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Cover Caption

"Wood should not be neglected as a suitable material for that special Fergie tractor restoration project!"

Ann and Chris Hone

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the committee, and with everyone else helping out, I must say the Club seems to run like clockwork. The show this year was wonderful. I would like to congratulate all those involved who made such an excellent job of putting it together and running it on the day. I spoke to some of the entrants and members of the public who said they really look forward to coming to Hooe.

One of the best things we did, I think, is to move to the Hooe Village Hall. This venue has given us plenty of scope for our programme of meetings throughout the year. These meetings are always well attended and you can guarantee that the subject of it will be interesting and entertaining – the highlight of the evening being Sue and Vicky's raffle! A lot of effort goes into organising this.

How could we manage to carry on without a cuppa? Thanks go to the "the Ladies" who look after us with tea and biscuits during the evening and who also cater for our summer barbecue and Christmas party. Their hard work is much appreciated.

Julie, our Editor, does an excellent job in keeping us well informed with a twice-yearly newsletter. I am sure a lot of work goes into compiling this so keep the articles coming in and help lighten her load.

Ron, our Chairman, said there would be changes after my time as Secretary. I'm pleased to say it's gone well, thanks also to John B. and Ron S – both of them do very well. I have confidence in the way the Club is run.

Finally, thank you to all the committee for what you do. It leaves me with very little to do – which is great!

Ron Fellows, President

In Memory of Ron George

Ron was well known in the early days with his Austin 10, later with his Morris Traveller. He will be missed by many as a kind, friendly gent. Our condolences go to his wife and family.



CLUB MEETINGS 2008/09

- 5th December** Christmas Party in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. (bring a little something) – the ladies in charge!
- 11th January** Coach Outing (see separate form)
- 6th February** Video/DVD Evening in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. (any interesting videos or DVDs)
- 6th March** Annual Dinner at Highwoods Golf Club (see separate entry)
- 3rd April** AGM in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 1st May** Quiz Evening in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. – Chris and Judy Allchorn in charge
- 5th June** t.b.a. (see next newsletter published in March)
- 3rd July** B-B-Q at The Homestead from 7.00 p.m.
- 1st August** Saturday (set up day – your help required please for about 2 hours from 10.00 a.m. in the Rally Field)
- 2nd August** **SHOW DAY** – please help clear the field after the show
- 4th September** Run to Inn on the Park, Deanland, Golden Cross – Fish ‘n’ Chips available
- 2nd October** t.b.a. (see next newsletter published in March)
- 6th November** John’s Annual Film Show in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 4th December** Christmas Party in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There are free dates for future events in 2009 – if anyone has any good ideas, let me know before the next newsletter published in March 2009

For Sale

AUSTIN CHAMP Quarter Ton 4x4 Cargo Truck, manufactured 1961. Civilian Registered in 1971. Restored over last 20 years (with documented history) but currently off road and SORN registered. Complete with hood, side screens, manuals and some spare parts. Recorded mileage 54,000, £3,600 ono, contact Dave Bone on telephone 01323 843186 for details.

MGB ROADSTER LIMITED EDITION (bronze) (1981), MOT till May 2009, £5,500, telephone Gerry on 01323 423389

Chairman's Chat

Well, it's that time again. The older you get, the faster time seems to go. All this past year, we have had good entertaining evenings, thanks to Chris and Judy (quiz night), Chris Hone with the Pluto film and not forgetting John with his magic boxes of projectors always there to help out.

One outstanding evening must be the "Hands on History" demo – highly amusing and educational.

The B-B-Q – our ladies did us proud once again, thank you to everyone – a great evening.

The August Annual Show – thank you to everyone that turned up on Saturday, all set up by 1.00 p.m. and ready to go. Many hands make light work they say, well it certainly was just that, and also at the end, on Sunday – within the hour it had all gone. Our grateful thanks to all those that just stopped for ½ hour to help, it made such a difference after a day when we are all tired.

The weather was not too kind this year, in fact let's be honest, it was downright miserable. But we made the best of it and finished up with £777 profit I was pleasantly surprised to hear. Also considering the local opposition, namely three shows within a 10 mile radius of us.

A sincere thank you to Julie for doing the programme again this year. She works very hard on the programme and in turn saves the club a considerable amount of expense.



We supported the Children with Cancer Fund with Ron Shrubbs acting and working hard as the organiser. They made £1,200 from the raffle which was all started by Julie and Ken Hale donating the helicopter ride they won at Magnificent Motors. Ron S also organised the Road Run in April. That excellent event also made £200.

A vote of thanks from the committee for the excellent way Ron Shrubbs has steered our finances in the past year and the work to help the Children with Cancer Fund was recorded.

It was decided we would join the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs which has a say on our behalf at Government level – this has been done. Julie will no



doubt pick out a few important proposed points in the newsletters which concern us in the future.

A new club badge and logo in the form of plastic windscreen and sew-on badges is being decided and made available to club members.



The entry form for the show will have a box to put your club membership number in if entering the 2009 show.

Bob Cooper, our excellent Membership Secretary, reports we have 135 members paid up in 2008/09. We were invited, and we would be entering a team for the RAM Motor Club Quiz on 24th September (we came second last year). This, together with the Brede Engine Society evening run on 3rd

October will have come and gone by now as I am writing this in Switzerland at this present time and not back until 6th October.

Don't tell "her indoors" but I just might take a wrong turning and go via Mulhouse to the French National Schlumpf Auto Museum which has got to be a "must" on the way back.

I must continue to say nice things to Julie, Newsletter Editor. She asked me if I had anything for the newsletter in September. I suggested leaving it to the November meeting and I now get back and drop this lot on her. I can feel my ears burning right now. Thank you Julie, no one else could do it!

Well, I made it to the Schlumpf Museum – more about that another time, in short – FANTASTIC! Well worth a visit, even Jean agrees. She loved it! Now that's got to be good.

Finally, welcome to new members. Please forgive us if we don't make ourselves known to you. With some 50-60 members attending club nights, it's very hard to get to speak to everyone. A sincere welcome and trust you will enjoy our club.

Well, we got back from holiday after an excellent time (1,600 miles). Briefly, I've learnt that the Brede Engine Run was well supported and was an excellent evening.

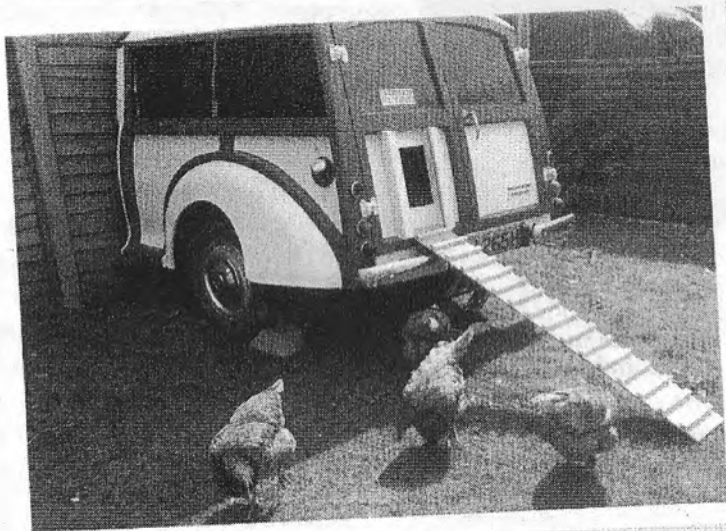
Ron S Barnsgate Run – the sun shone and it was a very enjoyable event. On behalf of those that attended – thank you.



Ron W

Knowing our Chairman's love for anything Morris 1000, this article from Gardener's World makes for an excellent example of an afterlife of a Morris 1000 Traveller. Really the only thing missing is a cat flap on the rear door! For our members Pearl and Roy Coles-Hedges this must be sacrilege however the text goes into to great pains to say the car was a wreck before the conversion. Oh by the way, don't blame me but Maureen who discovered the article and drew it to my attention.

John Bishop



Michael's chickens lay eggs in style in this converted classic car

A real chick magnet

I was looking for something unusual to make into a hen house when a friend, who owns a body repair shop, came across an old Morris Traveller.

The front end was pretty banged up and the back wasn't much better. Being a joiner, not a mechanic, I knew my limitations and decided to cut 'Maurice' in half - literally. I made my own repairs with scraps of leftover wood, which I found in the back of my van. The colour of these woody bits didn't match, so they

had to be painted, but the joinery repairs were second to none!

I realised that, if I reversed the sliding side windows so that the handles were on the outside, they'd be perfect for collecting eggs. I painted the inside of the glass with five coats of black gloss to give 'Maurice' the limo look and the chickens some privacy to lay their eggs. A couple of perches and an entrance hole later and the new hen house was ready for action.

Michael Thompson, by email

MORALITY TEST

This test only has one question, but it's a very important one. By giving an honest answer, you will discover where you stand morally. The test features an unlikely, completely fictional situation in which you will have to make a decision. Remember that your answer needs to be honest, yet spontaneous. Please read slowly and give due consideration to each line.



THE SITUATION : You are in England, York to be specific. There is chaos all around you caused by a hurricane with severe flooding. This is a flood of biblical proportions. You are a photo-journalist working for a major newspaper, and you're caught in the middle of this epic disaster. The situation is nearly hopeless. You're trying to shoot career-making photos. There are houses and people swirling around you, some disappearing into the water. Nature is unleashing all its destructive fury.

THE TEST : Suddenly, you see a man in the water. He is fighting for his life, trying not to be taken down with the debris. You move closer... Somehow, the man looks familiar ... You suddenly realise who it is... it's Gordon Brown! You notice that the raging waters are about to take him under forever. You have two options:

You can save the life of Gordon Brown or you can shoot a dramatic Pulitzer Prize-winning photo, documenting the death of one of the country's most powerful men!

THE QUESTION : Here's the question, and please give an honest answer...

Would you select high contrast colour film, or would you go with the classic simplicity of black and white?

A Note from Bob Bennett

To all the people I have met in the last 17 years with my Morris '8' Series E and then the 10/4 – many thanks for the friendship shown to me as I am now giving up driving due to my disability which I have lived with for 30 years.

P.S. If anyone is on their way to a show via Hailsham and has a spare seat, please think of me (01323 842467)

Bob

2008 SHOW REPORT

INCOME

ADVERTS	430-00
ICE-CREAM VAN	35-00
BURGER VAN	150-00
SUE/VICKY	104-00
PLAQUES	8-50
TRADE STALLS	300-00
GATE NETT	2497-00

EXPENDITURE

PUBLICITY	164-60
LOCK UP	260-00
ENTRY FORMS	337-47
HOOE.P.C.	125-00
TOILETS	264-38
INSURANCE	250-00
TROPHIES	105-35
P.A.SYSTEM	80-00
HOOE BAND	75-00
FRIDAY AD	220-32
PROGRAMMES	334-40
FIRST AID	117-50
R.WANMAR EX.	120-08
R.SHRUBB EX.	22-60
J.BISHOP EX.	44-71
PLAQUES	226-19

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PROFIT 776-90

Despite the wind and rain, which kept the public away, the entry level on the field was very good, and the good news is we made a profit, how lucky can we be?

My thanks to all who helped with the show, in whatever capacity it was, many hands make light work, and greatly appreciated by the committee.

C.W.C.F. would like to thank HOOE'S OLD MOTOR CLUB, for all their help and support with the 10th Anniversary Grand Draw and being involved with the Grand Draw on Show Day. Also to the club members Julie and Ken Hale for donating the Helicopter Flight trip prize, and to members for selling raffle tickets. The money raised for the charity was in excess of £1,100 for which they are most grateful. Some of our members were lucky winners.

Ron S

Below is a photo of some of the 20 odd cars which came on the charity run in aid of C.W.C.F. in April when £200 was raised, many thanks all who took part.

Rob Shrubb



In September, Hooe's Old Motor Club entered a team in the annual inter-Motor Clubs Quiz Night held at Langney Sports Centre - an event which was also attended by Eastbourne RAM Club, A30/A35 Club and the Triumph Club. Hooe Club was represented by Elsa, Chris and Judy and Gerry and Julie and supported quietly in the background by Ron Shubb. In spite of this, Hooe scored a resounding victory, winning several points ahead of all the other teams!



St Pancras – Euro style by Alan Hodges

The chance to look at this latest reincarnation of rail travel was too good to miss when a friend pointed out to me that a local coach firm were offering a trip to St Pancras for only £8.50. The trip certainly was very popular with two coaches making the trip to North London. I can't remember the last time I travelled through London and was able to sit back and view the many landmarks old and new. To me the Blackwall tunnel is always like a gateway into London and its Victorian architecture never fails to fascinate me. Built in 1897, this tunnel originally cost £1.4M. Doesn't sound much now, but a heck of a lot of money then! Once through the tunnel, our route takes us along the banks of the Thames with views of Canary Wharf, London Eye, the O2 (wasn't that the Millennium Dome several billion pounds of Taxpayers money ago?), the Tower of London, St Paul's, and HMS Belfast. We also passed the Docklands Light Railway, and I was reminded that this Railway is driverless, i.e. it is operated and managed on a remote basis, amazing. It was good to see that the old GPO Mount Pleasant sorting office still survives, despite the best efforts of the powers that be to reduce our postal service to a shambles, or have they achieved that objective already??

On arrival at St Pancras, one can't fail to be impressed by the way that the new structure has been blended with the old. The original Station was opened in 1868, under the Midland Railway management of William Barlow and for many years held the proud boast of being the largest enclosed space in the world. The roof is 689 feet long, spans 243 feet, is 100 feet high, and boasts 14,080 pieces of glass. Much of the brickwork is original and has been recycled. One of the focal points of this magnificent piece of architecture is the beautiful replica Dent clock, the story goes that when the original clock was taken down during the reconstruction of the station the Clock was damaged beyond repair. True or myth??, perhaps it is true, or at least I haven't seen it for sale on Ebay!! The front of the Station on Euston Road, still retains the old Gothic charm of the Midland Great Hotel which closed in 1935 when it became offices for the Midland Railway, and was renamed St Pancras Chambers. Work is afoot to convert the building into a five star Marriot Hotel, with the addition of luxury private apartments. In 1966, there were plans as part of the rejuvenation of the Kings Cross area to merge Kings Cross and St Pancras Stations. One of the chief opponents of this plan was Sir John Betjeman the Poet Laureate, and in 1967 the Station was granted a grade 1 listing and thus

was safe from the greedy developer. A statue of the great man (Betjeman that is, not the greedy developer!!) can be seen on the main concourse of St Pancras Station. A particular feature of this new development, is the long shopping arcade on the ground level below the Station, which when completed will be superb, well okay it's only shops so don't let's get too carried away!!

The developers have certainly succeeded in creating an international ambience, with the addition also of a wide variety of eateries. At platform level, St Pancras boasts the longest Champagne bar in Europe, 90 metres long and where for a minimum of £7.50, one can enjoy a glass of bubbly. A quick trip next door to visit Kings Cross Station provides an interesting comparison between the two cultures of travel 21st century style, with Kings Cross seeming like the remnants of a long lost age, and certainly needing a good facelift of its own.

Paris in two and a quarter hours? What would the early Railway pioneers like Stephenson, Brunel, etc have thought, and not behind a Steam Locomotive either. The invention of the Railway certainly created new horizons in Britain in the nineteenth century, but who then would have envisaged travelling in a train through a tunnel under the English Channel to Europe.

The club has applied for membership of the FEDERATION OF BRITISH HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUBS after putting it to the membership at the meeting on the 5th of September. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs is a grouping of over 450 Clubs and Museums together with some 1500 Trade and Individual Supporters.



The aim of the Federation is to uphold the freedom to use old vehicles on the roads without any undue restriction and to support its member organisations in whatever way it can.

FBHVC actively seeks information about legislative proposals that are likely to have an impact on the historic vehicle community. When necessary it campaigns to influence the decision making process to remove, or at least minimise, any adverse results

Details of legislation that is currently receiving attention are reported in the bi-monthly newsletter that is sent to subscribers and any information or updates of current legislation will be advised to Hooe club members via the club newsletter. News and information is also available on their website at www.fbhvc.co.uk.



**St Pancras
Station**



**Hooe Rally
2008**

