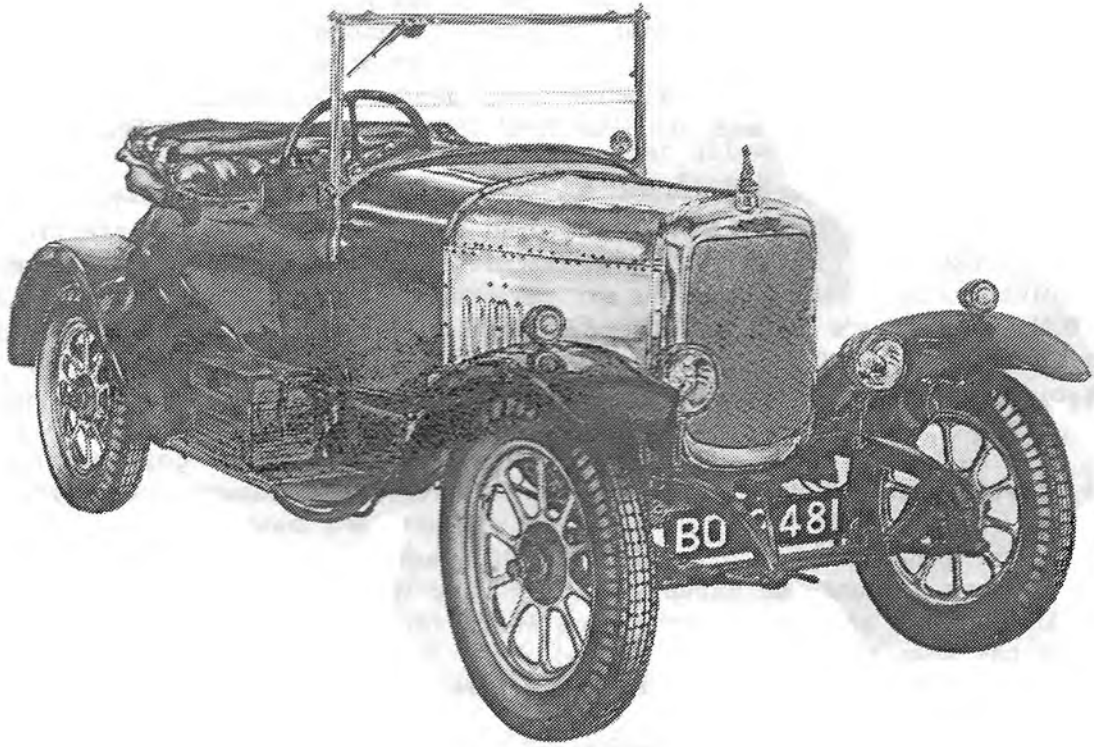


Hooe's Old Motor Club



News Letter

The Committee for the year 1992 to 1993 remains unchanged;Chairman Francis Dunn.Secretary Rodney J.Smith,74 Hawthylands Road,Hailsham,BN27 1HB Tel 0323 847597.Treasurer Judy Walker,Publicity Myrtle Dunn.Committee Members Tom Guy and Chris Booth.Rally Secretary Frank Barrow Tel;0424 222201.

Forthcoming Club Nights;The First Friday evening in each month at the Red Lion Pub Hooe near Ninfield Battle 0424 892371.

At the moment we have nothing planned until the winter.The reason being that since last Oct there has been many videos,a speaker from Loctite and at our last Committee meeting it was suggested that the habit of talking to members should be encouraged,especially with the new club members.Also more importantly,to encourage those members WHO HAVE VEHICLES BUT NEED INSIRATION TO GET THEM ROAD WORTHLY.

On Sunday the 19th April (Easter Sunday)the club held a small road run starting from The Club House (Red Lion)to finish at Committee member Chris Booth's Motor Museum at Rolvenden.The event attracted six cars,the Chairman's 1963 Austin Heally 3000,the Secretary's 1960 DKW 1000S,Brian Saville's 1939 Singer 9,Fred Baverstock's 1937 Morris 10 series 3.The event went very well,and there was an excellence tea waiting for us at Falstaff Antiques restaurant.

Well done Chris and Marion----Thank you.

The Next date for your diary is 5th July 1992 Judy and Harry Walker (Last Year's winners)have planned the annual Treasure Hunt (starting from the Red Lion)AND NOTE the Club have now a very nice Award for the winner.As yet only the Secretary has seen it !!!!!!!!!!!!! so there.

Services to members;

Upholstery Service and Suppliers;H.Hannam,110 Cavendish Place,Eastbourne BN21 3TZ. Tel 0323 28516/23923.

Sec has used their service.

Should club members forget,we are members of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs,their Newsletter is very imformative,the latest copy is always available on Club night from the Sec.So please ask !!!!!!!!!!!!!.

The Bristol Motor Car;the cream of engineering;A recent article about the marque appeared in the news;Herewith are four titles should any club member be interested;Bristol.The Quiet Survivor by Charles Oxley,Oxley Sidney Publications.10 Rheast Moor Ave,Ramsey,Isle of Man £1995p.

Bristol.An Illustrated History,by Charles Oxley.The Crowood Press Crowood Lane Ramsbury Wilts £35 00p.

Bristol Cars and Engines,L.J.K.Setright.Motor Racing Publications (Out of print)Try Motormedia Ltd.,PO Box 3 East Horsley Leatherhead Surrey.

From Chain Drive to Turbocharger,The AFN Story by Denis Jenkinson Parrick Stephens Ltd.,£26 00p Motormedia or £19 95p old Stock.

FOR ALL TO SEE

It all started nineteen years ago when I purchased a rather sad looking 1939 Vauxhall 10 'H' type from Totton, Hants. I looked for two years for this particular model as I owned one as a teenager and it held fond memories for me.

Over a period of sixteen years and after a multitude of disappointments and let downs the car eventually went back onto the road. It last pottered along our highways thirty four years previously. If the previous owner could see the car now (affectionately known as Rosie), I am sure he would be pleased with the results achieved.

I have to say that one of the greatest pleasures received from this restoration project has been the number of people I have met and in some cases of friendships formed, to say nothing of the practical experience gained. It goes without saying that I look forward with immense pleasure to the rally season and revisiting familiar sites and perhaps the chance of seeing something new. This will be our fourth year.

The big advantage of course with this particular 'hobby' is that there is no age barrier and it is nice to see members of the younger generation starting to take a positive interest along with us.

Even when the restoration is initially complete the efforts continue. As all of you who have experienced the same, will testify, then comes the both exciting and sometimes frustrating task of accumulating spares and replacement parts. It is interesting to note that despite all the ups and downs and indeed the expense of these ventures, one rarely if at all hears an owner complain but more likely to offer advice and pass on to anyone interested some useful tips and suggestions.

It has always been my policy to monitor and catalogue 'specialist' personnel so as in turn pass on my knowledge to someone else.

Unfortunately not all 'clubs' which specialise in a certain make of car are as conscientious as they could be and I feel do not offer its members as much information and help as maybe they could. I hasten to add the Vauxhall Owners Club does not come under this banner and members such as myself have gained considerably by so joining.

Having got Rosie into acceptable condition I felt the urge to expand a little further. But what and how was the leading question. I felt I would like to display the car rather than just garage it. This meant collecting motorabilia of the same period which included petrol pumps, petrol cans, oil bottles, oil cans, lamps, enamel signs etc. etc.

So another door opened with the added challenge of seeking out appropriate items and haggling over prices at the various autojumbles within sensible travelling distance. This has been a constant item on my agenda over the past three years.

At this point I must add that I have been given inspiration of the highest calibre over a period by visiting various museums and private collections whose displays have impressed me greatly. One which deserves a special mention is the private collection at Rolvenden which revolves around the Morgan car but also includes a magnificent display of other aspects of motoring. Well worth a visit.

My ultimate aim is to cover, as much as possible, the years between 1935 - 1946 with all aspects of items connected with this period including furniture, household appliances, toiletries and most importantly the clothing worn at the time. I can report at this stage that some categories are well covered but clothing is still required. At present I am negotiating for military uniforms and equipment from a personal friend at Aldermaston.

One has to consider that display cabinets, dummies, floor coverings, lighting and curtains are also important and although I have obtained some to these items I will have to seek out more with earnest in the next couple of years.

Why go through all this trouble and expense I hear you ask. Well! you see, I really would like to share some of my childhood and memories with the school children of today and it is my intention when I have reached the desired standard to open the collection to schools as an educational visit.

Having said that, it has certainly been educational for me in as much as I have had to refer to reference books myself covering a varied amount of subjects including (don't laugh) ladies hairstyles.

The photographs accompanying this article will give you some idea of what we have achieved so far.

If any member can offer me any advice, suggestions or indeed material (particularly war time paper work) I would be most grateful.

When I have found a good home to display these bits and pieces I shall invite anyone in the Club who is interested to come and view at their leisure. It will be here for all to see.

Happy motoring.

Vernon Brand

CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER

I must say how much I enjoyed the recent club dinner held at The White Horse on Saturday, 7th March.

For those members who did not attend they missed a first class meal, excellent surroundings and wonderful company.

My congratulations to those responsible for the organisation and I for one look forward to next years dinner.

Many thanks and well done.

V. B.

For the first time in many a year we show the presentation of a long service award to past Treasurer and Rally Secretary Peter and Elaine Honisett at the Club Dinner 7th March 1992. Our President Gp Capt Wyndham Welch presided.



Dear Editor,

As fairly new members of the club (we joined at the last rally) we have only recently started attending the monthly meetings at the Red Lion, Hooe. We have been made most welcome.

The evenings are most friendly with varying topics and interesting conversation.

Many thanks,

Fred and Sue Baverstock.

We now ask for help on Rally Day the 2nd August, Tel Frank Barrow on 0424 222201. So why not support your club. Entry is FREE to all HELPERS.



A small collection of awards by Vernon Brand 1939 H Type Vauxhall 10