



# Midlands

# Austin Seven club

*May  
Newsletter 2011*

*The Ariel Atom at Gurston Hillclimb. Photo. Clive Danks*



# Forthcoming Events

## Club Nights 2011 Monthly Meeting's

25<sup>th</sup> May – Bring your car- Driving Tests - Concours

30<sup>th</sup> June – Evening Gathering of **Pre War Cars** at The Crowe Residence

**Remember to read this list in conjunction with the list in the A7CA Magazine for national events. Please let the Committee know of any event's that you go to that you think may be of interest to other members, so we can include in the list of events.**

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**Meetings held the last Wednesday of the month, Old Silhillians Rugby Club, Knowle (Jct 5 M42)**





## *Chair Chat*

Re The Packwood House rally on 10<sup>th</sup> July. A very slow response and to date only 7 have signed up. Again this is a National Trust property with the benefit of gardens as well. As at Avoncroft we have a site adjacent to the gardens and the weather ought to be quite respectable. Let's have some support for these good people who organise events for our benefit. The same goes for the Run to the Aeronautical collection.....one..... positive response to date.

The Royal International Air Tattoo takes place at Fairford on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. This might suit the motor-homers amongst us. A fantastic array of military aircraft from across the world. The disadvantage..... you have to have your Austin on the stand by 0730 hrs on the Saturday and it cannot be moved until after 1800 hrs on the Sunday. Benefits: you are up front and close for the aerial displays and the motorhome park is a walk away. Ring 0800 107 1940 or search Google for IAT

Our excellent new Editor, Lesley Marriner, is beginning to run out of material. What have you written for the newsletter in the last 5 years. I don't need to know, but Lesley Marriner would be delighted to receive an article from you. I would like to thank both Clive Danks and John Richardson for their interesting and amusing articles. Well done, Gentlemen, keep them coming.... and the rest of you, how about experimenting with a pen and paper?

Whilst the Club has not taken a stand at 'War time in the Vale', this show has in the past attracted a fair number of members. You do need to book and gain passes otherwise you will be forced pay for entry to the public Car Park. Contact David Morse on 07970 384435 or by e-mail on: [dgpmorse@btinternet.com](mailto:dgpmorse@btinternet.com). The location is Ashdown Farm, Badsey just outside Evesham on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June

Gordon Taylor tells me that the event for 'Help the Heroes' at the Ramada Hotel in Bewdley has been rescheduled from the 16th July to **20th August**. All other details remain the same. This is possibly better, as it's away from the Longbridge picnic weekend. Please amend your diaries accordingly.

We need a secretary, Rick Bishop is kindly continuing in the role until September, but from that point, we need a volunteer. The work is not demanding but computer skills would be an advantage! Please speak to any of the committee.

It's getting close to the party at Arnolds. He tells me that he welcomes Pre-war and Classics cars but would prefer not too many Moderns, please. I hope as many of us as possible can support our Host / Sponsor in this request. The date is 29<sup>th</sup> June.

I hope to see a good turnout of cars for 25<sup>th</sup> May for the 'Bring your Car' / Driving Tests. To break with tradition the ladies will be judging the Concourse.

## *Apologies from the ED.*

Many apologies to Clive Danks who sent me the cover photograph and the following text , which I failed to put in last month`s newsletter.

The green car (centre picture) is the Willis Special raced extensively before the war and just back after being garaged up for some years.



Spectator turnout was particularly large and they had the pleasure of 15 Austins competing, on the other hand Fifth's Gear presence may have helped a little. Colin and Terry led the practice runs with quick times around 46-47 seconds then Tiff Nedell boarded the new 450BHP 8 cylinder Ariel Atom and on his first run went up the hill in 33 seconds. Tiff's comment afterwards was awesome. Tiff wasn't only commenting on the speed but the £150,000 price tag, and all 25 have been sold.



Returning to the Austin Championship the two afternoon timed runs led Terry Griffin to just win the second leg of the Bert Hadley.

# Out and About

## JUNE

3rd -5th – Evesham Balloon Festival and Car Show

4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Woollaton Autocarna (We shall be camping if you want to join us.ED)

25th-26th - 2011 Wartime in the Vale at Ashdown Farm, Evesham –  
01926 421 802 or 07970384435

## JULY

3rd– Hampton Ferry Car Show, Evesham – 01386 870782

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**MA7C events - We need your support.**

**10th– Packwood House Rally - Andy Lowe 0121 477 0547**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Longbridge tour and Picnic – Sheila Turner, 01608 682463**

**24<sup>th</sup> – Aeronautical Collection Run - Talk to Brem for details**

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15<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> July **Cholmondly Castle Pagent** of Power, Cheshire. See their website  
I have it on good authority that this is a great event and Austin Sevens, Phil Ruff  
has kindly offered any participants the use of his paddock to leave cars and trailers  
and accompany him the few miles to the event.

Phone Phil on...01948 667027

\* Don't forget to refer to Brem`s chair chat and the Association Mag. for other events.

*I know there is a lot on and we all have our reasons for choosing certain events  
and not others, but your support is valuable especially at club events. ED*

- I hear Louise Lowe is out and about in the Box Saloon. It's a pity we haven't got more of the younger generation out in cars.
- It was good to see Harold`s son on the Cotswold Run too.

*A Lovely Tale from ..... John Tibbets and Angela Hawker*

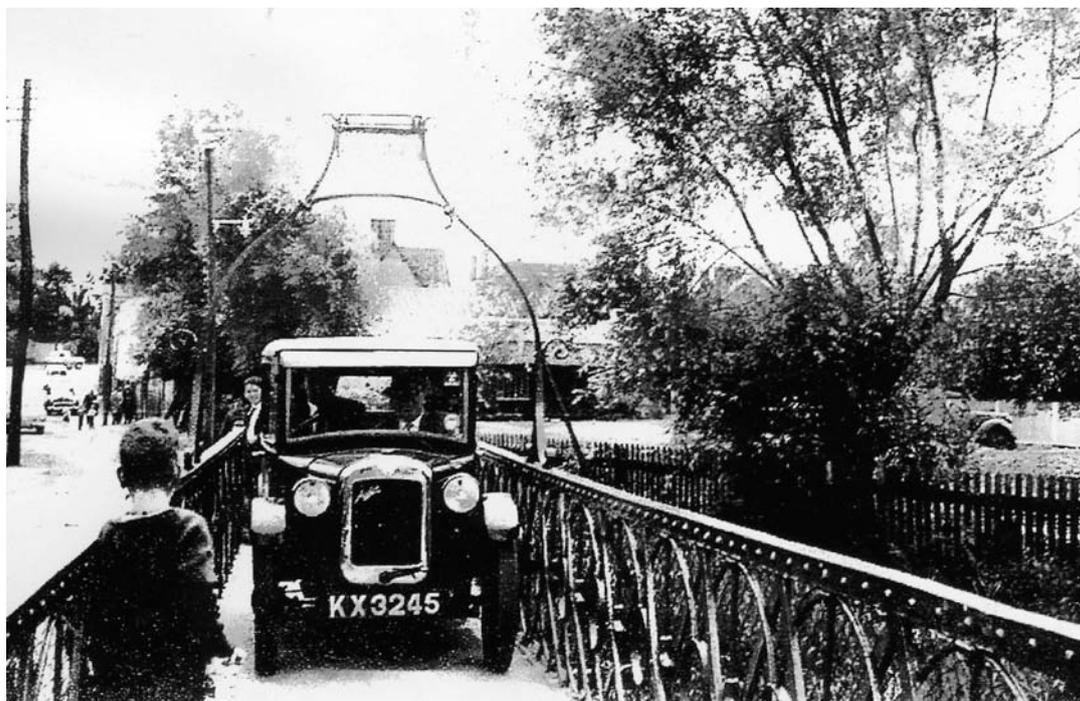
I was given this photograph by my neighbour, Dave Brock, when I was putting my Austin7 Pearl Cabriolet away for the night. The Austin7 on the bridge had been owned for a number of years by a Mr Whitehall, who after his wife died, seemed to get a new lease of life and bought a modern, for those times, Morris Minor.

Jack Kelly bought the Austin and used to go to work in it. He worked at the Phillips Motor Company in Buckingham but lived on the opposite side of the River Ouse to his workplace. Joe Pallet, who was storeman at Phillips at the time, told me that Jack used to cross the foot bridge, "the Iron Bridge", both ways with a Mr Wagland as passenger possibly in the late 1950s.

Some people thought the bridge was too narrow for a car to cross, and I can't help thinking it was a good job the car didn't stall. There is a sign above the bridge which says "No Cycling " or " Cyclists will be Prosecuted".

Jack said " It didn't mention cars!"

This ornate foot bridge was eventually declared unsafe and was replaced I think in the late 1960s.





A plank of ASH approx 12ft x15x 2inches... Offers  
Quantity of OAK, but not flat plank. ... Offers  
Details Ring Keith Marriner 07961323304/ 01455 636926

**1936 Pearl Cabriolet.** Fair condition, not concours but runs well.  
MOT until October, tax until November. £6,500  
Reason for sale, we have bought Heidi`s lovely Chummy.  
01280 860 623 John Tibbets and Angela Hawker.



## *For Sale Continued.*

Triumph 2000 Estate 1973

Runs .Engine turns but has not been moved for a number of years. Needs TLC Offers over £400.

Contact John Eden on 0121 459 6246.

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Mr Parry has a Bulldog caravan hitch and  
"Adapt a Wheel" Emergency caravan spare. Offers

01952 771352/ mob 0771197982

### *Don't Forget*

**At this time of year when you are using your car you might need to use the services of Our very own Spares Man,**

**Arthur Davies,**

who has a stock of engine studs, nuts, plugs, gaskets, tyres, tubes, dynamo, condensers, starter bushes, HT leads etc.

**Vehicle Valuations have now been taken over by Bob Bickley (see inside cover for details)**

*If you have a service you can recommend then to club members please let us know (Austin 7 related!)*

Sheila Turner, our Regalia rep has a variety of Austin related items usually on sale on club nights and some events. Cards, badges, mugs and much more.

**Hopefully** next month we shall have some news of the intrepid travellers who went on holiday to Wales AND over the Channel to some *posh* do, AND perhaps an update on Tom Langham`s car.

# Cotswolds Run 2011 MA7C

With an invitation to park our camper at Brem's over night on Saturday, we set off with Tourer on trailer and arrived mid afternoon. In the evening we all (4) went to a carvery somewhere between Bristol and Oxford!!

Lesley and I stayed in the VW overnight next morning had breakfast with Bremner Smiths Esq, After preparing the car we were to set off for Broadway and the meeting point at the dog stables, BUT Mr Bremner Smith Esq's car was not well so this was returned to base and a GREAT "Big 7" was brought instead. After all the hello's and cups of tea we were off.

The roads got narrower and narrower until we were traveling along tracks with grass growing down the middle (this cleans all the oil from underneath) so thank Brem for that. We got about another 3 miles when our tour decided that's it!!!! We pushed it out of the way so other more reliable cars could continue.

On lifting the bonnet about 4-5 helpers appeared and diagnosed a duff coil (guess what? No spare under the seat). Lesson 1: Always carry complete engine components in kit form just in case!!

The rest of the excellent run was finished with me in Andrew Lowe's special and Lesley in Brem's GREAT "Big 7". Our Tourer was kindly allowed to park in a cottage drive nearby.

On completion of the run we all gathered at Andy and Sheila Attridge's Caravan Park (The Ranch) and the hospitality was superb, as it is every year. Thanks Andy and Sheila. Thanks also to Brem and all the helpers and offers of assistance on the day.

Editors First Husband (ANON)



*Just to keep you informed on the 2012 front*

When.....20 July to 23 July 2012 at Warwick School

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<i>Many More Please!!</i>			