

HEREFORDSHIRE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB.

NEWSLETTER. JULY, 2011.

Greetings all Sevensers!

A number of changes have taken place since you last received a Newsletter. Firstly, may I express a huge 'thank you' to Derek Choppen for his unfailing efforts as the Club Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Sadly, Derek has had to relinquish these posts in favour of the pressures of his business. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at as many Club events as possible. Secondly, for similar reasons, Brian Bedford has had to also step down from the post of Events Secretary. Our thanks to Brian's past efforts in guiding us to the right events and leading the Club runs on a number of occasions. Again, we look forward to his continued involvement in Club events.

We are grateful therefore to Michael Harcourt for expressing an interest and subsequently accepting the joint posts of Events Co-ordinator and Club Evening Meetings Co-ordinator. This is an important role and we hope that you will all support him in it, by providing information that will be of interest to all members by way of Events, Rallies and Club functions.

The Committee have created a new post, albeit temporary, for co-ordination of the Austin Seven Clubs Association 90th. Anniversary celebrations of the Austin Seven. This will culminate on the weekend of 20th. to 23rd. July, 2012, at Warwick School. There will be a number of events throughout the year which the Co-ordinator will make everyone aware of, but July's date is a must for your diaries. The committee are pleased to advise you that Pat Caine has accepted this role and we look forward over the coming months of the information that Pat will pass on to us; I wonder if my 'nut and bolt' restoration will be complete by then? Thanks Pat and welcome on board.

That brings me to the huge hole that Derek has left. Although we are still only a relatively small Club, twenty two fully paid up members and growing, we still require a Secretary. For the time being I have accepted to undertake these duties along with the A7CA contact and Vice Chairmanship. As far as the Newsletter Editor is concerned technically, the post remains vacant. However, it is vital for communication of information to members that we have a vehicle to pass on information therefore, I am trying my very limited skills at producing this issue. I may get some things wrong so please help by telling me. But, I have a plea. In itself the Newsletter Editor is a small or large job for the Club, one can make it what you will, but either way, extremely fulfilling; I can see that already. The committee would like to hear from anyone interested in helping out by taking on this role to produce a Newsletter every two months, if possible. I would emphasize that I believe that the role is one of putting the items together and not writing a missive from beginning to end. The Newsletter, in my view, is a collection of items from the members. Please have a quiet word if you want more information.

To summarise on the above, the Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	Stuart Howard	01432-353100
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Secretary	Mike Ward	01600-890902
Treasurer	Ron Sadler	01981-250365
Technical Advisor	Eddie Loader	01432-356841
Events/Meetings Co-ordinator	Michael Harcourt	01600-891345
Newsletter Editor	vacant	
A7CA (90 th .) Co-ordinator	Pat Caine	01547-528776

Keep those Seven wheels turning; enjoy the issue,

Mike.

Club Summer Bar-B-Q.

Although rain threatened the event on Sunday 17th. July, Stuart Howard put his insurance policy into practice and the twenty people that attended enjoyed an afternoon of feast and fun in 'Howard Trailers' very large workshop. Eddie Loader had prepared a quiz to exercise the well fed brains. Many thanks to Lyn, Stuart and Ruby for their hard work and ensuring an enjoyable event.

Peking to Paris.

Welcome back to Carmen and Kip Waistell after their 7,000 mile epic journey in not one, but two Austin sevens. We look forward to seeing and hearing the details at a Club evening in the not too distant future. Watch this space.

Club Car Badge.

Brian Wooster has arranged for metal badges to be produced for members. He finishes them himself by adding a Hereford Bull! (brooch size !). If anyone has not got one and wishes to purchase one, then see Brian at a Club Meeting.

A7CA Magazine.

Not all members receive the magazine of the Austin Seven Clubs Association. If anyone would like a copy then the Club can arrange to purchase these on a quarterly basis. Please let me know if you would like to place a regular order.

News from your (New!!) Events Co-ordinator

If you did not manage to make it to the evening get-together at the Bunch of Carrots a couple of weeks ago, you may not know that I am your new events co-ordinator, so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you

all. My name is Michael Harcourt, and together with my wife Gill, I live in the south of Herefordshire at Symonds Yat. I own amongst other classics a 1936 Mk 1 Ruby affectionately known as "Blossom". I bought her on e-bay in 2008 and after a small restoration she was ready for the road in 2010. She is a much loved member of the family and we take every possible opportunity to take her out on the lesser used minor roads and by-ways of our beautiful county.

Over the next year I will do my best to help source and organise any event which looks as if it might be of interest to you. This means that if you have any ideas of things to do, places to see etc, do please get in touch and I will help in any way I can. I do believe that the club is all about the people in it and the most fun to be had is with the members getting together doing silly things with our great little cars, so don't be shy, get in touch if you have something fun to do with all the members. My home number is 01600-891345, Mob 07836-225723, e-mail gpandmh@btinternet.com

Whitchurch Primary School open day 9th July

A couple of months ago I was asked to take Blossom and my XJS down to the little school for their open day. This request was to prevent all the Dads scuttling off as soon as they could to watch the Cricket/Golf/Grand Prix qualifying etc! "Do you know anyone else with a classic car?" they said. You Bet! And so I mentioned this little event at the Bunch of Carrots evening, and the upshot was that 5 cars from our little club made the event. There was Stuart and Lyn Howard in their pretty little Tourer, Phil Roberts in his , Brian and Patricia Wooster in their impressive Heavy 12 , Gareth and Ursula Prosser in their magnificent Daimler Majestic Major (Doesn't that car sound fantastic when at tick-over!!), and Gill and myself in Blossom and the XJS. Together with an assortment of other interesting vehicles including another Heavy 12 driven by the delightful Ira and Joyce from Newport, a Massey Ferguson tractor, two rally cars, a Daimler 250 saloon, a Land Rover, Triumph GT6, Sunbeam Tiger and a modern police "Noddy" car driven by a somewhat morose Mr Plod (who was totally uninterested in our lovely cars, and couldn't wait to shove off!), there was a great little show. The rain even held off for quite a while, only to be attracted by Brian's lovely dance music played on his delightful wind-up gramophone playing on 78's the latest hip tunes of the 1930's. Wonderful stuff! I do hope Phil got back ok as on the way down he said there was "a funny noise coming from the engine when on the overrun". I shall ask him when next we meet.

So I would like to thank Stuart and Lyn, Gareth and Ursula, Phil, and Brian and Patricia for taking such trouble to bring their cars down to the school and making the day what it was. I do hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.



Date for your Diary

Wye Valley Wander

16th October

I am currently organising an event in the beautiful southern Wye Valley which I hope will be of interest. The format will be simple. We meet at 11.00 at the Symonds Yat Maze car park. When everyone has arrived we will set off down

the Wye Valley on one side of the river, using minor roads, towards Chepstow. We shall call at a place of interest on the way. There will be lunch at a pub on the river at Chepstow, followed by a brief visit to the old Severn car ferry the "Severn Princess", made redundant with the opening of the first bridge. We will then meander back along the other side of the Wye, again stopping at a place of interest, before making our way back to Symonds Yat approx 4-4.30 and going home. Total distance somewhere around 50 miles, but some hills. I have negotiated a lunch deal for us where they will do a 2-course Sunday lunch for £9-95, with an optional pudding available extra if desired. There is of course an a la carte option also available at reasonable prices. In order to let the pub know the numbers, I would ask that you let me know in good time if you would like to come. I will then book a table(s) for us.

In conclusion I will just mention that we are going away from the 21st July to the 12th August inclusive for a holiday to Norway (alas not in Blossom!). I will therefore not be available on the home phone, but do please drop me an e-mail and I will get back to you on our return.

Do enjoy the summer in our beautiful cars!

Michael Harcourt

The 49th National Rally of Austin Sevens Beaulieu July 2011

This year was the 49th year that The 750 Motor Club has organised the National rally of Austin Sevens at The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. The Rally must surely be the largest regular gathering of Austin Sevens in the World and this year as usual almost every model of the famous car is represented by at least one car together with many foreign variants.

The Hereford Austin Seven Club was represented by Eddie Loader with his Autojumble stand and Ron Sadler who took along his unfinished Mulliner Sports. Other HA7C members present were Derek Choppen, Glenn Sanger and Robert Bird.

The Rally was blessed with a beautiful warm day and fine collection of cars to delight any A7 enthusiast. Particularly impressive were the immaculately restored Swallow Saloon of xxxxx and Sue Perkins' Mulliner Sports.

Ron Sadler helped to get the HA7C noticed by winning the 'Edroff Progress Plate' awarded in memory of David Edroff, a longstanding and very active member of 750MC, for the Best Restoration in Progress at the Rally. Ron was particularly

pleased to win the plate, as he had been a friend of David for many years.

The Plate was presented by Lord Austin's great grandson.

If you have never been to Beaulieu you don't know what you have missed. Make a date to be there next year.



Ron Sadler and Janet Edroff (Widow of David Edroff) holding the Edroff Progress Plate above the Austin Seven Mulliner Sport

