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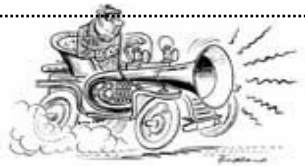
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July News 2016

Ron's Ramblings



The season started off with Ron Shrubbs' presentation of his travels, it was an interesting evening that whetted the appetite for future holidays, thank you Ron.

The annual dinner this year was moved to a new venue; Blackstock Farm is always having excellent reports for good food, but was unfortunately not the case for those that had chosen beef for the main course. We complained and the apparent problem was that the oven had not operated as it should, and the chef was not aware of this until it was too late, which was a great shame, and as compensation they have promised free wine or drinks if we go back there next year. The committee decided to investigate prices of other venues as well for next year.

We were entertained by Lee who brought along his equipment for the music, and sang some of our favourite songs. A big thank you to Lee for the entertainment, it was appreciated by everyone, even a few were dancing which was good to see.

Thank you to Terence and Pauline for all the work they put into organising the event and for the table decorations which were all done by Pauline.

The AGM. - Well nothing special, the committee decided they would all stay as they were, everyone voted on that. No surprise there! Ron the treasurer reported that the 2015 show did well and the club stands in good stead; see Ron's accounts report in last letter for details, rather than report all again. A vote of thanks was recorded to Ron for his dedicated work and time.

May was the trip to Seaford Museum organised by J B, which was a fine dry evening enjoyed by approx. 25 people I didn't count them. It was an interesting little museum mainly of local history and events. Thank you John.

June Race night. Well for me it was finding a winner which was rather elusive, THEN yours truly was the only one to back the winner in the next race so I was able to repay my debt's and finish up with cash, WOW lucky me. It was a great fun evening either way, expertly run by Barbara and Ron. Well done and thank you both.

Welcome to all the new members, we trust you will enjoy the activities. Please make yourselves known, as it's difficult for the committee to keep up with 160 members. Please keep in touch and forward all the latest events and news to our Web site King and editor Andy B.

Our best wishes to all those I know that have been poorly, either long term or recently. You are not forgotten, namely Judy Allchorn, Mike Kellaway, Sue Fellows and Dereck Frapple who fell and broke his hip. I'm sure there are others I don't know, to those, my apologies and get well soon.

This getting old is not good!

Now to more serious matters, as you all know Ron Shrubb suffered a stroke and fortunately he has been able to recover reasonably well, suffering the loss of one arm at the moment and generally shaken from the experience and warnings from his doctor. Most will know Ron has been treasurer since the early days and now understandably wishes to retire. He will continue with help until the show, assisted by Cherry Gibbons who has stepped in to help for which we are very grateful, but only until the show.

An appeal to all club members that because of the above, the position of treasurer will shortly become vacant, this is a very necessary position, and I would appreciate any member that feels that they would like to join the committee and take up this post would be very welcome.

In short your club needs you!!

Names please to J.B. Secretary, or me Ron.W ASAP.

Ron S is more than willing to show the details and knowledge of what is needed to anyone that would be willing.

On the show briefing Aug 5th it is proposed that the second half will be devoted to a mini AGM. A discussion of the future of the club and to hopefully vote in a new treasurer. Also the committee have recommended six Charities that we have selected to assist from last year's show profits and a vote on those will be required.

Namely:- The Chastely Trust, Eastbourne St Wilfred's, Blood runners, Fishermen's Museum Hastings, 1066 Paraplegics, & Talking Newspapers for the Blind; all at £500 each.

. We plan to have a speaker for other charities at club meetings in the future when we will donate as required. That's all the news for this time. We are all out enjoying the shows etc. Write in to Andy and give a report. He would love to hear from you.

. Don't forget last call for Sub's in Aug. Robert will be at the show in the club tent. Let's hope for another enjoyable and successful show.

I will finish with what I consider to be a rare 1953 Vauxhall E type with a hearse coach work I saw at the South of England show recently I had never seen one before, I didn't even know they existed.



CALENDAR

Please note:- all meetings will take place in Hooe Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
unless stated otherwise.

JULY 9th Saturday BBQ at Chris and Anns' Marwin Farm, Marley lane
BATTLE 12pm Mid-day Usual format bring own meats
everything else is supplied. (There will be a club flag outside)

AUG 5th Final show briefing. Plus, a discussion on the future of the club
(Please attend if you can.) Election of new Treasurer is needed.

AUG 6th SAT 9am Show set up morning about 2 hours All Help please

AUG 7th SHOW DAY STARTS at 8 30am For all those involved

SEPT 2nd Fish and Chip Run 7pm Deanlands Restaurant
See booking form for details in this newsletter.

To be sent to Ron Wanmer by Sunday 28th Aug as it is Important to have
Numbers and Choices well in advance.

OCT 7th Talk and demo on Car upholstery
By Uptons and Sons of Hastings (Ian Powell)

NOV 4th John's Famous Film Show - Got to be Tom & Jerry
(Or there will be a riot)

DEC 2nd Party time To be confirmed

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JAN 8th Coach trip to Bletchley park, the WW2 Code Breaking centre
See booking form for all details in November news letter.

FINAL REMINDER FOR 2016 SUBCRIPIONS

Last payment day is Aug 7th at the show, Sadly after this date you
will be considered a NON member ie; NO FUTURE NEWS
LETTERS

Robert will be at the club stand to relieve you of your hard earned
cash £12 for the year, £17 for couples. It's a bargain, nowhere is it
cheaper

Or, send to Robert Cooper 39a Midhurst Road, Eastbourne
BN22 9HN

and don't forget the S.A.E please

A FEW FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

- July 10th** Raystede Animal Welfare Centre Classic Car Show, Ringmer.
- July 10th** Darling Buds of May classic Car Show, Bethersden
- July 16th/17th** Mitchelham Priory classic car show contact 01323 844224
- July 23rd** Bexhill Roaring 20's (date unconfirmed) Contact 7739373567
- July 24th** Southern Classics Society, Charity Event, Weald Down & Open Air Museum, West Sussex.
- July 30th-31st** . Ringmer Steam & Country Show.
- August 7th** **Hooe Show** details elsewhere!!
- August 13th/14th** Firle vintage show. <http://www.firleandcountry.co.uk>.
- August 13th** Rye classic car show at Icklesham. contact 07860772425
- August 27th - 29th** Festival of Transport, Hellingly Contact 01323 479 200
or see web site
- August 28th** Rons Ramble for Motor Cycles and Cars if you wish, Start 10am from The Homestead Bacon sarnies and coffee (Finish at F.O.T approx 2pm)
- August 29th** Bexhill 100
- September 3rd** Brighton speed trials
- September 3rd/4th** Dieppe Retro (I will possibly go - Details Ron W)
- September 10th /11th** Laughton Country Show
- September 9th - 11th** Goodwood Revival. If you can afford it, But there are various ways you can go more cheaply, Enquire Direct, or book for outside in the display area it's still good.

Rock and Roll Car Show at McDonald's in Pavilions Shopping Centre Scottsdale, Arizona

The Rock and Roll McDonalds Classic Car show started over 20 years ago. It all began when two McDonalds employees were driving through Mesa when they noticed a group of classic cars parked outside a Carl's Jr. Curious, they stopped to investigate. A friendly conversation with the car owners revealed that they were about to lose their parking-lot privileges at the Carl's Jr. The two McDonalds employees convinced the car owners that the Scottsdale, Rock and Roll McDonalds, would be the perfect new destination for their classic cars. From that time on a Valley tradition was born.

On the very first Saturday night at the McDonalds, there were 10 or 12 cars. The second week, there were 20 cars. By the fifth Saturday, there were a hundred cars. Now an average night brings in anywhere from 250 to 500 cars and up to 150 motorcycles.



Thanks to David and Pauline
Cox for the pictures



The Easter bonnet run was run again this year by John and Cherry Gibbons it attracted 30 + members to a very nice short run which included picking out photographs of various land marks on the way & finishing up at the Green Man at Ringmer where everyone enjoyed a nice lunch with a lot of good humour and frivolity. The best hat was worn by Stephanie, apparently with the bantering going on I was not quite sure who had won. All the ladies were excellent and had put in some seriously designed posh hats You were all winners, well done Ladies. A great event. Thank you John and Cherry,

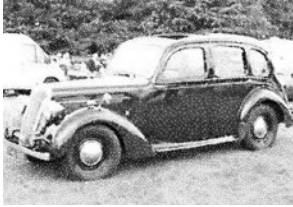


Memories from a really old person

Way back in 1957 we went to France, Switzerland and Italy by going over the Simplon Pass on a BSA Golden Flash 650cc motorcycle. Now fully fledged continental tourers. (The BSA being loaded by crane at Newhaven on route to Dieppe)



We purchased our first car a 1946 Standard 12hp which we drove to the south of France and back over the Alps, this was in those early days quite an experience. The poor old Standard was already well used in its previous life and it was not designed for the extra hot weather we encountered, - No motorways! And the roads in France were very bad and rough. The story of this epic can be read another time in a separate write up about our experience to get it there and back. But we had a great time.



Sold the Standard for £100 .

We then purchased a 1953 Vauxhall Velox for £425 pounds Which again we took to the South of France.

The following year again, a trip to Rome and Venice via South of France ' The drive down the coast of Italy through the mountains to Pisa, Ventimiglia, Rome, back up to Florence, across to Venice back through the Italian lakes Lugano etc across Switzerland and France back home all in a fortnight that was the maximum holiday allowance in those days. 2,300 miles. All camping of course, we had very little money in those days.

We used Silver city airways to get to France. Picture from my wind up Kodak cine camera going onto the Bristol freighter. Re, Silver City (see previous write up with those details.) These were long distances and hard driving in scorching hot weather on both trips with a roof rack and four adults At no time did the Vauxhall give any cause for concern and never missed a beat.



The Velox in the alps 1959



In 1960 the family came along so we part exchanged the E type that had done us so well, and got a Bedford Martin Walter Motor caravan.

56 years later I still own it and still as good as the day we got it and in many ways better. We used it as family transport and continental holidays for 20 years. As we all know, the Bedford was fitted with the same engine as the early Wyvern, being the same 1508cc with a 3 speed gearbox, we cruised at 50



to 55 mph on the long hauls to Austria across Germany and Spain etc .

The old Bedford was always happy at that speed for hour after hour for up to three or four days each way . and then used for local touring runs in the area.

Just once we ground to a stop in the middle of France, an unusual occurrence that baffled

me for a while, checking everything. It came to the point of, “Well try it any way”; Still thinking this was pointless, I finally changed the rotor arm. The engine burst into life and we continued on our way. That same rotor arm is still fitted right now, some 25 years later. Lesson learnt. We’ve owned it for 56 years, and I would take it to the South of France tomorrow if I had the time. Going back to 1960 when I worked in a Vauxhall agency garage, we sold a Vauxhall Cresta to a local farmer and we serviced it for many years. He died, and the Cresta was forgotten. It was many years later that the car came to light again. A gent had bought it at an executor sale, he had it for twenty five years plus and had kept it on the road, I got to know him well. Three years ago Peter decided he would sell it due to poor health, so it again came up for sale. Selling another E type I had restored, I purchased the Cresta back and having done a considerable amount of work, including a full respray it is now looking and driving as good as new, having done just 70,000 miles Last year I drove it to the Arras car show This year it is booked in for the Dieppe Retro in September

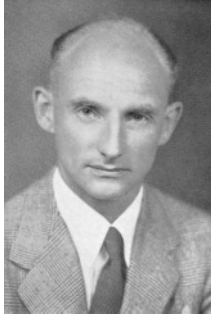
Some of the members will know this car with the distinctive no plate RPM 56 in the Sussex area. Note the Bedford reg TPM897, both were registered in East Sussex in the same year Having trained on many courses at Vauxhall in the 50’s 60’s I have always had a soft spot for General Motors products and why not, they have always done me well. The sad thing is going to the Factory on courses I remember seeing them built . Now that’s Painful

FOR SALE??? NO, not while I’m around.



Ron Wanner

Sir Arthur George Mooring. 1959 to 1964 became the British Resident in Zanzibar for 5 years, and Independence for Zanzibar Government, against granted in 1963 and his later revolution broke out, other miseries. Mooring Government to help the enormous entourage to



was awarded the KCMG . had been urged by the British Arthur's advice but this was tour of duty was cut. A month causing a great many deaths and was called upon by the British deposed Sultan and his settle in England.

Arthur is now forgotten, but his presidential car, an Austin Princess (? Sheerline) still exists in the Palace in Zanzibar. An unusual cabriolet model, it sits on its axle stands looking as if it could be driven away. One can imagine Arthur swanning through the streets of Zanzibar in his pith helmet waving at the crowds who really despised him!



My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks. As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that "Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super". On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Arabic looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. "Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground". She calmly turned her head and said "In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from no one". To which the flight attendant replied without missing a beat, "Well sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up Bitch"

Booking Form

FISH AND CHIP RUN

To DEANLAND PARK RESTAURANT 7pm Friday SEPT 2nd

MENU CHOICE (This year)

Cod chips and trimmings _____

Haddock “ “ _____

Scampi “ “ _____

Ham egg and chips _____



Plus wide selection of sweets available.

PLEASE TICK FOR CHOICE Must be returned to Ron Wanmer by

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th NO LATER PLEASE

Phone 01323 840346 or send to The Homestead Ersham Road Hailsham
BN273PN

Name _____ Phone no _____

I will trust YOU, that once you are booked you will have to PAY
(To save all this deposit business.)

Pay for what you have, to the restaurant on the day.

A few holiday pics from John B in China.



Police bicycle complete with blue light and red lights. Don't know whether it has two tone horns; this is for catching relatively slow criminals.

Not sure if the lorry caused the building to collapse or if it's holding the building up!



Electric car with a solar panel for "backup"!