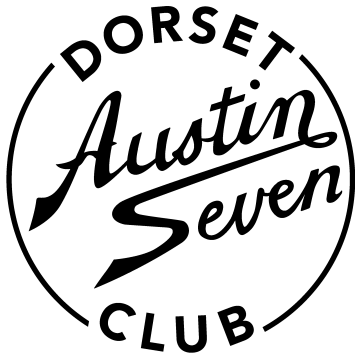




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CLUB NIGHTS

are held on the third Thursday
of every month at
The Tyrrell's Ford Hotel,
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Christchurch Road)
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This month's front cover features our own band of entrepids at the end of their 80-mile journey from Weston-Super-Mare on Swanage sea front. Thanks to Bernard for coping with the club's digital camera!

EDITORIAL

Another Newsletter packed from bumper to bumper thanks to you - our happy band of Austin 7 correspondents.

This month we see intrepid members forging a new route from Weston-super-Mare to Swanage in the first DA7C SW Coast to Coast run organised by Chairman Bernard and those extraordinary long-distance runners, the Travelling Bishops, reporting on their exploits on the Zuider Zee tour. Even Vince, George and Joy get in on the act.

Dave Burris provides an interestingly succinct way with king pins and Jim Burry has found a bucolic piece from the Austin Magazine for 1933

There is one interloper, however, in the Technical Tip slot because I have run out of our own members' tips. So, a little pleading for those wonderfully simple but effective tips on keeping our cars running to Trebs or by E-mail please.

This month brings us the highlight of the year - the Club AGM with the annual presentation of cups and trophies. One of the most prestigious and hard fought for cups is the Vic Steel Cup for the member the Committee thinks has

contributed most to the Club this year. John Weaver, many times winner, has sent me a photo of the late departed but much loved Vic in classic pose. And what an enthusiast - he even died at the wheel of his beloved Opal travelling home from



the Continent.
See you at the AGM

David

Deadline for the next issue is 27/10/00 . Please send material to me by post, fax or E-mail or pass it over to the Editorial Team at Clubnight.

SECRETARIAL

I hope you found your bargain at Beaulieu Autojumble. It didn't seem quite as busy there as usual to me, but I did notice our chairman ringing his hands and smiling on his stall however, so business must have been OK.

Regrettably, our firework cruise aboard the Balmoral from Bournemouth Pier had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Pat and I seem to be jinxed with regards to boat trips.

It was good to see Paul Mainzer looking so well on club night after his heart surgery. He says that he doesn't feel much different, but he certainly look better.

Pat and I took part in the Coast to Coast run organised by Bernard and Jackie over the weekend of 23/24th September along with four other Austins and, in spite of a rather damp day on Sunday, we all had a super weekend and met

up with other club members at The Three Elms, North Wooton for lunch on Sunday before driving to the sea front at Swanage.

Don't forget the next club night on 19th October is our AGM. Do make an effort to come along - the business does not take too long and you have your chance to say your piece. We will also be voting for Clubman of the year and presenting The Vic Steele Cup for the member in the committee's view has done most in the club this year, the Ladies Trophy and The Editors Cup,

See you there,

Glyn

DA7C SW Coast to Coast 2000

24th. September 2000

Pat and I left New Milton on a beautiful Saturday morning for our journey to Western Super Mare. On our way we called in to meet up with George and Joy Mooney and together we drove in perfect weather to Bernard and Jackie Cowley's home in Wimborne. After coffee, Bernard and Jackie in an MGB, George and Joy in their Cambridge Special and myself and Pat in the Tickford, set off on our way. Now if you drive a standard Austin 7 I do not recommend following an MGB and being followed by a rather quick Cambridge Special! However, knuckles white and gleaming in the sun, accelerator foot flat on the floor, we shot off through Dorset Lanes via Wincanton and Castle Cary to Priddy where we stopped for a very pleasant lunch and a chat. After lunch we drove down through Cheddar Gorge where we parked the cars and walked into the village. After exploring and waiting while George bought some Cheese, we decided on a cream tea in the Wishing Well Cafe.

Scones, cake, cream and Jam appeared - and quickly disappeared! We couldn't manage to eat all the cakes however, so the waitress brought along a box and packed them for us to take with us.

Suitably refreshed once again, we set off for the final leg of the journey to Weston. Bernard had found a back way through the suburbs which avoided the big dual carriageway and we shortly arrived at our hotels right on the front.

After resting my knuckles and right foot for an hour we all set off on foot to meet Joe and

Lynda Bishop, Merv Frampton and Sue and Den and Camille Larkin. Greetings over, all twelve of us set off to find a pub or restaurant for dinner. We found a Chinese restaurant that could seat all of us around a huge circular table. The meal was excellent and Jackie proved to be

a star with the chop sticks

Next morning at 8.30 found us eating again! - a full English breakfast, toast, and coffee then it was off to the start on the sea front car park and, guess what, it's pouring with



rain!

Bernard saw us all away and we managed to find our way out of the town without mishap following our route instructions. The route then took us down lovely country lanes (if only the sun were shining) and through little villages like Burrington Coombe, Dulcote and Parbrook. Ah yes - Parbrook, we all seemed to get lost there. I remember passing George and Joy Mooney and noticing steam coming from both ears! We shan't forget Parbrook. Then on through Corton Denham - "Oh look there's another Austin coming towards us. It's Richard Cressey!" cries Pat. With much waving and swerving we stopped but he had gone. On through Sherborne to the Three Elms at North Wooton for lunch and a

chance to compare notes with the others (no sign of George and Joy). We were also joined by a few other club members, including Richard Cressey and enjoyed a good lunch and natter. We were just thinking of making a move when in came George and Joy - George as red as a beetroot, ears still steaming, Joy as

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cool as a cucumber. "Where were all the signs?" says George, "We've been round and round in circles". "Never mind, have a nice lunch, you'll feel better". Too late - George and Joy didn't get lunch, more steam but that cake from Cheddar came in useful didn't it George?

Off we set again via Dorchester, The Puddles and Piddles to Bast Lulworth, over the top of Tyneham, Church Knowle and Corfe Castle and finally arriving at Swanage where we parked on the sea front with members of the Wessex Vehicle Preservation Society.

This was a really super run which we hope will become an annual event. Many thanks to Bernard and Jackie for all their hard work and

organisation. Oh, and by the way, Bernard told me it was Jackie's fault we all got lost in Parbrook, but don't tell Jackie.

Glyn LLewellyn

Many thanks for getting your report to us in time for publication and thanks to Bernard for the pics. It's all very well having a digital camera at the speed of light but we need a digital brain to keep up with it!! Let's hope this becomes an annual event and more people will take part now the ground has been broken. - Ed.



DORSET AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB
24th AGM
19th. October 2000

8.30 pm Opening Remarks
 Officers' Reports

Chairman

Secretary
Membership Secretary
Spares Secretary
Treasurer

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Chairman

Election of Officers

Presentation of Cups nominated by the Committee:

Vic Steel Cup for the person who has done most for the Club
Ladies' Cup
Ballard Trophy for attendance at Club Runs
The Editor's Cup for contributions to the Newsletter

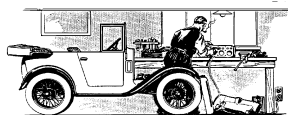
AOB - Issues from the floor

Closing Remarks

Chairman

Voting for the Bob Burrow's Cup "CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR"

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The Zuider Zee Tour

23rd. - 27th. August

The time had come to stop fiddling with the Ruby and just load her up with all the camping gear, clothes, and spares and head for Harwich. The Dutch Tour was about to start and Marlies and I had to travel the 280 miles to reach the Harwich ferry. We had an uneventful, two-day journey staying one night with friends south of London and the second night with more friends north of Ipswich travelling quite a bit on motorways and really did not experience any problems.

Tuesday morning saw us in the ferry queue with two other Austins and we all enjoyed a pleasant crossing having found some very plush

leather seats at the rear only to find out later we should have paid £6 each for the privilege! We had arranged to stay the night with one of Marlies' nephews who lived in Rotterdam so we braved a small bit of motorway and were soon at his flat enjoying the first of many Dutch beers. The next morning saw us heading up to Enkhuizen and the campsite. On the way we called in for coffee and lunch with a girl friend of Marlies and afterwards motored beside the river Amstel which has the most wonderful houses and scenery. We enjoyed an easy trip to the campsite where we received a great welcome from the Dutch organisers. We met up with George and Joy Mooney and Ian Mason Smith who were also camping. Marlies and I then set about christening our new dome tent with its posh east and west wings - nearly large enough to garage a Ruby!

Thursday saw all the 80+ Austins out for a tour around the surrounding countryside with wonderful impromptu coffee, drink and food stops happening everywhere. We had most interesting tour over a working windmill, followed by a boat trip through a Polder which was twelve feet below sea level.



What a day - the sun shone all the time, we saw wonderful countryside, enjoyed good company and all in an Austin 7!!

Friday was an organised coach trip to Amsterdam starting from our campsite so all the hotel people started arriving early and parked their Austins near our tents with the rest of the campsite looking on in utter amazement. However, Marlies and I had been invited for a day's sailing on the IJsselmeer with one of her brothers-in-law.

Saturday was the start of The Tour proper so, after a good breakfast and a quick sort out of the 'posh' clothes for the hotel stop, we zipped up our tent, collected our route and were off. The first landmark was 20 miles of dead straight dyke which protects Holland from the sea followed by a quite wander along the old dyke roads and villages untouched by progress where our cars seemed very much at home and on to the hotel stop for the night. Biddy and Gordon Brown joined us in the outdoor pool until it was time to change and head for the bar. We were all treated to a sumptuous buffet whilst an excellent band played in the background.

Sunday did not, however, dawn bright and sunny - it was tipping it down and we all dashed around trying to keep everything as dry as possible. Soon we set out, sponges to hand, to travel on deserted byeways stopping to drink coffee, eat ice creams when the

sun eventually came out and generally enjoy the countryside until we returned to Enkhuizen for the official thank yous to the Dutch organisers. Some of us stayed one more night and on Monday morning Marlies and I set off to see her mother and spend a few days with the family.



We returned on Thursday via Hoek, stocking up on Dutch goodies of course, arriving in the UK at 8pm. We decided to push on and see just how long a six volt battery and dynamo will safely last! We managed 220 miles before we had to pull into a layby and get our heads down for a couple of hours sleep - sitting

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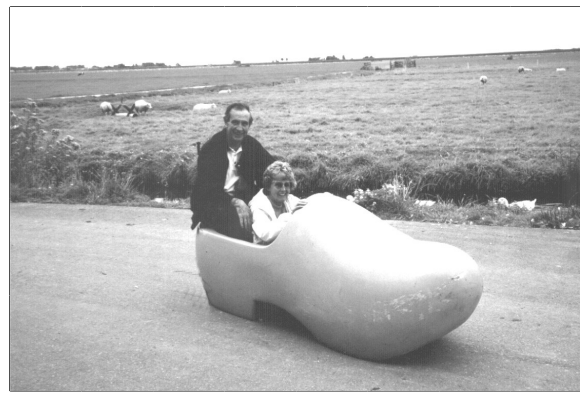
Zuider Zee Tour (Continued from page 8)

upright of course! We were awake just before dawn and, with a couple of swings of the handle, we were off arriving in Exeter at 8am. Would you believe 1200 miles in total?!!!!

Richard and Marlies Bishop

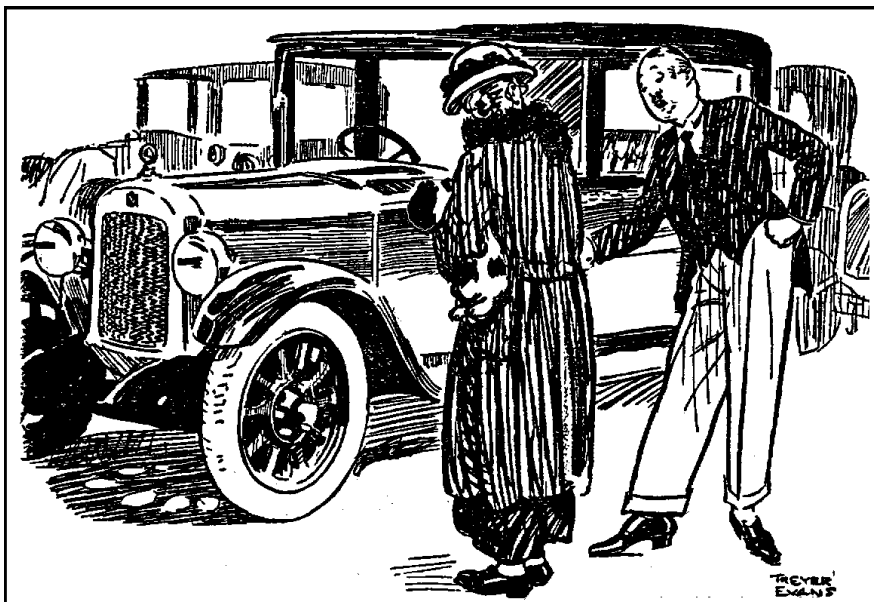
Knowing you two - yes I would!!!! What a marvelous experience so well reported. Many thanks - Ed.

Famous A7 "Dutch Clog" Racer found in Holland



Vince, Joy and George doing very silly things on this year's famous Zuider Zee Tour organised by the Dutch Pre-War A7 Club in August.

Thanks to Vince for the pics.



SALESMAN (to a lady wishing to buy a second-hand car):

"How about a Landeeler 14/29?"

LADY: "Oh, I don't want one earlier than 1914!"

THE WAY WE WERE - a blast from the past

From the Club Newsletter for October 1979

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It was good to see 27 members at the Nag's Head for last month's meeting. Bernard gave us some useful technical info and I did my best to explain coil and magneto ignition. I am hoping to follow this up with a talk on dynamos in November. I saw Vic Steel in Boscombe the other day on his newly acquired M31 ex-WD BSA and what a fine machine with all its original army equipment and markings. This will be my last Newsletter for a while as I am giving up the Editor's job at the AGM. Thanks to Jackie Cowley and Pat Llewellyn for their typing efforts and to Bernard for printing and distribution.

This month's meeting is the AGM at the White Hart, Corn Market, Wimborne. The current Committee members are:

CHAIRMAN:	Derek Munn	SECRETARY:	Bernard Cowley
ASSISTANT SEC:	John Page	TREASURER:	Lawrence Rideal
EVENTS SEC:	John Stone	ASS.EVENTS SEC:	Gary Munn
EDITOR:	Phil Whitter	GEN.COMMITTEE:	Glyn Llewellyn
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The Committee is looking for a pub with a large room for club meetings in the Wimborne area.

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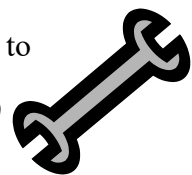
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TIP OF THE MONTH

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From the Essex A7C April 2000



DA7C CHRISTMAS DINNER

9th. December 2000

7.30 for 8.00 pm

Tyrrell's Ford Hotel



Book early as numbers are strictly limited to 60. Booking form with this Newsletter to go to Gary Munn at November club night or by post ASAP with money.
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Ben Trimby taking the
Earl of Radnor's
children for a ride at
the visit to Longford
Castle he organised for
the Club. Thanks to
Marion for the pic.

EVENTS

Thursday 19th Oct

Sunday 22nd Oct

Thursday 26th Oct

Thursday 2nd Nov

Thursday 16th Nov

Saturday 9th Dec

Thursday 21st. Dec

CLUB NIGHT AGM 2000 - 8.30 start

CLUB RUN

COMMITTEE MEETING

PUB MEET

CLUB NIGHT

CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER (flyer with this

Newsletter) See announcement on page 10.

CLUB NIGHT Noggin 'n Natter

Peter Trebilco will be taking us on a North Forest Run (not the Kilder Forest - the New Forest!). Meet Ringwood Car Park 10.15 am for a 10.30 off. Pub lunch stop arranged.

The Green Man, Victoria Rd.,

Wimborne (bottom of hill to QE School)

Auction Night

See announcement on page 10.

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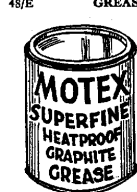
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