



# *Devon Sevens*

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*Newsletter for*

## *The Devon A7 Club*



*For Mark and Debbie's Austin 7 story,  
see 'In the Headlights' on page 14.*

## Secretary's Notes

First of all this month, I would like to warmly welcome both Keith Selley from Plymouth and Mike Moore from Axminster to our committee. I am sure they will both be a great asset to our Club organisation in the coming years.

Our next Club event will be our Lunch and AGM at Spreyton on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Full details are on page 3 and I do hope that you will be able to join us. However, if you are unable to come along and would be willing to pass your proxy vote to another member, please drop me an e-mail and I can register your wishes. This does help us to meet the required numbers of voting members, should there be a need for a vote on the day.

I was very sorry to hear this month that Howard Palmer's health has deteriorated to the point where he is now unable to take any interest in the Clubs activities and that with regret, his family have decided not to renew his membership for 2025. Many will know that Howard was the driving force, alongside Murray Park, in forming the Club in 2009/10 and was our first Chairman. He continued to be very active in Club events until quite recently when ill health restricted his movements, and he is now being taken care of in a Plymouth nursing home. His son, Stuart continues the family connection with Austin 7s and is an active Club member, often being seen out on Trials events in the family 'Ulsteroid'.



We are very keen to improve communication between members and have set up a Devon A7 Club **WhatsApp** group. If you have not used **WhatsApp** on your mobile phone before, it is a very useful, quick and easy way to pass a message to a group of people. If you were, for instance, thinking of taking your A7 out for a run and fancied some company, a quick message on the group could well attract some local members to join you. There is no sign up, cost or 'spam' involved so if you would like to join, just use this QR code, or send Steve Wise your mobile number on [s.r.wise@outlook.com](mailto:s.r.wise@outlook.com) and he will add you to the group.



Unfortunately, due to a clash of dates, we will not be having our usual stand at the Devon Vintage Car Club Autojumble at Buckfastleigh Steam Railway this spring. The event is on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> May and is still worth visiting, but we will be travelling back from the Guernsey trip on that day so will not have time to get the stand ready. However, we are planning to have a stand at the autumn event, which is on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, so please make a note in your diary now.

*David (DA7C Secretary)*

## 2025 A.G.M - Sunday March 16th .



*The AGM will be held in Spreyton Village Hall - EX17 5DP*

10.30am - Coffee & Biscuits • 11.am - Start of Meeting.

Followed at 12 Midday by

*Lunch at the Tom Cobley Tavern just a short walk away - a superb Sunday Roast (served to table).  
Choice of 2 roast meats with vegetarian options available (see below)*

*Main course - £15.95 Dessert - £5*

*Vegetarian options: Nut Roast or Mushroom, Brie & Cranberry Wellington or Chick Pea and Spinach Pie.*

We will be sitting at tables of 4 or 6

**Bookings for lunch MUST be made through David Aylmore only (details on back page)**

**When booking, please let David know if you would like one of the vegetarian options, or if you have any special dietary requirements.**

Please contact David Aylmore for more information. Obviously there is no need to book for the meeting but it would be helpful to know if you plan to attend.

**Please note that we need final numbers for lunch by Sunday March 9th.**



## Zoom Club Night

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



**Monday 17th March 2025  
7pm**

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



### Cheeky A7 Driver

Thank you to Sarah Howard for sending us this photo. Sarah says,

'I assume it's an A7 special but wouldn't recommend our members try it today!'

## Young Drivers Day at Re-Fuel - Saturday 12th April 9am until 4pm



We had a great response to our request for support at the last 'Vintage Cars for Young Drivers' event, and hope that you will be equally willing to bring your 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.



**Philip Snell bravely drove his A7 to the January Sunday Saunter, but faced an interesting journey home!**

## DRIVE IT DAY - Sunday April 27th

Yesterday's Vehicles Supporting Today's Children. National Drive It Day was created by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in



2005. It is the occasion when historic vehicle enthusiasts and the public at large have the opportunity to celebrate the One Thousand Mile Trial organised in 1900 to prove the viability of the new invention, the motor vehicle. It's also a chance to raise awareness and support amongst the public for the historic vehicle movement and keeping transport heritage on UK roads, while fund-raising for charity. Please see the website for how to support the event and buy a fundraising rally plaque.



All profits from the sale of The Drive it Day 'Rally Plaque' are donated to Childline. Visit [www.driveitday.co.uk](http://www.driveitday.co.uk) to order your plaque.

### Drive it Day in the north of the county

This year Drive-It Day in the North of the County has a nautical theme. We shall meet at 9.30 in Sainsbury's Car Park Barnstaple EX31 3NH, stop for coffee at The Glorious Oyster beneath the dunes in Instow where we will meet those members coming from the West. Then on to Appledore to tour the narrow streets and visit the Maritime Museum with its nautical history of the North Coast.

Bring a picnic to eat on the sea front, buy fish n chips or eat in one of the historic Inns.

Please phone Nick Hawkins on 01271 375730 or email [valhawkins3@aol.com](mailto:valhawkins3@aol.com) to confirm attendance.

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Members will also be welcome to join the Crash Box Club on The Den at Teignmouth - details on page 20.

## Fox & Grapes - Lifton PL16 0AJ

### VE Day Weekend - 80th Anniversary 1945 - 2025 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of May



- **Military & Classic Vehicle Displays**
- **'Living History' Displays**
- **Reenactment (with weapons & fireworks)**
- **Remembrance Ceremony**
- **Static & Live Fire Weapons Displays**
- **Military Charity Stands**
- **Saturday Evening Party with Live Music**
- **Helicopter Fly in from Historic Helicopters**



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For more information, to book tickets for the evening, camping or a stand, please contact us on 07909 102167 or [foxandgrapespub@gmail.com](mailto:foxandgrapespub@gmail.com)

### Ode to the Austin Seven by Kip Waistell

Saint Peter stood on duty outside the Pearly Gate,  
An Austin and a Bentley stood to hear their fate.  
"I'm bigger", said the Bentley, "Surely for heaven due,  
Hop it, Little Austin, I'm going to head the queue".  
"Hang on a mo.", said Peter, "Size doesn't matter here,  
Guts and determination are to me more dear.  
So enter, little Austin, you've more than proved your worth,  
Come into Heaven, my little Seven, you did your best on Earth.  
Faithful, sure and modest, you've always proved to be,  
A real star of a little car, you're number One for Me".



Thanks to the Hereford A7 Club for allowing us to reproduce this poem.

## The Vintage Nostalgia Festival

Stockton Park, Stockton, Wiltshire. 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

We have been invited to The Vintage Nostalgia Festival in the heart of the Wylde valley. The event focuses on the past and celebrates all that was great from before the turn of the century up to the 1980's. There will be something for everyone, whether you are 8, 80 or anywhere in between!

Please see the Events section on the Devon Austin 7 Club website for full details, or contact Nick Borst-Smith - details on back page.



## HISTORIC VEHICLE GATHERING

POWDERHAM Castle, Nr Exeter.

12th & 13th 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 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 **Friday 30th May**, 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



The Midlands Austin 7 Club has registered for this event, with an open invitation for members of other A7 Clubs to use their discounted entry code.

Discounted tickets can be purchased using this link <http://www.silverstone.co.uk/classic-car-clubs> and the code 25CCD090.

This gives entrants two tickets and a pass to take your Austin 7 into the circuit for the weekend for all 3 days, and is a saving of around half price. This huge event features top line racing, free access to the pits, entertainment on the evenings and much more. See [www.silverstone.co.uk](http://www.silverstone.co.uk) for more detail.

## Vintage and Classic Weekend at RHS Garden Rosemoor, July 26th & 27th 2025

This is an Annual Event for Devon Sevens. We will have a Club Stand so if you intend to come please mark your entry form "Devon Austin Seven Club" to ensure we reserve sufficient place. Then please contact Nick Borst-Smith (contact details on back page)



Now in its 15th year the weekend has proved to be one of their most popular events with Vintage Vehicles, Motorcycles, Tractors, Caravans and Steam Engines, and in 2024, the event attracted over 2900 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. Following feedback from exhibitors and visitors there will also be a food and beverages area closer to the vehicle displays.

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.

Rosemoor can no longer offer overnight stays for exhibitors, but have arranged reduced camping rates at Smythen Manor, located 2 miles from Rosemoor.

Full details and a booking form are available on the Devon Austin 7 Club website.

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



A delicious lunch was enjoyed by those attending the recent Saunter to the Manor Inn - clean plates all round!

# PUZZLE PAGE

by Julie Eddles

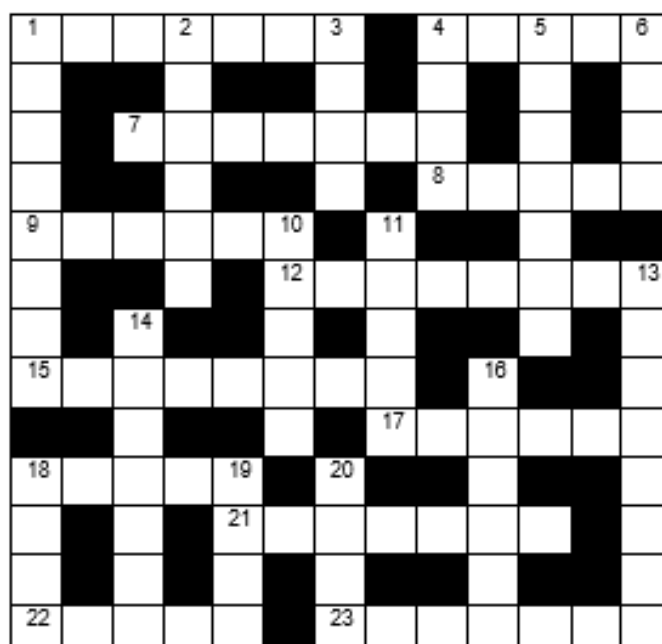
## QUICK CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Retailer (7)
4. Lead (5)
7. WWII plane (7)
8. Follow (5)
9. Rebound (6)
12. WWII plane (8)
15. PC requirement (8)
17. Slender (6)
18. Pains (5)
21. WWII plane (7)
22. Ate (5)
23. Meringue dessert (7)

### DOWN

1. Defending player (8)
2. New (6)
3. Carry (4)
4. Instrument (4)
5. Dirigible (7)
6. Mist (4)
10. Composition (5)
11. Sorts (5)
13. etc. (8)
14. WWII plane (7)
16. Writing tool (6)
18. Eager (4)
19. Hut (4)
20. Support (4)



## ODD ONE OUT

Can you find the odd one out in each of these?

- |             |         |           |         |          |       |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| 1. Tristram | Oscar   | Eyestrain | Anthony | Syllabus |       |
| 2. Kos      | Trondra | Poros     | Ithaca  | Syros    | Leros |
| 3. Tame     | Race    | Dope      | Weak    | Ripe     | Rant  |
| 4. BCD      | FHL     | GPT       | JKA     | Quw      |       |
| 5. Beck     | Rivulet | Knoll     | Runnel  | Rill     | Burn  |

## QUADRUPICS

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

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. TUMP       | (a) Cask       | (b) Hillock     | (c) Haul      | (d) Achieve       |
| 2. CONFLATE   | (a) Mix        | (b) Expand      | (c) Burst     | (d) Even          |
| 3. EXPIATE    | (a) Eject      | (b) Tire        | (c) Atone     | (d) Hurry along   |
| 4. DIDACTIC   | (a) Listless   | (b) Instructive | (c) Wavering  | (d) Heavy         |
| 5. LIMN       | (a) Dusk       | (b) Daylight    | (c) Verdant   | (d) Draw          |
| 6. TANGENTIAL | (a) Irrelevant | (b) Tactile     | (c) Visible   | (d) Kind          |
| 7. ETIOLATE   | (a) Exotic     | (b) Chic        | (c) Weaken    | (d) Well-mannered |
| 8. VESTIGIAL  | (a) Elderly    | (b) State robe  | (c) Forecourt | (d) Traceable     |

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## Journeys made with the Special

When I finally decided to sell my Austin 7 Special in 2022 and had found a buyer I compiled a list of the journeys that the car had successfully completed for the new owners records. I thought it might be of interest to other Austin 7 owners and for me a memory jogger of wonderful journeys, fantastic people and the reliability of our little car!

1997 Ron Mackie of the Crashbox Club put the Special on the road

2002 I bought the car from Ron.

2003 Gibraltar, 2000 miles.

2003 Trip to Sweden through Holland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden 2000 miles

2004 Ireland with Crashbox car club 1200 miles.

2005 Outer Hebrides with Scottish A7 club 1952 miles.

2005 Argentina and Chile 4000 miles.

2006 Switzerland with Crashbox car club 1954 miles.

2006 Route 66, 4061 miles.

2008 Sweden 2068 miles.

2009 France 2012 miles.

2009 Corsica 2424 miles.

2010 France 872 miles.

2010 Spain 910 miles.

2012 Eurotour Switzerland 1892 miles.

2016 Ireland with Crashbox car club 1200 miles.

2017 Eurotour 2133 miles.

2017 France 367 miles.

2018 Spain with Dorset A7 club 410 miles.

2018 Isle of Man with Dorset A7 club 769 miles.

2019 Scottish rally 1182 miles.

2019 France 304 miles.

2022 Eurotour through France, Germany, Belgium 1777 miles.

The grand total of all these trips is 35,487 miles, I am still amazed at the distances we covered but more to the point it is what we saw and experienced that stays with us and is a topic that Marlies and I talk about regularly, helped quite often by the fridge magnets!!

*Richard and Marlies Bishop*



*Crossing the Andes 2005*

## Ethanol-Free Petrol

An advert by the Anglo American Oil Company in the recent magazine from the FBHVC (Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs) caught my eye. I have been aware for some time that Ethanol-Free fuel has been available but it has been very expensive and difficult to get hold of. It would now appear that these problems are being addressed.



'R Storage Plus' fuel is now available in 10 Ltr drums and the on-line price is £38.50 +VAT. Whilst still much more expensive than regular E5 petrol, this fuel is said to remain stable for up to 3 years. Because there is no Ethanol, there is no problem with corrosion so would be ideal if your car is in storage. The UK arm of Anglo American Oil is based in Dorset and they list several distributors of their products in Devon. Have a look at [CFS Storage Plus – 99 RON | Anglo American Oil Company](#) if you would like more information.

*By way of a personal comment, I have found no problem with using either E5 or E10 fuel but I realise that other members have experienced issues, so this article is for information only and not a recommendation.*

*David.*

## **An invitation to get involved with the *Young Drivers in Vintage Cars* project**

As most members will know, we have, over the past 2 years been very pro-active in engaging with the younger generation in the hope that we can spark some enthusiasm in our vintage cars. Our experience and feedback has been very encouraging and our plan is to expand on the idea in the coming years.

Alongside running the 6 monthly events at Re-Fuel S.W., we have purchased an A7 Rolling Chassis which we plan to use to allow the youngsters to get hands on experience with the A7's basic engineering.



To be successful, this is obviously going to need support from volunteers for preparation and maintenance and also some financial input. The Club has some cash reserves which we have allocated to start up the project and are now looking at various ways to raise funds going forward.

Would you be willing to help?

At this stage we would like to hear from you if you would be willing to donate some money but do not need the cash to be paid at this time as we exploring other options alongside this request to members. However, a note of the amount you might be willing to give would be very useful.

As an alternative to a cash donation, do you have any A7 spares, tools, books or other saleable vintage car paraphernalia that you are willing to donate that we could sell to raise funds? As you will see on the 'For Sale' page, we already have some donations.

Please e-mail me on [devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to get involved with this exciting project.

## **A Tale of Woe**

Last year, at the end of the summer, I bought a 1935 Austin 7 APD to keep me occupied for a period of a sort of forced health isolation, knowing that for 6 months I would be basically confined to barracks with not a great deal to do, so an APD project seemed to fit the picture. I bought mine from a dealer "oop north" with an attitude of whatever isn't right, I can put right and end up with a reasonable car. Oh such bravado!

So, APD, now on a trailer I returned to Somerset and off loaded it and being of a curious state of mind decided a quick blast around the block was required, to satisfy my curiosity as to what it was like. A couple of miles done I returned home, shaken but not downhearted, put it away in the playroom and began to think about the various defects revealed in such a short test drive. Brakes, rough running, ride, a howling draft around my ankles ( who knew you could put the wing vents on backwards?) etc. etc. The comforting thoughts of hours of endless fun "sorting it" ahead, I slept well that night.

With great enthusiasm I began the task of inspecting, tutting, and writing notes, I gradually began to tame the beast. It has had a lot spent on it over the years with all the invoices supplied since the early 2000's and it would appear it has carried out very little mileage, certainly over the last 10 years, being more a garage Goblin. One of those mythical creatures that inhabits the darkened garage, has vast amount of time and money spent on them by well meaning people but rarely sees the light of day or tarmac.

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### *A Tale of Woe cont.*

The list of jobs whilst long, was not particularly onerous, with nothing too complicated and more a case of while I am doing X, I might as well take a look at Y, I am there anyway so why not? So, after some months, many happy hours being spent just pottering, the list of jobs was down to a very few before letting it breathe fresh air and see natural light once more. The brake light switch to adjust, a last sort of check and lube and Orff, like Toad, once more I planned to go. Switch sorted, the brake cross shaft to be lubed and the test drive planned until... the cross shaft clearly needed a little more than a quick squirt of 3 in one to rectify its stiffness. So, like all the best surgeons, when unsure of what exactly is wrong, removal seemed the easiest way to go, do it once, do it right sort of thing. It put up a fair fight for one so old but was eventually vanquished and laying on the bench..

Prior to proceeding any further I returned to my normal position of laying on my back under the car examining the bushes to see what was to be done. The centre one was easy to unbolt and put aside for further treatment as was the off-side one as well. Cursing the fool that had reassembled it using normal hex headed bolts instead of cap screws, like wot I would have done, when a strange nauseous feeling gradually came over me as I realised that the off-side one was normally riveted to the chassis. Why on earth would someone have gone to the trouble of drilling out the rivets etc. to take it off just to lubricate it? That nauseous sinking feeling became more acute as careful examination revealed that at some point in its dim distant past, persons unknown (believed to be that well known firm Bodge and Messum Ltd.) had cut and shut the chassis and renewed the entire off side rear quarter of the chassis including outriggers, up to the middle of the car. What was worse was that the depth and width of the cross parts were actually of different dimensions.



How I had not noticed this while laying underneath the car escapes me, pleading not being able to see the wood for the trees as a poor excuse. I can only say I must have been looking at individual components and assemblies rather than the bigger picture of the actual chassis, which appeared to be in good condition and virtually rust free. That or my glasses must be faulty.

Like all fairy stories there is always a happy ending. A replacement chassis was located within just one day and collected from the far-off depths of Sussex last Saturday, together with a speeding ticket, from a gentleman whose knowledge of Austin 7's and cars in general was both extensive and well researched over many years I suspect. (He has a Ruby chassis and one other I believe also for sale.) The chassis is in first class condition having been sand blasted and primed a few years ago. The body and its abhorrent chassis are now divorced and on separate sides of the playroom with a huge pile of stripped off parts carefully laid out ready to be sand blasted, prior to being repainted and reassembled. All the bits I had checked and ruled as being fit for purpose but not stripped are now stripped out completely for cleaning and repainting. As its off, might just as well sort of thing. Its completion date? TBA at the moment but I can't see it taking too long once the bits are cleaned, painted and sub-assemblies reconnected to their close associates. That and of course, locating the Round Tuit again.



*Dick Bessant*



## Austin Seven Clubs' Association Situations Vacant

### **Webmaster required for A7CA website from April 2025**

Roger Brown will reach the end of his 3 year term as Webmaster at the A7CA AGM in April this year - I am sure you will join us in thanking him for all that he has done in that time.

Clubs will need to put forward a new person to fill this role in the next month or so, to assist finding that person Roger has written the following job outline and notes.

The Webmaster is concerned only with maintaining the main website.

The Webmaster should:

- Take instructions from and report to the Association Committee.
- Liaise with the other Officers of the Association and Member Clubs to ensure published information is up to date and accurate.
- Update content of web pages as necessary.
- Respond promptly to enquiries submitted through the website contact links, directly where possible or by forwarding to other Officers with better knowledge.
- Modify menu and page structure, format and overall layout and design in conjunction with the Association IT Consultant.
- Have a working knowledge of WordPress.
- A working knowledge of HTML could be an advantage since WordPress WYSIWIG editor created layouts are not always quite what one expected.

#### Footnote:

Use of a content management system such as WordPress may be overkill for a website where content is almost static. After 10 years use, a general overhaul of layout and design might be undertaken in conjunction with the Association IT consultant.

### **A7CA Insurance Liaison Officer required**

The position of A7CA Insurance Liaison Officer (ILO) will become vacant from April 2025.

Insurance Liaison Officer – Job Specification.

- provides an intermediary between member club members and our recommended insurance providers when issues occur. For example, if a breakdown is not dealt within a satisfactory manner or if there are any delays with a claim, to help find out why and push for a satisfactory outcome.
- attends meetings with insurance providers and other Officers to negotiate policy benefits and cover
- provides a quarterly report at A7CA committee meetings to Member Clubs.
- provides pertinent updates for publication in the A7CA Magazine.
- helps to encourage insurance provision for younger drivers..

The role is not to negotiate individual premiums.

David Mawby has worked for a number of years in this role but cannot continue past our next AGM due to work commitments. We are very grateful for the time he has given this to date.

If you feel that you could undertake such a role and would like more details, please contact the A7CA Secretary on [secretary@a7ca.org](mailto:secretary@a7ca.org) or 01419428037.

## Dauids Diary

The very poor weather on the day of our January Sunday Saunter made me wimp out of taking our A7 out. Philip Snell put me, along with everyone else, to shame by driving his Ruby all the way from Axminster



We did make it to The Manor Inn in February and Mabel, our 1934 Tourer, went well, despite the long wait in the garage.

Last month I told the sad tale of the rear axle from my RP restoration project. Having discovered that it is virtually unusable, I decided to investigate an axle that was given to me some years ago. It had been buried under a heap of leaves and garden debris for many years with only a dumpy bag to give it any sort of protection. The brake drums had to be removed with a disc cutter, but the hubs did eventually come off and the outer ends of the half shafts looked OK. The casing, back plates and torque tube were really very badly corroded externally but once I had separated the diff casing and cleaned the thick oil covering everything, I was delighted to find that the crown wheel and pinion were in very good condition. Having stripped it completely, I will renew the bearings, fit new lip seals and hopefully will have a sound useable axle.



Whilst I have been 'playing' at home with the back axle, work on the body shell has progressed. The shell is now well on the way to be ready for painting. We have found a small patch of original paint on the dashboard which shows that it left the factory in Westminster Green and Black, so that is what we will use for the re-spray. I am now researching modern equivalent paint colours, and which sections should be Green or Black. All very interesting.



*Happy Austineering.*

*David.*

Several members enjoyed Nick Hawkins' recent Mid Devon Run in the sunshine.



## Caught In the Headlights

The Drake Family's Bodmin Stable of A7s

This month, the spotlight falls on, or rather is thrust upon Mark and Debbie Drake, way down West, so far down that they are actually in Bodmin. Mark claims no relationship with Sir Francis, being originally from Leicestershire, sometime of the Scilly Isles, now residing almost equidistant between the center of both Devon and Cornwall Clubs, but also very much a member of the amazing\* worldwide Austin 7 fraternity.

A7 interest was 'sparked' back in 1978, by Mark's Godfather who very much enjoyed a variety of Vintage cars and initiated the acquisition of a 1934 A7 Special 'Nigel' for the princely sum of £285. This was very much a barn find in dubious order, literally being used by chickens as a roost in a barn near Mallory Park where it had been abandoned after a crash. The engine parts were scattered around the four corners.

Recovery home was achieved by tow behind a Renault 16, a memorable journey. Work on this car had been very intermittent over the decades until a more serious attempt to put it together in 2010, although still unsupported with Mark being unaware of local clubs. Until that is when visiting Stithians show in 2013 and on peering under a Cornish Club car, looking to see how something went together, got a tap on the shoulder from the membership secretary.

Club membership has opened the doors for more involvement and help so that it now nears completion and is recognizable as a relatively original Superaccessories - Super 750. It also led to the acquisition of a 1935 Mk 1 Ruby 'Annie' in the same year in order to get on the road and join in with club activities.

Cornish A7 folk seem also to have a penchant for mobile homes and camper vans, which facilitated taking their 1935 Ruby on holiday to the Lake District in 2023 with plenty of challenging Passes to negotiate but also stopping over in Ironbridge and other places of interest enroute.

Whilst attending Beaulieu in '23, only to break down in a rather conspicuous, but a probably fortuitous central location, with 'bottom end' problems, when the 3-bearing crank broke. Recovery was made by Cornwall club members, who together with a certain D. Aylmore was one of very many necessary persons, all anxious to get oily again. Using a newly acquired rusty, second-hand bottom end that someone conveniently had to hand, the engine was rebuilt in the camping field so the New Forest holiday could continue.

Debbie drives her own 1936 AAL (Ruby tourer) 'Joy' which has become the main holiday vehicle being a little more reliable than the others! Thus, this was the vehicle used to take part in the 150-mile Beamish Safety and Reliability trial in 2024 in the company of some other Cornish and Devon club members, including one Andrew Grabham. They also took her to revisit Beaulieu and had a pleasant solo holiday in Dorset enroute.

All 3 cars are now housed in their dedicated double garage. Their 4 adult children are now mostly widely dispersed, and not following on the passion, but saying 'Don't get rid of the A7's' which is encouraging.

So why are they in the Devon club?

Mark says. 'Well, you seem like a friendly bunch, welcoming us over the years to some of your events but primarily because Debbie is Devonshire born and bred, and in conversation at Powderham, David seemed to think it would be a nice idea. I'm not sure if Debbie's ability to put a crank in a crankcase without difficulty on the day influenced the decision.'

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*Mike Moore*

The use of the word 'amazing' is currently much abused, but included here in its true context with due reverence.

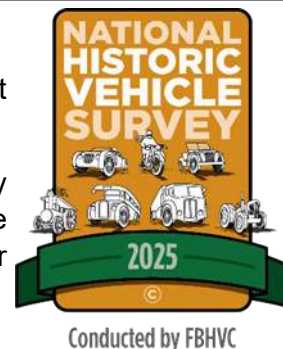
*More photos of Mark and Debbie's cars can be found on the front cover of this month's newsletter.*



## **FBHVC 5 yr Historic Vehicle Survey**

Please participate in the crucial National Historic Vehicle Survey and keep transport heritage on our roads.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs will have to argue even more strongly for historic vehicles to retain their current access and freedoms on our roads in the coming years as we navigate the most challenging period in our history. To defend our freedom to use yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads, we need your help completing this crucial survey.



The Federation represents more than 500 clubs, museums, and individual members passionate about historic vehicles older than 30 years, such as cars, motorcycles, buses, coaches, lorries, agricultural, military, or steam vehicles.

Due to changing political and environmental influences, the historic vehicle community, events, the freedom to use the roads, and even the fuel we use are under increasing threats and pressures.

The FBHVC aims to lobby the Government against detrimental legislation and restrictions that could impact the future of historic vehicles. However, to secure a successful outcome, the organisation needs dependable data on the significance and scope of the historic vehicle movement. The responses you provide will help shape the future of historic vehicles in Great Britain over the next five years by providing crucial data.

The Federation first conducted research in 1997 and has repeated the process at least every five years since then. HM Government values this research for providing a consistent approach that demonstrates accurate traceability and the development of the historic vehicle movement over time. Such transparency fosters trust in the government and ensures that the 1.9 million historic vehicles recorded on the DVLA database are treated fairly and appropriately.

The survey encompasses all historic road vehicles, including cars, bikes, lorries, vans/motorhomes, military vehicles, buses/coaches, tractors/agricultural vehicles, and steam vehicles.

Details of the previous research can be found here: <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/research>

Over 15,000 enthusiasts participated last time around. We want to make this survey the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world, so please take part, have your say, and help keep the historic vehicles that we love on the road for the benefit of everyone in the future.

Depending on your responses, the survey should take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Kindly ensure that you finish it in one sitting.

Complete it now at: [www.fbhvc.co.uk/survey](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk/survey)

## **New Members**

This month we welcome three new members to the Devon Austin 7 Club, and look forward to seeing them out and about in the coming months.

*Welcome to the Devon Austin 7 Club*

John Doyle lives in Camborne. He owns a Red 1934 PD 2 seater Tourer which was originally registered in Exeter and cost £100 new. John also owns a 1936 Ruby Mk 2 Deluxe in maroon. The car was originally sold new in Plymouth, and was bought by John from Ipplepen in 1998.

Norman Williams lives near Torrington, and owns a 1937 Ruby in blue/black. The car was imported from the Channel Islands to Exeter in 1949.

Dennis Nicholas lives in Shebbear and owns several Austin 7s, including a Mk 1 Ruby and a Nippy.

## Musings of a Mascot

Well I have to say that it's great that the season has begun to hot up a bit despite some dire weather. For instance on 26th January when some of us met up in Bramford Speke for a pub lunch in the Agricultural Inn the weather was dire. Most of us went in our humans' conventional cars, only one club member being bold enough to brave the weather in his Austin Seven. We were all a bit disappointed that when we arrived a little before noon we were not let in to the pub but were told to wait either in our cars or the shelters in the garden. The lunch was the usual high standard when eventually we got to it I believe, though I didn't get any I fear.

My human had a Birthday at the end of January and his younger son John came from the USA to help him celebrate, which was fun. On Thursday 6th February it was the pub lunch at the Cat and Fiddle with our Morris chums. My human's elder son George came to see us and we all went to the lunch. The considered opinion of the three humans was that our combined weight would be a bit much for Annie. I think they were probably right, as they weigh in at a combined weight of about 47 stone!

Our next outing was me and my human having a Sunday Saunter of our own after church on 9th February at the Wheelwright Pub in Colyford (see first picture). This was a particularly pleasant time for me and my human. He could get a drop or two of Proper Job on draught and I was greeted by a very friendly human, and his wife. They had recently lost their own dog and so made a big fuss of me, including several treats from the barrel that this dog friendly pub keeps in the bar.



It seems that me and my human are forever having a pub lunch, which he always enjoys, saying it saves him shopping, cooking and washing up. The second picture shows me and several Austin Sevens in the car park of the Manor Inn, which is rather well hidden some several miles the other side of Exeter from Seaton where we live. A good time was had by all. This was the club's first attempt at a Saturday Saunter and was a great

success judging by the chatter and clean plates that went back to the kitchen. It was good to see some members who came in conventional cars, Richard and Marlies Bishop in particular who no longer have an Austin Seven. My human had to content himself with Jail Ale which he seemed to enjoy. I was given a couple of treats by the landlord which was kind of him. I guess it won't be long before the AGM of our excellent club, which will of course be followed by another pub lunch at the Tom Cobley Inn. I must remind my human to check to ensure that it is dog friendly.



I guess that's about it for now.

*Happy Austineering Max*

### Answers to puzzles on page 8

#### **CROSSWORD**

##### **ACROSS**

1. Florist 4. Leash 7. Lancaster 8. Ensue 9. Bounce 12. Spitfire 15. Keyboard 17. Svelte 18. Aces 21. Hurricane 22. Dined 23. Pavlova

##### **DOWN**

1. Fullback 2. Recent 3. Tote 4. Lyre 5. Airship 6. Haze 10. Essay 11. Kinds 13. Etcetera 14. Typhoon 16. Pencil 18. Avid 19. Shed 20. Prop

#### **ODD ONE OUT**

1. Anthony – all other words end in a form of transport.
2. Trondra is a Scottish island all the others are Greek islands.
3. Tame – in all the other words the first letter can be replaced by the letter P to make another word.
4. FHL – all the other groups of letters rhyme with each other when pronounced.
5. Knoll is a hill all others are small rivers.

#### **QUADRUPICKS**

1. (b) Hillock 2. (a) Mix 3. (c) Atone 4. (b) Instructive 5. (d) Draw 6. (a) Irrelevant 7. (c) Weaken 8. (d) Traceable



## Important advice about insurance for young drivers on Austin Sevens



The Austin Seven Clubs' Association has had a close relationship with RH Specialist Car Insurance (RH) over four decades, and are very keen for this to continue. But the world of car insurance over the last 20+ years has changed - especially for first-time drivers and particularly in older cars.

The A7CA has recently been in discussions with RH about what they can offer young drivers who are either members of an A7CA affiliated club or have family who are such club members.

**Working with RH the A7CA have put together a useful list of things that will help young people stand a better chance of being able to obtain insurance to drive an Austin Seven.**

The team at RH (part of Howden Insurance group) are trained to give advice to young Austin Seven owners/drivers. Each case is considered on its individual merit, and the team will do their utmost to assist.

**RH will consider insuring drivers once they qualify for warranted accompanied driving** – this means that once you get your full driving licence you can be considered for a policy where your parent or the owner is inside the car with you.

**RH will also consider insuring you to drive an Austin Seven unaccompanied if:**

- You have 1 full year of clean insurance
- Experience of driving an Austin Seven accompanied
- Have experience of driving Austin Sevens at car events such as Driving Tests, Trials and Track Days

**RH will consider insuring you to drive an Austin Seven in your own right if:**

- You are 21 or over.
- Drivers younger than 21 may be considered depending on individual merit. Have a conversation with the RH team.
- You have a full clean licence.
- You have a clean insurance history.

**Note: If you are thinking of purchasing an Austin Seven now to drive when you're aged 21+, RH advise speaking to them before you make the purchase.**

**RH tell us that the following things are very desirable:**

- You have been brought up around and have experience of Austin Sevens.
- Your family has some history of insuring Austin Sevens with RH.
- You own a modern car with your own insurance policy.

**What RH cannot do:**

- Insure learner drivers on vehicles which are pre-1970.
- Insure everyone who applies – but following the above advice will give you a better chance of being considered for insurance.

In addition, due to RH being part of the Howden Insurance group, they can also give you advice regarding young driver insurance for your everyday car whilst you're learning to drive or once you've just passed your test.

RH Specialist Car Insurance: <https://www.rhspecialistinsurance.co.uk> 0333 043 3911.

### A Bargain!

In 1971 me and a pal went off to buy a cheap car that we could leave on a friendly pub car park, keep it MOT'd so that if we had a breakdown or accident we had a car that we could use straight away. The car in question was a very tired Riley RMA which needed the clutch repairing. The asking price was £1:10/- . We gazed at this weary car, walked around it and pronounced that the tyre were not very good. Ten shillings was knocked off the price and we got it for £1. It was pressed into service on occasion. I was the last to use it before it was laid up for about ten years. The engine was so worn that oil in liquid and burnt form, emanated everywhere including through the holes in floor of the cabin filling the inside of the car with dense smoke. Kill or cure I tried Piston Seal, and not unreasonably it killed. Bits of broken piston rings being ejected through the exhaust port. When the Riley was finally sold we achieved £120 for it. The only complaint from the new owner a few weeks later was about a missing hubcap. That had come off at speed and flew into a wheat field never to be seen again.

*Roly Alcock*

## For Sale and Wanted

### 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 £4,500o.n.o**

Telephone Pete on 01803 552507 after 7pm.



### For Sale.

1937 A7 Van. Very much a 'One Off' but with an interesting history. Professionally built on a 1937 chassis by a coachbuilding company – S.H Wyatt of Stoke-on-Trent probably in the 1990's. The body is Aluminium over a timber frame. In 2001 it was checked over & re-sprayed for the present owner by Ray Hood, a well-respected A7 restoration business. It was then used to deliver cut flowers around Devon until about 5 years ago when it was laid up. The van appears to have been well maintained whilst in use, and the engine starts & runs. It will need new tyres, battery and a light re-commissioning. Currently on SORN with DVLA.

Note the 'red' pictures are from 2001. 'yellow' are 2025!!

More information from David or Nick – Contact details on the back page.

**Price - £6,000 o.n.o.**



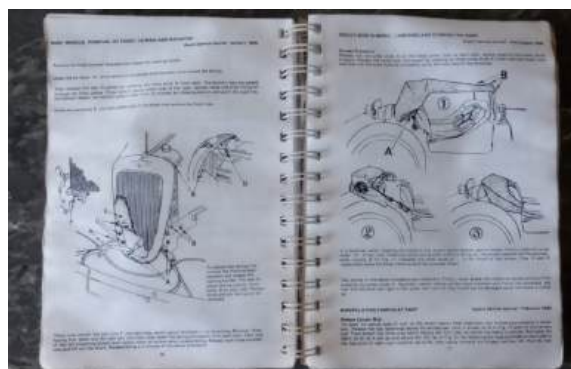
*Austin 7 related items Wanted' or 'For Sale' can be advertised in Devon Sevens free of charge. Items will be removed from the listings after 3 months unless you have notified me that you would like the advert to continue.*

### Sales in support of the Rolling Chassis Project.

Please contact David Aylmore if you are interested in any of the following items.

Contact details on back page.

#### **A7 Companion**



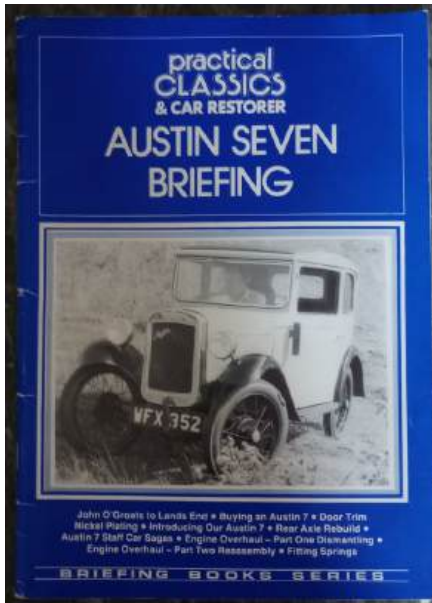
Published by the 750MC, this is considered to be the book for technical information on the restoration and maintenance of the Austin Seven comprising articles based on many peoples personal experiences; covering all models from Chummy to the Ruby. This copy has been well used, and the pages have suffered from damp at some time. However, all pages are in place and it is still very useable.

**Price £10 inc. P&P.**

*(Note, on E-Bay these are selling for between £15 & £35 +P&P)*

## Sales in support of the Rolling Chassis Project cont.

### Practical Classics



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A varied collection of interesting articles published by 'Practical Classics'. Paperback A4 size in very good condition.

Price - £12 inc. P&P.

### Austin 7 Specials

The 'must have' guide for anyone planning the building, maintenance or tuning of an A7 Special. In good used condition.

Price - £30 inc. P&P.



### Bandsaw



Bandsaw in good working order, comes with a spare blade.

Dimensions: 1,140mm high, 1,110mm long and 350mm wide.

Collection from Braunton.

It is quite heavy and would need to be collected in a small van, estate car or SUV etc.

Price - a donation to the Rolling Chassis Project (see page 10)

## 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.*

### Club Events

- Sun. March 16<sup>th</sup>** AGM –10.30 for 11am Spreyton Village Hall followed by Sunday Lunch at the Tom Cobley Tavern. Contact David Aylmore. See page 3 for full details.
- Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup>** Young drivers day at Re-Fuel S.W. Five Bridges, Willand Road, Cullompton, EX15 1QP See page 4 for details.
- Sun. April 27<sup>th</sup>** Drive it Day. Run to the Maritime Museum, Appledore. See page 5 for details
- Thurs - Sun.  
May 8<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>** Guernsey weekend. WW 2, Liberation Celebrations.  
Contact Jude Zebedee for more information.
- Fri-Sun.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> June** The Vintage Nostalgia Festival - DA7C website for full details.  
Contact Nick Borst-Smith
- Fri - Mon.  
June 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>** Scottish A7 Club Rally - Guildtown, Perthshire. Contact David Aylmore.
- Sat/Sun  
July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** Historic Vehicle Gathering, Powderham. More information on page 6.
- Sat/Sun  
July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** Rosemoor Vintage Weekend, Great Torrington EX38 8PH, Entry form on the DA7C website.  
Contact Nick Borst-Smith. Details on page 7.
- Tues. Sept.9<sup>th</sup>** Widecombe Fair. Contact David Aylmore.
- Sat. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** Sidmouth Classic Car Show.
- Sun. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** DVCC Autojumble, South Devon Railway Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DZ, just off the A38.

### Other Events.

- Sun. April 6<sup>th</sup>** Hammerwich Pre-War gathering. WS7 0LJ E-mail. [klaxonhoard@gmail.com](mailto:klaxonhoard@gmail.com)
- Sun. April 27<sup>th</sup>** Drive it Day. Crash Box Club, the Den at Teignmouth. 10am - 4pm, come and go as you please.  
Organiser - Geoff Hulley, phone 07801 859531, e-mail: [geoff@crashboxclub.co.uk](mailto:geoff@crashboxclub.co.uk)
- Sun. May 11<sup>th</sup>** DVCC Autojumble, South Devon Railway Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DZ, just off the A38.
- Sun May 18<sup>th</sup>** Rotary Classic Car Run. 70 miles starting in Calne, Wiltshire. Details and entry form from David Aylmore, or E-mail. [calnerotaryclassicrun@gmail.com](mailto:calnerotaryclassicrun@gmail.com)
- Sun. June 15<sup>th</sup>** Morwellham Quay, [www.morwellham.org](http://www.morwellham.org) Phone No. 01822 832766
- Sun. June 29<sup>th</sup>** National A7 Rally - Beaulieu Hampshire. Entry forms available in late Feb/early March from The Pre-War A7 Club website
- Sun. July 6<sup>th</sup>** All Things Morris - Morris dancing, classic & vintage vehicles. [www.allthingsmorris.co.uk](http://www.allthingsmorris.co.uk)
- Fri - Sun  
Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>** Torbay Steam Fair - Churston, Brixham. Website - [www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk](http://www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk)
- Fri - Sun  
Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** Silverstone Festival - see page 7.
- Sun. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>** Seaton Carnival Classic Car Show – Contact Michael Tabear.
- Sun. & Mon.  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>** Honiton Hill, Smeatharpe Stadium. [www.honitonhillrally.co.uk](http://www.honitonhillrally.co.uk) Phone No. 07929 534277

### Regular Monthly Meetings

- 1st Thursday 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** 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)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7pm.** Members Zoom meetings with a Guest speaker every 3 months if possible.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** Somerset Seveners meet at the Lamb & Lion, Hambridge, TA10 0AT at lunchtime and in the evening around 7.00 p.m. Contact Anne Whellock on 01460 66434 for more details.



## 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/](http://www.devonaustinseven.company.site/)  
 or  
 Follow the link from the Members' section on the Devon A7 Club Website:-  
[www.devon.sevens.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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

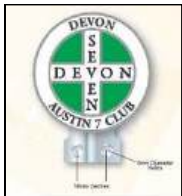


For details of upcoming events, news, club regalia, history of the club, photo gallery and much more visit the website - [www. devonsevens.co.uk](http://www.devonsevens.co.uk).

You can also have a look at our Facebook page where you can share A7 stories with other enthusiasts, ask for advice or just see what others are doing with their Sevens - **Devon Austin Seven Club**.

## 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 Steve Wise by phone or e-mail or can be collected from any club event. Contact details are on the back page.*

## April 2025 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 April issue should be with me by **Wednesday March 19th 2025** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday 26th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.

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