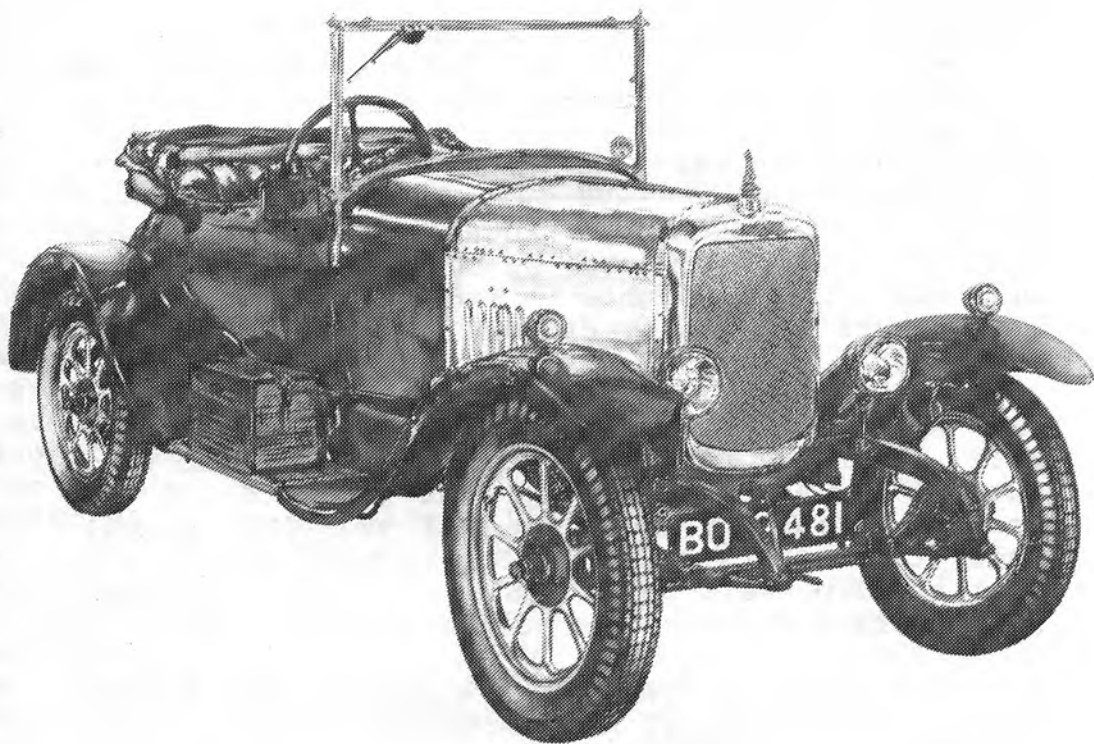


Hooe's Old Motor Club



News Letter

The Committee for the year 1989 to 1990.

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On behalf of the Committee may we thank everyone
who assisted at the Annual Rally in August. The
event yet again was a great success.

At the Annual Rally in August, 26 new members
joined the club, a number of these members we have
welcomed at club nights. Perhaps over the next
few months we may meet YOU. So why not come
along!!!

The next club night on November 3rd will be a
Quiz. December 1st "Hot Air" bring anything that
has hot air!!! January 5th 1990 Buffet £1.00 per
head!!! February 2nd Video of the 1989 Annual
Rally taken by club member Bob Cooper. March 2nd
Austin Video, well worth seeing!!! April 6th AGM.
All interested members should attend!!!

How many members missed the video on the Morgan
Sports Car shown at the October meeting? You
missed a good film!!!

The Club annual dinner will be held yet again at
the Castle Inn, Bodiam on Saturday 10th March.
Menu herewith, closing date March 2nd at the club
night. The number is limited to 35 persons. So
place your orders asap!!!

We propose to organise a coach trip to a
Canterbury Museum, sometime at the end of June
next. Perhaps we may even travel in an OB Bedford
coach from 1949. During next June/July we propose
to organise yet another treasure hunt, so have
your old vehicle "taxed and MOT'ed".

A holiday of Museums by Pam & Rodney Smith

During last Summer we planned a holiday, to visit a number of museums, they being in Germany.

The day arrived, the car was loaded with tins of soup, coke and tea bags, arriving at Dover for the Saturday 3am sailing to Ostend, some 4 hours later we were heading for the German frontier. The weather by now was 'wet', the Eifel mountains were misty, but we found Der Nurburgring and the arrival of a collection of Mercedes Bnz Oldtimers from Aachen just in time. There being a Race Museum there we started by visiting it. An excellent condition of vehicles and motor cycles. Onwards to our first night's stay at Frankfurt am Main in readiness for our visit to the Frankfurt Motor Show on Sunday. Raining heavily we were pleased to get under cover, but into which hall. There were 24 separate halls, some exhibiting complete vehicles whilst others accessories. We chose hall 9, only because it was the largest, naturally it was the German motor car manufacturers one where the latest new models were. The exhibition stands, presentation was magnificent, no one stand stood above the rest. The public were allowed to sit in all the vehicles, even the largest!!!

As time was passing we realised that we must leave and so, after a tram ride to the outskirts of Frankfurt to collect our car, we headed towards Wurzburg, passing a Motel/Raststatter at Spessart we stopped the night. Monday, having eaten the typical continental breakfast of rolls, marmalade and non-salted butter, we headed South to Stuttgart, the capital of Baden Wurttemberg, the HQ of Daimler Benz, Porsche and a number of other major German Motor Manufacturers. Arriving at 2.30pm the sun shining, we booked into the hotel on Neckerstrasse some ten minutes by street tram from the city centre (Zentrum). The following morning, Tuesday, we headed for Mercedes Benz at Unterturkheim. Having visited the museum some four times before we were surprised to find that in 1986 the museum had been modernised, regrettably at least one third of the exhibits having been removed. The museum now caters for the general public, however, well worth the visit.

Wednesday we were off to the Porsche Museum at Stuttgart Zuffenhausen once again. In true German style the exhibits were shown to their best. Thursday, after walking around a local Kur park in Bad Cannstatt, we found the original workshop/design building (normally open) of Gottlieb Daimler.

Friday, after saying 'goodbye' to Stuttgart in brilliant sunshine, we headed North to West/f following all those gigantic lorries advertising their wares in colour on the sides of their vehicles.

Saturday whilst reading the local paper we noticed a Veteranen Teile Markt at Kassel (Autojumble) in Hessian state and so early on Sunday we headed East to the venue at the Messehalen. As we own a 1960 DKW 1000S Coupe Sonderklasse we sought spares. No problem - we were able to purchase everything that we needed. It should be noted that in the many car parks surrounding the hall, we saw many old interesting vehicles spanning fifty years or more. Wednesday nearing the end of our holiday we left Sunden in West/f for Holland and the small town of Avenhorn. This museum is owned by Ronald Bekker, a friend of ours. The new museum contains many English motorcycles, Harley Davidsons and Automobiler.

Whilst driving to Vlissingen homeward bound, we visited Koninklijke Porceleyne Fles (Royal Deft Ware manufacturer) to view their china museum. Our return sailing was by Olau Hollandia II, the new £52 million ship to Sheerness. Having covered 1719 miles, a worthwhile holiday.

Should any member wish more details, contact Secretary.

Details of the front cover photograph. One of a few Welshman who have manufactured motorcars was one Thomas George John of Pembroke Dock, the founder of Alvis.
