



# THE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS' ASSOCIATION



**President:** Bob Wyatt  
Past Presidents: Donald Doughty, Stanley Edge, Bert Hadley and Freddie Henry

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT THE DUN COW, DUNCHURCH CV22 6NJ

AT 11.00 AM ON SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016

<b>Present</b>	Andy Lowe	Chairman A7CA; MA7C
	Bob Wyatt	President
	Chris Garner	Vice Chairman A7CA; PWA7C
	Howard Annett	Magazine Distribution and Back Issues; A7OC
	Gill Davis	750 MC; CA7VCC
	Hazel Gore	Advertising A7CA and MA7C
	Phil Baildon	Archivist A7CA
	David Charles	Cornwall A7, Specials Register
	Arthur Davies	MA7C
	Janet Edroff	750 MC; CA7VCC
	Chris Heeley	Treasurer A7CA; PWA7C
	Dave Martin	Assistant Archivist
	Ian Mason-Smith	Dorset A7C
	Charlie Plain-Jones	PWA7C; 750 MC, Jack French Garage
	Roger Price	Online A7C
	Ed Waugh	Editor The Grey Mag; PWA7C
	Hugh Barnes	Secretary A7CA; CA7&VCC
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nick Beck	SA7C; BA7C
	Roger Brown	Registrar A7CA
	Chris Charles	Webmaster A7CA
	David Cochrane	Pram Hood Register
	Ruairidh Dunford	Gordon England Register
	Steve Hodgson	Worthing Gp
	Paul Maulden	Norfolk A7C
	Dave Orange	EA7C
	Angie Smith	Solent A7C
	Robin Taylor	Austin Big Seven Register
	Chris Wood	VAR NZ



Apart from that, help has been provided with the advertising of a couple of vehicles (another one of my email lists is for all Editors of Club magazines) and I have been in discussion with Dave Orange of the Essex Austin 7 Club regarding problems with insurance claims handling that will be returned to under AOB

### **Treasurer's Report**

Period July to Sept 2016

The main function since the last report has been in invoicing all of the member clubs and registers for their subscriptions, magazines and related postage.

We have raised invoices for £14,268.45. I am pleased to report that the majority of clubs paid their invoices very swiftly with £11,491.80 received to date, leaving £2,776.65 outstanding. Please can club treasurers ensure that you have paid your invoice – if you have not received it, please email me.

We have also invoiced relevant clubs for the 'Index' booklet of articles in association magazines. The total invoiced so far is £717.30 against a cost to print of £658.00. There are roughly 150 copies over which will be sold to show a small profit. Please contact Howard Annett for copies.

We have received a cheque from Bob Wyatt to cover the cost of the new book 'List of Production Changes', a very smart publication which will sit well with our others. The amount of work involved by a small number of people in producing this book is amazing and I congratulate them. The bill for its production is expected shortly and so will fall in the final quarter figures.

The spreadsheet is attached to the meeting minutes (see Appendix 2) showing the cumulative income and outgoings since January, plus payments detailed for the quarter to end of Sept.

### **Information**

#### Magazine.

The Editor reported: Articles for the Grey Mag are always sought. Having been promised a couple and from requesting some non materialised. A phone call or two to new possible contributors were made and one said he would happily do an article but couldn't get it done in time for this issue having recently returned from holiday and there not being enough time. He did say that it shouldn't be a problem for the next issue.

Would Clubs please check that the Editor is on their mailing list for magazines as it is great to see them and be able to use items from them such as the article on the gearbox in this issue where it has a handy step by step guide with images for folk who aren't fully confident in doing things like this but letting them see it's nothing to be put off by it all.

There is also the great 1922 coupe drawing in which Phil sent me. After a bit of tinkering with the image I've removed a lot of background noise making the image that bit clearer. A great find and really nice to be able to reproduce it in the Grey Mag

Hon Secs Comment: Feedback from those at the meeting was that the revised layout of the Grey Mag (with all the adverts now at the back) was a big improvement and

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brought greater clarity and 'readability' to the articles and allowed for illustrations, photographs etc to be much larger – again, giving greater clarity.

#### Website.

The website is ticking over nice and smoothly, in the period between July and now there has been 4402 page hits, a 3.9% increase compared to the April to July.

The most popular part of the site continues to be the Chassis Register and listing of Member Clubs. The online Chassis Register search facility has been used 2149 times this quarter.

The sub website for the Archive Project (archive.a7ca.org) was released on 28<sup>th</sup> August. With 481 visitors over 3202 page views. With the UK providing most visitors, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular country is Australia and New Zealand. The Index Cards is the most popular page with 500 views, followed by Handbooks and Parts Lists with 451 views. Trophy collection has had 117 views. The site is crawling up the search results on Google for the main key search – 'Austin 7 Archive'.

The newsletter list now has 126 subscribers, with the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter having a 73% open rate.

Keep sending in any updates, news items, and event listings to keep the website up to date.

#### Advertising

A7CA Magazine Issue 'D' - OCTOBER 2016

Advertising space for Issue 'D' has taken up 11 pages.

Monies for the months of AUGUST-OCTOBER 2016 has brought in - £43.56. Therefore bringing in the grand total for advertising for 2016 to £1,672.20. There are 3 outstanding bills amounting to £152.50 to be paid before end of October 2016.

Letters of 'thanks' for advertising in A7CA Magazine for 2016 and invite for advertising in 2017 mags will be sent out to usual advertisers with Issue 'D' magazine and Pro-forma Invoices within the next few days.

At the July Meeting a discussion took place in respect of thoughts and actions about placing all advertising at the back of the magazine. I discussed this with Ed and it was decided we would experiment with Issue 'D', this has been implemented and your comments would be appreciated.

#### **Archivist**

*Thu 21 July* Handbooks, Parts Lists and Production Cards digitisation completed by Hants CC and collected from Winchester for return to shelving at Lubenham.

The Austin 8 Production Cards have been donated to Hermann Egges of the Austin 8 Register in North Holland. He has thanked us and covered the tracked postage.

*Thu 28 Jul* Sorting day at Lubenham with Dave Martin

*Wed 10th Aug* Drawings collected from Leics CC at Wigston for Open Day.

*Thu 11th & 12th Aug* prep & setup for Open Day in 3 rooms.

*Sun 14th Aug* OPEN DAY with visitors from near and far included Mike Costigan our greymag asst ed and first printer from 1970-76. He kindly donated some used photos and one unused for our future use now that printing has advanced. Robin Boyce travelled from Redditch in his 1923 car and was re-acquainted with the Gladys de Havilland "Spanish" album. Now that we have Bob Wyatt's press cuttings he will return and may do a better article.

*Thu 18th Aug* re-sort with Dave Martin and return from three rooms to one at Lubenham.

*Thu 25th Aug* sorting with Dave Martin then drawings returned to Leics CC at Wigston.

*Mon 29th Aug* The digital archive went live.

*Fri 2 Sep* Show brochures delivered to Hants CC at Winchester for digitisation and 3 sample dwngs.

*Thu 8th Sep* Julie Thomson of LCC at Wigston has completed the scanning and digitisation of the drawings. Scans received by email. Drawings to be collected in due course. Invoice awaited.

Original colour id has been discussed with Tony Mealing of a10dc who initially were looking at Tens starting with a 1932-4 colour block but a joint effort should include Sevens. Ongoing with input from Adam Brown via Hugh Barnes. Original finish cars DO exist and these may be checked.

Production Changes book by Dave Martin with Ed Waugh editing is the result of 2-3 years re-ordering and matching to AMCo Parts Lists or their literature. 500 copies have been ordered from Lavenham and kindly paid for by Bob Wyatt.

Bowdenex IFS Photos of plans have been offered via Hugh Barnes from Dennis Nicholas. I did say YES PLEASE on 5 August but have heard no more.

Handbook 1400 An original had been promised from Neil Hickmott NZ ebay in May but has not yet been received. Suspect the seller withdrew and got a better offer! I have asked Russell Curtis of Australia the go-between, what has happened. We have not paid until receipt.

Shock abs changes were queried by member Steve Uprichard and the Cards revealed mixed changes between Ch 56889/90 in March 1928; then Ch 95541 fronts and 96867 rears in Sep 1929 at which point brass discs were added. A small article nib to be in a future Greymag.

COUPE drawing July 1922 has been kindly donated by an ex BMC/BL employee. See future GreyMag.

## **Registrar**

The Secretary read the Registrar's report.

Registrar activity July, August, September 2016

101 emails and eforms received, leading to:

37 new additions

128 updated records

## Any Other Business

The Chairman mentioned the contact we have had from the Austin Village Preservation Society who will be celebrating their centenary next year. They are holding a celebratory event on 21<sup>st</sup> May and Austin 7s are invited to attend. As a fund raising exercise, they are selling Christmas cards, which apparently are proving popular

The Chairman also reported that the North East Club for Pre War Austins have resigned from the Association as they only have one Austin 7 owner in their ranks now.

The Chairman reported that he had had contact from the DVLA rep for the Midlands Club asking if it could be arranged for him to address all Club DVLA reps. Chris Garner suggested contact by email might be the best initial approach. The Secretary will approach all Clubs to get their DVLA reps contact details.

David Charles raised the subject of new Government proposals for a further change to MoT testing (or equivalent) of older cars. All owners are encouraged to reply to the survey that can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/roadworthiness-testing-for-vehicles-of-historic-interest>

Charlie Plain-Jones gave a very encouraging update on the Jack French Garage project. See Appendix 3 for a full report

Charlie Plain-Jones also gave a report on a proposed Historic Race formula that was to be trialled in 2017. A Flyer produced for the Formula can be found in Appendix 4

Howard Annett made mention of the Daughter of Bruce Maclaren was now working at Maclaren for a period of time and was a regular attendee of Austin 7 Owner Club's events.

Howard Annett also reported he had received a letter from Julie Cox, daughter of Arthur Waite saying how pleased she was that we have his Trophies on display

Howard Annett also mentioned a change in exclusions to Insurance Policies that now seemed to exclude Airport and Aerodromes. The Secretary said he was to be doing some investigatory work regarding Claim handling by Hiscox and this topic would also be raised with Emma Airey.

Ian Mason-Smith was delighted to report that after his work as intermediary between the Coleman family and Gaydon, the John Coleman Chummy has now been acquired by the Museum. The meeting congratulated Ian in the part he has played in this.

Chris Garner reported the Hector McQuarrie films from New Zealand should be available for viewing on the Internet by the end of the year.

Chris Garner also reported that the Pre War Club were just about to print a revised edition of the Grasshopper book.

Secretary

<p>Chris Garner mentioned that both the Pre War Club and the Midlands Club would be represented at the NEC Classic Car Show.</p>	
<p>The Secretary outlined the discussion he had been having with Dave Orange of the Essex Club regarding poor claims handling since Hiscox took over RH Insurance. The Secretary will write all Clubs seeking their Members experience to gauge the extent of the problem and will report back to the next meeting.</p>	Secretary
<p>The Chairman raised the subject of the Association Constitution being somewhat out of date. The Secretary was invited to draft a revised constitution to be discussed at the January meeting with a suggestion that that could be formally adopted at the AGM in 2017.</p>	Secretary
<p>The accommodation provided by the Dun Cow was also discussed – particularly related to the capacity required for the AGM next April. It was suggested by the Dun Cow management that the room could be set up to accommodate a maximum of 30 people. As the consensus of opinion was that Dunchurch was a good central location, The Secretary will contact David Cochrane (who lives locally) to see if he could find somewhere slightly larger for that meeting.</p>	Secretary
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next (committee) meeting will be held at 11.00 am on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Meeting Room of the Dun Cow, Dunchurch CV22 6NJ.</p>	Secretary
<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.00 pm</p>	

Chairman: .....

October 2016

Secretary: .....

## Appendix 1 Trade advertising costs for the Grey Mag

DISPLAY ADVERTS - TRADE (FULL PAGE)		HALF-PAGE	QUARTER PAGE
1 Issue	£75.00	£36.00	£30
2 Issues	£130.00	£66.00	£55
3 Issues	£180.00	£92.00	£75
4 Issues	£220.00	£110.00	£90

NOTE:- PRE-PAID AGAINST PRO-FORMA INVOICES - LESS (5%)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTS:- TRADE AT 12p PER WORD (EXCL. NAME/ADDRESS)

CAR CLUBS:- (EVENTS/RALLIES) - DISPLAY ADVERTS:- 1. PAGE £36.00. 1/2 PAGE/QUARTER PAGE. F.O.C.  
CAR CLUB TRADE:- PLEASE CONTACT THE ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR QUOTE.

## Appendix 2 - Financial Report 1 January to 30 Sept 2016

	£	£
Balance 1 January 2016		32,567.03
<b><u>Receipts January-Sept 2016</u></b>		
Magazine sales	12,828.00	
Sale of back numbers	7.00	
Subscriptions for 2016	365.00	
Magazine distribution recharged to clubs	677.41	
Receipts Identifying Austins Booklet	25.00	
Receipts Warwick DVD	32.17	
Advertising	890.64	
Interest received	51.71	
Receipts for Jack French Garage Project	0.00	
Sale of binders	56.00	
Insurance Payouts	0.00	
Archive sales	96.00	
Digital Archive Receipts	0.00	
Other miscellaneous income	5.00	
Production Changes Book	2,062.00	
Index Booklet Receipts	685.40	
<u>Total receipts</u>	<u>17,781.33</u>	
<b><u>Payments January-June 2016</u></b>		
Printing magazines	4,870.11	
Magazine distribution	634.55	
Identifying Austins Booklet Costs	0.00	
Subscriptions (ie FBHVC)	30.00	
Room hire for meetings	633.24	
Binders Costs	0.00	
Insurance	2,139.70	
Archive costs	1,314.27	
Archive purchase	0.00	
Digitisation of Archives Project	1,977.24	
Website cost	59.99	
Officers expenses	1,070.91	
Production Changes Book	0.00	

Index Booklet Costs	658.00	
A7CA contribution to Jack French Garage project	0.00	
<u>Total payments</u>	<u>13,388.01</u>	
Balance Sept 2016		36,960.35

**Analysis of Account balances at the end of Sept 2016:**

Lloyds: A7CA Funds	15,310.83
Lloyds: Jack French Garage project fund	1,711.90
Scottish Widows	<u>19,937.62</u>
	<u>36,960.35</u>

**Payments Jul-Sep**

Lavenham Press	226.91
Chris Heeley Treasurer Expenses	13.2
Roger Brown Registrar Expenses	47.5
Lavenham Press	1560
D Cochrane reimburse for Dun Cow	49
Howard Annett Expenses	176.45
Lavenham Press 2016C	658
Chris Garner Expenses	103.5
Chris Charles Expenses	99.5
Chris Charles Archive Printer Ink	50.26
Chris Charles Honorarium	1000
Andy Lowe Expenses	42
Dave Martin Expenses	<u>93.25</u>
	4119.57

**Appendix 3 Jack French Garage update**

Thanks to the intervention of the Danks family of Austin 7 enthusiasts, it is great to report very real and accelerating progress in this project (at long last.....).

Colin Danks is a Director of Origin3, an architect and planning consultancy in Bristol, who have volunteered their services to obtain planning consent for the Garage at the Atwood Wilson Museum from the Wiltshire County Council. Their marvellously professional approach and attention to detail is very evident in the submission that Alex Cave has submitted, an extract of which is shown below.

The Council is now duty bound to provide a 'Determination' by the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The next steps will be:

1. To move the Garage panels from Nick Allen's Wife's Barn near Gloucester, to an under cover assembly area in Meriden where it will be reassembled and a new roof fitted. It is now hoped that the move can be completed by Year End. Transport has been offered by Mike Dorsett and some assistance will be required to lift the panels on and off his lorry.
2. Because of the very poor state of the original roof, which virtually fell down during dismantling it has been decided to build a new one using new corrugated green coated panels to the original profile plus as much of the original truss timbers as possible. An offer of the donation of these panels has been received. Skilled help with this re-roofing task at the Meriden site would be much appreciated.
3. Obtain firm quotes for the laying of the concrete base and pathways at the Museum ready to accept the building when it is dismantled and moved from Meriden – target Easter 2017. Funds for this base have been kindly donated by the A7CA.

Below are shown the most recent update from Alex at Origin3 plus part of the application.

Charlie Plain-Jones  
PWA7C & 750MC

All,

Application has been registered (Application No. 16/09271/FUL) and should be available to view online in the coming few days.

Determination deadline 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Thanks

Kind regards,

Alexander Cave  
Planning Assistant

Tyndall House, 17 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1PB



Origin3 Ref. 16-043

Development Services  
Wiltshire Council  
Bythesea Road  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8JN

xx<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ref: Full Planning Application for construction of a garage at Atwell Wilson Motor Museum, Stockley Lane, Calne, SN11 0NF**

I write on behalf of Atwell Wilson Motor Museum in respect of the enclosed planning application for the construction of a garage at the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum in Calne.

**Development Proposal**

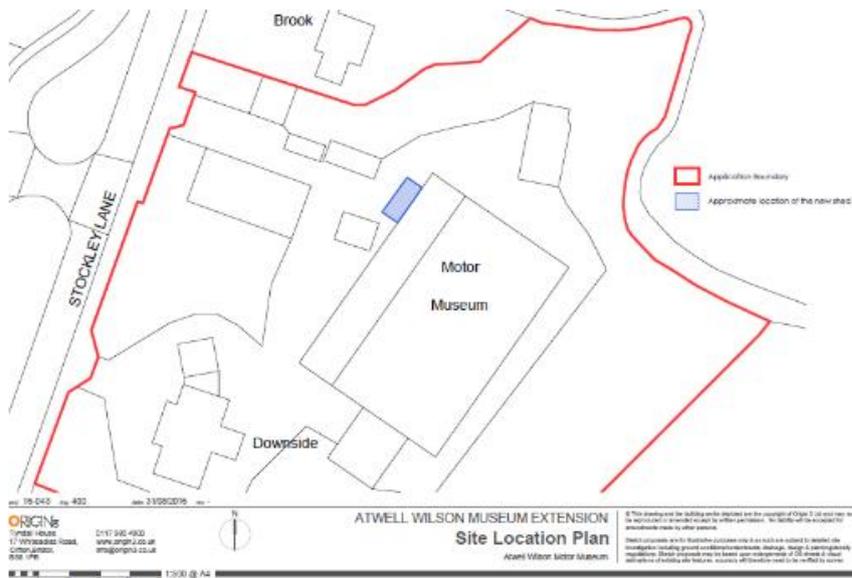
The proposed development is for the relocation and reconstruction of a historic garage formally built and owned by Jack French. Within the garage, French designed, built and repaired the Austin 7 specials vehicles which competed in the 750 Motor Club events which proliferated after the Second World War and fostered the talents that advanced into Formula 1. French and the garage are iconic and noteworthy features within the development of the British motoring and racing industry, highlighting the importance of conserving such a historically important asset.

The Application Site consists of 'Downside' property to the south and Atwell Wilson Motor Museum located further within the site. This well-established Motor Museum displays a number of historic and classic cars, motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles and is a registered charity (No: 1139969). The main museum building comprises of a Kingspan dark green metal clad hangar with a number of smaller hangars and ancillary outbuildings which form the rest of the museum complex.

The construction of this historically important garage will in itself become an exhibit within the museum. The location of the proposed new garage will be abutting the western elevation of the main museum building toward the north western corner of the main hanger. The exhibit will be situated in front of the existing smaller hanger to its north east corner which adjoins the western elevation of the main hanger. The exhibit will be constructed from materials which match the existing museum buildings: green steel sheet.

The preservation of such an item and its fitting relocation to the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum will provide a unique attraction, adding to the existing and celebrated historic interests throughout the museum. The exhibit will offer a new dimension to the museum, developing on and expanding the existing historic motor industry legacy present. By providing the home to such a significant part of British motor racing history the museum will attract a new cohort of visitors and further develop the museum's educational ambitions.





**Appendix 4 – 750 MC Historic race formula**

**Report to the A7CA Meeting  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**The 750MC Historic Formula Series 2017**

**Congratulations to Jonathan Sadler - 2<sup>nd</sup> in his very first race ever!**



Still in his first year of competing in the PWA7C Bert Hadley Championship driving his ex Paul Smith road going Rosengart, Jonathan entered his first ever race in the 750MC meeting at Snetterton 24<sup>th</sup> September and gained second place.....

This handicap race was a curtain raiser for the new **2017 750 Historic Series** which will be holding some 6 races next year for Austin



7s and Specials from the early post war years when the 750MC became a race club.

For more details of this exciting venture please contact :

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Austin 7 Rep, 750 Historic Series

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