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CLUB NIGHTS

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

This month's cover photograph features the front page of the AUSTIN MAGAZINE from November 1936 . Thanks to Mike Topham for (a) spotting this in Wimborne Market and (b) sharing it with us.

EDITORIAL

Once again this month's newsletter is full of contributions from you – the Members.

We have a letter of thanks from the MacMillan Cancer Trust and a thank you from our Solent friends for our help in raising £200 for the Wessex Cancer Trust. Peter Trebilco has revived a feature from the past – HOME DRAWN CARTOONS and the DA7C Newsletter for February 1978 records an interesting list of members' cars. Chairman Bernard lets us into a trade secret in TIP OF THE MONTH, Trebs has done us proud with lots of FAMILY NEWS and there's bang up-to-date news from our WORLDWIDE ROVING REPORTER from the Amazon. This month always features TWO Club Runs and it's smashing to see two new reporters in print. I ploughed my way through the Government's consultation document on changes to VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY until I came to the paragraph about Historic Vehicles – see page 6. As you will see from Family News, I have taken over the EDITORIAL CHARIOT from the Weavers –

a '32/33 4-speed Box. Those in the know will realise why I've included an article on DOUBLE DE-CLUTCHING!

Next month's big event is the ever-popular SKITTLES EVENING and you should have the flyer with this month's Newsletter. Note this year that the cost includes a buffet and monies should go to Pat Llewellyn ASAP. Talking of our great organiser, Pat, I owe her an apology from last month – the Christmas 'do' is all her own work which is pretty impressive.

In COMMITTEE BUSINESS you will see a plea for NEW IDEAS for RUNS. These constitute one of the strongest parts of our club and it would be fantastic if more Members could be involved. Some of the current organisers have been doing it for 20 years and are getting a little tired to tell the truth although you wouldn't notice from the terrific range of Runs they still manage to come up with.

David

Deadline for the next issue is 26/02/99 . Please send material to me by post, fax or E-mail or pass it over to the Editorial Team at Clubnight.

SECRETARIAL

Hi Gang

This secretarial is a bit short this month because Pat and I have been to Cyprus for two weeks in the sun so we have missed out on the club scene just lately. We do however look forward to seeing you on club night.

Even though it is only just February, entry forms for rallies and runs are falling on the door mat, some old favourites and a few new ones. I imagine we will be even more spoilt for choice as we approach the millennium.

I will have a selection of NEW badges and regalia for perusal at next Club Night to gauge Members' interest as well as FREE copies of the Austin Movement's Red Cross Guide.

Thanks go to Bidy and Gordon for representing us at the AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS ASSOCIATION meeting last month – their notes will be written up in due course.

Gary Munn has just telephoned, saying that he needs the money for the Easter trip to France. Ho Hum hard life isn't it !!

See you club night. **Glyn**

A WINTER'S TALE - PAT & GLYN'S FAMOUS NEW YEAR'S DAY RUN

1st. January 1999

I sometimes wonder whether Pat or Glyn have a deal going with Him Up There as the weather is invariably like that on a picture postcard of rural England in all her beauty on a crisp, clear winter's day and this year was no exception.

17 of us in an odd assortment of cars (mainly Austin) met up at the Cat & Fiddle for what turned out to be a perfect meander through lovely country towards a very worthwhile hostelry – The Vine on the Salisbury/Romsey Road.

Everything was going well until – “MEIN GOTT” (Emma) and “**!\$??*!” (Paul) - we

had broken down! Suddenly as if from nowhere, Pat & Glyn appeared and we were very soon on our way again but this time, straight to the pub! (Well, it was thirsty work watching Glyn get his hands dirty!)

Two magnificent cars stood out – Sue & Mike Topham's ALVIS and, of course, Glyn & Pat's TICKFORD (That hood – wow!!).

David & Bobby Burris very kindly held afternoon tea at their home to end a very happy day out. Thanks to Glyn & Pat and a fun-filled and healthy 1999 to you all –

Paul & Emma Mainzer

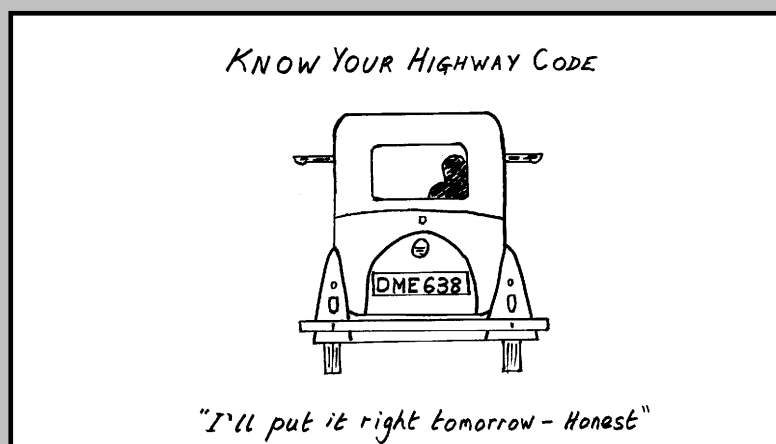
and for those who didn't quite get it all.... here are the answers!

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| 1. "What is the Scottish connection with Elizabeth's Red Box?" | Carron, Stirling |
| 2. "A serene place for plants?" (St. John's Rd.) | Tranquility |
| 3. "You could get a good rub down here!" (Flexford Lane) | Rose Farm (massages) |
| 4. "How does one get into the church?" (Lymington) | By the West Door |
| 5. "It might make you lucky!" (IoW Ferry) | Touch Wood |
| 6. "Where would you wash your woolies?" (Sth Baddesley) | Sheepwash Cottage |
| 7. "Where can be seen a Christmas scene?" (East Boldre) | Brambles (scene on the wall) |
| 8. "Where do insects come to mind?" (Cripplegate Lane) | Strawberry Fields (Beatles!) |
| 9. "What number for a licence to kill?" (Bold Forester Pub) | 01703-864412 (Gun Club) |
| 10. "Was a fat chap educated here?" (Bridge at Woodlands) | Greyfriars |
| 11. "When was Hugh Dale the smithy?" (Bartly Rd.) | 1654 |
| 12. "Who is Carolyn Clarke MA?" (New Inn Rd.) | Headteacher, (Bartly Jun.Sch) |
| 13. "An equus caballus with wings?" (Compass Inn) | Pegasus. |

and the winners were

George & Joy Mooney
(who were the **ONLY ONES** to get **ALL** the answers correct)

with noble runners-up: Terry & Barbara Jefferies with a creditable 12 correct answers.



*An original
cartoon from
PETER
TREBILCO*

LETTER BOX



THE MACMILLAN CANCER TRUST

(Registered Charity No 268218)

21st December 1998.

Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

On behalf of everyone connected with the Macmillan Unit may I thank you and the members of the Dorset Austin Seven Club for the very generous donation of £92.00 which you have given to the Trust in lieu of sending each other Christmas cards.

This kind thought is very much appreciated and we would assure you that the money will be used in the best possible way to make life a little easier for those in our care.

With best wishes to you all for the coming festive season

Yours sincerely,

J.K. Morgan, Secretary, Macmillan Cancer Trust.

CAKE – common (suitable for sending Children at School)

2 lbs. flour
4 oz. butter
½ oz. caraway seeds
¼ oz. allspice
½ lb. sugar
1 lb. currants
1 pint milk
3 tablespoons fresh yeast

Mode:

Rub the butter into the flour; add all the dry ingredients and mix well together. Make the milk warm but not hot; stir in the yeast and mix the whole into a dough; knead well; line two cake tins with strips of buttered paper 6" higher than the tops of the tins. Put in the dough and stand in a warm place to rise for more than an hour. Bake in a well heated oven for 1½ - 2 hours.

Mrs Beeton's Every Day Cookery & Housekeeping Book 1865

TIP OF THE MONTH

When fitting a Ruby engine with rubber mountings, I've found it most annoying that they always fall out onto the floor just as the engine slots into place.

To overcome this, I use a very fine FLORISTS WIRE tied round the rear mountings - Hey presto! no further probs.

As a post script though – when running this same engine without its gearbox attached, I noticed the thin wire was red hot! I presume earthing of the engine (with the rubber feet) must be through the rear axle. It's got to go a long way so I now use an EARTH STRAP as on a modern between engine mounting and chassis.

Bernard

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Thanks to Members for the donations to the raffle of un-wanted Xmas prezzies, especially Bobby & David Burris for the HUGE bottle of cheer.

WANTED - New ideas for Club Runs – Pubs, routes, after-lunch venues, events etc etc. You don't have to *organise* the run just contact GARY FATT with your ideas.

The 1999 XMAS DINNER & DANCE has been booked for Dec. 11th – same time, same place, same band. (Same Committee!!); SWANAGE RALLY also booked – 11/12 July same time, same place but new management!

CLUB FAMILY NEWS

Thanks from the Solent A7 Club for the Dorsets' help on our joint New Year's Day Run with topping up their raising of £200 for **WESSEX CANCER TRUST**.

COLIN MASTERS has sold his red Pearl to a keen buyer in South Wales – but this is no reason to play hookey from Club nights Colin!

Members **JEAN & BRIAN HUGHES** are spending a glorious month down under in Perth & Adelaide but they're sure to be back for Brian's 60th on 29th. March. With that tan, Brian, you'll not look a day over 40!!!

I'm sure everyone will be pleased to learn that the Club has invested in a **FIRST AID KIT**. Gary Munn will have it to hand at Club Nights and at events and runs. So, if anyone cuts a finger when priming the petrol pump, or burns a hand on the exhaust when clearing blocked jets

GARY MUNN has some work to do before leading us off to France. Not only has he to refit the interior of his Box and fit a new headlining, but he has to fit new cylinder liners and new exhaust valve inserts, reassemble the rest of the engine and then fit it back in the car! I hope it's nice and warm in your garage Gary 'cos I've a feeling you're going to be spending many evenings out there!!

For some time now **PHIL SIMMONS** has been collecting the necessary parts for the Super Accessories Special he is building. As anyone who has tried putting together a car from scratch knows, it is a slow process with long periods where little progress seems to be made. However, Phil has now decided a big push is needed in order to advance the project. As a good start he has completely re-organised his garage so that he can have the chassis and body laid out for easy working.

Phil is intending to fit 15" wheels but at present he only has two (not much use unless he's forever going round the bend!). So **if anyone has got 2 or 3 15" wheels Phil would be delighted to hear from you on 01202-887875.** We all wish you the best of luck Phil and hope to see the beauty on the road soon.

Did you see **CHRIS BIGGIN'S** gleaming white CAMBRIDGE SPECIAL at Club Night? Bootiful, really bootiful!

It's now official - **JOHN WEAVER'S** EDITORIAL CHARIOT has stayed in the press office and is being cared for by our new Editor. - Nice one chaps!!

TREBS



LAWRENCE'S NEW FOREST RUN

January 24th 1999

2 Chummies, a four-seat Tourer, Ruby, Fabric Saloon, Mulliner, four Boxes plus Brian's Morris Minor gathered at the Cat & Fiddle in glorious winter sunshine. Towards Bransgore, through Godwincroft, Waterditch and Ripley the lanes were all very quiet and passable after all the rain we've had recently. Branching off to Crow we spotted some magnificent stags in the woods and several people rushed out to take our photos as we passed.

No DA7C Run is complete without a FORD and true to form we found ours in Mill Lane. Turning to Bolderwood we had to retrace our steps as the road ahead was closed but we arrived at the New Forset Inn in time for lunch.

Many thanks to Lawrence for a lovely run and we hope everyone enjoyed the walk in the Forest afterwards. We couldn't participate as we were off to visit our new grandson in Lymington Hospital

Barbara & Terry Jefferies

and thanks to you both FIRST TIME REPORTERS – Ed.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

I am interested in the activities of L M "Bill" Williams, builder of Austin Seven specials and author of the eponymous book on the subject. I have quite a lot of information about this gentleman and his cars, which I hope to publish soon. There are some loose ends which I hope someone may be able to tie up for me.

Williams built blown cars for, among others, K C (Ken) Jarvis, sometime secretary of the Berkhamstead Motorcycle and Car Club. Jarvis was killed in 1949 and the Berkhamstead Club seems to have disappeared circa 1955. Another client of Williams also entered a blown offset monoposto "Seven" in events run by the Berkhamstead Club, Does anybody know whether records of the club survive? I would be particularly interested to see entry lists for events, especially just pre-war, or photographs taken at such meetings, which might fortuitously include vehicles and people I am interested in. Needless to say, any other information relating to Williams is of interest. I am aware of his business ventures (Auto Conversions of Willesden and, later, Cambridge Engineering of Kew Green) but have been hard pressed to find people with detailed knowledge of these operations; former employees and colleagues, such as I H "Jack" Brown, Ray Willis and DC Thomas seem to have disappeared. Of course, it was all a long time ago - Williams retired in 1957 or 8 - but perhaps someone out there can still remember?
Stuart Ulph.

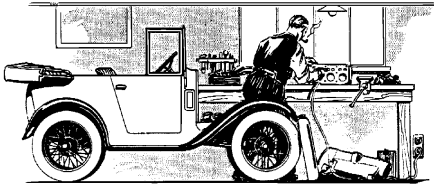
CHANGES TO VEHICLE TAXATION

The Government (bless their little cotton socks) are proposing radical changes to VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY (VED or Road Tax as we all know it) as outlined in the White Paper "A New Deal for Transport".

The central policy change lies in GRADUATED VED depending on a car's FUEL EFFICIENCY. Although consultation ended on 31/01/99 the document makes interesting reading and I have lodged it with our LIBRARIAN.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THERE ARE NO PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION FOR "HISTORIC CLASS" CARS OLDER THAN 01/01/1973

- Ed.



technical torque



From the internet



Hi David

I'm fine and keeping well and healthy but I miss the weather from England it's so hot out here and the roads would make even an Austin 7 shake to bits They are so awful it's difficult to sleep on some of the night buses.

I've just been to the World Scout Jamboree for a two day visit and had a great time There were only 41,000 people on site of which 34,000 were scouts, guides and leaders. I've swapped some badges and my uniform for an Argentinean one. And believe it or not that is where I am. Mendoza, Argentina.

I've turned down an invitation to the Falklands but I'm sure I can make it up to the tip of Argentina and in to Brazil for a day ,then on through Paraguay to La Paz 7Bolivia and then back to Peru for the third and final time this trip to see Machu Pinchu, Cuzco and then to see my friends one last time before flying back to America for three weeks and then off west to Hawaii.

matthewcheeseman@hotmail.com (Jan 06 99)

Hi David

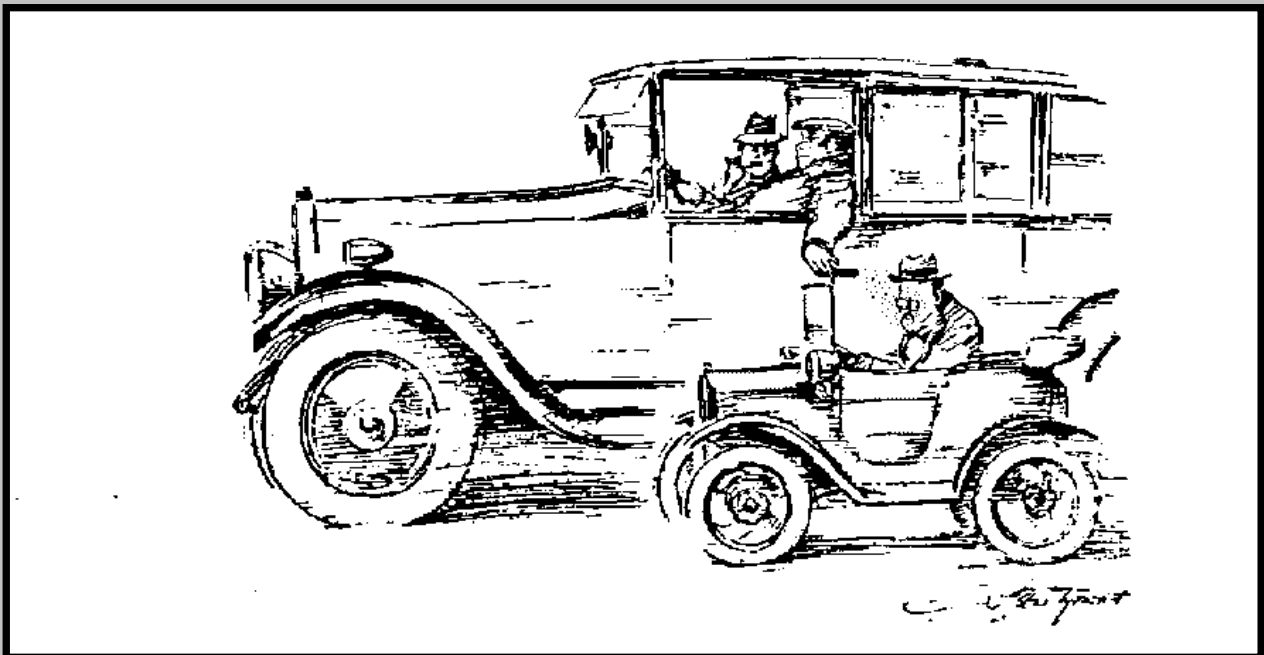
Just a quick note to see I won't be able to catch my flight back to the USA. There is so many things to see and do and so little time. I have only 21 days left to travel. I am looking into a route back to Lima through Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia and then into the Peruvian Andes and jungle.

Tell Scott Whibley the girls down here are great and they would have loved his ex-Ulster.

matthewcheeseman@hotmail.com (Jan 09 99)

The Association of British Drivers has opened up a brand new website on:

www.abd.org.uk



DRIVER: "What do you think of those little things?"

PASSENGER: "Make topping ash trays!"

THE WAY WE WERE - a blast from the past

From the Club magazine for **February 1978**

"Thanks to all who supported the skittles night - we had an attendance of 51!

Last month Gary & I went to the A7CA meeting at Oxford with Keith Roach and Andy Jackson from Solent A7C. On the spares side it was announced that sets of Chummy wings were and running boards were still available at £120, rear spring pins are £1.50 each and pistons £17.25 per set. C Barnes & Co. are trying to find their mould for the Ruby wind-screen rubber (Hooray!)

We are hoping to send a team to the National A7 Quiz in Essex in April so anyone who has a good memory for Wyatt and Nicholson etc. please see Bernard.

I have just had my radiator cowl for the '28 Fabric repaired by Royston & Holbert (Silversmiths) at Wimborne.

WANTED

Phil Whitter wants a pair of front seat squabs for a Ruby - Has plenty of spares to exchange.

- Phil Whitter"

A List of Members Cars as at 7-2-78

1923	Chummy	John Harris	1932	Box Box Box	Dave Delaney Richard Cowell John Harris
1924	Chummy	John Harris	1933	Box Box Box Tourer	Hugh Knott Lawrence Rideal Reg Stones Brian Pledger
1925	Chummy Chummy	Bernard Cowley Jim Burry	1934	Arrow Box Box Box Ruby Ruby	John Harris Adrian Gilbride William McKenzie Jack Bond Glyn Llewellyn Chris Smith
1926	GE Cup	John Harris	1935	Opal Ruby Ruby Ruby Nippy	Dave Tanner Phil Whitter Max Field Richard Cowell Nigel Ricardo
1927	Top Hat	John Harris	1936	Opal Ruby Ruby Ruby Ruby Ruby Ruby	Vic Steel John Harris Pete Beckett Max Field Malcolm Page Geoff Kingsland Pete Treliving
1928	Fabric Chummy Tractor	Phil Whitter Phil Edwards John Harris	1937	Ruby Ruby	Dave Rogers John Harris
1929	Chummy	John Dibden	1938	Ruby Ruby Big Seven Big Seven Big Seven	Graham Pearson John Stone C. Orman B.Pliskin Reg Stones
1930	Box	Gary Munn	1939		
1931	Mulliner RN Box SWB Box SWB Box	John Page Richard Cressey Bernard Cowley Roger Ballard			



FOR SALE

In the CLUB SPARES – Phil has new **LUGGAGE RACK LABELS** for sale.

1935 RUBY – fully restored, MOT, £3750 ono. Ron Sinden 01202-779590

PARTS AUSTIN BIG 7 – ‘light’ rear axle complete £75; chassis frame ex.cond. £offers; rear springs £30 pr; front spring £20; wheels £5 ea. Various body parts for “FORLITE” all in ex.cond. For **AUSTIN 7** – mag. engine M67849 for rebuild £200; early 3-speed ‘box c/w gate change £75; 1934 chassis frame in red oxide £125; 1934 rear axle excellent c/w+pinnion plus half shafts £200; front axle c/w stub axles & radius arms in red oxide £75. Various spares incl. crankcases, blocks, axle cases etc. but **NO** body parts. 1938 chassis only but with V5 £250. Also **ACCUMATE** automatic battery chargers £39.95. From Vince on 01985-847658 (day) – delivery possible to Club Night (*within reason of course –Ed.!*)

Regalia - 60% off clearance sale

Red T-Shirts (Swanage style)

Medium luris green Sweat Shirt

Large Polo Shirts (white/green/Pale blue)

Jogging Bottoms

Scarves

Caps & Club Tie

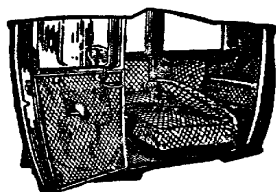
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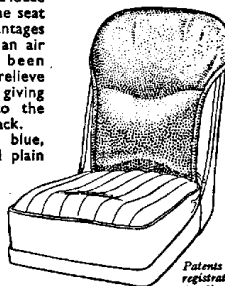
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oO CLUB DIARY oO

February

Thursday 18 Feb. Clubnight: Illustrated Talk on Plants & Gardens with Pat Haskell
~ NO SPARES ~

Sunday 21 Feb. Club Run. Bernard's North Dorset Wander: Meet QE School,
Wimborne 10.15 am for a 10.30 off.

Thursday 25 Feb. Committee Meeting.

Saturday 27th Feb. Murder & Mystery Evening 7.30 pm for prompt 8 pm start, AVON
CAUSEWAY INN, Hurn.

March

Thursday 4 March. Eight-till-Late Three Tuns, Bransgore

Thursday 18 March. Club Night: Noggin 'n Natter

w/e 20/21st March: London Classic Motor Show, Alexandra Palace. 'phone 01296-
631181 for details.

Sunday 21 March. Club Run: Phil Whitter's Mystery Tour

Thursday 25 March. Committee Meeting. Tyrell's Ford

Saturday 27 March SKITTLES NIGHT, AVON CAUSEWAY 7.30pm (see flyer with
this month's Newsletter)



oO FUTURE EVENTS oO

Thursday 15 April: Club Night: Quiz Night with Lawrence

Sunday 18 April: Club Run: Member's Choice

**Thursday 6 May: Visit to Old Christchurch
Electricity Generating
Museum (and bar)**

**Sunday 13 June: Austin Day at Mid Hants Rlwy
with Solent friends.**

HAPPY

MOTORING

