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FEATURES

CLUB NIGHTS

are held on the third Thursday
of every month at
The Tyrrell's Ford Hotel,
Avon (on the Ringwood/
Christchurch Road)
B3347

Didn't they do well? Lawrence and Margaret Rideal looking pleased with themselves after a successful and sunny Swanage Rally weekend.

EDITORIAL

ERROR ERROR in the Mag, what's the biggest one of all? There are a couple actually so it's difficult to decide.

Firstly, I got the Club Nights mixed up - this month is the ever-popular NOGGIN 'n NATTER and next month Gary has secured the talented Alan Brown to tell us about the lost New Forest Airfields. Secondly, I misunderstood the deal at KNOLL GARDENS. We all get FREE ENTRY but NO PICNICS. Knoll Gardens have snacks and full meals in the cafe/restaurant and a BAR. So no slipping out - OK?

Now, what's this Newsletter about? you've guessed it - SWANAGE, SWANAGE, SWANAGE. Chris Biggins and Den Larkin have been moved to express their intimate thoughts with us, the Poet Fatt has also been moved and Marilyn Bridge has taken to the World Wide Web to express her thoughts. It's

all very moving really.

Talking of apologies - see Roger's humble pie below. We'll have to rearrange another photo shoot or, perhaps, catch people on the hop so to speak. But in the daylight this time!

From those very generous people who brought us the White Knuckle Ride (report next month), an outstanding offer of a very cheap SWIMMING CLUB by Brian & Sue Willbourn. The classifieds have two absolute pearls (if you excuse the pun) - BRAND NEW CHUMMY PANELS and the award winning BRIAN HUGHES' SPECIAL for sale.

Plus good news from Australia, a Treb cartoon and masses of FAMILY NEWS. And all in 12 pages - what a brilliant Club.

David

Deadline for the next issue is 27/8/99 . Please send material to me by post, fax or E-mail or pass it over to the Editorial Team at Clubnight.

SECRETARIAL

Hi Gang

Well, the weather certainly smiled on us this year for our rally at Swanage. What a super weekend, and I should think another record turn out. Well done and many thanks to Lawrence and Margaret Rideal, and the small army of helpers for a great weekend.

It was nice to see Gary and Suzie Fatt's Ruby back on the road. Gary has just finished renovating it after a short lay-up. Another Austin back on the road is Phil & Hilary's Box

Saloon, still known as the 'Cox Box' after its previous owner. Phil has just restored the back axle so it should be quieter now, Phil

Jackie Cowley now has a new stock of sweatshirts and polo shirts resplendent with club badge. See her or Bernard on Club Night, which, incidentally, is traditionally a Noggin and Natter in August. See you all there.

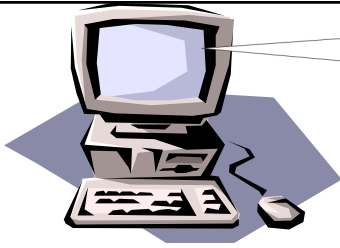
Glyn

JUNE CLUB NIGHT

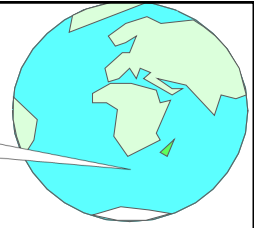
The night was billed as a photo shoot and engine testing evening but this was destined not to be. The evening was cloudy and I used a flash gun that I do not normally use. The results are disappointing as the prints are very under exposed and dark.

We did not fare much better with the engine testing. My tester failed to work at all and Vince's tested 4 cars before declaring that the filter was in need of replacing.

Roger



From the



CLUB RUN & TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 18th July

Sue and I had an excellent DA7C Run . The weather was hot and sunny, sunshine roof plus all vents and windows open. Car overheated a trifle on the off-road bit across Toyd Down including occupants. Got most of the clues but not all. Beautiful views across Dorset countryside, weather perfect and excellent beer and pub grub at the Queens Head, Bowerchalke. Please express our thanks to Peter Treiving for all his hard work organising the hunt.
Brian Willbourn: brian@4wtr.freeserve.co.uk

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA - No.1

4/7/99

Just a quick note to say hello and to tell you that, apart from the pain, I'm too bad now - just not sleeping or travelling too well at all at the moment. All I did was to go to the England v Australia Centenary Test Match at the new Olympic Stadium and on the way home - wack! - the next thing I remember was being in hospital in a lot of pain trying to remember my name for the nurse. As I now know, I was the second person to be wacked and I've heard of another since then.

I have better news to cheer me up from a friend in South America who had to abandon his bags. He's OK and all he'll say is "It's a long story!". Now I'm off to contact some A7 people in the area and get a warm welcome. See you all soon - Matthew

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA - No.2

7/7/99

I went to Melbourne, Victoria for a few days break and met up with some A7 people down there. Saw a Chummy "Ute" [*Australian for pick-up truck - Ed.*] one of the guys had made as well having a tour in the countryside in another A7 "Ute". I'm back in Sydney now to go to hospital again so I don't know what any future plans might be. - Matthew.

matthewcheeseman@hotmail.com

SWANAGE

We would like to thank everyone involved in making the Swanage Rally such an enjoyable weekend especially all the hard work put in by Lawrence and Margaret. The short time I was on the gate showed me how everything ran like clockwork - well done everyone. The barn dance was a great success with everyone having great fun and Peter Trebilco on Friday night was something special. The weather was wonderful too. Thanks again,

Marilyn & Jeff Bridge: oldspush@hotmail.com

TIP OF THE MONTH



If you are the registered owner of a vehicle, you can get a list of previous owners by writing to Fee Paying Section, DVLA, Swansea SA99 1AL enclosing £5 made out to DVLA Swansea. If they cannot find the owners prior to 1974, records from 1928-74 may be held at the original licensing authority as identified by DVLA.
David Burris (seen in a local paper)

SWANAGE RALLY

I set off Saturday to join the DA7C's annual bash at Swanage on.



'Can I borrow your tent son?' "Yes Dad, but I'm not sure what state it's in. It would be OK for Glastonbury." How right he was! As I



attempted to put it up, my knees crunched on bottle tops from its last party. It was well camouflaged by cow dung from an earlier sortie, and a multitude of splits and tears made it very easy to see the enemy approaching.

The barn dance in the marquee was the evening's highlight. By the time everyone had had enough beer to really enjoy it, the supporting poles, which at first got in the way, were now doing exactly what they were supposed to, supporting several dancers who thought they'd found partners they could rely

on. Then it was party time. Through the hedge we clambered over barbed wire and a wooden fence to be welcomed with cans of beer and lager by the people in the 'big house' adjacent to the main field. More people arrived through the hedge, then a steady stream. The bouncy



castle beckoned, off with the shoes, we were having a ball. When our hosts realised that they now had several dozen gatecrashers, it was "Everyone out!". Back through the hedge. Sorry, sorry, sorry. A girl with a nearly full plastic pint glass of beer was following me. I knew what was coming. I managed to find the



fence and navigate my way over the hidden barbed wire. She wasn't so lucky. There was a scream and a thud and most of the beer went

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straight over my head. It was all laughter and frolics.

Just after we managed to get to sleep, a baby started crying in a nearby tent. It went on and on. After some thirty to forty minutes the father shouted "You can't hit it with that!". But whatever they used seemed to do the trick!.

Breakfast was good, and reading the Sunday



papers was a real joy before the hard work which lay ahead.

I inspected the field and then it was time to catch the train into Swanage brimming with visitors for the annual Jazz Festival. A youth orchestra played in the open theatre at the far end and it seemed every bar had a jam session



going on. Marvellous stuff.

As we crowded back onto the train for our return to Harman's Cross, the temperature in



the train soared. As fresh air started to stream through the driver's window as we moved off the driver turned towards us to acknowledge the general approval. A nervous woman immediately behind him shouted at him to keep his eyes on the track ahead. We all laughed, but she didn't.

The weather had been glorious and the rally seemed to be a great success. Many thanks to all those involved and, in particular, the



organisers Lawrence and Margaret for giving the laid-back appearance that it all just happened.

Chris Biggins

and many thanks Chris for sharing what was obviously a memorable experience! - Ed.

SWANAGE RALLY

Friday 9th July dawned bright, sunny and warm - what a start for a super weekend at the DA7C Rally at Harman's Cross.

The caravan had been readied, all the food, clothes etc had been meticulously loaded and stored, waiting to be hitched for the weekend adventure. The Cambridge's white paint was gleaming in the sunshine and I'm sure she was smiling with a bright glint from her chrome radiator.

I went along the A350 from Shaftesbury towing the caravan in the modern with Cam driving the Special in headscarf and jacket. At every bend I checked in the mirrors but after about 5 miles into our epic journey, Cam and the trusty Cambridge had disappeared. "Oh, calamity!" I thought. "What could have happened?" I had to go on a further 5 miles before I could turn the 'van and was able to retrace my steps back towards Shaftesbury. After what seemed an age, I came

across the Special hissing steam from under the bonnet. "I've blown up the engine!" Cam shouted. "Oh dear" I said. (Or something similar!) I found water everywhere under the bonnet, one of the small engine core-plugs having blown. Luckily I had a spare [not "lucky" for a well-prepared DAC7 man - Ed.] and, with the aid of a socket wrench I was able to repair the weak spot. We reached the rally site to find most of the camping area already three-parts full but I found a spot near to the toilets and unhitched. "You can't park that there" came a voice from under a straw hat. "Oh dear" I thought for the second time that day but were soon re-sited. Saturday and Sunday were brilliant with all those cars, bikes and steam engines to look at. We went for train rides to Swanage and Norden and back again. A special word of thanks must go to Phil The Toilet who was a picture to behold in his yellow Marigolds. He did an excellent job in keeping the toilets clean and tidy all weekend. Both Cam and myself thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and couldn't get over the fantastic value for money. Thanks to all the Committee for putting on the event.

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The Committee take a break

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SWANAGE RALLY

The Ballad of Harman's Cross

'Whatever's wrong?' we heard the cry.
'Where's the mud and rain?'
'Oh, no - we don't want that again!'
came the stern reply.

The eve before the great event,
A special time in store.
When others hearing calls of yore,
They to the marquee went.

Our Peter Treb was in fine voice
And played a mean guitar
With oh so wide a repertoire
To cover every choice.

An accordion was played with skill
To make the eve complete.
There'd not before been such a treat.
Great way, the time to fill.

Next day with weather very hot,
Came folk from near and far
To show to all, their classic car
(Whether booked or not!)

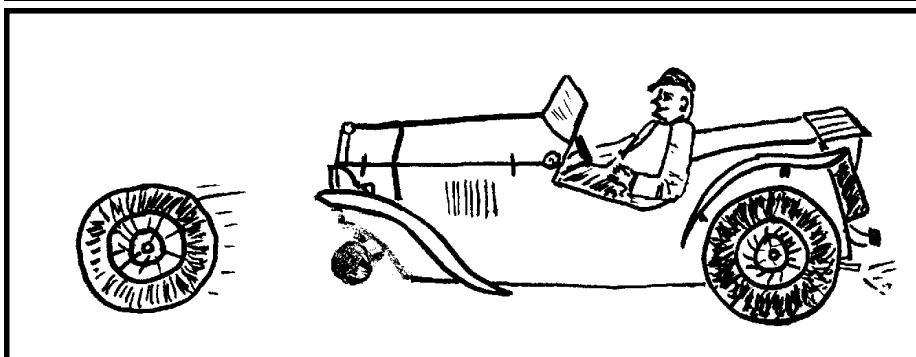
The Barn Dance was a great success
Although a bit too warm.
Then, hope to party 'till the dawn.
Oh well, 'twas - more or less.

Sunday and the sun shone more,
Most people getting brown.
And there - Phil Whitter sitting down!
Has this been known before?

Margaret and Lawrence - we all thank
you,
You really did us proud.
To come next year - we'll tell folks loud.
They'll have to get in queue!

Suzie Fatt

The Need for Regular Maintenance ~



Wheel Nuts should be checked regularly.

An original cartoon by Peter Trebilco

CLUB FAMILY NEWS

TENDER SEVEN???

Was that a pearl of a fire tender recently seen in New Milton? Or perhaps it was Gordon Brown in his Seven on his way to clean some windows.? In any event, to see a large extending ladder protruding from the top of a Seven turned many a head.

WARNING - RADIATOR CAPS CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

On the evening of the June club night, Tony Bevan was doing the usual checks of oil and water levels. Unfortunately he had just been running the engine so it was nice and hot. As he unscrewed the radiator cap, it flew off under pressure and showered Tony's face with red hot water. Tony had to be taken to the Royal Bournemouth Hospital whereupon he was transferred to Odstock Hospital. He suffered some burns to his face and his left eye closed up completely for a while. The good news is that Tony made it to both Swanage and the July Club night and appears to have suffered no long term effects. However there is perhaps a lesson for us all to learn.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT FOR THE HOLE IN THE HEDGE GANG?

It has been reported that on the Saturday night of the Swanage rally, a number of people were seen going through a hole in the hedge at the far side of the field and, with the assistance of a single torch, negotiated a barbed wire fence and a large horizontal branch. The reason for this extraordinary behaviour? Rumour had it that on the other side of the hedge was a party open to all. But alas, things were not as expected and so all had to renegotiate the obstacles, but this time without a torch. The things some people will do for a free drink!

LAGER THAN LIFE

With such hot weather at Swanage there was the unusual scene of all bottled and draught lager being sold out by mid Sunday afternoon leaving some members of the Dorset A7 Club gasping. Still the browner stuff did last until the Bitter end, but only just.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE (GARAGE) WALL

Phil Simmons is still working on the building of his special but the Seven now has to share garage space with a new Mirror Dinghy he has bought for daughter Cathy. Don't let the sailing distract your dad too much Cathy, he hasn't got too far to go before the car's on the road.

JETTING OFF

Paul Perry is now able to remove the jets from his carburettor. He had tried everything to remove the old jets that were well and truly corroded in but in the end gave up and, thanks to Glyn Llewellyn, he now has a replacement bowl with removable jets. How on earth he managed before I'll never know!

GOODBYE, AUREVOIR, WE'LL SEE YU COBBER

Brian and Jean Hughes (with the lovely red special that won the bottle of champers at the June club night) have just sold their house and received their Australian visas. They now expect to emigrate in September. They hope to be at the August club night to say cheerio to all their friends there. We wish you both much happiness down under and are sure you'll continue to enjoy your Sevens there.

A PARTING TIP

Brian Hughes recommends that you keep hand files for filing steel separate from those used for brass. Likewise, hacksaw blades for sawing steel and brass should be kept separate. Apparently once used for steel, they are too blunt for using on brass.

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THE WAY WE WERE - a blast from the past

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Last month's evening run to the Alice Lisle was well supported and Vic Steele won the concourse; Dave Delaney has just started six weeks holiday in his '32 Box (wish I was a teacher!); Gary Munn is looking for a Chummy to take advantage of the fabulous weather; Malcolm Page was asking for sunshine roof parts for his Ruby only to discover a complete roof hiding under the sealed top! Dave Tanner has dragged the remains of a '32 Box from a hedge and has a steering column complete with an intact horn pad for sale. This month's meeting will start at the Nag's Head with a short run to the White Buck Inn, Burley. [*which is exactly where we're going this month - spooky! - Ed.*]

DA7C SUMMER BARBECUE:

John Bramwell and Glyn had done an excellent job laying out a corner of John's field - we had lights, a large platform, a decent sized barbecue and music from a vintage gramophone lent by Murray Pacey with records such as "Meet me in the Cornfield" and "I'm in the Middle of a Riddle". A lot of ale and bangers were consumed by the 20 or so members attending.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DA7C CAMPING WEEKEND at Crofton Pumping Station (in steam).

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| Pistons (all sizes) | £17.25 set | £6.50 | Chummy front seat frames | £14.50 pr. | |
| Fan Belts (Nippy Export) | | £6.00 | Chummy hood frames | £32 | |
| Leather | 80p | A7 script badge, polished | £2.20 | Chummy side screens | £24 |
| Ali water connections | £1.10 | 350x19 Avon Tyres (triple duty) | £12.60 | Dashboards (all) | £5.75 |
| Cylinder blocks rebored | | | | Rear spring pins | £1.50 |
| | | | | Butler side lights | £1 |

Club Family News *(Continued from page 9)*

BISHOP'S BAD LUCK

Back in the middle of July, Marlies Bishop was knocked off her bicycle by a motorbike in Exeter. She suffered several broken ribs and severe grazing to elbow and knee. Husband Richard was away at the time in Holland helping to rake 28 children on a cycling, camping holiday - no problems! They both hope to join up with the next Club Run just as soon as Marlies can be eased into the Ruby.

MARION & BEN GET A RUBY

Not a new car, but a wedding anniversary on AUGUST 21st. Well done you two.

TREBS



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to BARRY VACHER of Hordle who brings a Chummy to the Club and to RUSSELL TOPHAM of Eddington, Wilts with his award-winning Ulster Sports. See you at Club Night - say hello.

FOR SALE

1937 RUBY green, new tyres, new rad, new shockers etc. New MOT, noisy engine but runs well. £4250 ono *via* Vince Leek 01985-216632 (home) 01985-847658 (work) for customer.

NEW NIPPY BODY PANELS incl. floor pan, doors, bootlid. Also new woodwork. Through Vince Leek 01985-216632 (home) 01985-847658 (work)

1936 ULSTER BODIED SPECIAL Red/black, Don Rawson engine, Phoenix pressure-fed crank, full MOT, recent concourse winner. £5,500. Emigrating. Brian Hughes 01425-274035

WANTED

TWIN SU CARBS as a pair, poss on manifold, for that go-faster look.

David Whetton 01202-848743.

SWIMMING/KEEPING FIT

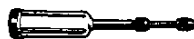
Any DA7C members wishing to join our swimming club?

Sessions are held every Thursday evening 7.00pm to 8.00pm. in a full size, 25 metre long pool in the Hamworthy area for only £1.00 per adult (includes sauna!!)

Contact Brian Willbourn Tel/Fax: 01202 692541 or mobile 078 997 913380

or Email bvw@msn.com Kind regards BeeVee

HALFORDS



MOTOR CYCLE

All brass, to fit tool box. 21201 .. 4/9
Nubrex double plunger type as illustrated. 21204 .. 9/9
Nubrex with special type connector to fit Lambretta Scooter. 21205 .. 24/9



CAR PATTERN

Nesthill plunger pattern for use with grease and heavy oil for differential, gear box, etc. 31614 .. 7/6
Enots Autolub, 9 1/2 in., less clips. 31620 .. 15/6
Nubrex Side Lever Compressor, adapted to take a pre-filled cartridge of grease. Clean, quick and efficient. At extra cost a flexible coupling can be used with this gun instead of the rigid type. Complete with cartridge. 31619 .. 59/6
Extra cartridge 2/6

GREASE GUNS



The Nubrex pistol grip Grease Gun affords a firm positive non-slip application of grease to all accessible nipples. With long double action plunger and strong steel barrel. 31617 .. 27/6

The Nubrex Side Lever Compressor for high-pressure greasing with greatest ease. A special flexible coupling can be fitted to reach awkward places. 31618 .. 49/6
Flexible coupling extra.



High quality Tealemit grease gun for general lubrication. For use with light and medium greases. Mazak finish. 31615 .. 17/-
Tealemit Pom-Pom "B" heavyweight good quality grease gun with thick leather plunger washer. 31616 27/6

oO CLUB DIARY Oo

August

- Thursday 19 Aug** CLUB NIGHT Noggin 'n Natter with spares
- Sunday 22 Aug** CLUB RUN Gary Fatt's run to KNOLL GARDENS. Meet the InterNuts at QE School 10.15 am for 10.30 off. Free entry, restaurant/bar, NO PICNICS.
- Thursday 24 Aug** COMMITTEE MEETING Tyrrell's Ford
- Sunday 29 Aug** BREAMORE CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW - pre-booked members only.
- Thursday 2 Sept** 8-til-Late at the OLD THATCH, Uddens.

oO FUTURE EVENTS Oo

- Thursday 16 Sept** CLUB NIGHT A talk on the New Forest Airfields by the author Alan Brown
- Sunday 19 Sept** CLUB RUN BERNARD'S FAMOUS KITE FLYING RUN. Details next month, but get building now.
- Thursday 21 Oct** CLUB NIGHT AGM
- Thursday 18 Nov** CLUB NIGHT Auction Night

HAPPY MOTORING