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Cover Photo: Bob and Gisele Flockhart on their way to the first Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club Rally in Forfar in 1972.

Contributors to this edition: Clare Young, Gavin Boswell, David Lodge, Johny Johnson, Irene Kendrick, Ruairidh Dunford, Charlie Carpenter, John Davies, Andrew Goodfellow and Nick Beck.

Editorial

Blue skies, the beautiful white stuff freshly fallen overnight and blanketing our Ruby on the front lawn inspiration all around for penning this welcome to you into 2018. It's a big year in the Goodfellow household, how many big birthdays and anniversaries can you fit into a couple of months? Andrew and I will have turned forty-ten by the time you read this and it's 21, yes 21 years since I popped out those ginger two! We first went to the National Rally in 1992 before we were married (where we first met a young lad by the name of Ruairidh) and it was in Doune that our babies camped with us for their first event (1997)! Our quarter century of putting up with each other in wedded bliss added to the calling for something - A new husband? Heavens NO! Another Austin 7? **Certainly NOT!** We traded in our campervan for one with a fixed bed!!! No more transforming it into a lounge for daytime - pure decadence, and there is still space if the kids(!) ever do want to join us. We intend to use it at every opportunity in 2018.

And there are many opportunities, just look at the back cover of club activities. The new weekend Around Stirling is one to watch for forthcoming details. You can still book up for the Easter weekend, I have left in the information from before Christmas for you to refer to. Clare, as she has alluded to, has been feeling unwell recently like a large proportion of the UK, but she has some special dungarees to make for one of our club members and two of his pals. We look forward to hearing about John Davies' antics in South Africa in February at club weekends throughout the year. He will not be in an Austin 7, but we wish him well in his challenge with his team. Keep safe John!

This year we return to Fife for the Eastern Expedition and the regular Borders Raid is back in the calendar for June. Simon has been inspired by the idea of the Monte Carlo Rally where teams congregate on a central point from a number of different start locations and we look forward to hearing his plans for our Monte Selkirk Rally in October.

As this mag brings you reminders for the subscriptions to be settled up once again, remember Marion, our brand new treasurer, and be gentle to her; just send your money rolling in and avoid having to be chased by Gavin!

See you all soon at one of our many club gatherings in 2018. Happy motoring!

Judy

Chairman's Chat

2018 has arrived, and with the New Year, New You, for many of us the joy of the New Flu! So being an itchy bit under the heather [*she may be, but I think perhaps 'weather' – Ed.*] as I write I shall be brief.

We must firstly mark the sad passing of Gisele Flockhart on Christmas Day. Details of her passing and funeral have been shared as much as possible through the club.

Nick Beck has represented us at the A7CA meeting and, with the support of SA7C, has put forward the idea that the Association should explore the possibility of becoming a charitable body or Trust. This excellent idea may open opportunities to secure assistance and funding to further preserve and usefully employ the Archive which is a repository of valuable social, engineering and motoring history. Watch all the available spaces!

Looking at the nearer, and hopefully more certain, future we have the Easter Weekend and Drive It Day to look forward to. Those of you in the West and the Borders may already have been driving as a way to overcome the problems of driving in snow: if you have, send pictures!

Should any of you be looking at the Committee details you will notice that Chris Lambert has the new designation of National Rally (Guildtown) Coordinator. Any ideas for the National Rally, he is now your man!

So here's to a safe, happy and fun 2018.

Clare



Membership Matters

A very happy New Year to all our members.

It was with sadness we learnt the news of Gisele Flockhart's passing on Christmas Day. Along with her husband Bob, our Past President, they were longstanding loyal members of the Club. Gisele's health and circumstances prevented her from being at events in recent years and she will be missed. Her funeral took place at Cardross Crematorium on 26th January. Our thoughts are with Gerry and Lorraine, Nicky and Ian and their families. [*There is a collective piece with photographs on p.9 - Ed.*]



Renewal of Membership Subscriptions for 2018 – Due by 1st April.

The year is no sooner begun than I am needing to remind all members that your renewal is due on 1st April 2018. The subscription remains at £25 for 6 MP magazines a year or £32 for MP magazines and the 4 quarterly Grey A7CA magazines.

Accompanying this issue of MP – you should find the Membership Renewal form 2018 and a Standing Order (SO) mandate form. Please note: I do not need a SO mandate form if you already have a SO set up. This form should only be returned to me if you wish;

- a. to set up a brand new SO to cover this or future renewals. Ideally I would ask you to get your Mandate to me as quickly as possible so that the Club can get your SO to your bank before the end of March.
- b. to request the Club to submit to your bank, your signed and agreed amendment to your renewal subscription, either from £25 to £32 or vice-versa. However, as your bank will already have the SO set up, you can either speak directly to your bank or if you use online internet banking - login into your bank account and make the change online, but please do this before the 1st April otherwise your payment will go through on your 2017 SO mandate instruction.

If you make any changes to your S.O. please do let me know, so that I can inform the Treasurer of this change.

Can I impress upon our membership that the return of your renewal form helps me and the Club to ensure that we have got your up-to-date address, contact telephone numbers and email address for 2018, and whether you are willing to allow your name to be placed on a membership list to be circulated to other members who may request this information.

Renewal Reminders

The MP is supplemented by 4 newsletters which are only sent by email to those who provide an email address. If we do not have the correct email address or have no email address for you, you may not receive the newsletters in the year. So can I please ask you to ensure a renewal form is returned to me for your membership this year?

Regarding the car details on the renewal form - I only need this information if your car/s have had any changes in the year or you have acquired another car. If you have sold a car, it would also be helpful to let me know you no longer are the owner.

I look forward to receiving your 2018 renewal. So why not do it now while it is fresh in your mind and get it off to me today. Any enquiries about your renewal, please do contact me – my details are on the renewal form or inside the front cover of this MP.

Gavin Boswell – Membership Secretary



The Goodfellows' Ruby under a blanket of the white stuff

The View from the Passenger Seat - Slow motoring

When my twenty-four year old nephew was visiting from Canada, we had a boat trip on the Falkirk Wheel. He asked the captain whether the boat had only one speed. "Oh, no," she replied, "we are going at 4 miles per hour but we could go at 2 - or slower if necessary." I don't think he was impressed. Going slowly enabled the passengers to appreciate the scenery and the engineering - and complied with waterway speed regulations.

Driving in an Austin Seven has many similarities, the Swallow has a top speed of just over 40 mph (downhill and with a following wind) and the Big Seven can cruise at 55 mph for short periods. In both cars the speed falls to about half that when faced with a modest gradient. On minor roads, with nice scenery, this is a big advantage as you have time to appreciate your surroundings (and the engineering). On major roads, especially motorways it can become tedious and I have become an expert in roadside litter. The drink of choice for litter louts is Irn Bru, followed by Red Bull, Lucozade, with Coke a poor fourth. On the take-away front Costa and MacDonald's vie for first place and crisps are the most popular snack. I am encouraged that there are few alcoholic beverage cans but I am saddened by the number of small dead creatures - pheasants being the most common. Sadly, I have seen a couple of dead red squirrels near Pitlochry.

Of course, slow cars on roads such as the A9 cause frustrations to following motorists. We pull over into lay-bys to let the traffic clear but sometimes it is a long time before we can get out again. The drivers of modern cars are less considerate to us.

Current car advertising puts the emphasis on speed and thrills. At Easter 2015,

when on an SA7C trip to Portavadie, a Glasgow dealership brought along three performance cars to put on display. They had impressive credentials for speed (but problems on the narrow roads.) We brought the Sevens down and cheekily parked alongside. Our wee cars got more attention than the big ones - obviously character counts! And, what is more thrilling than going round tight bends in the Swallow with a distinct lurch to the left?



In central Edinburgh a 20mph speed limit has been introduced to “make the roads safer”. It is sometimes adhered to. Perhaps Austin Sevens could be promoted as car of choice for urban motorists. Just imagine a convoy of Sevens coming down the Mound!

There is a growing trend towards slow food, and slow TV has made an appearance. I was lulled to sleep watching a real time film of the Kennet and Avon Canal from the prow of a canal boat. Maybe we can get a dash cam and sell the resulting footage to the BBC. Perhaps you can think of suitable roads.

Irene Kendrick

[More from Irene later in the mag - Ed.]

Obituary - Gisele Flockhart

"Gisele Flockhart 12th April 1925 – 25th December 2017

"Behind every great man is a great woman (rolling her eyes)!"

Gisele was born in the most northerly region of France, Pay De Calais (heaven forbid anyone who asked if she was from Normandy), in 1925. Her father was in charge of the local Electricity Board and it was this connection some 19 years later that brought Gisele and our late Club President and founder Bob together. They honeymooned in a Ruby immediately post-war and later it was this model she first chose for herself followed by a smart RN still owned and run by the family.

Gisele was a driving force in the Club's early days, making many of the rally signs, programmes and of course the newsletters. Many of these hand-made items resurfaced when Bob's garage was cleared recently. Meetings and events benefitted from her organisational skills no doubt transferred from her chosen career as teacher and then Head Teacher.

Gisele was never shy in withholding what she really thought and you always knew exactly where you stood! Many of us hold the memory of the 30th Anniversary Dinner at Killin – whilst most of us arrived, Gisele (closely followed by suitcase-laden Bob) charged from the Hotel announcing that she would not be staying as she had spotted vermin in the room! Bob dutifully found her a local B&B which, thankfully, was much more to her liking. In talking to Nicky recently we recalled the time they stayed at the Kenmore Hotel with the Club, unusually late for breakfast, members sought them out. Imagine everyone's surprise when the lift doors opened to reveal the lift jammed just below floor level, Bob and Gisele only visible from the chest up!

Bob and Gisele used their Sevens taking them all over the UK and Europe, right up until the end. We have been very lucky to have such an age range of active members within our club, from those in their teens through to their nineties – all enjoying the friendships.

Despite her failing health, Gisele continued to attend Club events and holidays right up until Bob's death. Fittingly, her last weekend event was the Club's 40th anniversary run away to Inveraray celebrating the club's first run to the very same place.

Gisele moved into the Abbotsford Care Home in Bearsden, just a mile from their home in Beech Avenue; it had been Bob's choice for them both after he became her full time carer. Sadly Bob was not able to accompany Gisele and her last few years were plagued with poor health. She peacefully passed away on Christmas morning.

The members would like to thank Gisele for all that she did to make the Club what it has become, for her advice and encouragement. Our thoughts are with Gerry, Lorraine, Nicky, Ian and their families at this sad time.



Scottish Austin 7 Club Easter 2018

Hetfield Hall Hotel Dumfries
Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April 2018



Set in 18 acres of private parkland, Hetland Hall Hotel serves local produce on its Scottish menu. Overlooking the Solway Firth, this hotel also has an outdoor children's playground and a mini golf course.

With a log fire and views of the grounds, guests can enjoy bar meals, snacks and drinks in the Georgian lounge bar. Full Scottish breakfasts, lunch and dinner are served in the Copper Beech Restaurant.

Free Wi-Fi access, a flat-screen TV, tea and coffee making facilities, a hairdryer and a private bathroom are included in each room. Some rooms at Hetland Hall have views across the gardens towards the Solway Firth.

Free private parking is available and Dumfries can be reached after a 5-minute car journey.

I have negotiated a 3 night deal for dinner bed and breakfast at £435 per couple.

Please let me know if you want to join us and you have not yet booked a room.

Charlie Carpenter

AGM Minutes 2017

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SCOTTISH AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB LTD FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 11.00 AM ON SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE ATHOLL ARMS HOTEL, BLAIR ATHOLL

1. Chairman's welcome and introduction

The Chairman welcomed 43 members to the 47th Annual General Meeting, our 15th as a limited company.

2. Apologies for absence received from:

Ian and Nicky Waugh, Gisele Flockhart, Mitch and Jetta Sorbie, Felise Chilcott, Neil and Andrea Williams, Fergus and Fiona Dobie, Geraldine Lambert, David Lindsay, Heather Goodfellow, Michael and Brenda Pell, Nick and Caroline Beck, Finlay MacFarlane and Ally Sutherland.

3. Adoption of Minutes of last AGM held on 19 November 2016

There were no amendments to the Minutes and a motion to adopt was proposed by Ruairidh Dunford and seconded by Andrew Goodfellow. All were in favour of adoption with no abstentions.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from last year's AGM.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented her report for the year and welcomed the membership and committee to Blair Atholl. The club has been very active through the year and there have been notable events including Andrew Goodfellow's Monte Carlo Rally and the senior Dunford's Golden Wedding celebration at Guildtown. Charlie (and Myra) Carpenter were thanked for their services to the club and for putting us on a sound financial footing. Charlie and Myra have also been the core of putting Guildtown together for the past few years and 2018 will see them replaced by a small rally committee. The committee and other editors were also thanked for their hard work throughout the year, as was Ruairidh for the E-newsletter. Thanks were also given to the magazine contributors. A general proposal to liven up the Sunday at Guildtown to bring more activity and focus to the event was also suggested. The full unedited report will be published in a future edition of Meshing Point.

6. Secretary's Report

The Committee held 2 meetings this year in March and September. The March meeting was conducted at the Red Deer Inn in Cumbernauld which Anneke and Johny (Johneke!) managed to come along to. The meeting in September was conducted via Skype on the computers and tablets and David thanked Steve Young for making this happen. Unfortunately Johny and Anneke were in the Isle of Man at that time and were unable to join in. The committee felt that the Skype meeting was successful and will try this again for the next meeting.

Again this year club member Nick Beck continues to represent us at the A7 Clubs' Association meetings and reports back to the committee on matters requiring our attention and David extended the club's thanks to Nick for continuing to represent us at this forum.

As the Club's DVLA Authenticator David has had two enquiries this year. One enquiry was for an age related registration number, however the owner is going to pursue this application themselves. The other enquiry was for a change of details on the V5 document and David was able to resolve this for the owner.

David presented a report from Neil Williams regarding the club's website. Neil reported that the website was now being developed on a new easier to use platform and that this should now be in place and available to view. Neil was to have a meeting regarding getting full access to edit, add and refresh the contents.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

At present the club membership stands at a healthy 187 fully paid up members. Renewals came in steadily and we experienced no problems with the standing orders. 4 members notified us that they did not wish to renew and an additional 6 have allowed their membership to lapse. Since January 2017 we have had 16 new memberships.

Roger Brown, the A7CA Surviving Register Registrar, has been given the car details of those members who updated or have given new car details.

8. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

The Treasurer reported a successful year with £6,736.81 in the clubs account at the end of October. This figure was due mainly to the generosity of the membership as it is the donations, raffles and sponsoring of drinks at the rally that has made the difference. Charlie reported that it had been an interesting year with the rally unusually creating a £1,345 surplus with all previous rallies as treasurer having been around £100 to £200 surplus.

Charlie praised Gavin as membership secretary for working tirelessly behind the scenes to collect all membership dues.

The reduction in Meshing Point from 10 to 6 issues per year has reduced the costs

from £4,951 in 2015/16 to £4,014 despite the increase in postage and printing costs.

Charlie highlighted a few items within the copy of the club accounts that had been handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

Charlie expresses his honour and pleasure in being the treasurer for the past 4 years and wished Marion all the best in the role.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Chris Chilcott, seconded by Peter Kendrick and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

9. Election of Committee Members

The Committee profiles were as included in the October 2017 issue of Meshing Point.

Charlie Carpenter has stepped down as Treasurer and the Club wish to thank him for his considerable services in the past.

Club member Marion Morrison has offered to serve on the Committee as Treasurer. Marion Morrison was proposed by Clare Young and seconded by Judy Goodfellow. All the other Committee members were willing to stand for re-election and were voted in en bloc with no-one voting against.

Chairman – Clare Young

Secretary and DVLA representative – David Lodge

Membership Secretary and Archivist – Gavin Boswell

Events Co-ordinator – Simon Rooney

Website Co-ordinator – Neil Williams

Regalia – Jenn Wallace

Trophy Co-ordinators – Johny Johnson and Anneke Wallace (collectively known as Johnneke).

Chris Lambert – Committee member

10. Election of Directors

Each Director serves for 2 years. Both Clare Young and David Lodge were voted on as directors in 2016, there is therefore no requirement to appoint directors this year. (Both will require to seek re-election in 2018).

11. Appointment of independent examiner

We do not require to have our Club accounts audited by an independent auditor as they are prepared by professional accountants, Accountants Plus, who do this free of charge. Marion will ask them to look over our accounts again this year.

To continue to use Accountants Plus was proposed by Ruiaridh Dunford and

seconded by Peter Kendrick. This was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

12. Meshing Point

Clare asked for opinions on the current Meshing Point with 6 editions per year. The general opinion was that the content and quality had improved. The E-newsletter was sent out to 168 e-mail addresses and was opened by 80% of recipients. However Ruairidh commented that many users are not clicking on the links to view specific contents.

Clare raised concern regarding a slip in return timescales by the printers (Lavenhams) and Marion was asked to get a couple of alternative quotes from printers.

13. Any Other Business

Anneke raised a question as to the number of trophies which the club owns and presents throughout the year. She stated that some of the trophies were not in the best condition and other trophies were full and no additional names could be added. Some that had been awarded were not being engraved as there was no room to do so and some bands needed to be replaced. Anneke proposed removing the second place trophies and possibly presenting the full trophies to be kept by the last recipient.

Ruairidh thought that the club would have to be careful as to the decision over trophies, as they had been generously donated to the club. He also suggested asking Dave Lindsay in Perth to carry out repairs and renewal of trophies.

Removing the Ladies trophy was also discussed, however the ladies present voted to keep the trophy.

General discussion took place and a vote was taken amongst the members present. The consensus was to keep the number of trophies as they stand. Anneke will look into the cost of repairing and renewing the trophies.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 11.00 am on Saturday 17th November 2018 at the Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl.

The AGM was brought to a close at 12:03pm

Bookings are now being accepted by The Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl for 16-18th Nov 2018

BOXING DAY 2017 Report

On a somewhat frosty and foggy morning I set off with my pal Graham for the services at Stirling for the above run. I realised that other than tootling around Glasgow at the weekends, I had not driven any distance in the Pearl since coming home from Guildtown as we have been using Myra's van.

The car seemed to enjoy being out, as it sat at a steady 45 MPH through the A803 to Denny and the up the A road to the services. As the fog was quite bad, I did not want to risk the motorway.

Like last year, I was the only Seven in the carpark, but in the warmth of the services were Paul and Lenore Rickards, Michael and Brenda Pell AND Reliant stalwart Brian Marshall.

The fog had lifted and it was a very bright sunny day with the winter sun low on the horizon giving a new driving hazard. We decided that as it was still very icy we would not go over the Carron Valley road but take the road through Stirling down to lunch at Thornhill.

We left Brian at the services but he had overstayed his 2 hours parking and received a £60 fine even with a Blue Badge! So be warned.



There was a lot of Seven chat and then one of Paul's Scott motorbike pals joined us, so the conversation diverged onto bikes.

The ice was a problem and I did have the Seven sideways on a couple of corners on the way home but 80 miles on a good day with close friends ... you can't beat it.

Charlie Carpenter



The View from the Passenger Seat - Navigating

My life as a passenger is not passive - I am expected to navigate the car on the right route to the final destination. There are three types of route finding. The first is when we make our own way, going out for Sunday lunch in Biggie for example. This is usually quite straight forward as we know the home area and the only navigating is round road works, marathons, bicycle



events or such like. The second style is "follow-my-leader," also known as convoy. This is initially straight forward but is only as good as the driver in front of you. Sometimes you find yourself on a field track or in the drive of a private residence and turning the group round is a nightmare. Then there are traffic lights which hold back half the contingent - or unscheduled "comfort" stops for the driver's convenience - a major inconvenience for the navigator. The third way is with written instructions which vary from the cryptic to the over-elaborate. I can follow tulip diagrams, until a drop of water smudges them to a blob. The worst, from my point of view, is when the route planner wants to include every minor road in the vicinity. I found the *Yorkshire Experience* very irritating because the odometer on our car did not show decimal points and the narrow turn-offs were not easy to see before reaching them. I was so busy trying to find the way that I could not appreciate the lovely Yorkshire scenery.



I always try to keep an eye on the road atlas to know where we are (approximately!). Here there is a particularly Seven problem - space. In the Swallow there is 20" from my chest to the window and 16" from the side window to the steering wheel. In Biggie it is 24"x17". My favoured atlas is 15"x11" so turning pages becomes potentially a hazard (to the driver). Our atlas suffers from crinkly pages due to water drips from the window.

Once I find the route on paper, I then have to find it on the road. My half of the window is quite small - 11"x15" in the Swallow and 12"x17" in Biggie and there is no wiper or sun visor on the passenger side of either car, which can make vision difficult, especially when there is a lot of spray. I bought Rain-x to coat the window inside and out but Peter usually forgets to administer it - or says he did it (but it was some months before). In summer, foliage makes it so difficult to see signs - and I'd much rather look at the scenery.

The final hurdle is communication with the driver. The engine noise is considerably louder than in a modern car so that I mustn't "mumble". With remarkable frequency, the hearing aid battery gives out in the left ear but I am told not to shout. Hand signals from me are not accurate as I point to the left with my right hand and say "Right" or vice versa. The rule is to follow the direction of the point not the words.

I suppose we could buy a Sat-nav but that would be boring!

Irene Kendrick



"We're supposed to be going to Cornwall!
That sign back there said
'Welcome to SCOTLAND!'"

A7CA Meeting Feedback

[Believe me, you don't want the minutes printed here - 13 pages plus 5 pages of appendices!! Thank you to Nick Beck who represents our club at Assoc. meetings. Ed.]

Hi folks,

I attended the meeting at Dunchurch on January 14th 2018. A few of the key points are noted below, but the full minutes are also available from Hugh Barnes. There was quite a big attendance that would have swamped the previous room at the Green Man.

Some preparation for a centenary event is beginning to be planned and one item includes a re-print of "The Motor for the Millions".

Les Gammon stood up to talk about the new look for the Association magazine. A point that he was keen to make was that he is only an editor and he requires articles to be submitted for inclusion. He was requesting that the clubs remind their members about this.

There was an interesting report from the A7CA web master, Chris Charles. He is only recently out of university and is clearly very capable. It was requested that the clubs remind their members of the availability of the information on this site and also to look at the archive newsletter that is posted from time to time.

I stood up to present my proposal that the Association should be registered as a Charity or Trust and this was agreed by everyone. The exact format is to be

looked into with the plan being to make a formal vote at the April AGM. Hugh Barnes asked if any of the clubs had members capable of giving some legal advice on this issue.

There was some discussion on the Association budget and that some of the charges made had not been raised for several years. See the minutes for changes to magazine advertising and magazines being proposed and the views of clubs and club members being sought.

Emma Airey and Martin Groom from the motor insurers attended to explain some developments being made to the vehicle insurance and breakdown provisions. Firstly Emma explained the relationships between RH (Richard Hoskins), Hiscocks and ERS. I never really understood this and I don't think that many of the people attending did either. Emma said that RH was taken over by Hiscocks and that she was asked if she wanted to work for Hiscocks. Rather boldly she said that she wanted to work for RH as it was a well-recognised brand in classic car insurance. As a result RH has been retained as a brand name by Hiscocks who act as the client agents. ERS (formerly Equity Red Star) are the underwriters and also provide the breakdown service. (I think I've got that right, see what Hugh puts in the minutes) One point that Emma explained was that they were making improvements in the conditions allowing young drivers to be insured. Martin Groom has been recently employed by ERS to manage the breakdown system and make sure that it works well for us. There had been some problems and I can remember one report of someone not being able to take a hire car that could be taken from Italy into France. Personally, when I have used the breakdown it has been fine. The changes that Martin explained sound very reasonable.

Sorry to ramble on. Best wishes for A7 motoring in 2018.

Cheers,

Nick

John Davies - up to something!

For a Sky1 TV programme, John and 2 mates are flying out to South Africa for filming. We can look forward to 30 teams of 3 members from all over the UK having built their armoured car with weapons to do battle with each other. The filming of the various rounds will be in the desert plains of South Africa.

They have used a 1989 Ford Sierra Estate as a base, added various weapons, armour and done some engine tuning and cooling system modifications.

They fly out mid-February for three weeks. Clare is creating their unique apparel - those tartan boiler suits previously mentioned! Watch out on your telly boxes later in the year!! Good luck John and please, stay safe.



Dumfries House, Ayrshire and the Goodfellows' Austin 12 by a rather lovely period AA box



Johnny's lookey likey !! So good! Taking it so seriously too!!
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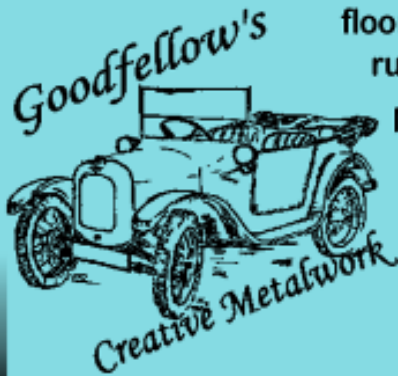


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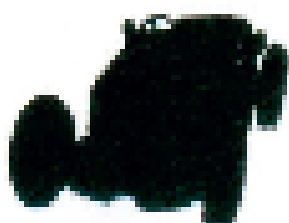
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Events Diary 2018

Easter Weekend	30th March - 1st April Charlie Carpenter - Details inside
Drive It day	22nd April
Around Stirling	4th - 7th May
Eastern Expedition	25th - 27th May
Borders Raid	22nd - 24th June
Guildtown National Rally	27th - 30th July
Club Holiday	30th July - 5th August
Ayrshire Amble	21st - 23rd September
Monte Selkirk	13th - 14th October
AGM	17th - 19th November
Boxing Day Run	26th December

Further details of each run, and who to contact will be in future 2018 Meshing Points

For those who have not been on one of the club run weekends, they are truly a weekend of kindred spirits in matching jackets and sweatshirts delighted to join heads under a bonnet and troubleshoot the reason for a breakdown!

Good fun, good roads and
good company.