shirt, 13 Colours available.	£24
Soft Shell Jacket, 3 Colours available.	£35

All clothing items are available from our new On-Line Shop.
 Ordering is very simple -
 go to www.devonaustinseven.company.site/
 or
 Follow the link from the Members' section on the Devon A7 Club Website:-
www.devon.sevens.co.uk
 Choose your garment/size & colour.
 Pay in the same way as with any other on-line purchase.
 Delivery is direct to your home address.

Mechanical help and advice for Devon A7 Club members.

If you need help with your car, whether it's a chat over the phone or someone to come and have a look at the problem, contact one of the knowledgeable members listed below. They will undoubtedly be able to help, but if they can't, they will certainly be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

Whether you are a new member or have owned an A7 for years, we all need help sometimes, so don't struggle with a problem, help is at hand.

Philip Burrow	Copplestone.	07870969620
Richard Bishop	Exeter	01392 439916
Pete Gilbert	Throwleigh	07879 483529
Nick Borst-Smith	Crediton	07809 568120
John Turley	Wells, Somerset	01749 675475
Chris Hartnoll	Brayford.	01598 710295
David Aylmore	Newton Abbot	01626 852259
Philip Snell	Axminster	07833 620763

Please note that any advice given is on a friendly, informal basis only and no liability for loss or damage can be accepted.

Members 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, devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk, 01626 852259

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 removing rear spring bolt.
Tool for drifting front main bearing onto crankshaft.	Wheel bearing drifts.
Tool for drifting rear main bearings onto crankshaft.	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	
Tool for removing studs from the engine block or crankcase	

If the tool you need is not listed, please just ask, as we can probably find it for you.

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



Also of interest:

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.

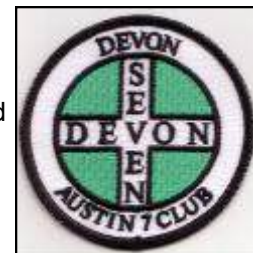
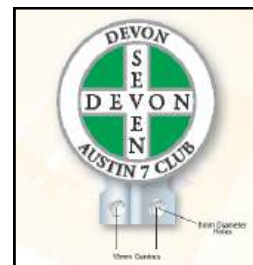
Cost is £3.50 (plus 50p postage)

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.



December 2024/January 2025 Newsletter

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 December/January issue should be with me by **Wednesday November 20th 2024** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday 27th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.

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