

Hooe's Old Motor Club

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Chairman's Notes

I started last time with another season getting underway, it seems just a few weeks ago, but here we are the season finished and we look forward to Christmas once again. Looking back now it has been an excellent year with the outdoor events being blessed with good weather.

May was the visit to Chris and Marion's museum we are always grateful to have the chance to be allowed such a free rein to look round the museum, the workshop, and the amazing selection of Morgans, years and models rarely seen anywhere else.

June, quiz night, we had teams such as Moggy Mates, All at sea, All Shrub's, The wander b's, 3 in one, The Fokker's, The has beens, The non conformist's where do they get these names from? ? The all at sea, came 1st after a very close game 3+ 1, 2nd Moggy mates would have easily won, but forgot to do the last quiz sheet, "sad lot ". A real fun evening with a good many laughs one, was, I forgot to bring the prizes.

July, was BBQ evening 62 members turned up for this event, which took the ladies by surprise, they did extremely well with the variety of food they had laid out, not forgetting the selection of gateaux. Thank you to the ladies for an excellent contribution to a lovely evening.

Sue and Vicky deserve a big pat on the back, it was **their raffle** that helped cover the costs of all that food, other wise the ladies tea kitty would not have had enough funds.

August, Sat was show set up day, I have no idea how many turned up certainly a good many, it was virtually completed by 1 pm all that remained was the tent at 6pm and the job was done. Thank you, to all those that came along to help some say that they enjoyed the day, Dave Fletcher **and crew** did a fine job transporting the equipment to the field.

Show day, what a success, blessed with fine weather, everything ran smoothly, every one involved did a wonderful job in their respective situations, resulting in a very enjoyable day, and successful show

Now for the good news, a profit of £1,654, is reported from our treasurer, Expenses were up on last year toilets, insurance, being the biggest increases it is something that is taken as norm these days. The new idea for the burger van worked well and in fact sold out by 4pm (income £80) (ice cream £100) The ladies that do the refreshments in the pavilion on behalf of the Hooe sports club also sold out by 3pm. Our intrepid members Sue and Vicky made £100 from their tombola stall. The treasurers report with all the details will be available to any one by a request to Ron, S'. A thank you, to Treasurer Ron for all the hard work he put in for the shows final accounts.

September, The fish and chip run to Hastings, nearly 40 members enjoyed a excellent evening. Another thank you to Ron Fellows for the arrangements for this event.

October. Another enjoyable evening, Tim Young gave us a very interesting talk on trains. With his train spotting friends they decided to buy an ex-British rail engine to restore; to their surprise, when the great day came for the hand-over they had got all the rolling stock as well. What started as a hobby has grown into a massive full time business - repairing, hiring, refuelling, and private trips around the country, which now includes other train companies as well. This is only a small part of the story, all this in Hastings, it appeared the members from those parts had no idea all this existed on such a large scale. Thank you to Tim for a very interesting and informative talk, and slide show.

That's a rough resume of the clubs activities, What about the shows in the area? As we all know there are so many to chose from every weekend. I started in May, by taking my Triumph Thunderbird to France on the Ballard Rally for three days, I gained a good soaking going to Dover, sitting on a motor cycle in pouring rain for two hours is not the most happy way to enjoy life,. The thoughts go something like this "What the hell am I doing here" !!!

Jean at this time is swanking it up on the QE II. In France, it was a happy ending, sunshine every day. A great event, I am thinking of taking the AA combination next year ???

Magnificent Motors in Eastbourne on the Western Lawns, nice weather and a enjoyable event, the free entrance was popular with visitors and locals, there where crowds there all day.

The Peacehaven show at the Dell, Jean and myself met other good friends, which made it worthwhile, poorly attended there were more entrants than visitors. Sadly I think it needs something different and to run it two days is very brave.

Ardingly is always a must, good autojumble, you name it, it was there somewhere, trouble is the walking on a hot day,!

I have not done too much this year, other members must go out - let's have a few reports from some one else, August was the thirtieth year of the Festival of Transport and good weather blessed this event, another good show this large event relies on so many very hard working dedicated people, they deserve, all the luck they can get when faced with the sheer size of the show on what is basically a farm field.

October, The run to Barngate Manor arranged by Ron Shrubbs was a very successful and enjoyable event, twenty eight members, most of them taking their older vehicles in perfect weather. On first thoughts it appeared expensive, but a excellent lunch and plenty of it soon put paid to any misgivings, The sweet trolley was, shall we say "not for the faint hearted" Tim reckoned that he would have to extend his run from Eastbourne to Heathfield the next day to burn off the calories, no hope for the rest of us I will finish off with the good and bad news, Pat Walker is now back on his

feet, well done Pat, its nice to see you fit again after a very close call.
Chris Allchorn's wife Judy, still rather poorly is slowly recovering, all we can do is wish her well.

Sadly John Clarke passed away after a long illness from cancer on Oct 12th cards were sent on behalf of the club and many members attended the funeral.

Well that's it, not to bad it's taken me about three hours to get this far, you had just better appreciate my patience, next page is in the hands of Ron F. Our very best wishes to every one for A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR RON & JEAN W.

PS, COACH TRIP TO THE MILESTONES MUSEUM AT BASINGSTOKE, **SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2006 £10 each for the coach £320 for a 32 seater Quoted from E/B coaches**

If interested please reply as soon as possible - booking form enclosed

Senior Citizens Are the Nations leading carriers of

AIDS!!!

Hearing AIDS, Band AIDS, Roll AIDS, Walking AIDS,
Medical AIDS, and most of all,
Monetary AIDS to their Children.

The **Golden Years** have come at last

I cannot see, I cannot pee. I cannot chew, I cannot screw,
My memory shrinks, My hearing stinks, No sense of
smell. I look like hell, My body's drooping, Got trouble
pooping

So the **Golden Years** have come at last
Well the **Golden Years** kiss my ass.

Notes from the Secretary

When the Committee met at Ron & Jean Warmer's house on the 12th October we heard that John Clarke had died that morning. John had been a member for just on four years, he always helped out at the Show, and will be missed by the Club. He had friends in the Motor Cycle Club he was a member of, along with other members of our Club. Ron Wanmer sent Kath, John's wife a card on behalf of the Club, and members went to his funeral, I was sorry I could not attend.

Pat Hewitt, a member for 21 years, I think most members and people who attended our Show's knew him his Bradbury motorcycle to the Show. This was the bike he won the cup with 13 years in succession. I gave him this cup to keep at last years Show. He was very pleased to be presented with it. I was very happy to give it to him.

In the latter years he brought his immaculate "E"Type Jaguar to the Show. When you saw him at other Shows you would find him lying under the "Jag" tinkering with it. Then came a sad time for him when he could no longer drive. Fortunately members like Roy & Sue Fisher, Sam Rolfe & Pat Walker used to bring him over and return him home again. It was good to see him and I thank those who drove him to and fro.

Pat who was born in 1912 was I think 93 years old when he died in September 2005. I for one will miss him he was a great friend of mine, and I am sure others will agree that he was a great man.

At the end of last year some members of the Club had a spate of going into hospital. We had Judy Allchorn who had to be rushed into hospital, and has been unwell this year. Hopefully she will enjoy better health in 2006.

Then we had two Ex Chairmen who were taken ill, Pat Walker went on a motorbike ride with Motor Cycle Club, came home then finished up in hospital. It's good to see him back in action now. Eric Wycherley, also had to go into hospital again. Now he's out but not getting about too much. . Our ex-Treasurer Roy Fisher had some time in hospital but I have not heard any more, although I saw him at the Show.

All things were going smoothly when at the Club meeting in November 4th. Ted Dove told me, that Pearl Coles-Hedges was taken into hospital with a heart attack, I phoned Roy who said she was out of intensive care now and would be home very soon. I have sent a get-well card to Pearl, on your behalf and hope they both will be back soon.

Should being a member of HOMC carry a health warning!!

I would like to convey my thanks to every member and non-member of the Club who helped at the Show. It went like clockwork, the response I had back from both the public & entrants made the whole day worthwhile. For many years we made 1950's the closing year, since then the date has gone up to 1970. The public seems to be happy with a cross section of different

vehicles and it also shows in the gate takings. Sue & Vicky Stone did very well with their tombola on the field, also thanks for their work in the hall raising cash with their raffles.

At the last Committee meeting it was decided to raffle a bottle of spirit, at £1 a strip, at our meetings at the Hall. This would help pay for the Christmas Party or the BBQ. This will not take place at the Christmas Party night because of Sue & Vicky's raffle.

The BBQ in July was another success. The ladies know what they are doing and make it look easy, a big Thank You to all who get involved. A special thanks to the ladies who look after us in the Village Hall. (Teas). How would we get on without you!!

Those who are coming to the BBQ at Ron & Jean's next year will be given tickets to help the ladies cater for the right numbers. We are asking you to let Ron & Jean know how many of you are going to be there? No charge members & partners.

Ron that's the other Ron, Chairman, says you want another Fish & Chip run I don't do running!! Yes I will arrange another one, and put it on the Events calendar. We need to get there early, perhaps by 7pm. or very near to it, I think last time she was hard pushed to keep the seats for us, as you see it was a bit busy.

I have gone through the old minutes books and in the 35 years we have been giving donations to The National Kidney Research Fund over that time we have given £ 9,852-50. We have a certificate in recognition of this. At the last AGM 2005, I said I would be resigning as Secretary at the AGM 2007, well, health reasons have forced me to give up some of my Committee work. Out of five Committees I have given up three. So I will be resigning as Secretary & Entrants Secretary from AGM 2006, having been Secretary for 15 years.

John Bishop has offered to do the Secretary's job, and Ron Wanmer will do the programme for the Show, with help from the rest of the Committee all sharing the Entrants etc. I will of course still be around as President and give help to the new Secretary. Other nominations can be taken for the position as Secretary.

Ron Fellows President/Secretary

Sue and I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Sue & Ron Fellows

WANTED

Ford 100E - Side valve engine, preferably with all manifolds, starter etc.

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ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY? DO YOU HAVE SMELLING SALTS HANDY?

Well, here is a list published in Old Bike Mart recently which purports to be proposals to be put before Parliament in the next four to five years.

They are:-

Owners to be prevented from working on their own cars. Work only to be executed by approved garages.

Only manufacturers, through dealerships, to sell spares.

Every vehicle to be subject to an ownership tax whether in use or not.

Cradle to Grave taxation on vehicles regardless of condition.

Local Authorities to have power to seize vehicles on private land.

Use of vehicles over 15 or 20 years old to be severely restricted with owners having to declare trips to local authorities in advance.

Vehicles over a certain age, not considered to be historic, to be compulsorily scrapped.

All vehicles, regardless of age, to be fitted with catalytic convertors.

All event organisers to be obliged to apply for planning consent.

If it wasn't for the knowledge that the FBHVC is already in dialogue with the Government and the DVLA. on the possible application of an Annual Registration Fee (Ownership tax) payable on all vehicles in use or not, then one might be tempted to think that the list was written for publication on 1st April.

That one issue of Annual Registration Fee alone does lend a degree of credence to the list and, coupled with anticipated moves connected with the need to meet the Kyoto Agreement on emissions reduction then the whole lot becomes believable. Especially bearing in mind that most people think that classic cars are old bangers, polluters, traffic jam causers etc. etc.. Classic cars might just be an easy and obvious target.

But, if it all comes to fruition (heaven forbid) how do you get spares for, or work done on, even a one year-old Rover, never mind an Armstrong Siddeley or any other true classic car?

The FBHVC will doubtless be on the case so don't all rush out now to sell your cars before the event-it mostly may never happen

Keith Robinson

Future events - 2006

- Sunday Jan 8th** Coach trip to Milestones Museum
Basingstoke - booking form contact Ron W.
Start Hailsham Leisure Centre car park 9.30 am
- Feb 3rd** Video evening 7.30 pm Village Hall.
- March 3rd** Annual Club Dinner see booking forms or
contact Ron Fellows.
- April 7th** AGM 7.30pm Village Hall.
- May 5th** Evening run to "The Fish Ponds" Hawkhurst
to be arranged.
- June 2nd** Quiz Evening.
- July 7th** BBQ "The Homestead" **Bring own meats**
Everything else supplied. Tickets for this event
will be issued so that the ladies know the
numbers.
- Saturday Aug 5th** Show preparation day help required please.
- Sunday Aug 6th** **SHOW DAY** help required please.
- Sept 1st** 7pm. Hastings Fish & Chip Run.
New Capels, Old Town
- October 6th** Talk & DVD on the work of the highways
agency motorway patrol.

Next news letter May 2006 contributions please.