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NORFOLK NA7TER

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Dear Each,

Membership Matters

The start of this our first year seems to be starting off in a promising manner. We now have sixty eight Members (that includes spouses, partners and one son!), which I think you will all agree, is a pretty promising way to start a new club. In the first **NORFOLK NA7TER** I asked if anyone had any objection if I published the **Membership List**; in response I received a few verbal comments from Members supporting the idea and no objections as well as a written support for the idea from one Member, therefore I will take that as being a number of votes in favour and none against. So, attached to this edition of the **NA7TER**, I have put together a current Membership list that just details your names, village or town where you live, telephone number, and brief outline of which cars you have. The idea of the last item is so those of you who have similar cars can know who to contact for advice or chat. Those of us who have e-mail addresses will be able to find out who also is confuser literate via any e-mails that I send out to you as a group. Could you please let me know what you think about the Membership List? As new members join the same type of details about them will be given in future editions of the **NORFOLK NA7TER**. I hope that you all approve of the attached **Membership Cards** and find them useful.

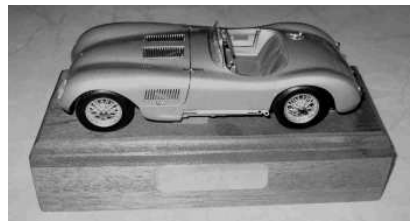
Club Nights

The **move to the Parson Woodforde** pub seems to have been fairly well accepted by most. I am sorry for those who have to drive further to attend, but there are other Members who now do not drive as far as they would have had to. For the March Meeting we had twenty five of us squeezed into the Snug Bar; and very snug it was too!! My apologies for that, but some gun dog club had booked the half of the dining room that we had in February. In order to avoid this in future, I have booked the half dining room for each third Tuesday of the month through to January 2006. That is apart from the month of December, when because of the Christmas season, I have booked it for the second Tuesday, which is the 12th December. As it will be in the lead up to Christmas, and we are in a pub dining room, I suggest that we have the **December Club Night as our Annual Christmas Dinner**. If we can get more than twenty five diners booked in then we can have a carvery selection, which from past experience is jolly good. Could you give me some "feed back" about this please? A pretty appropriate request in the circumstances!

The Norfolk Jaguar Drivers Club Quiz Night

On the subject of the food at the Parson Woodforde, six of our Members enjoyed a dinner there on the evening of **The Norfolk Jaguar Drivers Club Quiz Night**,

Tuesday 29th March, before the main event started. As you will recall, the Jaguar Drivers were looking for a club to take up their challenge of a quiz night, which we obligingly did. The whole thing was very professionally organised, with "buzzer" lights, and John Staveley, of the Jag Club, did a magnificent job in setting the questions and acting as Quiz Master. However, the Jaguar Team was not prepared for our secret weapon of the night, - nor were we actually! - The Fryer Duo, Rick and Cherry. I must admit that I did not understand Rick's comment to me, as we sat down for the first knock out round against our other Norfolk Austin Seven team "I know what to do. I've done this before!", but it soon became apparent that he did so I kept my hand out of range of the "buzzer" button, in case it got flattened by his quick responses!! After that round Rick told us that he had appeared on quite a number of television quiz



The Norfolk Jaguar Drivers Club Quiz Trophy.

shows, including "15 to 1" three times, and with Cherry, they are inveterate pub and postal quiz participants. Rick describes themselves as "Quizaholics"! So your Club won the Quiz night 355

points to 210 and we have a very nice trophy to hold for the year. We have to set the questions for next year's return match (I hear that Anne Rose has already started making them up as she polishes the brass!), when I think it will be only fair to the Jaguar Team that Rick and Cherry are Quiz Master and Scorer. After all we must give them a chance!! Our thanks should go to all our Members who took part on our behalf - Val and Dick, Anne and Hamish, Rick and Cherry, and Susan. Also to our loyal supporters - Anne and Tony. Well done Rick and Cherry, I guess your drinks are on me next club night!

The East Anglia Trophy

The following item comes from the Essex Austin Seven Club's monthly magazine "Chassis":-

The East Anglia Trophy!

Plans are well advanced for the EA7C led inter-club rally we are holding at Rougham Airfield near Bury St Edmunds on Sunday June 26th. Why there you may ask? Good question... The main reason we have chosen Rougham is because this is a 4-way rally which will involve all the East Anglia counties! The Essex A7C, the Suffolk Centre of the EA7C, the newly formed Norfolk A7C and the Cambridge A7C and Rougham is bang in the middle of the geographical area. It is also a particularly good venue because we will be tak-

ing part in the Rougham Wings, Wheels and Steam Day - with historic aircraft, sideshows, steam engines etc - you name it it's there! Our stand is open only to Austin Sevens and our club will be in friendly competition for the cup which was originally called the Headlamp Trophy.

This is the very first time we have held this competition and we really need a huge turnout from our Members - so please make a really special effort to turn out and hopefully to win the cup for Essex (or Suffolk).

But in case you think this is just another ordinary rally think again! This is a compo with a big difference. No one will know what car will win until the day. Why? Because no one knows what the judges will be looking for until a certain envelope is opened. Inside there will be up to 10 different criteria for winning. It could be the car that has travelled the furthest to get to the show, it could be the one that has been used the most MoT to MoT, in fact it could be virtually anything! So everyone stands a chance of winning no matter how good looking or how average your car is. So come on put the date in your diary right NOW. The winning car/owner will be winning the Trophy for his own County!

Entry for exhibitors will cost £5 (we have already complained about this to the organisers) and covers admin, insurance etc and each entrant will need to enter separately. (Forms will be available club night or direct from Graham Baldock). DON'T LET THIS PUT YOU OFF - TRY TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE CLUB AND YOUR OWN CENTRE! Essex hold the cup (by default) at the moment let's go along and compete to keep it!

Right, so the Essex Austin Seven Club intends to hold on to the East Anglia Trophy! Surely we can bring it "home" to Norfolk. After all we have already won the Jaguar Drivers Club Quiz Trophy so far this year, so how about another trophy for the club cabinet?? (Thought for the day:- Graham Baldock, who is Chairman of the Essex Austin Seven Club is also a Member of our club!! However, your club's whole committee is a Member of the Essex Austin Seven Club!!!!)

Amusing Automobile Anecdote number 1 which comes from Hamish.

In the middle 1950's, I was studying "Building" in London and was invited to weekend in Bath by a friend and colleague. He had recently bought a 1920's 3 litre Bentley with Vanden Plas body, which had cost him less than £300. Those were the days!! The car was rough and the engine well down on power, but I thought that it was wonderful and we duly set out on the A4 (no motorways!). Somewhere near Hungerford we were passed by a Morris 10, with four up and we commented that the car had only



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one rear light (legislation had recently come in to the effect that all motor vehicles must display two rear lights). Shortly afterwards we were passed by a Police Wolsley and after some little distance we came across both of these vehicles stopped in a lay-by. A policeman was talking to the driver of the Morris and making notes in a notebook. My friend pulled in behind them, got out of the Bentley and strolled over to the group, who turned at his approach. "Good evening officer." Said my friend, "May I ask what you are doing?" "I don't know that it is any business of yours, sir," said the policeman, "but we are booking this gentleman for not having two rear lights." "But neither do you, officer." said my friend. The policeman walked around to the rear of the Wolsley, which was equipped with two rear lights but only one of which was "on". Nothing was said. There was the noise, firstly, of a notebook being slammed closed and then a Wolsley starting up and accelerating away. My friend waved away the grateful thanks of the Morris driver and we all went away into the night.

Thank you for that Hamish. Which reminds me that I once flagged down a police car and pointed out that one of his front lights was not working. The driver thanked me profusely and headed back to the police garage and a cup of tea!!

Amusing Automobile Anecdote number 2 which comes from Keith (aka Don Quixote)

The following traumatic event happened to a friend of mine in his Austin A30. As luck (or ill luck) would have it, he found himself following a school bus along a narrow North Norfolk lane. It was foggy and the Austin's headlights were not too bright, so he followed very closely behind the bus. In this situation he was cheered on by the happy throng of school children at the back of the bus.

Suddenly the bus stopped, causing my friend to brake sharply and came to an abrupt halt, without crashing. Now, as you will know, all cars tend to "move" a bit under the rigors of sharp braking and none more so than an A30. Unfortunately, when the A30 came to a halt, just behind the bus, it had momentarily nosed dived and when it came back up the over-riders of the front bumper of this Deluxe A30 hooked themselves under the back bumper of the bus, which was when the bus proceeded to drive off!!!

Being a very small car behind a large bus, the bus driver naturally had no idea that he now had a "trailer" in tow. However he thought something must be up when he became overwhelmed by the much louder than usual cheering and jeering from the children, so he stopped the bus to quieten them down. At first he did not believe what they were telling him, but he got out of the bus to investigate, where upon he discovered the inadvertent "hitch hiker"!!! But what to do? The A30's front bumper was firmly hooked under the back of the bus. Eventually

with 3 co-operative pupils sitting on each front wing of the A30, the front bumper dropped enough for the car to be disengaged.

The moral of the story: Do not have a deluxe of the Austin A30 or A35, as the basic models have no over riders on the bumpers and therefore such a calamitous event could not occur!!!

Thank you for that story Keith. I hope that Anne and Hamish bear this in mind when they get "Gladys" on the road! For those of you who do not know, Anne and Hamish bought my Aunt Gladys's very original Austin A35 from me last year, and Hamish is currently in the process of doing a very meticulous restoration and updating of it for Anne. When I visited them at the end of March, I found that "Gladys" had been stripped down to her body shell, and mounted on a "spit" so that Hamish could attend to her nether regions. It is amazing just how little rust there was on the car, even the inner front wing section was corrosion free.

Please let me have your Amusing Automobile Anecdote for the next **NORFOLK NA7TER**. Remember that there will be a prize for the most amusing story at the end of the year, so please get scribbling.

Report on the A7 London to Brighton Run From our Roving Reporter Charles.

My trip to Brighton and back was a saga of events including misfortune, lucky chance, a lot of fun and a lapse in concentration that caused me to miss the trailer home.

Clad like an Arctic explorer, I got down to South Mimms on the M25 in great time as a lot of people must have been off the road ogling the "box" (Charles/Camilla) but noticed the engine running a bit rough. Stopped and adjusted points. Carried on around the M25 towards the A3, which would take me into Teddington where my sister and her family live -- my billet for the night. Lost more power and thought the timing sounded retarded (no comments about the driver please!).

Managed to get off the motorway and just made it to a lay-by on the A308 before the engine died. Totally puzzled as distributor was firmly clamped and the points were correctly set. After half an hour fiddling, the engine started and sounded better, so I carried on to Teddington.

Next day, off early to Crystal Palace and meet up with daughter Rose for the burn to Brighton. It was a nightmare getting out of London but eventually we got some open road and enjoyable motoring, arriving at Pease Pottage around 12.30pm. After checking in it was off again for Brighton. We very soon fell in with a couple of specials and an Ulster Rep. and started having great fun roaring past mere mortals in their standard A7's despite being told by the organisers that "It is not a race." Alas, fun comes before a fall. One minute the car was going well, the next a complete failure of electrics. I thought it must be a new coil that had gone as it felt very hot. So my friend John suddenly discovered he was my back-up driver. I found a bit of cord in my 'spares' and he towed me down to Brighton. It was a

case of the Toad becoming the Towed! This is not the best way to arrive at a rally of 425 plus Austin 7's stretching half a mile along the seafront, but I did get the mug and rally plaque.

Now the lapse in concentration -- instead of keeping in touch with James Tillett and his trailer team, with whom I had arranged a lift home, we went off to a restaurant where a simple bite to



**Charles finding his way on
the Heritage Run in 1989!**

eat became a family get-together and when I returned to my car the trailer had gone -- ooddear! So my 'back-up' driver takes me in tow back to Pulborough where my sister-in-law lives but on the way she has a brainwave -- let's call in on legendary A7 guru Mike Hodgson to get car fixed. The fault was quickly diagnosed as a parting of the ways between the distributor drive shaft and the plate carrying the bob weights -- cured by fitting a replacement distributor.

The next day being lovely and sunny, off I set for Norfolk. A24 - M25 -M11 -- car going well. I get to Barton Mills roundabout and the engine dies again but how lucky can you get as it is just by the lay-by before the roundabout. It now takes two hours at the local garage to discover that the soft metal condenser connection has fractured. With a new Japanese one fitted (I'm on 12volts) and a rather larger bill than I got from Mike Hodgson I set off for the final leg home -- car going like the clappers.

Will I do it again -- definitely, but next time I will avoid being a pain in the bum to trailer organisers. My apologies again James if you are reading this.

All of my mechanical problems came from the stress of sustained high speed driving. It is a good way of revealing any weaknesses but I certainly had my share of luck to compensate.

Charles Tuesday 12th April 05

Well done Charles. Though I understand that your arrival at Brighton on the end of a tow rope caused a bit of a stir, and when James recounted to his lady companions that you were experiencing problems with your "coil" they commiserated with your plight,..... but James thought that they may have been getting a bit confused with a different type of coil!!

Charles's story leads me on to report that on latest the Austin Seven Clubs Association Committee Meeting, mention was made about "participants in the London to Brighton arriving at the final destination on the end of a tow rope", and that "breakdowns caused by faulty coils

were reported"!!!! The point was made that as we were using "old cars", there was a need to carry various spare parts that are likely to let you down. But I must admit to wondering where do you stop in the list of possible parts to carry "just in case"? The solution is to make sure that you carry a copy of the **Association's "Austin Seven Breakdown Scheme"** listing, which has been set up by Gordon Phillips. The idea is that the scheme's list has the names and contact details of Austin Seven enthusiasts, all over the UK, who are willing to help out fellow Austin Seven drivers who may be unfortunate to experience an A7 breakdown near their particular "bend of the lane. I had a chat with Gordon and he tried to send me a copy of the listing via e-mail, but we had communication problems which prevented me receiving the data, so that I could include it with this newsletter. So he has posted me a copy of the "Austin Seven Breakdown Scheme" listing, which will be available to photocopy for those who want one in the near future. For those of you who can wait, Gordon is consulting his "Confuser Guru" (namely his son!) to see how he can change the format of the list to MS Word and send it via e-mail to the various Austin Seven Clubs, for them to distribute to their members. I will let you know further information as and when it becomes available. If you are willing to help Austin Seven drivers in distress and would like to offer your name to be included in the "Austin Seven Breakdown Scheme" then please contact Gordon Phillips, 27 Walkmill Lane, Kingswood, Wotton-Under-Edge, Glos., GL12 8RZ, e-mail:- phillipsfamily27@hotmail.com.

Because of the recent **demise of MG Rover**, I thought that I had better attend the **committee meeting of the Austin Seven Clubs Association**, at Gaydon Motor Museum, on Sunday 17th April, so that I could let you know what affect this sad occurrence will have on the forthcoming **Austin Centenary Rally** at Longbridge in July.

Well the short answer is that the rally is going ahead. Howard Annett, the A7CA representative with responsibility for organising the Austin Seven portion of the rally, Reported that the close down of MG Rover will not affect the rally, apart from there being no visit to the factory or Lord Austin's office, and John Towers / MG Rover not sponsoring the Ox Roast!! So far Howard has received 310 entries for Austin Sevens and would like to receive more, so if you are planning on going please get your entry form off to Howard as soon as possible (I still have some entry forms if you want one). The event is advertised as being over three days, but Friday 8th July is setting-up day, and black-tie dinner night, with the Saturday and Sunday being the main event days. The actual rally field will be surrounded by **security** fencing and looked after by security personnel, so if you wish you can leave your Austin Seven on the rally field over night. The **camp site** (with plenty of showers and toilets) and the trailer park are inside the security area, but the "modern" car park is not. There will be four marquees in the Austin Seven section, one of which it is hoped will be licensed so that those who are camping on site will have somewhere to lubricate their larynx in the evening!! The A7CA is providing 5000 "goodies" bags for handing out over the weekend. There will be 500 special centenary **souvenir mugs** for the Austin

Seven enthusiast available on the weekend. **The Centenary Cavalcade** of 100 Austins through the years, will contain five Austin Sevens, and start at 9.30 on the Saturday morning, in Victoria Square, Birmingham, and scheduled to arrive back at the rally field before 11.00, in time arrival of the annual "Parliamentary Run", which this year starts in Westminster and ends at Longbridge (possibly a bit late for the motorhead MPs to take an interest in MG Rover I feel!). The Austin Seven paddock of the rally should be the largest which is only fitting for "The Motor of the Masses"! If you are going to the Longbridge Rally, would you please let me know?

I hope that you like the **Austin Centenary window stickers** that were designed by Graham Baldock, and distributed at the meeting. They have been road tested on the London to Brighton Run to fit in the back window of an A7 Box without totally obscuring the rear view.

Another matter that was aired at the A7CA meeting was the problem of the "stealing" of **Austin Seven registration numbers**. It seems that the DVLA is currently investigating an Austin Seven chassis number which has been claimed by two different cars, one of which it was found to have had it's chassis number ground off. So please be aware that there are some people around who are after our car numbers. If your car is off the road and registered as **SORN**, then make sure that you keep it's registering as SORN up to date otherwise you might loose the registration number. If your car was off the road before SORN came in, and therefore it is not absolutely mandatory to have it SORN registered, it might be worth considering to actually do so, so that you ensure that you keep the registration number. The other point is that you must remember to keep your SORN registration up to date, otherwise you will attract a £1,000 fine. The same goes for ordinary road fund licence of any car. It is not a very nice world at times these days. Which reminds me, I really must find a Post Office that will update the Bumble's SORN declaration (Rackheath Post Office could not do it last week!!).

I have 10 copies of **The Pre-War Austin Seven Club Special Austin Centenary Editions** of their magazine. Anyone who wants a copy please ask me.

The Closing Pleas!!

I am currently trying to find a supplier to provide us with NA7C car window stickers at a reasonable cost. If any of you can suggest a company to do this please let me know.

I am also going to look into the supply and cost of club sweatshirts or fleece jackets. Again, can any of you suggest a supplier in the Norwich / Yarmouth area?

Lastly, if any of you would like to help me with the running of The Norfolk Austin Seven Club please let me know. If any of you would like to organise an event, run or evening, again, please let me know.

Well I think that is it for this second edition of the **NORFOLK NA7TER**. I hope to see you for the Club Nights on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Parson Woodforde.

Happy Austineering,





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Membership List - April 2005

- Membership No:- 001 **Jim Blacklock & Susan Martin**, Acle, Norwich. 01493-750805
1930 A7 Tourer Type AE (in Canada!). - 1969 Lotus Elan S4SE DH.
- Membership No:- 002 **Henry & Jennifer Thorne**, Bessingham, Norwich. 01263 577366
1934 A7 Van. - 1936 A7 Pearl. - 1953 MG TD.
- Membership No:- 003 **Rick & Cherry Fryer**, Dereham. 01362-696114
1929 A7 Special. - 1932 A7 Chassis.
- Membership No:- 004 **Charles & Judy Levien**, Foulsham, 01362-684296
1937 A7 Opal. - 1938 A7 Paxton Special.
- Membership No:- 005 **George & Gillian Crummett**, Yaxham, Dereham. 01362 692845
1927 A7 Chummy.
- Membership No:- 006 **Ron & Barbara Houghton**, Hardwick. 01508-530580
1934 A7 Box. - 1953 MG TD. - 1968 Morris Minor.
- Membership No:-007 **David & Lynne Wall**, Barton Turf, Norwich. 01692 536479
1934 A7 Box. - 1926 A7 Tourer. - 1931 A7 Sports.
- Membership No:- 008 **John & Barbara Kirby**, Scarning, Dereham. 01362 692578
1937 A7 Cambridge Special.
- Membership No:- 009 **Jim & Sue Hunt**, Taverham, Norwich. 01603-868093
1934 A7 RP Saloon.
- Membership No:- 010 **Nick & Peter Walmsley**, Hoveton, Norwich. 01603782758
1927 A7 AD Tourer. - 1939 Austin 8. - 1937 Austin 10 Cambridge.
- Membership No:- 011 **Tony & Anne Rose**, Brundall, Norwich. 01603 714229
1937 A7 Nippy. - 1968 Morgan +4.
- Membership No:-012 **Roger & Sue Harnor**, Kessingland, Lowestoft. 01502 740128
1938 Austin Big 7 Forlight. - 1995 Reliant Scimitar.
- Membership No:- 013 **Wilf & Libba Gathercole**, Great Dunham, Kings Lynn. 01328 701232
Mazda MX5.
- Membership No:- 014 **Ian & Bernadette Howard**, Beetley, Dereham. 01362-860218
1933 A7 Box. - 1933 MG J2 Sports.
- Membership No:- 015 **David & Christopher Charles**, North Burlingham, Norwich. 01493 752016
1932 A7 Special. - 1936 Lanchester 14 Roadrider LA1 (The oldest in existence?)
- Membership No:- 016 **Ken & Anne Rivett**, Wymondham. 01953-601172
1937 A7 Ruby De-Luxe. - 1929 A7 Mulliner Saloon.
- Membership No:- 017 **Biz & Brenda Bizzell**, Fornsett St Peter, Norwich. 01953-789592
Bentley
- Membership No:- 018 **Glyn & Deidre Luff**, Hedenham, 01508-482287
1994 Fairthorpe Pathfinder. - 1967 Buckler Mk.17.
- Membership No:- 019 **Simon & Michelle Salter**, Yaxham, Dereham. 01362-693528
1933 A7 Arrow. - 1969 Lotus Elan S4 DH.
- Membership No:- 020 **Michael & Sally Goodier**, Upper Billingford, Nr. Diss. 01379-740446
1927 A7 Chummy. - 1929 A7 Chummy. - 1934 A7 Speedy.
- Membership No:- 021 **Ellis Howman**, Lakenham, Norwich. 01603-626309(XD)
1936 A7 Ruby.
- Membership No:- 022 **Peter & Anne Brown**, Wroxham, Norwich. 01603 782241
1938 A7 Opal. - 1964 Triumph TR4. - 1968 MG BGT.

Membership No:- 023 **Chris Hollis**, Hickling, Norwich. 01692-598783
1938 A7 Opal.

Membership No:- 024 **Kevin & Vicki Shortis**, Costessey, Norwich. 01603-742012
1928 A7 Chummy.

Membership No:- 025 **Michael Spinks**, Gt Hautbois, Coltishall, Norwich. 01603 737332
1931 A7 RM Saloon. - 1933 A7 RP Saloon. - 1933 Vauxhall Cadet 2 Light Coupe.

Membership No:- 026 **Hamish & Anne Alger**, Lowestoft. 01502 574097
1931 A7 Van. - 1929 A7 Ulster. - 1957 Austin A35.

Membership No:- 027 **Martin & Roper**, Colton. 01603-880695
1937 A7 Ruby Mk.II.

Membership No:- 028 **Dick & Val Applin**, Aylsham. 01263-733626
1994 A7 Applin Special - "Slippery Willy". - MG B Roadster.

Membership No:- 029 **John & Diane Clark**, Wymondham. 01953-602012
1932 A7 RM Saloon. - 1938 Austin Big 7 Forlight. - 1938 Austin Big 7 Forlight.

Membership No:- 030 **Brian & Joan Gray**, Thorpe St Andrews, Norwich. 01603-436682
1951 Austin Sheerline. - 1962 Vanden Plas Princess 3Ltr. - 1973 Vanden Plas Princess 1300.

Membership No:- 031 **James & Ann Tillett**, Cley-Next-The-Sea. 01263-741440
1937 A7 Ruby.

Membership No:- 032 **John Cheek**, Stibbard, Fakenham. 01328-829406
1938 Austin Big 7.

Membership No:- 033 **Graham & Janet Baldock**, Welshwood Park, Colchester. 01206-860711
1932 A7 RN Saloon.

Membership No:- 034 **Henry & Vicki Saltmarsh**, Bury St Edmunds. 01284-654699
1935 A7 Ruby.

Membership No:- 035 **Bryan & Hazel Norfolk**, Harpenden. 01582-764659
1930 A7 RL Saloon. - 1930 A7 Boat Tail 2 Seater.

Membership No:- 036 **Keith & Karin Ashby**, Holt. 01263-712694
1935 Austin 7 Open Tourer Type AAL.

Membership No:- 037 **Paul & Angela Rumsey**, Hainford, Norwich. 01603-897992
1936 Austin 7 Ruby. - 1961 Austin A55 Cambridge Mk2.

Old Car Events Calendar

Austin Events double under lined

Sunday 24-Apr:- Classic Car Run by Jack Fleet of Halesworth - from Halesworth to Southwold - Meet at 10.00am at Halesworth Town Central Car Park - no need to book, just turn up and enjoy - Contact Jack on 01986 873221

Sunday 1st May:- The Wymondham Old Timers Car Rally will be held at the Gressenhall Rural Life Museum. Contact Mike & Jean Worship on 01508-538490. - £5 entry fee (Pre 1975 cars only) Contact M Worship, 7 St Margarets Way, Rockland St Mary, Norwich NR14 7HB or phone 01508 538490

Sunday 1st May:-Essex Austin 7 Club, Ipswich to Felixstowe Run. Contact Graham Baldock 01206 860711.

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May:- The Breckland Family Show is being held (on hard standing) at RAF Watton Airfield. Contact Ivan & Jean Chubbock on 01362-820416. Classic cars: Free Entry, including up to 2 adults & 2 children. Extra passengers at normal rate as follows: Other vehicles free, but charges per person at: Adults £3, Children £1.

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May:- Broadland MGOB 16th Heritage Run – - Start at East Anglian Transport Museum, Carlton Colville, near Lowestoft in Suffolk - Surprise Finish. First car away 9.00am. Charity event for "Help and East Coast Child". Entry £15 per car. Contact Graham or Joyce Rowland on 01502 568993 - Closing date for entries Fri 15th April.

Sunday 8-May:- Essex Austin 7 Club – VE Day Celebrations, contact Brian Eckersley for details – 01621-818273.

Sunday 8-May:- Swaffham Fun Day & Classic Car Cavalcade at Recreation Ground, Haspalls Road, Swaffham 11am to 4pm - Contact Miss Katrina Stockdale on 01760 720314 or 07963 761920

14th / 15th May:- The Windmill Run, which is Kevin describes "a gentle 200 mile run to Holland". For details contact Dave & Maggie Dickinson, Station Lane House, Main Street, Darley, Harrogate, HG3 2QF. 01423-780060 dickinsond@fsmail.net

Sunday 15th May:- Riley Motor Club - Road Run - venue to be decided - Limited number of pre 1970 non-Riley cars will be accepted. Small entry charge. Contact Alan Gidley on 01508 532172

Sunday 15th May:- The Skeyton Goat Classic Car and Motorcycle Rally (Pre 1975 only) from 10.00am Entry fee £2. Contact Brigette Evans, 36 Frogs Hall Cottages, Northrepps, Nr Cromer, Norfolk NR27 0LJ Tel 01263 579745

Sunday 15th May:- Halesworth Lions "Wings & Wheels" Veteran Rally is being held this year at Henham Park. Contact Diana Jackson on 01986-875107.

Sunday 22nd May:- The Norfolk Rally is being held at Hoveton Hall near Wroxham. Contact Nick Walmsley 01603-782758. *I have some entry forms for this rally (which are pretty valuable according to the Post Office!!) so if you would like one ask me on club night. Jim B*

Sunday 29th May:- Bressingham Rally. – Norwich Rover Club. Contact Terry Reynolds 01603-405280.

Bank Holiday Monday 30th-May:- Strumpshaw Steam Rally

Bank Holiday Monday 30th-May:- The 12th Felbrigg Hall Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Rally. Contact John Wootten, Eastern Events Ltd., Diggens Farm House, Aylsham, Norfolk, NR11 6UB. Tel: 01263 734711.

Saturday to Monday, 4th to 6th Jun:- Laon Historique – France Join Members of the Wensum TR Register. Dover/Calais Ferry, driving to Laon for the annual Classic Car festival. A regional tour on Saturday followed on Sunday by a closed street run with the streets of Laon lined with spectators. Friday departure + extra night in hotel in France available at £149 p/p. More details from David Solomon 01603 747038

Sunday 5th June:- Pre-War Austin Seven Club National Autokarna Rally, Nottingham.

Sunday 5th June:- Essex Austin 7 Club Treasure Hunt - Contact Graham Baldock for details – 01206-860711.

Sunday 5th June:- Norwich Classic Vehicle Club 10th Anniversary Rally - Norwich Rugby Club. B1150 North Walsham Rd, 4 miles North of Norwich. All Classics welcome. No entry fees, no date restrictions. Clubs welcome. Huge site. Last year over 200+ cars. Very popular. No need to book. Just turn up! More information from Jason Himpson 07899 886887 (evenings)

Saturday 12th June:- Red Feather Fete - East Carleton (The Grove Cheshire Home). Classics of all ages welcome. Contact Jim Cawte. 43 Sycamore Ave, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0HF - 01603 605311

Sunday 12th June - The 750MC- Norfolk Centre Austin Allsorts Centenary Rally at Bressingham Steam Museum. - 10.30 am onwards - Rally Entrants £12.50 per car includes rides for 2 people and free cream teas for pre-booked entrants - Contact Charles Levien on 01362 684296 or e-mail clevien@btopenworld.com

Sunday 12th June:- Euston Park Rural Pastimes. Contact Mr A Walden, The Hawthornes, Troston IP31 1EW Tel: 01359 269554

Thursday to Monday 16th to 20th June:- **Le Mans 24hrs Tour** - Join Members of the Wensum TR Register. Dover/Calais Ferry. Driving to Le Mans for the 24 hour race. Price of £149 p/p inclusive of Le Mans entry pass & camping at the circuit. Luxury private camp site available on request. Eurotunnel and Newhaven Dieppe supplement £10 p/p. More details from David Solomon 01603 747038

Friday 17th June - **The ANCC Concourse BBQ** will be held in the evening from 6.30 onwards, at Felthorpe Flying Cub. There is no entry fee, there will be music a bar and of course a BBQ, so lets hope for a fine evening. Contact John Steveley on 01603 881112

Saturday 18th June:- **Hethersett Revealed** celebrations - Venue Hethersett Old School on B1172 - start at 1200 hrs, show finishes at 1800 hrs - open to all vehicles (any car or motorcycle first registered in 1980 or earlier - Commemorative sticker and two free tickets to other attractions of the day, security presence at the venue - Contact Hugh Redington on 01603 811136 for more details

Sunday 19th June:- **Classic Transport Day** - Mid Norfolk Railway Dereham Station. All enquiries to Eileen 01603 613352

Sunday 19th June:- **East Anglian Practical Classics**, Grand Gathering of Classic Cars at Easton Farm Park, Nr Wickham Market, Suffolk. Contact Ray Wilton, 100 Old Barrack Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 4EL. Tel: 01394 382295 e-mail ray.68w@talk21.com

Sunday 26th June – **Wings, Wheels & Steam Weekend**, Rougham Airfield, near Bury St Edmunds. **The Essex Austin Seven Club** has issued the challenge to the **Austin 7 Clubs of East Anglia** to compete for the **East Anglian Austin Seven Trophy**. See the article on page 2 for a photo of the trophy and a EA7C view point. The trophy is a "magnificent" cup (made from a Chummy headlamp bowl with Chummy door handles with some sort of solid silver part in it's design!!) awarded to the winner of an inter-club competition, the criteria of which is to be drawn out of the cup on the day!! It could be for the A7 that has travelled furthest between MOTs, for the best A7 restoration, for the smartest A7 there that day, or for the A7 with knobbliest tyres (as opposed to the owners knees!!), or the A7 with the fruitiest horn blast!!!! **The Norfolk Austin Seven Club has been invited to join in the challenge so please let me know if you intend to enter under our club banner.** The other clubs that we will be "competing" against are The Cambridge Austin 7 & Vintage Car Club, the 750MC-NC and of course the Essex Austin Seven Club. I handed out several entry forms at the March Meeting, and have couple of forms left. **Each car needs to be entered individually**, so for an Entry Form for the Wings, Wheels & Steam Weekend contact The Estate Office, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9LZ or 01359 270238.

Sunday 26th June:- **Old Buckenham Air Show & Classic Cars**. Details from Jim Cawte, 43 Sycamore Ave, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0HF - 01603 605311 - £10 entry fee

Sunday 3rd July:- **The National Austin 7 Rally at Beaulieu**. Contact 750MC

Tuesday 5th July:- **ANCC "Cars in the Car Park"** - Weston Park 6.30pm onwards - Special parking area for the Norfolk Area of the Stag Owners' Club who are celebrating 25 years in Norfolk

8th to 10th July - **The Austin Centenary Weekend at Longbridge** (though it is really only 2 days!).

Sunday 10th July:- **The Charles Clark Classic Car Rally** - Start at Aldborough, finish at Blickling Hall ??? - Contact Richard and Margaret Rushmer on 01263 761378

Saturday 16th July:- **South Walsham Carnival** - Trying to organise a "run" before the static event - Contact John Grayson on 01603 270792

Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th July:- **Holkham Country Fair**, Wells-Next-The-Sea. Vintage cars, Clay pigeon shooting, The Imps motor cycle display team, The Tigers freefall parachute team, The Essex dog display team, children's fairground. Further info:- 01328 701133.

Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th July:- **Lowestoft Classic Vehicle Club** - 2 day Rally at Fritton Lake - for entry form or more details contact Andy on 01986 875492

Wednesday 3rd Aug:- **Sheringham Carnival with Classic Cars in the Parade** - Start at 1600 hrs. The organiser Martyn Jackson is looking for an open top car/tourer to carry the Carnival Queen Attendants in the Carnival Procession - Contact Martyn on 01263 822728. or writing to 14 High Street, Sheringham, NR26 8JR or e-mail Susanellie@aol.com

Sunday 7th Aug:- **Essex Austin 7 Club – Southend-on-Sea Here We Come Run** – Contact Graham Baldock for details – 01206-860711.

Sunday 7th Aug:- **Helmingham Festival of Classics and Sports Cars** - Contact The Estate Office on 01473 890799.

Sunday 7th Aug:- **Frettenham Festival** - Contact Peter Cockburn on 01603 738808

Sunday 21st Aug:- **Lowestoft Classic Vehicle Club Run** - in aid of the "Lowestoft Minibus for the Blind" - starts at Lowestoft fish docks at 10.00am and then a 46 mile run finishing at Somerleyton Hall. Open to all vehicles up to 1975, £10 entry fee - Contact Geoff Bowles on 01502 584566

Sunday 21st Aug:- **The British Sports Car Day** - Rougham Airfield - (A14 near Bury St Edmunds) - previously free but now £5 per car - only pre 1975 cars allowed or later date if part of a Club - Contact The Estate Office on 01359 270238

Sunday 28th Aug:- **Wings 'N' Wheels at Seething Airfield** - details awaited

Bank Holiday Monday 29th Aug:- **Lavenham Rare Breeds Motor Show 2005** - Arrive before 11.30 and leave after 4.00 pm - Contact Bryan Patton on 01787 247893 or e-mail on bryan.panton@virgin.net or go to www.lavenham.co.uk/motor-show

Sunday 4th Sept:- **Police Gala Day/Radio Norfolk Old Car Rally** at the Norfolk Showground - Contact Gala Day Co-Ordinator S A Thacker on 01362 693651

Sunday 11th Sept:- **Riley Motor Club - Road Run** - venue to be decided - Limited number of pre 1970 non-Riley cars will be accepted. Small entry charge. Contact Alan Gidley on 01508 532172

Sunday 18th Sept:- **Norwich MGOC Memorial Run** – The Norwich MG Owners Club road run, starting at RAF Coltishall for the last time, and visiting various airfields and Memorials to the airmen of the RAF and the USAAF who gave their lives in the last World War. Entry cost of £18 per car includes for rally-style car plaque, route book, finishing Membership and bacon buttie with coffee/tea at the start for driver and one passenger. Proceeds to go to the Hamlet Trust. Contact Terry Elvy, 1 The Drivers Rest, Kirkstead Green, Nr. Brooke, Norfolk, NR15 1EW. 01508-558761 (evenings only) or e-mail houston@kirsteadgreen.co.uk or www.norwich-mgoc.org.uk

Sunday 25th Sept:- **Sheringham Classic and Vintage Vehicle Show** - Contact Martyn on 01263 822728 or writing to 14 High Street, Sheringham, NR26 8JR or e-mail Susanellie@aol.com