



Centenary Event News - 3rd September 2021

Dear Austin Seven Enthusiast,

I have asked the A7CA archivist, Hugh Barnes, who is working his socks off to ensure we have a fantastic display of cars and memorabilia at the Centenary Event, if he would ever so slightly lift the lid on some of the delights that will be on view.

Hugh is very cagey about the amazing and historic cars that are planned to be exhibits. He's told me about many of them but sworn me to secrecy - on pain of having my crankshaft removed - but I can assure you that 'amazing' is the correct word and that there are some real treats in prospect.

That said, after some gentle persuasion (promises of free beer etc) he has agreed to giving us this little glimpse...

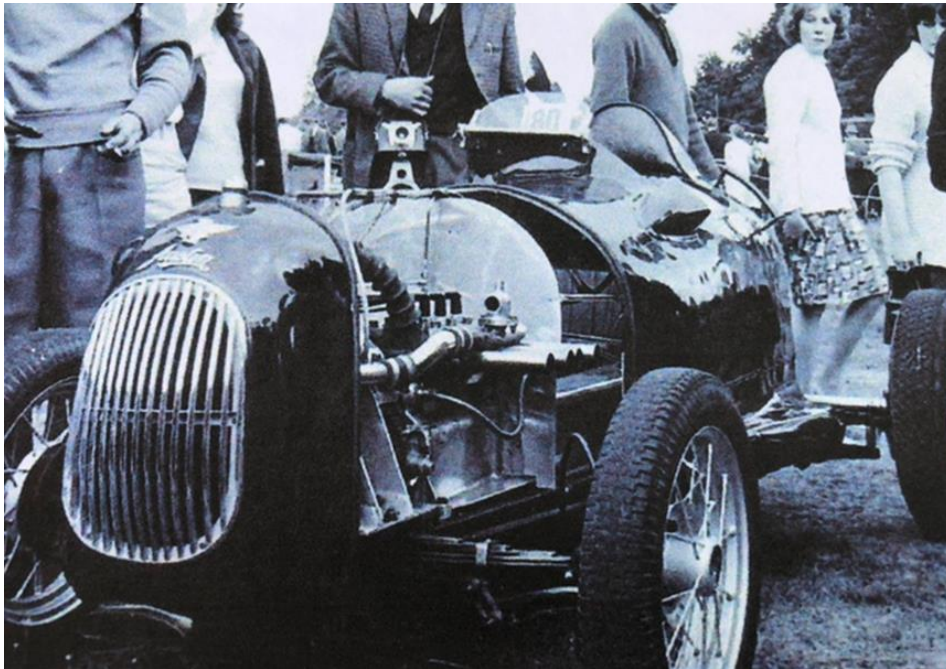
A lot has been going on behind the scenes to secure important cars and create interesting and informative Archive displays for all to enjoy, not just those with grubby fingernails.

I have had an encouraging response to my requests for Sporting cars to display and I am delighted to say that Mrs JoJo will be making a welcome appearance.



Mrs JoJo was built by Francis Boyd-Carpenter in 1927 and had a long and illustrious career. More details of this car can be found in the Boyd-Carpenter photo archive on the [Association Archive website](#).

Also confirmed is the Willis Special, an offset single seat car built by Bill Williams in 1937. A complete guide to that car can be found in Sturt Ulph's excellent book, 'Would Suit Enthusiast', which all self respecting Austin 7 owners should have by their bedside.



Another one of Bill Williams creations will also be displayed, but for news of that, you will have to wait for a later edition.

Negotiations continue to secure other important cars that tell the story of Austin 7 sporting endeavour.

However, the most exciting news I have to report is that, after my appeal for help with creation of the displays, the Cambridge Austin 7 Club have stepped forward to take responsibility for one of the displays as a group. As one of the smallest Clubs, this is another example of the Cambridge Club punching above its weight.

Do I hear a similar offer from any other Club? It seems an ideal opportunity for a group of friends from a Club to make a real contribution to the event. My email is always ready to hear your offers... archivist@a7ca.org



A SNIPPET OF HISTORY.

On the road between Chipping Norton and Moreton-in-Marsh is the 'Four-Shires Stone'. 9ft in height, on the spot where it stands met the counties of Gloucester, Worcester, Oxford and Warwick. So by walking round the monument you could have visited four counties in as many seconds.

I speak in the past tense because, sadly, some years ago the county boundaries of Worcester were changed and the spot in reality became a 'Three-shires stone'.

It is said that J.R.R. Tolkien was inspired by the monument and included a reference to something similar in both The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings in which the Shire is divided into four farthings, three of which meet at the Three-Farthing Stone.

AND A CORRECTION

In the previous newsletter it was stated that in 1922 the Austin Seven was launched at Selfridges in London. I should have said that the launch took place at Claridges. Mea culpa.



AUSTIN SEVEN CENTENARY EVENT PRICING - Some more information, including prices for children's meals.

ENTRY TICKET (Valid for six days, 19th July - 24th July 2022): **£25 a head.** (Includes all entertainment + entry to the Festival at Prescott on Wednesday 20th July). Those aged 18 and under on 24th July 2022: **FREE ENTRY**

ON-SITE HOTEL-STYLE ACCOMMODATION: Single room: **£48 per night.** Double room: **£75 per night.**

ON-SITE CAMPING PITCH (Tent/motorhome/caravan): **£22 per night.**

RESTAURANT BREAKFAST: **£11 a head. (Children under 12, £6)**

RESTAURANT 3 COURSE DINNER: **£17 a head. (Children under 12, £9)**



BOOKINGS

The online booking system will open later this month (September).

As a subscriber to this newsletter you will be the first to be told the exact date on which the bookings will open.

Kind regards,

Nick Salmon

For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Team.

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THE AUSTIN 7 CENTENARY CELEBRATION

19th - 24th July 2022

at The Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire



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