



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017

<b>Present</b>		
Andy Lowe		Chairman A7CA; MA7C
Bob Wyatt		President
Chris Garner		Vice Chairman A7CA; PWA7C
David Aylmore		Devon A7C
Howard Annett		Magazine Distribution and Back Issues; A7OC
Phil Baildon		Archivist A7CA
Nick Beck		Scottish and Bristol A7Cs
David Charles		Cornwall A7C, Specials Register
David Cochrane		Pram Hood Register
Gill Davis		750 MC; CA7VCC
Arthur Davies		MA7C
Ruairidh Dunford		Gordon England Register (Skype video link)
Dave Martin		Assistant Archivist
Ian Mason-Smith		Dorset A7C
Les Morley		Essex A7C
Dave Orange		EA7C
Charlie Plain-Jones		PWA7C; 750 MC, Jack French Garage
Roger Price		Online A7C
Hugh Barnes		Secretary A7CA; CA7&VCC

## **Action**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Jim Blacklock	Arrow Register
Roger Brown	Registrar A7CA
Chris Charles	Webmaster A7CA
Chris Chubb	Boat Tail Register
Tony Hartnell	Bristol A7C
Iain Haywood	Bongtree A7C
Chris Heeley	Treasurer A7CA; PWA7C
Hazel Gore	Advertising A7CA and MA7C
Paul Maulden	Norfolk A7C
Lorna Mountford	Swallow Register
Derek Sheldon	Rosengardt Register
Angie Smith	Solent A7C
Robin Taylor	Austin Big Seven Register
Mike Tebbett	Mulliner Register
Michael Ward	Hereford A7C
Ed Waugh	Editor The Grey Mag; PWA7C

<p><b>2. Minutes of the previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016, and those of the meeting dated Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (subject to a change of reference to the connection between Julie Cox and Arthur Waite by Howard Annett) were deemed correct</p> <p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p><b>4. Officers Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman first mentioned that Hazel Gore, long time Advertising Manager had stated her intention of standing down from the position at the forthcoming AGM. Hazel has been in post for an extraordinary 27 years and had given the Association great service for which she will be formally thanked in the future. Hazel will be passing all her records to The Archivist for safe keeping.</p> <p>The Chairman also reported that both the Midlands and Pre-War A7Cs had had a stand at the NEC Classic car show and, although not in receipt of any awards, had represented the movement well.</p> <p>His final comments were to acknowledge the extraordinarily kind and generous gesture from Bob Wyatt, our President, who has gifted the Association all the rights to his book, Motor for the Millions. Bob's hope is that in the future, his book may be revised given the amount of information that has come to light since he wrote it and wishes the Association to benefit from that.</p> <p>Bob has written to the Association confirming that and the Chairman passed the letter to the Secretary for safe keeping.</p> <p><b>b) Advertising Manager's Report</b></p> <p>Hazel was unable to attend the meeting and provided the following report:</p> <p>Advertising space for Issue 'A' 2017 has taken up 9-10 Pages - can't specify exact pages - as I do not have a magazine to hand. (Secretary's note – there are 8 pages of advertisements in 2017A)</p> <p>Cheques/Direct Payments for NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 = £1,403 (Most of Advertising monies apart from £155.50) for Advertising (Pro-forma Inv) have been paid for 2017 advertising. One new advertiser has been registered 1/2 Page advert for whole year for Issues BCD(2017) &amp; A(2018).</p> <p>I understand that an Advert for the Advertising Manager's post has been placed in Issue 'A' 2017. Handover will obviously take place in near future, for the moment Ed Waugh and I will liaise until such time a new Manager is on the scene. I hope that I will be able to attend the April AGM</p> <p><b>c) Archivist's Report</b></p>	<p>Secretary</p>
---	------------------

CHANGES new book, 500 print run, almost 200 sold so far including Australia, France, Canada. NO extra postage being applied overseas as we had a very generous subsidy from Bob Wyatt for printing costs. Offered in 5's at £5 each to clubs UK or overseas. Suggested sell on at £7 to members at meetings or £10 posted. Some good feedback including from David Howe who wishes to be involved in additions for the next edition...already! One thought is to use the spare back pages to expand "WHEELS" or show TOOLS. There are a few minor typos to correct.

SHOW BROCHURES are back in storage now. Some new ones on ebay as we speak, and others offered. PB and CG to visit owners of large collections soon.

HANDBOOKS etc were collected from Hants CC Sept 2016 and now back on the shelves. The whole lifetime collection of Mike Stewart, late 1950s onwards has been donated, an 11kg airfreight parcel from Eire which has been sorted and can be seen today. Three are some editions NEW to our collection and some better than those we have so will be substituted and the surplus ones sold on at nominal cost to a7ca members rather than dealers. A Colemans Drive *signed by JC* at the first Beaulieu in 1963 is amongst the books. To follow is a slide collection from late 1950s including that first Beaulieu.

DRAWINGS etc have been collected from LCC Records Office at Wigston after scanning and ensleeving. Works records saved by Bob Wyatt are now in a bound hardback format, to be seen today. The invoice is awaited

AUDIO archive has started with Nick Turley interviewing Bob Wyatt. Some other likely names have been listed.

FILM archive already exists in dvd form transcribed from tapes by OnLine a7c for the 2012 Warwick Jubilee, from bought copies of original films/tapes. The Central tv 1984 GETTING ON with Stanley Edge is being looked into ref copyright/our use. The McQuarrie/Matthews Round the world film short has been made available thru Steve Hainsworth's efforts in New Zealand, includes the dramatic sinking of SS Tahiti with their first Seven on board. There are some more in the cupboard at the archive including Stanley Edge at a S Wales annual dinner.

PHOTOGRAPH SCANNING will be the 2017 project and probably the most difficult as many are of unknown date, source and content. Whether to purchase a scanner or contract out eg Hants CC is under investigation. Bernie of TSSC advised contract out which is what they do.

STAN EDGE Military work in WW2, a retiree from Bovington Tank Museum has been identified to view this. Lincoln Museum has expressed interest in Stan's Clayton Dewandre items,

SHOW CHASSIS 1935? at Wroughton is being looked at on Wed 22 March by PB and DM to assess likelihood of loan in 2022. We had the prototype from Science Museum in 1972 and 1997 but that is unlikely ever to be loaned again, being at SM London.

2017 OPEN DAY booked with TSSC for Sunday 2nd APRIL. Similar arrangements to 2016.

**Comments:** Phil's report raised a number of questions:

A discussion took place regarding dealing with duplicates when we had donations. PB replied that we would keep best of the two (or more) items and, with the agreement of the Donor, dispose of the others. This could be by sale or swap. More thought needs to be given to the detail of this. David Cochrane indicated an interest in surplus copies of Spare Parts books.

Archivist

<p>In this particular donation by Mike Stewart, PB will contact him to get his agreement. It was confirmed that an 'Accessions' register was kept detailing the source of any donation or loan and the terms of that donation/loan</p>	<p>Archivist</p>
<p>The Chairman will write to Mike Stewart thanking him for his kind and significant donation.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b>d) Editors' Report</b></p>	
<p>This quarter there has been a few articles that have been sourced from other Club magazines. I have appropriate images, text and permission from the people involved. These will appear in future issues. Thank you to the Clubs who send me their Club mag. There are still some Clubs who do not send me a copy of their magazine...the Midlands Club to mention one. Please Club reps/secretaries check to see that I am on the mailing list...thank you.</p>	
<p>We have a lovely article courtesy of Bertie Fowler of his Beaulieu Adventure. It was a pleasure to work on for Bertie and hope that I have done it justice for him. There is also a great technical article that first appeared in the Essex Club's magazine...I'm sure many people will find this of interest and this is why I have my request for Club magazines/newsletters above. Thank you also to the other contributors within the quarters issue...you help make life as Editor a bit easier with your contributions.</p>	
<p>Towards the back there is also a footnote on a friend taking part in this years Monte Carlo Classique rally...lucky so and so! From watching Monte Carlo or Bust, one of my favourite films growing up, I've always wanted to do the Monte. Andrew is living the dream. Leaving Paisley on 25th January they should be rolling into The Principality 3 days later on the Saturday. He is doing to raise money for Scottish Association for Mental Health and has a Just Giving page: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AGoodfellow">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AGoodfellow</a> Please help support him if you can. I'm hoping Andrew will be able and willing to produce an article or two on his adventures to appear in the Grey Mag...I'm looking forward to following his adventure.</p>	
<p><b>e) Registrar's Report</b></p>	
<p>The Registrar was unable to attend the meeting and the Secretary precis'ed the following report:</p>	
<p>At the end of December 2016, my activity is summarised in the attached tables. The stream of information from members, clubs and model registers continues at much the same rate and I try to respond within a few days. Not all submissions lead to a change in the Register. There have been about 108 additions and 313 amendments to the Register, all marques combined, the majority being Austin 7. The submission form accessible through A7CA web site works well.</p>	
<p>It is <i>your</i> data and I accept it at face value unless there is an obvious problem, for example with the format of chassis or engine numbers. Also your comments may suggest that the vehicle no longer exists. Sometimes I am right in my suspicion, sometimes I am wrong. Accuracy is my aim and no offence is intended when I seek clarification.</p>	
<p>You may have noticed that the downloadable spreadsheets are now in a simpler format. I am cautiously working towards a database rather than spreadsheet master version. I'm not there yet, trials to date have shown up technical issues such a differences in sort precedence between MS Excel (what has been used to date) and MS Access (the database under trial). I hope the uploaded spreadsheets available from the beginning of January will have been produced quicker and with less manual effort than has been possible until now. Once a database version is established it should make updating and maintenance more foolproof. It</p>	

should also facilitate improving data quality for example by identifying duplicate entries – there are a few – and adopting more consistent model names. The on-line queries should be unchanged and the individual marque data should still be available to download as spreadsheets.

Register entries, especially new entries these days, do not include club or model register details. The Register does not hold contact or location details for security reasons, and the only way to contact an owner is via their club or model register passing a message. If the A7CA record of your car has no club or model register information, I would be pleased to fill gaps. It would be very helpful if club and model registrars checked their records against the Association Register and let me know what needs to be added or changed. The on-line submission form makes it very easy to submit a few records, but if there are a large number of please get in touch to agree the best way.

I trust that the information will keep coming. I believe the information held in the club and model registers is the best record since they should be in regular contact with their members. Maybe club chairmen can from time to time check that their end is working as intended?

<b>A7CA all marques Register 2016-17 (2015-16)</b>			
	<b>all</b>	<b>new</b>	<b>change</b>
<b>Apr</b>	31 (30)	12 (5)	19 (25)
<b>May</b>	20 (44)	10 (13)	10 (31)
<b>Jun</b>	28 (30)	15 (13)	13 (17)
<b>Jul</b>	83 (29)	18 (10)	65 (19)
<b>Aug</b>	62 (34)	15 (7)	47 (27)
<b>Sep</b>	14 (23)	4 (10)	10 (13)
<b>Oct</b>	21 (36)	18(10)	3 (26)
<b>Nov</b>	40 (26)	11 (10)	29 (16)
<b>Dec</b>	14 (34)	5 (8)	9 (26)
<b>Jan</b>	(37)	(12)	(25)
<b>Feb</b>	(21)	(5)	(16)
<b>Mar</b>	(38)	(15)	(23)
<b>year</b>	313 (382)	108 (118)	205 (264)

<b>Submissions 2016-17 (2015-16)</b>	
<b>eform</b>	<b>email</b>
174 (274)	132 (121)

**Comments:** Some concern was initially raised regarding the move to Microsoft Access (a database system) for maintenance of the Chassis Register and how this would affect people using the Register. Subsequent discussion with the Registrar and Web Master has indicated that the Excel download will not change and that the Access system will be very much the ‘back end’ system of record

#### **f) Secretary's Report**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Secretary made the meeting aware that Ruairidh Dunford was joining the meeting over a video link that was being trialled. It was made clear that the meeting wasn't being recorded in any way but that it enabled people otherwise unable to attend to participate. It was pointed out that Ruairidh would be able to hear everything that was being said and also any comments he made could be heard by the meeting. This approach will be reviewed to see if it can be used for a wider audience. It is not intended as an option for all attendees, but those who would find it difficult to attend for geographical reasons etc. It is likely that this option will be at the discretion of the Secretary

Registrar

as numbers will be limited.

The Secretary reported he had been spending his time on three main topics since the last meeting. The first was the revision to the Association Constitution. The second was a review of Association Insurance schemes – Vehicle and Public Liability. Both of these topics will be covered as Agenda items later in the meeting. He also reported that he had got to a point with email communication where he now seemed to have valid email addresses for all Member Clubs, Associates and Registers but that responses to emails sent seem to get a poor response overall. He restated his intention to improve the relationship between these groups and the Association generally and encourage them to play a greater part in the working of the Association. He hopes to carry on improving the participation of the Association Membership in quarterly meetings and the running of the Association in general.

### **g) Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and the Secretary read the following report:

Period Sept to end Dec 2016

The main function since the last report has been in invoicing all of the overseas member clubs and registers for their subscriptions, magazines and related postage, plus chasing up outstanding payments from UK clubs.

We have raised invoices for £1,917.63 on the overseas clubs. The invoices were raised slightly later than previous years due to my own time constraints. I am pleased to report that two thirds of overseas clubs have either paid their invoices very swiftly (before the year end) or have sent cheques which will be cashed in 2017.

UK clubs where payment of 2016 invoices is outstanding is now just the 'British Austin Society', 'Solent' and 'Worthing' clubs.

The anticipated bill from Lavenham Press for the 'Production Changes' booklet did not appear in 2016, although their statement arrived just prior to Christmas showing an invoice and amount outstanding. I have therefore paid this in January and made them aware that the invoice was not received and requested a copy. The quantity of cheques and direct payments for this book have been quite amazing and my thanks once again to the archivists for putting it together, but also the work involved in organising orders and despatching them. I will complete the spreadsheet of incomings and outgoings and hope to have these included in the meeting minutes which are circulated following the meeting itself. My apologies for the delay in getting these done – I have just been too busy to get this done over the Christmas period to have them in time for this meeting.

Cash in Current Account (Lloyds) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 is £16,211.32

Cash in Savings Account (Scot Widows) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 is in the region of £19,957.69 (this actually the figure from October 1<sup>st</sup> as I am awaiting the next statement.

Total at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 is therefore £36,169.01

Significant payments October to December 2016:

04/04/16 £3,360.00 – Annual rental of rooms for Archive

12/10/16 £2,850.00 – Hants CC Digitisation of Archive (project)

**Comments:** A couple of points were raised after the Treasurer's report by Chris Garner:

He requested that the Treasurer supply a figure that reflected the Association's total annual income and that on a point of process, that in future, any planned expenditure of Association funds should require a formal quote by the supplier, that a 'purchase order' be raised and the expenditure be authorised by the Secretary and Treasurer.

### **h) Web Master Report**

The Web Master was unable to attend and the following was read by David Charles:

Treasurer  
Secretary/Tr  
easurer

The main website is idling over smoothly with 57,854 page views from 9,881 visitors throughout 2016. With 55.3% of these visitors never visited the site before and 32% of these sessions being on a Mobile or Tablet device utilising the mobile version of the website.

The Chassis Register continues to be the most popular area of the website, with 7947 searches through the Online Chassis Register. The second most popular area is the list of member clubs and meeting locations.

Please can all Member Clubs check if the regular meeting venues are up to date as there has been instances this year where they appear to be out dated.

**The Online Archive** continues to go from strength to strength, with the addition of audio recordings, paint cards, show brochures, and Stanley Edge notebooks just before Christmas. We have now crawled up to be ranked top on Google under search terms ‘Austin Seven Archive’, ‘Austin Online Archive’, ‘A7CA Archive’.

To date since launch on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016, it has attracted 1388 visitors through 10,467 page views. Again proving hugely popular with mobile devices holding 35.9% of sessions. With huge spikes in visitors being around the dates when new content is released and advertised through the Friends forum and Social Media. The most popular collection is the Index Cards with 1197 views, followed by the Handbooks and Parts Lists. Within 8 days of the new collections released the Show Brochures have attracted 643 page views and Paint Cards, 581.

The Facebook page following continues to grow with a 63.8% increase throughout 2016, totalling 475 ‘likes’. The newsletter list now has 152 subscribers. Keep sending in any updates, news items, and event listings to keep the website up to date.

**Comments:** The Secretary commented that he had received glowing praise of the site design from his partner, an SVP in a Global Software company and that she was particularly impressed with its presentation on mobile devices (iphones, Ipads and the like)

## 5. Constitution Revision

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for his efforts on the Revision and made the point that the new wording reflected how the Association worked now – for instance, the original Constitution made no reference to an Annual General Meeting.

The Constitution has been re-ordered hopefully to bring clarity to some aspects, but fundamentally, there is no huge change to the way the Association works. The major addition is the introduction of term limits for nominated Officer positions. In brief, Officer positions will be held for a period of 3 years. Office holders can serve a second term, making a total of 6 years in post, but will then step down. The Constitution has Job Descriptions added as an Appendix so it is clear what the roles and responsibilities of each post is. A ‘rolling 3 year plan’ has been devised to bring the term limits in over the next 3 years, starting from the AGM in April 2017 This has been shared with all the current Officers and everyone is in agreement with the approach. It is seen as a way to bring new blood into the Organisation with new views, experience and ideas. The document will be issued along with the minutes of this meeting giving plenty of time to consider the changes and discuss them with your Club members. It is very important that you read the ‘Rationale paper’ that goes with it outlining the case for the adoption of Term Limits. This will be discussed in full at the AGM in April 2017 and hopefully adopted then

**Comments:** The Secretary made the point that he had been involved in organisations with Term Limits and had successfully introduced them into other organisations he had been involved in to great effect. The approach gained support from a number of people in the

<p>meeting, though the proposal was not formally discussed. It was suggested the Secretary circulate the papers in an independent email, rather than with the Minutes of this meeting, to make sure that they were noticeable and not ‘lost’ in with other papers. The Secretary also made the point that in this instance, only full Member Clubs have the right to vote as with Registers etc, it is assumed that people in those groups would already be being represented by the Clubs they belonged to. This was understood and accepted by the meeting. For this vote, member Clubs that are not able to send a representative to the AGM will be permitted to vote by email. The Secretary will manage this process.</p>	Secretary
<p><b>6. Officer Vacancies April 2017</b></p>	
<p>The Secretary mentioned that the current Chairman had already stated his intention to stand down at the 2017 AGM, it is understood that Chris Garner, as Vice-chair will put himself forward for the vacancy. Hazel Gore has also indicated that she wishes to stand down from her position of Advertising Manager at the AGM. An announcement to this effect has been put in the 2017A edition of the Grey Mag and that interested parties are invited to contact the Secretary for further information</p>	
<p>The Secretary will issue an email to all Clubs, Registers and Associates for nominees. All candidates will be asked to submit a written document in support of their application. These will be asked for by the end of Feb so they can be circulated to all Clubs etc for their consideration before the AGM in early April</p>	Secretary
<p><b>Comments:</b> Gill Davis asked if the new Constitution provided for the natural progression from Vice-Chairman to Chairman upon the Chairman stepping down. The Secretary replied that that would be the likely course of events but that it was not enshrined in the terms of the Constitution.</p>	
<p><b>7. Alternator Proposal Update</b></p>	
<p>Ian Mason-Smith reported that since introducing this initiative in our ‘Grey Mag’, he has been astonished at the level of interest and positive comments. To date he has received over 70 ‘Expressions of Interest’ from many of our Member Clubs. He is most grateful for these and the very many useful technical points that have been made. The ‘Prototype’ is expected from the manufacturer in the next few days and we will start a very rigorous period of testing. He has very kindly been offered the use of at least two Dorset Club Member’s cars for Road Tests and one Member has agreed to let us use his ‘dynamo test rig’ for an extended ‘load-test’. It is vital that we can be sure that the alternator provides the right output for our little cars and that it is totally reliable before commencing production and sales.</p>	
<p>Ian will keep us posted on progress but, in the meantime, he is happy to receive any further expressions of interest, or comments, ideally by e-mail, at hollybushcottage1@btinternet.com.</p>	
<p>The same Company also took an interesting further initiative in using the ‘Ruby’ distributor they were supplied and built a very nice replica (which Ian showed the meeting) with an in-built 12v electronic unit installed in the cap. This has been tested and it works well. Target prices for this is about £100, which together with the alternator at approx. £250 and a suitable 12v coil at £20 could potentially make a very nice and cost-effective 12v conversion kit for our A7s.</p>	
<p>Ian made the point that he has no financial interest in the project and that all sales etc will be handled through the company he has been working with.</p>	
<p><b>Comments:</b> A number of volunteers expressed interest in trialling the set up – particularly some that will be taking part in the Eurotour later this year</p>	



## 8. Jack French Garage progress report

Charlie Plain-Jones gave the meeting an excellent PowerPoint presentation that we are now exploring the possibility of adding to the Association Web site. In the meantime, this is a precis of progress:

Thanks to the intervention of the Danks family of Austin 7 enthusiasts, it is great to report that the accelerating progress in this project in October has continued.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November the Wiltshire County Council granted planning permission for the garage at the Atwell Wilson Museum.

We have now successfully moved the Garage panels from Nick Allen's Wife's Barn near Gloucester, to an undercover assembly area in a barn near Meriden where it will be reassembled and a new roof fitted. The transport has been volunteered by Mike Dorsett of the 750MC and members of the Midland Club provided the muscle to lift the panels on and off his lorry.

The next steps will be:

1. 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 existing wood and 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 advice and help with this re-roofing task at the Meriden site will be needed.
2. 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.

## 9. Back to the Track 2017

Charlie Plain-Jones reported the following:

*A7s Back to the Track* is a track day solely for Austin 7s and A7 Specials at Curborough Sprint Course, near Lichfield, and is set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It is a non-competitive Track Day so MSA licence and Race suites are not required, just a road legal crash helmet (goggles and gloves are advisable) and is open to all Austin 7 powered cars with novice and seasoned drivers alike. Passengers are allowed so bring along and Friends and Family to join in the fun. The use of the track is 'unlimited' and you get as many runs as you can fit in! The fee is Per Car regardless of the number of drivers, so Family and Friends are most welcome. We guarantee you will not get better track value anywhere else – just ask previous entrants!

This is an event not just for 'Bert Hadley types' but for anyone with an Austin 7 who has an inkling to know 'how well will she will go'. For 2017 we would particularly like to encourage A7 Specials which have not turned a wheel in years, to venture out onto a track once again. If you know of an A7 Special gathering dust in a garage somewhere do let the owner know about this event. Spectating is FREE so even if you cannot take part, do come along, in your Austin if possible and see some really interesting A7s at play.....

**Please note that there are now only a few places left for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March and a few more for 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

## 10. Insurance matters

The Secretary has been speaking with Emma Airey of RH/Hiscox quite a bit and established

<p>a good working relationship. She has a better understanding of the Austin 7 world now and the difference between the Association and Member Clubs. The Austin 7 policy is RH/Hiscox' number 3 revenue stream after Rolls Royce and Bentley Clubs.</p> <p>a) <b>A7CA Vehicle Insurance scheme:</b> Apart from the small number of issues that have been raised and resolved, canvassing the Clubs has produced no evidence of poor service. It appears there currently is nothing to follow up on but it will be kept under review.</p> <p>b) <b>A7CA Public Liability Policy</b> This is a matter of some concern. With the renewal impending, and prompted by Ian Mason-Smith from the Dorset Club who had an issue with cover for a Bonfire party, the Secretary looked into the Policy to understand what cover we have. Turns out, we actually have very little. As a result, and with the help of Ian Mason-Smith and Dave Orange from Essex we are carrying out a 'due diligence' exercise, determining what cover we do have, what cover Clubs are likely to need and are going to the Market to get quotes for such cover. As this only came to light just before Christmas, there has not been a huge amount of progress and I really think that we will not be in a position to have Insurance in place by 15th Feb when the current policy expires. However, I think it more important to have the right cover in place that we can advise the Clubs on exactly what they have (and don't have) rather than hitting a date. I will write to all Club Secretaries specifically on this informing them of the probable lack of cover for a period of time. I am talking with Routen Chaplin, our current brokers, I have also spoken with RH/Hiscox direct and am waiting to hear back from them, Ian Mason-Smith is in discussions with Aston Scott and Dave Orange is talking with Peter James. The Secretary thanked them for their help.</p> <p>c) <b>Additional RH cover.</b> We have heard from RH recently regarding the insurance of spares collection. The wording of their press release says '<i>spare parts cover is a standard benefit of the RH offering. Providing they're kept in a locked building at the home address (or another address agreed by ERS), spare parts belonging to the insured vehicle are covered up to the value of that vehicle.</i>' If members have any query over this, they should contact RH directly for any clarification.</p> <p><b>d) Constant Insurance:</b> The Chairman raised the subject of 'Constant Insurance' and a Government Survey that was taking place to gather views of interested parties. This would be of particular relevance to those who race their cars. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.heritagecarinsurance.co.uk/newsroom/news-and-articles/motor-insurance-review-summary/">http://www.heritagecarinsurance.co.uk/newsroom/news-and-articles/motor-insurance-review-summary/</a> and it should be pointed out that the Government survey will close on March 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> As this topic was, in the main, to do with RH/Hiscox, Dave Orange asked about arrangements for handling their payments to individual Clubs for advertising etc. The Secretary replied saying that he had been contacted by Emma Airey who was trying to ease her admin burden of many small payments to individual members of the Association and would the Association Treasurer act as an 'intermediary'. The Treasurer is quite happy to do this and now, apart from one Club who declined to take part, a single payment is made to the Association and the Treasurer distributes the funds according to a schedule supplied by Emma. The individual Clubs will continue to negotiate their payments with Emma directly. Hiscox have increased their financial support to the Association to acknowledge this assistance..</p> <p>Where the Secretary is in discussions with Insurers regarding Public Liability, it was suggested that the draft list of events should be circulated to all Clubs for comment and additions where necessary.</p> <p><b>11. Calendar of Events</b></p> <p>As decided at the last AGM, this will now only be published on the web site. The Secretary will write to all Clubs etc inviting them to submit their calendar of 'Major Events' to the</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Web Master</p>
--	---

<p>Web Master. Clubs are requested to supply contact details for entry and enquiries and are asked to request removal of any event that is subsequently cancelled for any reason to keep the list accurate</p>	
<p><b>12. Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p>The Chairman raised the subject of publishing Grey Mags on the Association Web site. It was agreed that we should publish magazines when they were 2 years old. However, there was still some concern from the floor as to exactly what would be published. A discussion took place. The Secretary suggested that a working party be convened to consider all aspects of the issue and report back to the meeting with recommendations. The group should consider what should be published, what redacted, who would be responsible for the creation of the images and how that would be done and to what technical standard. The point was made that the Scottish Club publish their newsletter on the internet for members and visitors to read. This is two years behind which seems a reasonable delay, and this model could be used for the Association mag.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>It was also agreed that the Index to the Grey Magazine, produced by Ron Hayhurst, should also be published on the web site.</p>	
<p>Ian Mason-Smith alerted the meeting to an issue around the legality of certain types of LED bulbs that people may be using in their cars. Further research is to be done in this area hopefully culminating in a Grey Mag article giving advice to those who are interested in doing this modification.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>Ian Mason-Smith also asked the meeting if anyone had any experience of fitting a downdraft single choke Webber carburettor to an Austin 7</p>	
<p><b>13. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting, the AGM will be held at 11.00 am on Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the upstairs Meeting Room of the Green Man, 14 Daventry Rd, Dunchurch, CV22 6NS. Note the change of venue. The pub is diagonally across the Junction from the Dun Cow. Lunches are available. The change is to allow for a larger room to be used for the AGM</p>	
<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30 pm</p>	

Chairman: .....

January 2017

Secretary: .....