

# Hooe's Old Motor Club

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**March News 2008**

We have just arrived back from a Nile cruise and Cairo - the city of beat up Ladas and Fiats. "Beat up" is an understatement - I didn't see one that was not without dents, repairs, welded patches all over their bodies; with broken - or no lights, painted in black and white, well sort of painted. Some with odd wheels. These are taxis? You would use one at your peril!

A stark contrast to the pyramids and temples that have stood for over 5,000 years.

Well, having recovered, what have we done in the Club:

**September** - Fish 'n' Chip Run - could have been better supported, but a good evening.

**October** - yours truly on TV and films - I'll leave you to judge!

**November** - our John with his annual film show "Tom and Jerry are still the tops". Thank you John.

**December** - Christmas Party - the ladies did us proud as usual, it was magnificent, with everyone supporting. Thank you to all the participants for the fun, Sue and Vicky for the raffle and games, etc. Chris and John for the sketch arranged by Chris which was very amusing (John has found a new vocation!) And of course, the ladies - thank you to you all, it wouldn't happen without you.

*An important note - be warned : did you know, if you have bought a car or motorcycle on a SORN, you must register the SORN in your name, otherwise a fine will be imposed when you go to tax the vehicle (this is an unknown fact).*

A new rally year is nearly here. Let's hope it's a dry sunny one.

Anyway, have a good time.

Ron W

### **A Reminder about Membership Renewal**

The April meeting and AGM will be the time to think about renewing your membership to the club. This year the membership price has risen, as agreed at the last AGM. Single membership will be £7.00, Joint membership will be £10.00. Please quote your membership number when renewing. Membership of the club will be suspended if not paid by August at the latest.

*Robert Cooper, Membership Secretary*

*This issue's cover photo which was supplied by David Tame shows a mangled Mercedes restoration as a result of an MOT failure - maybe this could be David's next project! 0-60 mph not very fast but very easy to park!*

# Give us this day the kingsize bed ...



*With the holiday season almost upon us, you might like to bear in mind the following which was seen in a hotel foyer on the Isle of Margarita, Venezuela*

## THE TRAVELLER'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, look down upon us, your humble servants who are doomed to travel this Earth, taking pictures, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech you, Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our baggage is not lost and our overweight luggage goes unnoticed.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservation honoured, our rooms made up and hot water running from the taps. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue, and that there is no mail from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our vacation.

Lead us, oh Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal.

Give us wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear. Make the natives love us for what we are and not what we can contribute to their worldly goods.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and the castles listed as 'musts' in the guidebooks.

And perchance we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, forgive us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear Lord, keep our wives from shopping sprees, protect them from bargains they do not need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafés and nightclubs.

Above all, please do not forgive them, for they know exactly what they do!

And when our journey is over and we return to our homes, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our home movies and listen to our stories so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.

## **CLUB MEETINGS 2008**

- 4th April** Club AGM at 7.30pm in Village Hall – anything you wish to be considered, please contact the Secretary 14 days in advance
- 2nd May** Annual Quiz Night in Village Hall from 7.30pm – Chris and Judy Allchorn – plenty of laughs
- 6th June** “Hands on History” – educational and amusing demonstration of Medieval weapons and armour, Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 4th July** BBQ at The Homestead from 7.00pm – bring your own meats and drinks, everything else supplied – ladies in charge!
- 2nd August** Show set up time – your help required please from 10.00am on the field until about 1.00pm
- 3rd August** **HOOE VINTAGE VEHICLE SHOW**  
See marshals and gate marshals if they want help and please stay for one hour after the show to help clear up field
- 5th September** Video film on “Pluto” – the fuel pipe to France 1944 and other films from 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Chris Hone)
- 3rd October** “The Giants of Brede” run to Brede Pumping Station – you will be impressed. It is arranged they will open and run especially for us. Start from Eastbourne ASDA car park at 6.00pm, meeting Bexhill/St Leonards at the Harrow Inn, The Ridge at approximately 6.40pm. (I have promised more than 30 visitors so please support this event)
- 7th November** John Bishop’s annual Film Show in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 5th December** Christmas Party – the usual format – the ladies in charge!

*Next newsletter published in October*

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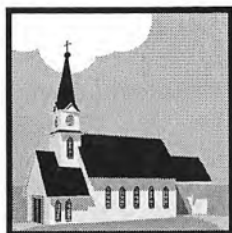
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# **Forthcoming Events and Rallies**

- 15th March** Vehicles of Yesteryear, Sea Road Car Park,  
Pevensey Bay : Mike Pursglove on 01323 743514
- 16th March** Classic Car Show at ESK Warehouse, Courtlands  
Road, Eastbourne : Dave Homewood on 01323  
646143
- 23rd and 24th March** Medway Festival of Transport : 01634 823800
- 27th April** Classic Motorcycle Run, Brighton : 01273 502042
- 3rd and 4th May** Magnificent Motors on the Seafront, Eastbourne :  
Jayne Howard on 01323 415442
- 3rd, 4th and 5th May** Horton Vintage Weekend, Merton Farm,  
Canterbury, Kent : J. Butterfield on 01227 731473
- 10th and 11th May** East Sussex Morris Minor Club 25th Annual Rally,  
Bentley Wildfowl, Halland : 07928 180618 or  
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- 18th May** Southborough and Highbrooms Family Funday  
Sunday, Ridgewaye Playing Fields, Southborough  
(A26) : 01892 531276
- 18th May** Hastings Trolleybus Group Show, The Oval,  
Bohemia Road, Hastings : Ion Castro,  
119 Braybrooke Road, Hastings, TN34 1TQ or  
trolleybus@1066.net
- 24th and 25th May** Cuckoo Fair, Laughton : 01323 811264
- 26th May** Adur Vintage Vehicle Show, Buckingham Park,  
Shoreham by Sea : 01273 591376 or 01273 887339
- 31st May and 1st June** Tinkers Park Steam Fair, Hadlow Down
- 8th June** Ham Street Show, near Rye
- 8th June** Southern Classics Show, Bewl Water

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| <b>15th June</b>                  | Miniature Railway Run, Contact: Bexhill Classic Car Association                           |
| <b>6th July</b>                   | Classic Car and Transport Show, Boughton Monchelsea Place, Maidstone, Kent : 01922 643385 |
| <b>12th and 13th July</b>         | Ardingly Vintage & Classic Vehicle Show : 01273 510474                                    |
| <b>13th July</b>                  | Darling Buds Classic Car Show, Bethersden   |
| <b>20th July</b>                  | Bentley Charity Classic Car Show  |
| <b>20th July</b>                  | Appledore Charity Classic Car Show and Farmers' Market                                    |
| <b>20th July</b>                  | Wings, Wheels and Steam, Groombridge Place Gardens : 01892 861444                         |
| <b>26th and 27th July</b>         | Ringmer Steam and Country Show : 01903 233240   |
| <b>27th July</b>                  | J.E.C. Day at Glynde, near Lewes  |
| <b>2nd and 3rd August</b>         | Lingfield Steam & Country Show  |
| <b>9th August</b>                 | Northiam Show   |
| <b>9th and 10th August</b>        | Autorama Charity Show, Tunbridge Wells  |
| <b>23rd August</b>                | Alfriston Show (1.00 – 4.00 p.m. please book in advance with Ron Fellows)                 |
| <b>23rd, 24th and 25th August</b> | Festival of Transport, Hellingly : 01323 843202   |
| <b>25th August</b>                | Bexhill 100 Classic Car Show, The Polegrove   |
| <b>7th September</b>              | Eastbourne Miniature Railway (BCCA)   |
| <b>13th and 14th September</b>    | Laughton Country Show : 01323 811264  |
| <b>11th and 12th October</b>      | Hastings Classic Car Show, The Stade, Old Town, Hastings                                  |
| <b>12th October</b>               | Classic Hailsham Rotary Motorcycle Run : 01323 840346                                     |

Nelson Mandela is sitting at home watching TV and drinking a beer when he hears a knock at the door. When he opens it, he is confronted by a little Chinese man, clutching a clipboard and yelling, "You sign! You sign!" Behind him is an enormous truck full of car exhausts. Nelson stands there in complete amazement, when the Chinese man starts to yell louder, "You sign! You sign!" Nelson says to him, "Look, you've obviously got the wrong man", and shuts the door in his face.

The next day he hears a knock at the door again. When he opens it, the little Chinese man is back with a huge truck of brake pads. He thrusts his clipboard under Nelson's nose, yelling, "You sign! You sign!" Mr Mandela is getting a bit hacked off by now, so he pushes the little Chinese man back, shouting: "Look, go away! You've got the wrong man. I don't want them!" Then he slams the door in his face again.

The following day, Nelson is resting, and late in the afternoon, he hears a knock on the door again. On opening the door, there is the same little Chinese man thrusting a clipboard under his nose, shouting, "You sign! You sign!" Behind him are TWO very large trucks full of car parts. This time Nelson loses his temper completely, he picks up the little man by his shirt front and yells at him: "Look, I don't want these! Do you understand? You must have the wrong name! Who do you want to give these to?" The little Chinese man looks very puzzled, consults his clipboard, and says:

*(Get your best Chinese accent ready)*

**"You not Nissan Main Deala?"**



## **A COUPLE OF THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED ...**

### ***Letter received from Children with Cancer Fund – January 2008***

Dear Ron

Thank you ever so much for the recent donation. Please could you pass on our thanks to your President for his donation and to your fellow club members for choosing us to benefit. We trust that you all had a pleasant Christmas and we send our best wishes for the New Year.

From Ursula and Chris

### ***Letter received from Kidney Research UK – November 2007***

Dear Mr Wanmer

Thank you very much for the generous donation of £500.00 and your continued support of the charity ... this gift from the Hooe's Old Motor Club will help us continue funding research to save lives.

Once again may I thank you and your fellow members for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Peter Storey, Head of Individuals Fundraising



# HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB

## ACCOUNTS FOR 2007

### INCOME

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| SUBSCRIPTION 07    | 615-00  |
| DONATIONS          | 00-52   |
| RAFFLE             | 155-00  |
| SHOW INCOME        | 5869-97 |
| DINNER 07          | 612-00  |
| DINNER 08          | 557-50  |
| HENDON TRIP        | 40-00   |
| SUNDAY LUNCH RUN   | 738-00  |
| LONDON MUSEUM TRIP | 370-00  |
| SALE OF BOOKS      | 25-00   |

8982-99

### EXPENDITURE

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| DONATION K/R            | 500-00  |
| SHOW OUTLAY             | 3544-84 |
| LOCK UP                 | 260-00  |
| CLUB EXPENSES-POST      | }       |
| STATIONARY              | }       |
| PRINTING                | 471-95  |
| SPEAKERS/ETC            | }       |
| DINNER 07               | 799-00  |
| DINNER 07 REFUND        | 68-00   |
| SUNDAY LUNCH RUN        | 715-00  |
| SUNDAY LUNCH RUN REFUND | 22-00   |
| LONDON TRIP COACH       | 365-00  |

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PROFIT FOR YEAR

2441-85

POST OFFICE ACC.

76-35

INTEREST ON ACC.

6143.42

TREASURERS ACC.

8661-62

TOTAL FUNDS

### **New Club Members**

Mr & Mrs Bourne, Mark Cross;

Mr Ellis, Eastbourne; Mr and

Mrs Patrick, Hailsham; and Mr

Pursglove, Pevensey Bay

(re-joined)

### **CLUB EVENTS BEING ORGANISED BY RON SHRUBB**

I am organising a charity drive on **13th April 2008**, in aid of CHILDREN WITH CANCER FUND. Start at Langney Shopping Centre at 11.30am. Cost £5 per car or motorcycle. About 20/25 miles, mostly country roads, to end at Deanland Wood Park. See separate entry form attached.

Sunday Lunch Run to Barnsgate Manor on **28th September 2008**, cost £22.95. Please contact RON SHRUBB on 01323 767429 as soon as possible to book. If there are insufficient numbers I will cancel the booking.

## DARWIN AWARDS (by Tony Wallis)

These awards are bestowed, honouring the least evolved among us. Here is the glorious winner:

When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And now, the honourable mentions:

The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

A man who shovelled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer ... \$15. (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?)

Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 a.m. flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

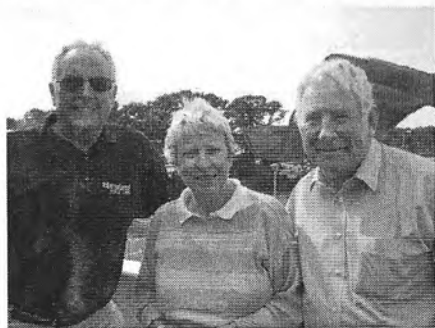


In the interest of bettering mankind, please share these with your friends and family ... unless of course one of these individuals by chance is a distant relative or long-lost friend. In that case, be glad they are distant and hope they remain lost.

**\*\*\* Remember ... they walk among us! \*\*\***

## CLASSIC CARS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT – by Sue Kellaway

On a sunny Friday morning – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Mike, myself, Julie and Gerry set off in our classic cars. Ours was a 1966 MG1100 and the Simcox's a 1968 Morris Traveller (which they managed to sell over the weekend). We took the 1100 hours ferry from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight. On arrival, we made our way to Wroxall and our accommodation.



*On the ferry*

This is the sixth year of the “Isle of Wight International Classic Car Extravaganza” sponsored by Wightlink Ferries, Isle of Wight Council, Isle of Wight County press and organised by Victor Gallucci.

The site on Saturday was on the River Medina – a delightful place. When you get fed up with looking at cars, you could watch the boats go by. There were a variety of cars there ranging from a 1916 American La France with a huge engine of about 16 litres to some very collectable modern classics.

In the evening, we had a very nice meal in Sandown where poor Julie was teased mercifully by “you know who”!

The next day dawned bright and sunny and we set off to the next site at Canoe Lake at Ryde – another lovely spot next to a lake and on the seafront. The general public turned out in force and showed lots of interest and were asking lots of questions about the cars. If Mike answered a question, the poor man was still there half an hour later having been told the whole history!

There were lots of specials and some groups and clubs of cars. We also bumped into Jean and Ron Wanmer who were showing their Vauxhall.

An excellent and fun three days plus excellent company spent with the Simcox's.

This event is held every year and is always a great success, raising lots of money for charity, largely due to the magnificent efforts of Vic Gallucci. If you are interested in showing your car this year on 13th/14th September, please contact Vic on 020 8439 7871

*Julie*



*Havenstreet Steam Railway*



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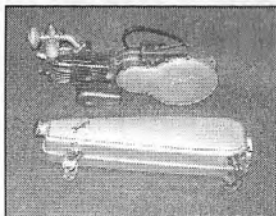
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## Royal Cars at Sandringham

In May 2007, we were fortunate to visit the museum containing the collection of cars belonging to the Royal Family in the grounds of beautiful Sandringham House in Norfolk. The museum houses a collection of around a dozen or so vehicles including some wonderful model cars used by Royal children in recent years. Amongst the cars on display, were the following:

**Daimler 4 litre saloon** – early in 1947, Queen Mary, then nearly 80 years old, ordered her last Daimler. Her favourite colour of green was used for the paintwork as she intended it for use on private occasions and wanted to avoid the attention which a car in the Royal livery of black or maroon would receive outside a gallery or shop. Therefore, the Queen referred to the car as “the shopping Daimler”. The design was amended at Queen Mary’s request as she felt the driver’s compartment to be too wide and it was therefore reduced with a special dashboard and front wings. The Queen was delighted with the new car and it was used almost every day until her death in 1953.

**Citroen Daimler** – built in the late 1920s/early 1930s and used by the Queen and Princess Margaret when children. An electric car and one of reproductions of the Citroen C4 made by Andre Citroen for his son Miki in 1928, a limited number of which were put on the market. Power is supplied by two 12 volt batteries with a top speed of 8 mph. The car was renovated and also used by Prince Charles.

**Rolls Royce Phantom V (1961)** – this vehicle was in regular use for state and official occasions until its replacement in 2002. When the Queen used the vehicle, her personal silver mascot of St George and the Dragon was placed on the bonnet in the place of the usual *Spirit of Ecstasy*. The shield displaying the Royal Arms and the Royal Standard flagpole can be fixed and taken down from the roof by the chauffeur whilst on the move. The removable rear roof section exposed an inner perspex lining that gave spectators a clearer view of the Royal passengers. As one of two Rolls Royces kept at the Royal Mews, this car enjoyed a busy working life including being transported to Russia for a state visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1994. The shield fitted above the windscreen is replaced at night by the Blue Lamp to signify a member of the Royal Family is being carried.

**Daimler Double-Six 30 Brougham** – this car was purchased by King George V for his personal use in 1929. Among its many special features are the polished mahogany interior with fittings of silver and ivory and the rear compartment trimmed with blue leather.

**Daimler V-4.5 litre Shooting Brake** – in May 1937, a new Daimler shooting brake was ordered for delivery before King George VI’s visit to Balmoral later that summer. Like the new Daimler state car acquired just before the Coronation, it had a 4.5 litre engine that provided 32 bhp. The shooting brake is finished in natural woods and accommodates up to ten people. There is a folding luncheon table down the centre and specially fitted gun racks. Glass windows of the drop type afford good visibility and ample ventilation in hot weather.

**1924 57 bhp Daimler Shooting Brake** – this six-cylinder shooting brake was the first of four new vehicles commissioned from Hooper & Co (Coachbuilders) of Piccadilly for the personal use of King George V and delivered in 1924. The exterior is finished in varnished wood with the scuttle and bonnet grained and varnished to match. The brown leather interior accommodated up to eight people with a rack for up to 12 guns with the Royal Crest on the back and side panels.

**1951 Ford V8 Pilot Shooting Brake** – known as the “Woody” shooting brake and the last new car owned by King George VI, having been ordered in 1951. Several modifications were made in particular the gear lever on the steering column being replaced with a floor change in accordance with His Majesty’s preferences. Sadly, the King died in 1952 before he could really enjoy his new Pilot but the Royal Family kept the car for sentimental reasons and it remained in use until the 1960s.

**Armstrong Siddeley 30 hp Shooting Brake** – commissioned for the Duke of York, later King George VI, in 1928 and delivered in January 1929. It was taken up to the Duke and Duchess’s Scottish home, Birkhall on the Balmoral estate where it was used for three years. It is still in working order and has been in almost constant use on grouse moors in Scotland and Yorkshire.

**1968 MGC GT** – used extensively by Prince Charles under the registration number SGY 776F until it was returned, originally to Windsor and finally to Sandringham.

**1961 Alvis TD 21 Drophead Coupé** – this car was specially built for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to his specifications with a taller screen and higher roof line and electric folding hood. The standard walnut veneer fascia has been replaced with leather.

**1956 Ford Zephyr Estate** – this was used extensively at Sandringham and the first modern estate car to be acquired by the Royal Family. Based on the contemporary Zephyr saloon, the car is fitted with a specially designed “Woody” estate body. This unique vehicle was at one time in almost constant use carrying passengers and their luggage about the Sandringham estate with room for up to nine passengers. In the past few years, the car has undergone a complete refurbishment by students at Manchester College of Arts & Technology.

**The Queen Mother’s Racing Buggy** – this converted golf buggy was first used in the late 1990s to assist Her Majesty’s progress at her many public appearances at events and race meetings all over Britain. By the time of Her Majesty’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2000, it was well known. The buggy allowed many more people to meet the Queen Mother at the Sandringham Flower Show and outside Sandringham Church after morning service. It is painted in the Queen Mother’s racing colours – buff and pale blue.

**1914 Daimler** – delivered to His Majesty King George V in December 1914, it is a 45 hp Daimler Brougham. It has a remarkably spacious interior and large windows fitted into frames with a “special device” which allowed them to be opened to any height without rattling. However, the chauffeur did not have an enclosed driver’s compartment and his only protection was a leather curtain on a spring roller which extended from the front of the passenger compartment to the top of the windscreen. The seat was made of buffalo hide and the car originally had leather mudguards.

All the “official” vehicles used by the Royal Family, past and present, have a high roof line which enables them to sit in and alight from the vehicles without removing their head-dress. This practice dates back to the early 1900s when His Majesty and distinguished guests would quite often wear a Field Marshal’s hat and plumes at official engagements and the ladies’ fashion of that period was one of high feathered hats.

It is interesting to note that state cars are the only vehicles that are not required to display registration plates. There are five state cars kept at the Royal Mews, London and the colour of Royal limousines – Royal Claret over Black – was adopted by Queen Victoria.

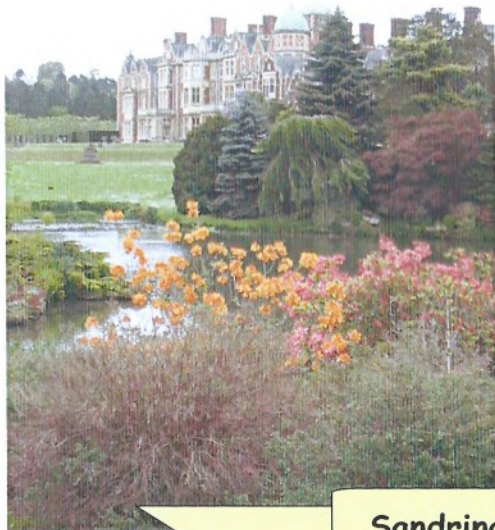
The Sandringham estate and wonderful gardens are well worth a visit if you are in the Norfolk area; the collection of cars on display is an added bonus to your trip!

*Julie and Gerry Simcox*





## Royal Cars and Models



## Sandringham House, Norfolk

