

# MOORE'S NEWS

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO  
ALL CLUB MEMBERS

First of all my apologies, the lack of a newsletter for many months now has been all too apparent by the gloomy faces of late on members faces as they gaze moodily into their pints. But alas this issue will probably go on record as the shortest and briefest yet. As quite a lot has happened of late concerning the club I'll get straight to the point, club news.

As most of you know Dave Hance has been our club secretary for a number of years now, executing the job with his well known energy and enthusiasm. Unfortunately Dave has found it necessary to resign, his aforementioned energy and enthusiasm now centred round other interests. Our thanks for all he has done for the club in the past and to Anthea for all the help and assistance behind the scenes. I'm sure we all wish the best for them in the future and success in the antique business.

As a result of the above resigning I have not exactly leapt, but lowered myself into the breach at least until the next A.G.M.

For those who are not up to date and for the benefit of new members club officials are as follows;

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER.  
GP: CAPT. WYNDHAM WELCH.

CHAIRMAN.  
DEREK THORPE.

SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER.  
DAVE COLTHAM.

TREASURER.  
PETER HONISETT.

COMMITTEE.  
CHRIS BOOTH. R. WHITEHEAD.

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CANNED GAS.

Unrecover, no harmful germs passed on to you by the attendant as he talks to you through a loudspeaker, all you have to do is take off your cap, in with the tube end, fill with petrol and thats more or less it. Thats the way we know how to fill the car with much needed fuel. Soon more places will be available than the present 200, for gas propelled cars to fill up - but thats the next step.

This article deals with what went on before ( nearly 100 years ago ). Although already trading in America the Anglo American Oil Co; started trading in England in 1886 bringing over mainly kerosene. In 1900 Pratts Motor car Spirit was the new innovation and was sold by general stores, post offices and chemists.

Garages as we know them began to spring up around this era of time. 1920 saw the earliest pumps bringing the fuel up from underground storage tanks. 1934 brought Esso, still pratts but under a new name. Pratts were the main suppliers of petrol which was sold in different colour cans - each defined the various types of fuel, green - Pratts Benzole. Pratts also produced , as did every other firm, a more decorative running board can.

I am still looking for unusual petrol cans for my dads museum of motoring so if you have a spare one please phone me at Brookland 526.

BELINDA COOKE.  
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M. O. T.

Did you know that when you have your car M.O.T. you are allowed to drive the car when your vehicle is undergoing brake tests.

RODNEY ANSELL.

As most of you will have heard, my dear friend and workmate Rodney Ansell sadly died as a result of a motor accident in June. A kind and gentle man who will be sadly missed by all, he gave so much to me and all who were close to him.

Rod had a great love for old motors and always enjoyed our trips to Hooes Old Motor Club every month.

The garage, 'Ansell's Garage' is now run by myself and partner John Garske. If we can help any of you with your motoring problems please phone Lydd 20533, or evenings you can always reach me at Brookland 526.

KEN COOKE.

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WINTER MYSTERY TOUR 1977.

A mystery tour has been arranged at short notice as an extra event on Sunday 18th December. Starting point is 'The Six Bells' Nothiam 1.30 - 2.00 p.m. which should give time for a few noggins before the off. The tour itself will be kept as short as possible the main object of the run being the mystery destination which I'm sure will be interesting and well worth the effort. 'Moderns' will no doubt be the order of the day, but of course any 'venerables' that care to brave the depths of winter will be most welcome, especially after the 1000 pre-war turnout for the summer treasure hunt.

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