OCTOBER 1979

DORSET AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB

THIS MONTH’S MEETING: THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER NAGS HEAD RINGWOOD 8.30 pm

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EDITORIAL

It was good to see twenty seven members at the Nags Head for last month’s meeting. Bernard gave us some useful technical info. peculiar to Austin Seves and I did my best to explain coil and magneto ignition. I am hoping to follow this up with a chat on dynamos and cut outs probably in November.

A word of welcome to Bob and Fiona Pollock who came along from Burley to see us. Bob has a vintage Fiat ( I remember seeing a dark blue 1926 artillery wheel Fiat with dickey seat for sale in Winton for £60 in 1963. Not the same one is it?) Their thirteen year old son has a 65 Sports (aluminium bodied Nippy) which he is restoring - nothing like an early start. Also there was Bob Burrows who recently joined us and those stalwarts from Gillingham Richard and Margaret Cowe1l with their neighbours Mike and Sue Lawson. Mike is progressing well with his Ruby and has just entrusted the body to a local welder.

I saw Vic Steel in Boscombe the other day on his recently acquired M31 ex-WD BSA. What a fine machine with all its original army equipment and markings. The side stand is a spike about 21 long! Vic has already fitted a hand change to the bike and its tick-over is like a heartbeat.

Last Sunday Willie McKenzie and I represented the club at the A7CA meeting in Oxford and I will give you a report on the proceedings to the next newsletter.

This will be my last newsletter for a while as I am giving up the editor’s job at this year’s AGM. After two years I feel that someone else should have a go, but I hope I will still be able to make some useful contributions. A word of thanks to Jackie Cowley, and now Pat Llewellyn for their typing efforts, to Bernard for printing and distribution, and to all of you who have contributed to the newsletter - keep it up!

At the moment we are in the process of moving house and if I don’t at least get the Ruby on the road I might as well give up.

On the car scene Gary has got his 1926 Chummy and so has a good project for the winter. Glyn's trip to Somerset to purchase a Chummy proved to be abortive – let’s hope you have better luck soon and to are all looking for you. I saw a '33 tourer in a private garage in Bournemouth the other
day and have contacted the owner to see if he would like to join us. The car is M.O.T, and has a Nippy sump fitted.

 With the AGM this month I have taken the opportunity of reminding you of the present committee and also this month we print an updated list of services used by our members which Gary has compiled for us.

PHIL WHITTER'

THIS MONTH’S COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25th 8.15 pm WHITE HART CORN MARKET WIMBORNE

A REMINDER OF YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 1978/79

CHAIRMAN Derek Munn

SECRETARY Bernard Cowley

ASSISTANT SECRETARY John Page

TREASURER Lawrence Rideal

EVENTS SECRETARY John Stone

ASSISTANT EVENTS SECRETARY Gary Munn

EDITOR Philip Whitter

COMMITTEE Glyn Llewellyn

 Michael Wragg

The committee is looking for a pub with a room large enough for club meetings in the Wimborne area. If you know of a suitable place, please ring Bernard Cowley on Wimborne 887666 or any committee member.

STOURHEAD RUN

Luck was with the DA7C once again when we met at Wimborne Square on Sunday morning. The sun was shining beautifully. Just after 11 o’clock we all set off towards Blandford. Bernard & family, John Page & family, Gary Munn in his car with Mum and Dad flowing in their Mercedes. Glyn & Pat, Terry & family and Lawrence & wife and son and the Wragg family.

We travelled on through Shillingstone, up and down various hills, some very steep (first gear touch) and round and about until we got to the top of Spread Eagle hill where, unfortunately, Terry having had a lot of water trouble, decided to return home.

The rest of us then continued our journey finally reaching Stourhead approx. 1 o’clock where we were joined by Nigel and girlfriend. After much queuing at the local hotel we got pints of beer etc to revive us and sat on seats and grass nearby to have our lunch. Refreshed, we all, with the exception of a few who went to the house, made our way to the gardens. We walked sedately round while the hundreds of kids ran wild. We went to the grotto, through tunnels and came to a rest at a tower on a hill where all the men made fools of themselves waving at the crumpet lying on the grass below. We eventually dragged them away and made our way back to the carpark where, as usual, hundreds of people were snapping photos of the cars. “Just like the one we used to have”.

On leaving the carpark we all drove back to Jackie and Bernard’s where a lovely tea of sandwiches, cake etc was kindly laid on. This made a very good end to a very enjoyable day.

ELIZABETH WRAGG

LIST OF RECOMMENDED SERVICES USED BY MEMBERS

Brass & copper repairs Royston and Holbert, Wimborne Ind Est

Bead Blasting Armour Motor Products, Malvern Rd., Winton

 West Quay Panel Works, Nuffield Estate

Dynamo etc Repairs Bournemouth Ignition, Alma Rd., (Bob Burrows member)

 Simms & Co., Barrack Rd., Christchurch

ENGINE SERVICES

Reboring & Engineering James & Harmer, Creekmoor

Metal spraying & machining crankshafts Surface Treatments, Nuffield Est.

White metaling & crank grinding John Kirkly, Croydon (£40 for 4 rods, crank & postage)

FOAM FELT VINYL & UPHOLSTERY Derek Munn, Ferndown

GLASS Terry Jeffries (member), New Milton

 Dorset Glass Co., Nuffield Est.

Glazing Rubber Autoglass, Boscombe

HOOD RECOVERING & SEATS ETC Owen Legg, Parkstone

MOT Colehill Service Station, Colehill

 B Crew, Wareham

PLATING Electrostatic Finishers, Boscombe

 Armour Motor Products, Winton

 South Coast Chrome, Poole

REFLECTOR RESILVERING Bournemouth Silversmiths, Parkstone

SPARES GENERAL Austin Seven Services, Kirby Wiske

 Seven Workshop, Much Hadham

 A7CA, John Barlow, Boston

 John Platts, Bristol

SPRINGS Hawkins, Poole (resetting £2, replace one leaf £5)

SHOT BLASTING Sprayblast, Hamworthy (£2 per wheel)

TYRES Motorway Tyres (£16 Avon 350x19 sidecar)

 John Barlow

 Seven Workshop

WELDING, SPRAYING & FILLING Chris Smith (member)

WHEEL REBUILDING Contact Bernard Cowley

FOR SALE

Phil Edwards rang me to offer a 1936 Ruby body to a club member who can use it. He needs to dispose of it quickly. Tel. Business Southampton 37071 or Home Burley 2441

Dave Delaney has kindly donated a box of bits & pieces which I will bring to the AGM

Tee Shirts & Sweat Shirts

T-shirts – light blue, small & large £1.70

* Red, medium & large £1.70

Sweat Shirts - light blue, medium & large £3.20

* navy blue, medium £3.20

See Phil Whitter. Also don't forget AGM is last chance to get your own tee shirts and sweatshirts printed at 50p each.