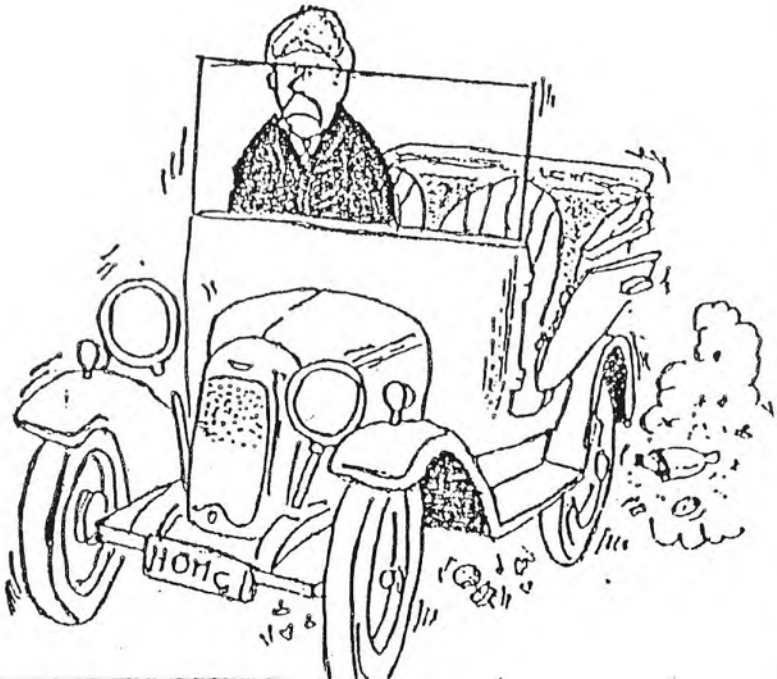


HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB

NEWS SHEET



Dear Member,

The AGM took place at the April meeting and the Committee stays the same for another year.

We are well under way in organising the 17th Annual Rally on Sunday 3rd August. This year we are being sponsored by Vickarys of Battle. They approached us last year after the very wet Rally day, and when the Committee had discussed the final negotiation, it was decided this would be a good idea. Costs are going up every year in putting the Rally on, and as so many other events take place the same day, entrants and spectators do not always come to Hooe. We had extra stallholders last year but the weather put paid to them staying all day.

Several donations have been received from Members which we thank you for. Also we are having a raffle each month at the meetings, which has so far raised over £50.00. Thanks also for Members donating prizes for this we have only had to buy a few. We always welcome unwanted gifts etc for the raffle.

There will be a quiz at the May meeting, postponed from February. All Members present can take part and there will be a 1st and 2nd prize for the winners.

For the meeting on Friday 6th June, I have organised a trip out to Brian Thompsons Museum at Brattle Farm, Staplehurst. There will be a charge of £1.25 per head, which will include a glass of Cider and Biscuits before we depart. For those who have not been before, from Hastings to Staplehurst on the 229, before you get into Staplehurst you turn left up Pinnock Lane, and Right at the next signpost ahead. Brattle Farm is the second farm on the right about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile ahead. Brian has an interesting collection of old cars and a Farm Museum which was burnt to the ground 2 years ago, and he has rebuilt it from scratch. Please let me know how many Members etc will be coming by 'Friday 16th May' so that the catering can be arranged. We meet at the Farm 7.30-8pm.

Malcolm Flemming will be coming to the July meeting from M & M securities, to give a short talk and demonstration on Fire Extinguishers for vehicles etc. 10% discount for Members. There will also be a stall at the Rally @ 10% dis if you do not wish to purchase same immediately.

On Sunday 20th July a Treasure Hunt has been arranged by Harry and Judy Walker. We meet at the 'Red Lion' Hooe at 2.00pm for a 2.30pm start. Cost will be £1.00 per car.

Yours Sincerely
Elaine Honisett (Secretary)

THOUSANDS of motorists are risking being burned to death in their cars—for the sake of a few pounds.

Latest Home Office figures show that 40,000 vehicles a year catch fire on the roads, many while travelling at speed.

And, according to the RAC, the main cause is faulty electrical wiring—often installed by DIY mechanics who are too stingy to pay for an expert to check their work.

They compound the error by refusing to fork out for a car fire extinguisher. Only a minority of drivers have one.

An RAC spokesman said: "It means thousands of drivers are putting themselves and their passengers at risk for the sake of about £15."

Shoddy work fitting in-car entertainment is high on the list of DIY electrical faults. Wrongly routed wires cause short circuits which quickly set the vehicles alight.

The RAC's advice is to check the handbook diagram

A NEW red gasket cement that can replace most gaskets in use today, is now available for DIY motorists from Spectra Automotive, Newquay, Cornwall. It is quick to use and makes dismantling easy. Price: £1.54.

before doing electrical work, get it checked afterwards by an expert, install a fire extinguisher and make sure you know how to use it.

If you are involved in a blaze, get passengers out and well away from the car. Don't lift the bonnet if the fire is underneath it—discharge the extinguisher through the front grille.

And, of course, don't forget to call the fire brigade.



OVERTAKING a juggernaut at 70mph in heavy rain is equivalent to driving at high speed through a waterfall.

Each truck tyre can send out 80 gallons of rainwater per minute with the thrusting power of a fire hose.

A swirling spray with a greater density than heavy fog is created as water pounds against your car leading to loss of control.

This mist cuts your visibility by at least 75 per cent and renders the lorry's rearview mirrors useless.

Both you and the truck driver are blind to each other for around 30 seconds and you are powerless to prevent an accident should the juggernaut suddenly swerve.

Overtaking lorries in these condi-

BRITAIN is the only Common Market country that grades petrol on a 4040 British Standard star system—two, three and four-star fuel. Now another grading is to appear—BS 7070 for unleaded petrol.

Do not confuse the two. Unleaded petrol will damage valve seats in some existing engines.

Read your handbook. Don't take a chance. Don't switch from BS 4040 to BS 7070 just for the sake

of doing so. Unleaded petrol, to be introduced during the next 18 months, is an EEC move to achieve cleaner exhaust fumes. Lead has been added to petrol to improve engine efficiency.

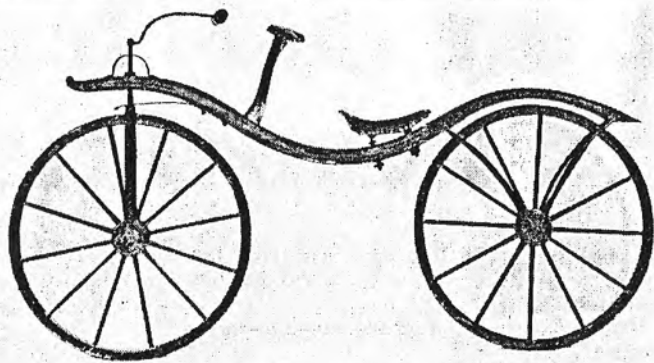
tions is a major factor in at least 7,000 accidents every year, reports the RAC.

Yet the danger could be drastically reduced if all heavy lorries were fitted with special mud flaps that direct the streams of water back down on to the road.

An American firm has produced Clear Pass which is claimed to improve vision for overtaking motorists by up to 60 per cent.

Each flap comprises two layers of plastic sheeting that trap water in thousands of small bristles so it streams harmlessly back to the road surface.

Laboratory and track tests have proved so impressive that some truck companies are now fitting the special flaps to their entire fleets.



The hobby-horse sold by Phillips for £2,000

LOOK! NO PEDALS

THE pedestrian hobby-horse was so popular in 1819 that it caused traffic jams in London streets, and was banned from the capital.

This early bicycle had no pedals. You sat on the seat and pushed yourself along with a striding action until the momentum allowed you to draw our legs up and coast, steering by a lever.

The hobby-horse was invented by Baron Drais in about 1813, and first shown in Paris. An improved version was patented by a London coachmaker Denis Johnson five years later. A print of the period shows cyclists practising at Johnson's Pedestrian Hobby-horse

***CURIOSITIES** you may mistake for junk could be worth more than you think. Every week our antiques expert, Pamela Dalton, tells you how to spot them and their worth*

Riding School in the West End.

Hobby-horses appear only rarely at auction. The last one made £2,000 at Phillips.

More common is the penny-farthing which is usually in the £450-£1,800 range. But there are still many around. Price depends on their condition and special features.

On at the wheel, try taking a tip from the Japanese. Medical experts in Tokio say an orange washed down with warm water will do wonders at waking you up double quick.

They reckon the sharpness of the juice in the fruit stimulates the brain.

So, they say, does a mouthful of water retained until warm before being swallowed.

But they advise really tired drivers to pull over first and take a nap.

A Japanese team of doctors who specialise in driver fitness have produced a report on sleepiness at the wheel.

They say motorway driving holds the greatest danger of nodding off. But novices are more alert on motorways than experienced drivers, because higher speeds make them tenser.

Experienced motorists learn to exclude factors which help to stimulate the brain, such as the passing scene. Their awareness drops, and drowsiness sets in.

"In seeking a less stressful situation and with an unchanging field of vision, a driver is likely to creep closer to the vehicle in front," the doctors say.

"Mentally, the driver then cuts out the sound of his car's tyres and engine and loses sense of speed. He is then almost asleep."

And that's the cue for the orange and water treatment.



"Now remember—act normal"

MEMBERSHIP RENEWEL FORM. APRIL 1986. £1.00.

NAME.....No.....

ADDRESS.....

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MUSEUM TRIP. FRIDAY 6th JUNE. £1.25 per head.

NUMBER ATTENDING..... MEMBERSHIP No.....

HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB TREASURE HUNT. SUNDAY 30th JULY 1986

£1.00 per car. MEMBERSHIP No.....

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO. 'HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB

Hon TREASURER; PETER HONISSETT, 'FALCONS', 19, RIDGEWAY,

PEMBURY, TONBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. TN2 4ER.

Please note: As from April 1986. Subs are £1.00 per annum.

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1959 Morris Traveller. Original Log Book.
Ideal for rebuilding. £75.00. Tel. Dave, Ashford 26920.

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1961 Morris Minor, Spares Only, Offers. Tel Dave, Ashford
26920.

1964 Morris Minor Saloon, Complete. Wants a bit of work.
Small engine. £50.00 Tel Dave, Ashford. 26920.

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WANTED

Any parts for Morgan 3 wheelers. Tel Chris Booth
Rolvenden 241234.

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If you have any Items for sale or wanted please
let me know. Next newsletter will be October.

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Secretarys address 'Falcons', 19, Ridgeway, Pembury,
Tunbridge Wells, KENT. TN2 4ER. Tel Pembury 3357.

DIARY OF EVENTS 1986

- 2nd May 1986. Club Night. Quiz.
- 6th June 1986. Meet at Brian Thompsons
Staplehurst. 7.30-8pm.
- 4th July 1986. Club Night. Malcolm Flemming
Fire Extinguishers for
Vehicles.
- 20th July 1986. HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB
TREASURE HUNT. RED LION. 2pm.
- 1st August 1986. Club Night. Prepare Rally
Field. Help Needed Please.
- 2nd August 1986. Help needed in the Rally
Field.
- 3rd August 1986. HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB
17th ANNUAL VINTAGE RALLY.
- 5th Sept 1986. Club Night.

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DIARY OF OTHER EVENTS

- 4th May 1986. London to Brighton
Commercial Run.
- 8th June 1986. Brands Hatch. Festival of
Yesteryear.
- 29th June 1986. South East 'ROVER' Rally
at Bentley Wildfowl.
- 5th & 6th July. 1986. Ardingly Rally.
- 13th July 1986. Wittersham Rally and Country
Fair. Entries: Tel Witt 239.

HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB
17th Annual Vintage Car Rally
and Concours d'Elegance

Hooe Sports Ground
Hooe, Battle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD 1986
10.30-4.30

Adults 1.00 Children 50p Free Car Parks

