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Newsletter for

The Devon A7 Club



A good variety of cars for the recent Woody Bay Run



Important Drive it Day Notice

Drive-it Day/East Devon Amble Revival/Navigational Event

Regrettably, the event will be postponed to a later date, due to a variety of circumstances. See below for the Drive it Day meetings in Devon.



Hopefully, there's been a good number of Rally Plates purchased to benefit the NSPC Childline Charity and these should be proudly displayed on the day, even if you are only going to Tesco. Plates are available online from <http://www.driveitday.co.uk/> Note: sometimes plates sell out quickly, so early ordering is recommended.

Please send me photos of your 'Drive it Day' outings with a couple of sentences about your day, and we can have a 'Drive it Day' display in next month's newsletter - Editor (contact details on page 17)



Drive it Day Sunday April 26th

Three options for taking your A7 'Out & About' on Drive it Day this year

East Devon Bumble

Meeting at 10.00 in Axminster Square for a modest Drive - it - Day *Bumble* around the lanes, with cross border incursions into West Dorset, conceivably involving a pub stop.

Expressions of interest/further details contact Mike Moore on:
07718 385700, e-mail: mike@mgmoore.co.uk



North Devon Run

Meeting 10.00 for 10.30 in the Layby on B3233 opposite the Marine Camp, Instow

Contact Nick Hawkins for more details:
Tel: 01271 375730 or e-mail: valhawkins3@aol.com

The Crash Box Meet at The Den, Teignmouth

This is a come-and-go-as-you-please event between 10am-4pm.

You are encouraged to use the town's cafes and other shops or just wander round to see all the other classics that will be there.

Devon Austin Sevens will be very welcome.



Zoom Club Night

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

Monday 18th May at 7pm

Spend an hour chatting to like minded A7 enthusiasts over a cuppa.

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





Devon A7 Club Stand
at the
Devon Vintage Car Club Autojumble
Sunday May 10th
9am to 1pm



S. Devon Railway, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DZ



Once again this year, we will have a stall at the DVCC Autojumble in May with the objective of providing a meeting point for Devon Austin Seven Club members and to sell surplus spare parts on their behalf.

The sale of parts will be a FREE service to members.

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

- Every part or collection of parts must have a label attached with your membership number and price required, and if it is not obvious, a description of what the part is would be helpful.
- When the item is sold the label will be cut off and kept with the money to be returned to the member.
- Members can, if they wish, indicate on the label how much reduction they are willing to give to `hagglers`. This will be indicated by adding a letter, (A, B, or C) after the price, `A` will entitle the stallholder to give a maximum of 10% reduction, `B` 20% and `C` 50%.

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

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

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

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

Even if you are not interested in buying or selling, the event has proved to be a good social gathering and there is usually a cup of tea or coffee on offer, so why not drop by and say hello?

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



HISTORIC VEHICLE GATHERING POWDERHAM Castle, Nr Exeter. 11th & 12th JULY 2026

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, 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 29th May, so please don't delay.

An entry form has been sent with this newsletter and should be filled in and sent by post or e-mail to David Aylmore, Corner Cottage, Ideford, Newton Abbot, TQ13 0BG,
E-Mail: devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible.

If you would like any more information,
just drop David an e-mail: devon.sevens@hotmail.co.uk or telephone on 01626 852259



Vintage and Classic Weekend at RHS Garden Rosemoor, July 25th & 26th 2026

**Please Note -
unfortunately, this event has been cancelled.**



John Haynes Classic Motor Show 2026 – Austin 7 Specials display

September 6th

The theme for the above event at the Haynes Motor Museum is **Austin 7 Specials**. They are looking to bring together the following categories:

1. Period home built specials
2. Racing specials
3. Special specials
4. Newly built specials
5. Touring specials
6. Trials specials
7. Low volume production specials.

Please register your interest to Keith Selley by email: keithselley@hotmail.co.uk to receive further details as available.

Any Ideas?



I needed another starting handle shaft for the Top Hat that I'm restoring, as the original is missing. I pulled out a spare engine from under the bench and found that its nosepiece has a purpose made domed cap blanking off the end of the camshaft. So how did the fan belt work? Probably a simple explanation, but it's got me baffled.

She's a late Top Hat with coil ignition, scuttle vents, glove boxes etc produced at the same time as the RK saloon.

John Turley (contact details on back page)

Young Drivers' Day, April 2026

The sixth Young Drivers event on the 11th was our best yet. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, to all who brought their cars, to those who helped throughout the day, to ReFuel for hosting us, and to Howden Insurance for their generous sponsorship.

We welcomed twenty-eight Sevens from far and wide, including the now regular contingent from the Somerset Sevens. In fact, we had cars from the Cornwall, Dorset, and Bristol Clubs as well. Around forty young - and not so young - drivers took to the track, which thankfully escaped the worst of the overnight rain, and many enjoyed a passenger ride around Cullompton too.

Our new gazebo proved its worth, giving the demo engine and chassis a perfect home in the engineering department. All of this contributed to a lively, buzzing atmosphere and a real reluctance to wind down at the end of the day, despite an entirely unseasonal hailstorm trying its best to send us home early.

As ever, the success of the event rests entirely on the people who make it happen: the staff of The Steamer and Airstream, Dan and Max at ReFuel, and Emma Airey of Howdens Insurance. Without their support - and yours - the event simply wouldn't take place.



Nick Borst-Smith

More Young Drivers' Day



Jude had an interesting Young Drivers' Day - she took her youngest passenger yet for a drive - minus 5 weeks old!! She's looking forward to meeting him in person at the next event.

She was also unfortunate to be caught in the unseasonal hailstorm towards the end of the day.



Jude also did some 'shameless advertising' for Young Drivers' Day, while visiting Coldharbour Mill Steam on Easter Monday.

She then realised that she had parked beside a somewhat pointless sign, bearing in mind she was driving an A7!!

PUZZLE PAGE

by Julie Eddles

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Ascend (5)
2. Pudding (7)
8. Craftsman (7)
9. Tend (5)
10. Knight's title (3)
11. Capable (9)
13. Odour (6)
15. Stoat-like mammal (6)
18. Light (3,2,4)
21. Winning cry (5)
23. Beyond the norm (7)
24. Burglary (7)
25. Surrender

DOWN

1. School units (7)
2. Waylay (9)
3. Fundamental (5)
4. Car part (6)
5. Honest (7)
6. Transgress (3)
7. Pilfering (5)
12. Another place (9)
14. Overlook (7)
16. Flax seed (7)
17. Astutely(6)
18. Not drunk (5)
19. Way in (5)
22. Tip of a pen (3)

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QUADRUPICS

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

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. NASCENT | (a) Included | (b) Budding | (c) Separate | (d) Controversial |
| 2. CREDULITY | (a) Honesty | (b) State | (c) Worth | (d) Gullibility |
| 3. DENIZEN | (a) Builder | (b) Resident | (c) Supporter | (d) Deligate |
| 4. OSCULATE | (a) Rotate | (b) Change | (c) Kiss | (d) Inactive |
| 5. ALLEGORY | (a) Parable | (b) Category | (c) Anomaly | (d) Suspiciousness |
| 6. LOCUTION | (a) Place, area | (b) Share | (c) Find | (d) Accent |

QUOTE BOX

Place the letters in each column into the blank boxes below them to spell a quote by L. M. Montgomery

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Answers on page 13

Musings of a Mascot

Another month has rushed past, my human tells me it's just a sign of getting older...I had a good day on 19th March when my human's elder son came to visit us, which means we are very likely to have a run in Annie. As you all know by now I expect, I do so love that dear wee car.



On Thursday 2nd April I went to my groomer where I had my usual trim, which my human gets done regularly, so that he can keep his eyes open for any grass seeds getting embedded in my body. It's a lot cheaper for him than having to get an expensive operation at the vet's. My human picked me up in Annie and drove us immediately to Colaton Raleigh where we enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the Otter Inn, with our Morris chums.

Sunday 5th April was Easter Sunday, so as soon as my human got home from church we piled into Annie and went to the Wheelwright for lunch. It was absolutely crowded, and we were squeezed onto the last free table. Unfortunately, it had been so busy that the pub had run out of Proper Job, one of my human's favourite beers, so he had to be pleased with Jail Ale instead.

We were pleased to see my human's elder son again on Tuesday 7th April, when we once again went out in Annie. We had a very pleasant run round the villages in the lovely Spring sunshine, and stopped in Axmouth, where we found we were too early for The Ship, which was not yet open. Onwards then, back to Colyford and the Wheelwright where the Proper Job was still not replenished, much to my human's dismay, though I did hear him say to his son that the Jail Ale was very well kept.

Our last outing in Annie was today Saturday 11th April. We met up in Honiton with my human's chum Mike Moore, and then drove in convoy to refuel in Cullompton. There, my human was tasked with providing any youngsters who had driven round the field in an Austin Seven with a certificate stating that they had done so. I sat most of the day in Annie while this was going on, and was pleased when anyone came past Annie and said hello to me. I am always ready to be stroked and made a fuss of by people, most of whom seem to know that I am the club mascot. So ends another busy month when we seem to have spent much time having pub lunches.

Happy Austineering

Every best wish Max the Mascot

Enjoying a rare bright spring day



Nice bright Easter Sunday, so out for a test run through Dawlish, on to Starcross and up the mighty Haldon bank (2nd gear in places) to Mamhead and back to Teignmouth.

Putting the old girl back into the garage (who am I to call her an old girl as she's only 7 years older than me), sorry I digress, I heard a new sound from the engine, upon inspection have diagnosed slight looseness in the lower fan pulley.

A job for tomorrow.

Bob Downey

'Out & About'



The Somerset Sevens met at the Rose and Crown , East Lambrook for their monthly get together.

The owners of 5 Sevens, a Riley, an A35, a 1953 Renault 750 and a couple of MGBs received a warm welcome and enjoyed a convivial evening at the new venue .



Max, our mascot, and Michael went out in Annie for Easter Sunday lunch.

Another Sunday lunch out for Michael and Mascot Max.



An Update from Sam Archer

I was lucky to get the chance to compete at VSCC Loton Park and Prescott long course hillclimbs last year, two fantastic courses at the tail end of the VSCC calendar, made slightly more challenging by the autumn weather. The rain at Loton was so torrential on the Sunday that quite a few drivers had packed up and gone home at lunch, after getting soaked to the skin on the practice runs, but the die-hards in class 13 showed no sign of giving up that easily. Jon Giles set FTD in the wet in the lightning-quick Salome on Sunday (essentially a highly tuned Morgan 3-wheeler with 4 wheels, some 5 seconds ahead of everyone else in our 1100cc race class) and also won the class on Saturday. I bungled a lot of the gear shifts on Saturday but managed to get one good run on the Sunday, enough for 2nd place.

At Prescott long course a fortnight later it was thankfully dry until the last run. There were a few new younger A7 drivers in the class which was good to see. The first practice run was aborted after cylinder head failure, luckily I'd brought a spare LC iron head and there was just enough time to swap the head before the 2nd run (the joy of Austin 7s - what other car can you swap a head on in under 20 minutes!) Salome was absent at Prescott, but Louis McNair's JAP-powered GN special was equally up to the task of winning the class, the Adro special (also JAP powered but with A7 axles) was going very well and only one-hundredth of a second behind me in 3rd.

The winter months gave some time for a strip-down and a few improvements, the banjo type axle housing being changed for a later D-type housing, with the axle tubes being cut and offset by the same amount, allowing the crown wheel and pinion to be changed for the stronger 5.25 ratio Ruby type. The rear springs changed for a better set, new rear dampers made, and a dry-deck cylinder head is being made by David Dye (which will hopefully solve the problem of pressurising the coolant system and blowing out core-plugs). Fingers crossed it will all be back together and working in time for Wiscombe hillclimb on the 9th/10th May. Many thanks to David Aylmore for sourcing the rear axle and other useful parts.



Engine rebuild



Paddock at Loton Park



Pardon hairpin at Prescott

Sam Archer

II—A FEW PRELIMINARIES

The writer of a book on the Austin Seven is tempted to devote the whole of it to an enumeration of the merits of the little car. If I yielded to that temptation, my fount of appreciation would never dry up, though my readers might beg *me* to do so—they being concerned rather with the subject with which I have undertaken to deal—the use and maintenance of the Austin Seven—than with an appreciation of its merits.

Let me, however, indulge myself to this extent. Let me say that I regard the Austin Seven as one of the most grateful and comforting cars ever marketed. It is, in my judgment, an altogether remarkable achievement.

This statement needs some elaboration. The Austin Seven is a real car: it is in no way a makeshift, like the motor-cycle side-car combination, or the cycle-car; it is as carefully designed, constructed, and assembled, as any motor vehicle listed at many times its price. It is an embodiment of a high order of engineering—built not merely to sell (though it does sell, like the proverbial "hot cakes"), but to serve; not merely to go, but to go on going. It is good to look at, and will, with light and reasonable attention, keep its good looks for a long time. It is easy to groom, to maintain, to start, to drive. It is comfortable to sit in, and it runs so quietly that conversation between passengers is a pleasure—not an effort. In bad weather, it keeps all of you dry, and in any weather, it keeps all of you clean.

Be it remembered that the Austin Seven is not an experiment which is being "tried out" on the public; it has long since proved its merits, through the most gruelling tests—even in unskilled hands.

In a word, the Austin Seven is an altogether satisfying car. It has only three limitations:

(1) Its price is limited.

(2) So is the cost of its upkeep.

(3) It is not built to carry unduly heavy weights. 40 stone all told (i.e., in passengers and luggage)—say, 5 cwt., are enough for it. If you want to carry more, buy a car which will cost you more at first and thereafter.*

As a family car, for use of father, mother, and two or three youngsters, or—in lieu of the youngsters—two more adults, it is ideal. For runs into the country—picnics or otherwise—nothing could be better. It needs no chauffeur, for anybody of legal age can drive it. For shopping, social calls, runs to tennis or golf, it is perfect. It responds just as readily to a woman's touch as to a man's.

For the doctor's needs, too, it is well-adapted, as also for use by the commercial man who wants to keep in intimate touch with buyers or sellers.

Do not let it be supposed; however, that it is built only for "run-about" work—though it is built for relatively light loads. I would as readily trust it as any heavier car to bear me over the length and breadth of the land. It has now been on the market since 1922—long enough to prove itself a durable vehicle, accumulated milage notwithstanding. When I first saw the Austin Seven as a new "proposition," my verdict was: "All very well as a run-about, but not built for continuous and strenuous work." I was wrong; the little car was all right and all there.

But it is none of my business to advertise it. It is my job to tell the user how to get the best possible service from it. To that task I now settle down.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 8

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1.Climb 4.Dessert 8.Artisan 9.Nurse 10.Sir 11.Competent 13.Stench 15.Weasel 18.Set on fire 20.Win 22.Bingo 23.Extreme 25. Yield

DOWN

1.Classes 2.Intercept 3. Basic 4.Dynamo 5.Sincere 6.Err 7.Theft 12.Elsewhere 14.Condone 16.Linseed 17.Wisely 18.Sober 19.Entry 22.Nib

QUADRUPICS

1.(b) Budding 2.(d) Gullibility 3.(b) Resident 4.(c) Kiss 5.(a) Parable 6.(d) Accent

QUOTE BOX

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?.

2026 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. April 26th** 'Drive it Day' East Devon 'Bumble' starting in Axminster - full details on page 2.
North Devon Run - details on page 2.
- Sun. May 10th** 9am - 1pm, Devon Vintage Car Club Autojumble, South Devon Railway, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DZ - details on page 3.
- Wed. May 20th** Austin Day Tour - details to follow.
- Thurs. June 11th** Dartmoor Tour - details to follow.
- Sat./Sun.
July 11th/12th** Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering run by The Crash Box and Classic Car Club.
Details on page 4.
- Sat/Sun
July 25th/26th** RHS Garden Rosemoor Vintage Weekend. Great Torrington, Devon EX38 8PH
Event cancelled

Other Events

- Sun. April 26th** Drive it Day - Crash Box Club Meet at The Den, Teignmouth - details on page 2.
- May 1st - 4th** Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Yeovil Showground, Somerset, BA22 9TA
See www.abbeyhillrally.co.uk for details.
- Sun. Sept. 6th** John Haynes Classic Motor Show - Austin 7 Specials display. See page 5.
- Sun. May 10th** VSCC Hillclimb, Wiscombe Park, Southleigh, Colyton EX24 6JE. Racing starts at 9am.
Autojumble pitches are available at the event at £20.00 including 2 people tickets. More details from Tim and Anne Whellock, e-mail: timwhellock@gmail.com, tel: 07740 275730
- Sun. June 21st** Beamish Reliability Run. Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG
- Sat/Sun
June 27th/28th** National Austin Seven Rally, Beaulieu Motor Museum, New Forest.
- Sat. June 27th** Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally. More details at www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge.
For entry forms email: coldridgevintage26@aol.com
- Fri/Sun
July 31st/Aug 2nd** Torbay Steam Fair. The Kennels Showfields, Dartmouth Road, Churston Ferrers, Brixham. Approx. postcode - TQ5 0JT. See website: torbaysteamfair.co.uk
- Sun. Aug. 30th** Seaton Carnival Committee Classic Vehicle Show on Seaton Esplanade, 10am - 5pm.
Details form June Millman on 01297 599625, e-mail: june.m@talktalk.net

Regular Monthly Meetings

- 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
- 3rd Monday 7pm.** Members Zoom meetings with a Guest speaker every 3 months if possible.
- 3rd Wednesday** **Note the change of venue**
Somerset Sevens meet at the Rose and Crown, East Lambrook, TA13 5HF.
Evening meeting for the summer, 7pm or thereabouts. Contact Anne Whellock on 01460 66434 for more details.

For Sale and Wanted

For Sale

1932 Austin Seven RN Saloon KJ8348

In good running condition, the car has been part of our family for over 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 since 1983 and taken us on several enjoyable holidays, among them Beaulieu, Swanage and the Isle of Wight.



£4500.00 ono Can be viewed in Brixham.

Workshop manual. 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, by negotiation.

Contact Eddie on 01803 842653 or 07528900852

For Sale

Collection of 1930s, 1940s and 1960s magazines.

Good home sought in exchange for a donation to Club funds
Also available are Motorsport magazines from the late 30's, Autosports from the late 40's and Motor Racing magazines from the 60's.

Happy to split the collection.

Contact Colin at:- crc245@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 01803 921121



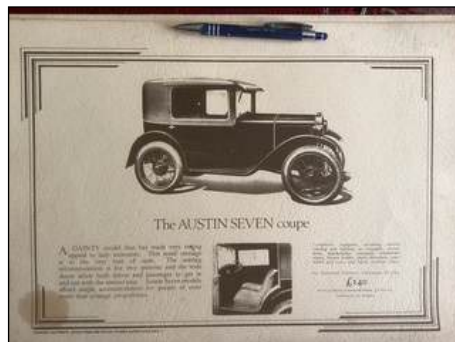
For Sale

Peter Gregson has found these rather interesting prints. They are printed on an attractive thin textured card. In the bottom corner is printed Kenning Car Prints, 26 Dale Road, Walton on Thames.

If you Google Kenning you will find he was an early car distributor (starting with motor bikes as they all did) going on to own motorway services and much more and become a very wealthy man and philanthropist. He published prints like this of many cars which must have been part of his sales literature.

They are not rare, but would certainly make a nice framed picture.

£10 each - contact Peter Gregson. E-mail: peter@woodenships.co.uk



Wanted

Sam Archer is looking for a 1930 type flywheel (1 & 5/16" crank and rear facing starter). If you can help, please contact Sam at: samscaravan4@hotmail.com

For Sale

1937 A7 Ruby – Interesting Project.

Off the road and dry stored for the last 60 yrs. 95% complete. Floor will need some welding but generally the body looks to be sound. Engine turns on the handle and has oil on the dipstick.

Comes with Buff Logbook dating back to 1959 and current V5 on SORN.

Offers over £1500 invited. Transport can be arranged.



Contact David Aylmore for more information - details on back page.

Wanted

For our 'Rolling Chassis' project –
Domed suspension link bolt with peg

Please contact David Aylmore –
details on the back page if you can help.



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June 2026 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 May 2026 issue should be with me by **Wednesday May 20th 2026** and the newsletter will be distributed on or before **Wednesday 27th**.

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Many thanks. Ed.



Devon A7 Club Clothing Range



- Polo Shirt,**
17 Colours available. £20
- Sweat Shirt,**
13 Colours available. £24
- Soft Shell Jacket,**
3 Colours available. £35
- T. Shirt,**
12 colours available. £19
- Baseball Style Cap,**
11 colours available £16

All clothing items are available from our On-Line Shop.
 Ordering is very simple - go to:
<https://theofficeway.com/pages/devon-austin-seven22922/>
 or
 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 David Aylmore, (contact details on back page)

These are the tools that are available:-

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|---|--|
| 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 | |
| 'C' spanner for the Torque Tube & one for the Steering Box. | |

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.

The password you need to access the 'Club Members' section was included in the e-mail accompanying this newsletter. In this section you will find the Members Map, Tool Loan Scheme, On-Line shop for club clothing and the Committee Meeting Minutes.

You can also access the club's website including membership application forms using this QR code - just scan the code and it will take you directly to the website.



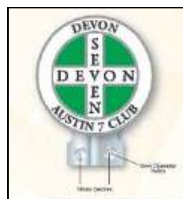
You can also have a look at our Facebook page where you can share A7 stories with other enthusiasts, ask for advice or just see what others are doing with their Sevens - **Devon Austin Seven Club**.



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 email Steve Wise (contact details on back page).

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. **£18.50 each inc. postage.**

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. postage.**

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.

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