

## **HEREFORD AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB.**

### **NEWSLETTER. SEPTEMBER, 2011.**

Greetings all Seveneers,

Just a short newsletter for September as it is still the holiday season ( for wrinclies and crinclies like me ) and time is short.

The weather over the past two months has been good, enabling us to use our cars. At our last Club meeting it was good to see Gareth Prossers' Ruby ; back on the road after its rebuild. A fine example of the time and effort that goes into any restoration. Well done Gareth.

At that same meeting, Eddie Loader gave us a real time demonstration of how to set up the timing on a Seven, using his own car to illustrate various pitfalls. Our Chairman has highlighted this in his report below but I cannot let this moment go without extending our sincere thanks to Eddie for such an enlightening 'hands on' talk. For those who were unable to get to the meeting, watch out for the next 'Shed Night' date.

Not only did I learn a lot about ignition and timing that meeting but I witnessed complete silence on two occasions. The first was when Eddie invited any member to step forward and show that they could also 'do it' and the second was when I asked for consideration by any member to put the Newsletter together. I really do need for someone to help with putting articles together every two months; not an onerous task but one that all members look forward to the end result. Do not be coy, have a quiet word.

Our congratulations this issue go to Brian and Sue Bedford for winning first prize for the oldest car travelling under it's own steam to the Brynmawr Rally. Well done. Pity they had to be taken home by the AA after the Woodruff Key snapped !! Also, congratulations to Gill and Michael Harcourt for winning the Ian Dimmer Trophy at the Old Down Rally for their extremely well turned out Mk.1 Ruby.

Finally, be sure to note that our next meeting at the Richmond Club on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, is a skittles evening. The Skittles room has been booked and there will be a small charge, the amount dependant upon the number of people there.

Keep those Seven wheels turning and enjoy the issue,

Mike.

#### **Comments from the shed.**

The club met at Eversley House on 30th of August. It was well attended by fourteen members plus four guests. As always it was a very sociable gathering, the meeting was much enjoyed and a great deal of knowledge on setting up the ignition was passed on by Eddie.

The club is very grateful to Eddie for all the preparation he puts into the evening sharing his wisdom with us. I personally have found members very helpful sharing their knowledge and I know all help is appreciated.

Could members contact me if they intend to meet up with the Hampshire A7 club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. September, for a meal at the Grafton, A.S.A.P.

Don't forget Septembers meeting is a skittles night at the Richmond club and Novembers' is a mince pies and wine evening at Eversley house, we will have a prize draw on both nights with profits going towards club funds, suitable prizes would be appreciated.

Can I say thank you to everyone for their work in helping the club develop the way it has. It's the members who make the club what it is.

Let's enjoy our Austin Sevens.

Stuart.

### **Forthcoming Events.**

#### **September**

**Sat/Sun 3-4 Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal Trust open weekend** (with beer festival !!) at Over nr Gloucester. No entry fee. Just turn up. Details: Contact Ray and Barbara Moses (they are going on the Saturday).

**Sun 11th Leominster Vintage working Day** Shobdon. Working tractors, some steam engines, classic cars, ploughing, terrier racing, ladies' flower competition! Also children's activities. Bar/catering van/crepes. Contact Sandra 07935-296036 or me. This needs to be by next Wed at the latest to have your car included in the programme. Otherwise just turn up on the day.

**Tues 27th Evening Meeting- Richmond House, Hereford.**

#### **October**

**Sun 2nd BBQ at Pat Caine's**, Ludlow. Bring your own booze and a fiver per person for the meat which he is providing. Please let him know by Thursday 29th Sept at the latest so he knows how much fillet steak to buy! Tel 07966-387815.

**Mon 3rd Evening committee meeting at Richmond House.**

**Sun 16th Wye Valley Wander.** Meet at Whitchurch Garden Centre car park at 11.00 and set off down the Wye Valley. Lunch (Good Food) at pub in Chepstow £10 pp. Dogs welcome. Visit to Severn Princess in Chepstow and Lydney Docks. Contact me for any further details. Please let me know by Tuesday 27th Sept if you wish to attend so I can let the pub know how many for lunch.

**Sun 30th Interesting Museum visit.** A visit to David Reynolds' museum of motoring memorabilia. Old Road signs, petrol pumps and associated artefacts. Also old cars. Then on to a pub for lunch. Something special is being organised for the ladies! Meet at 10.00 at

Burley Gate School who have a large car park. **Contact Brian Bedford 07974 069430** for more details and to let him know if you are going for numbers eating in the pub.

**Tues 25th Evening Meeting. Richmond House, Hereford.**

**November**

**Tues 29th Evening Meeting. Richmond House, Hereford.** I am hoping to get Mr Martin Gough of Penrite Oil Co to come and give us a talk on the correct lubricants for classic cars and ours in particular. He has said he will and it is just a question with getting to grips with the date.

**Finally** I am new to the club and do not know what arrangements you normally make for Christmas. I had wondered if the members would like some event(s) over the Christmas period. The last Tuesday in December is the day after Boxing Day. Maybe we could meet at Richmond House for an evening quiz? If you have family staying with you, perhaps we could organise a family quiz, maybe in the afternoon? Or else perhaps postpone to a date in early January? I am very happy to organise and be quizmaster for the evening! Also, what about a dinner or dinner/dance somewhere just before Christmas? This would be needing to be booked in advance (with probably a deposit). Can you let me know your thoughts prior to the Committee meeting on Monday 3rd October, so I can raise the matter.

### **Events Past.**

#### **Visit to Stretton Nursing Home**

4 cars enjoyed a most pleasant Sunday jaunt to the fete and open day. Glenn, Brian Wooster, Stuart and myself all took our cars, together with 2 vintage tractors to their open day. A most relaxing afternoon where we were entertained by a brass band and kindly given scones, tea and hot dogs just for turning up! Stuart managed to win so many prizes in the raffle that he chickened out when he had to keep on collecting them, and sent us instead, despite only entering his mobile number on the ticket presumably to remain incognito!



Michael Harcourt.

