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**Tie-down straps...**



**...it keeps the gravel from falling off.**

*March News 2017*

# Ron's Ramblings




It's that time again. I say it every time. Where has the time gone ?

Well, John B's film show in Nov starts this month's news, to avoid a riot, starting with Tom and Jerry of course and followed up with a selection of vintage films.

Thank you John, for the entertaining evening. As always.

Dec: well it was Party time, a magnificent array of goodies came from everyone, the support is amazing,



 A big thankyou to all the budding entertainers who make the evening so much fun. No one has been spotted by a talent scout so far. Not forgetting 'er indoors namely Jean, who puts in so much work organising the party and ordering and collecting the main sandwiches and Gateaus and the goodies on the table. Our thank-yous also, to all the Ladies and Gents who pitch in and help in so many ways; Clearing and washing up to name just a few. Without you it could not be done. I shall bring the party to the AGM agenda to see if we would like to continue. Or, it's been suggested, move to a local pub, bearing in mind there would be a per person charge. I'm guessing it would probably be at least £10 each; Or stay as we are??? Something, to think about before the AGM. ( At the last committee

meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Feb the committee voted to continue as we are and not to change).

Jan: The Bletchley park code breaking museum coach trip. 26 people did sign up for this but it ultimately had to be cancelled as the numbers needed to be a bit higher to make it viable.

I gave it a last minute shot in Jan to go to the RAF Museum Hendon; I first budgeted for a 33 seater coach only to find I very quickly had to jump to a 49 seater such was the take up; finally, due to drops outs because of bad colds etc. 45 enjoyed a great day out.

Coach driver Gerry and our ever efficient hostess maid of all work Julie serving teas coffees biscuits and a various selection, you name it, Julie had it, made the journey as comfortable as it gets. Finally I was able to return £2 each and help pay for Julie's grocery expenses. Hence free drinks. Not forgetting the chocolates supplied by Mick,

Julie has emailed me to express their thanks to everyone for the very kind and generous collection on their behalf.

Now sadly some bad news,- Pauline Cox/nee Preston passed away in Dec; Pauline was our trade stand marshal for many years taking over from me. Last year it was obvious she was struggling to do the job but by sheer steadfastness she would insist she was ok, such was her determination to beat her illness, She was always friendly and with a sense of humour; she will be missed by everyone. David by the wishes of Pauline asked that the funeral was to be a no fuss and strictly a family only funeral; and to respect his and her wishes, no details were announced to the club or anyone else.

They are of course always in our thoughts.

Paul Fuller the grounds man at Hooe has now retired after many years. Paul always supported the show in so many ways by keeping the entrance clear and preparing for the show. In the past few years Paul was not in the best of health, but the ground was always immaculate for us; we shall miss him. He was made a Honorary member when Hooe Mk 2 (now 16 years ago) took over so we shall continue to keep in touch. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Paul and again thank you for your support.

I see France is up to more regulations! If you go to France it's well worth knowing what it's all about and would they affect you. Check before you go. I have finally sold my Peerless. It always needed a lot of TLC and it was hardly used in later years, the run to Hooe was as far as it went. Sorry to see it go of course but a slight sense of relief, I had it 20 years on weddings. Films, t/v etc and the fun that an old car gives you. But it was hard work!

I have been invited to the Dieppe Retro again this year on the 2nd & 3rd of Sept, we might go again. Anyone want to join us ??

If (?) we go I will take the Plymouth this year.

Shows and fetes are pouring in for this season I have collected up a few.

Please let Andy know any shows coming up, It can go on the web site.

**URGENT** Annual DINNER April 1<sup>st</sup> All details and the menu are on the web site. If you don't like what is on offer we can change the menu if we get enough, For example if you prefer Roast beef & Yorkshire puds etc, Please let Pauline know ASAP so it can be changed. Blackstock is not proving too popular this year due to the poor beef menu last year, but they have promised to make amends by giving free glasses of wine.

Welcome to new members please make yourself known, and enjoy the fun and events that the Hooe Club offers. We look forward to meeting you; if you have any new ideas let us know.

Reminder that subs will be due at the AGM FOR THE NEW YEAR 2017/2018:  
See Membership secretary Robert Cooper.

It's been suggested that we change to Jan for the club subs. This is under consideration to make life easier for the Membership sec and Treasurer so it may be that from 2018 subs will be due from January; Let's hear your thoughts at the AGM.

I have heard of so many poorly members it's difficult to name them all, Just get well soon and we wish you all better health, Just shows the average high age of the club unfortunately that includes Me. Have a great new season and hopefully will enjoy your company at various shows. See you there. Ron W.

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A few local area events

Hoo Old Motor Club, APRIL 16th: Easter Bonnet Run.

Start Wickes car park Hailsham 10.30am **Important. ie EHVC** Please book in to John Gibbons if you wish to stay for dinner 01323 502201

Pevensey Vehicles of Yesteryear Show April 1st

Horam fun day July 9<sup>th</sup>

Mag motors April 29- 30<sup>th</sup>

Laughton May 27 -28 -29 & Sept 9 -10<sup>th</sup>

Priory lane rally June 11<sup>th</sup> Bob King 01323 482497

Bodiam Battle Rotary 18<sup>th</sup> June

Calvalcade of Transport July 2<sup>nd</sup> Pestalozzi Sedlescombe

Eridge country fair July 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>

Mitchelham priory 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> July

Goodwood revival 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

Dieppe retro 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Hoo Concours D 'Elegance Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

Firle show 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

More and fuller details will appear on our website as soon as we have them

**FOR SALE**

**16 Year old ROVER 75**

1 owner FSH, VGC, 'phone Ian Garner on 01424 842188 for more details

## Club Events for 2017

- APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY** Annual dinner Blackstock farm £19 95 pp menu details as per booking form on web site now ASAP to Pauline / Terrance 01323 505454
- APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>** **AGM**, plus Old Hooe Club pictures taken over last 16 years with Ron W
- APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** EASTER BONNET RUN START WICKES CAR PARK HAILSHAM 10 30 am  
**BOOKINGS FOR DINNER TO John/Cherry Gibbons. 01323 502201**
- APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY** **DRIVE IT DAY RUN with EHVC TO SHOREHAM AIRPORT**  
STARTS AT BOSHIP SERVICE STATION **10am** Restaurant will be open  
**Free parking Tour of airport starts at 11am £5 EACH**  
**Contact Peter Gillies**
- MAY 5<sup>th</sup>** ALAN HODGES FILM / TALK ON A LOCAL INTEREST
- JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>** GO KART EXPERIENCE ( ONLY IF YOU WISH)  
SHOULD BE FUN EVEN IF YOU WATCH THE OTHERS.  
**MEET FILCHING MANOR 6 pm**
- JULY 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY** 12pm MID-DAY BBQ CHRIS and ANN'S  
MARWIN FARM, MARLEY LANE. BATTLE TN33 ORE
- AUG 4<sup>th</sup>** SHOW BRIEFING PLUS Images of INDIA, R W
- AUG 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday** SHOW SET UP' ON FIELD 10am Please
- AUG 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday** SHOW DAY STARTS 8 30 am
- SEPT 1<sup>st</sup>** FISH AND TRIP RUN: DETAILS NEXT NEWS LETTER
- OCT 6<sup>th</sup>** TALK AND DEMO ON UPHOLSTERY (Upton and Sons)
- NOV 3<sup>rd</sup>** JOHN'S ANNUAL FILM SHOW
- DEC 1<sup>st</sup>** PARTY TIME

Hello Everyone

It is finally going to happen! The trip to the Haynes Museum at Sparkford will take place on Wednesday 19 April 2017. It is being organised by Lynns Travel so you will need to telephone them to book on to the trip (01323 438704). The cost of the day trip is £35.00 including entry to the museum but if you say you are booking through "Hooe's Old Motor Club" you will only pay £32.50. The new brochure has not yet been published so I would advise booking on soon before it goes into the public domain!

Julie

Name this vehicle and win undying admiration



I am always grateful for articles / pictures / adverts etc to go in the newsletters or on our website, and I'm sure that those members with Internet access regularly check our site for news (*says he with tongue in cheek!*); I do occasionally update various sections of the website, and if these updates are sufficiently important, I then email a notification to any members whose email addresses I have. However, if I don't have your email address and you would like to receive such notifications, please let me know at [andybin@sky.com](mailto:andybin@sky.com). Sometimes people change their email addresses for one reason or another, and if you have forgotten to tell those whom you would like to receive emails from e.g. Me! - then you will not get these notifications.

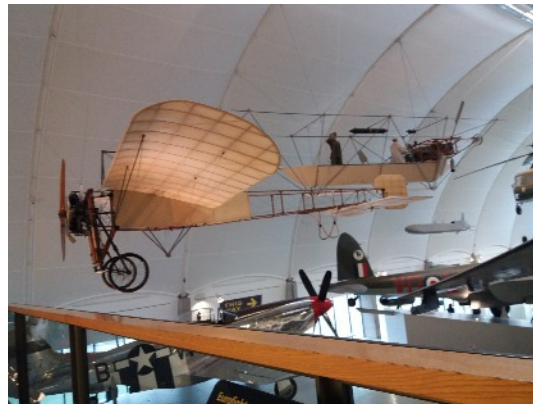
AndyB

# HOOE OLD MOTOR CLUB ACCOUNTS 2016

(Provisional, to tide you over until the AGM.)

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Club Subscriptions	1257.00	Insurance	168.00
Donations	43.00	Hall Hire 2015/2016	151.00
			<u>169.00</u>
			320.00
Club Dinners 2016/2017	753.00	Club Dinners 2016/2017	858.00
			498.75
			<u>166.00</u>
			1522.75
Coach Trips	0.00	Coach Trips 2017	525.00
		Stationery/Postage 2016/2017	540.97
		<u>Donations</u>	
		WRAS Fund	500.00
		Stem Cell Foundation	500.00
		OHPS	500.00
		St Wilfrid's Hospice	500.00
		Chaseley Trust	500.00
		1066 Specials	500.00
		RNIB	500.00
		Seaford Museum	<u>50.00</u>
			3550.00
		F.B.H.V.C.	64.50
		Speakers / Sundry Expenses	261.01
		Website Update	25.98
		Newsletters	451.00
Annual Show Income	10862.00	Annual Show Outlay	5083.19
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>12915.00</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>12512.40</u>
<u>PROFIT</u>	<u>402.60</u>		
Balance from 2015	16028.59		
Money Manager Account	10104.31		
Bank Interest	5.05		
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>26540.55</u>		

A few pictures from the January trip to the RAF museum at Hendon







There was some 4 wheeled non flying transport!



Hello Everyone

We have been invited to join the East Sussex MG Owners' Club coach trip to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu on Wednesday 24 May 2017.

The pickup points are as follows:

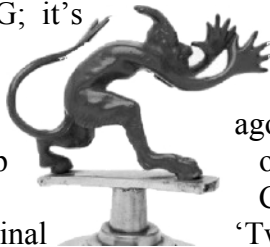
7.30am Langney Footbridge  
7.45am Hailsham North Street  
8.00am Wellshurst Golf Club

The cost of the day trip is £30 which includes access to The National Motor Museum, World of Top Gear, Palace House & Gardens, Beaulieu Abbey, The Secret Army Exhibition and unlimited rides on the Monorail & Veteran Bus!

If you are interested in going, please telephone John who is Fixtures Secretary at the East Sussex MGOC on 01892 862656. Please do not contact me as it is John who is organising this trip.

Julie

I have often been asked about the little red devil radiator mascot thumbing his nose, that I have on my MG; it's my warped sense of saw one on the bonnet of probably some 40 years eventually picking mine up unaware of its origin until and found out that the original Alfred Dunhill (cigarette bloke) who had one made to sit on his car taunting other motorists. After Alfred Dunhill inherited his father's saddlery business on London's Euston Road at the age of 21 in 1893, he responded to the growing demand for automobiles at this time, developing a line of accessories called "Dunhill's Motorities". This first collection included car horns and lamps, leather overcoats, goggles, picnic sets and timepieces, which provided the company with an strap line of "Everything But The Motor"



the sort of item that appeals to humour, and ever since I first a Morgan three-wheeler, ago, I have looked out for one, on ebay back in 2004. I was Chris Hone did some research 'Tweenie Devil' was a creation of

AndyB

## HAYNES' MANUAL - THE REAL MEANINGS

For those of us that have ever used a Haynes Manual in attempting maintenance on our cars  
...the following is for you.

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation: Clamp with molegrips (adjustable wrench) then beat repeatedly with hammer anticlockwise. You do know which way is anticlockwise, don't you?

Haynes: Should remove easily.

Translation: Will be corroded into place ... clamp with adjustable wrench then beat repeatedly with a hammer.

Haynes: This is a snug fit.

Translation: You will skin your knuckles! ... Clamp with adjustable wrench then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: This is a tight fit.

Translation: Not a hope in hell matey! ... Clamp with adjustable wrench then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: As described in Chapter 7...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start, now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo...

Translation: Go buy a tin of WD40 (catering size).

Haynes: Ease ...

Translation: Apply superhuman strength to ...

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...

Translation: "Jeez what was that, it nearly had my eye out!"

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb...

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet part and remaining glass shards.

Haynes: Lightly...

Translation: Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing then re-check the manual because what you are doing now cannot be considered "lightly".

Haynes: Weekly checks...

Translation: If it isn't broken don't fix it!

Haynes: Routine maintenance...

Translation: If it isn't broken... it's about to be!

Haynes: One spanner rating (simple).

Translation: Your Mum could do this... so how did you manage to botch it up?

Haynes: Two spanner rating.

Translation: Now you may think that you can do this because two is a low, tiny, ikkle number... but you also thought that the wiring diagram was a map of the Tokyo underground (in fact that would have been more use to you).

Haynes: Three spanner rating (intermediate).

Translation: Make sure you won't need your car for a couple of days and that your AA cover includes Home Start.

Haynes: Four spanner rating.

Translation: You are seriously considering this aren't you, you pleb!

Haynes: Five spanner rating (expert).

Translation: OK - but don't expect us to ride it afterwards!!!

Translation #2: Don't ever carry your loved ones in it again and don't mention it to your insurance company.

Haynes: If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

Translation: Haha!!!!

Haynes: Compress...

Translation: Squeeze with all your might, jump up and down on, swear at, throw at the garage wall, then search for it in the dark corner of the garage whilst muttering "\*\*\*\*\*" repeatedly under your breath.

Haynes: Inspect...

Translation: Squint at really hard and pretend you know what you are looking at, then declare in a loud knowing voice to your wife "Yep, as I thought, it's going to need a new one"!

Haynes: Carefully...

Translation: You are about to cut yourself!

Haynes: Retaining nut...

Translation: Yes, that's it, that big spherical blob of rust.

Haynes: Get an assistant...

Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know.

Haynes: Turning the engine will be easier with the spark plugs removed.

Translation: However, starting the engine afterwards will be much harder. Once that sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach has subsided, you can start to feel deeply ashamed as you gingerly refit the spark plugs.

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to removal.

Translation: But you swear in different places.

Haynes: Prise away plastic locating pegs...

Translation: Snap off...

Haynes: Using a suitable drift or pin-punch...

Translation: The biggest nail in your tool box isn't a suitable drift!

Haynes: Everyday toolkit

Translation: Ensure you have an RAC Card & Mobile Phone

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Placing your mouth near it and huffing isn't moderate heat.

Translation #2: Heat up until glowing red, if it still doesn't come undone use a hacksaw.

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Unless you have a blast furnace, don't bother. Clamp with adjustable wrench then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Index

Translation: List of all the things in the book bar the thing you want to do!

Haynes: Remove oil filter using an oil filter chain wrench or length of bicycle chain.

Translation: Stick a screwdriver through it and beat handle repeatedly with a hammer.

Haynes: Replace old gasket with a new one.

Translation: I know I've got a tube of Crazy Glue around here somewhere.

Haynes: Grease well before refitting.

Translation: Spend an hour searching for your tub of grease before chancing upon a bottle of washing-up liquid (dish soap). Wipe some congealed washing up liquid from the dispenser nozzle and use that since it's got a similar texture and will probably get you to Halfords to buy some Castrol grease.

Haynes: See illustration for details

Translation: None of the illustrations notes will match the pictured exploded, numbered parts. The unit illustrated is from a previous or variant model. The actual location of the unit is never given. The best one I encountered was how to change a brake sensor in a Ford Fiesta Popular Plus. The photo showing the location of the unit failed to mention the crucial detail of whether the item was located in the engine compartment or inside the car ..... and the helpful photo of what the thing looked like didn't give the reader any clues!

I wonder if JB knows what this is?



The STOREY was a British car manufacturer operating from 1916 to 1930. The company originally operated from premises at 47 Pomeroy Street, New Cross, London but in 1919 built a new factory in Tonbridge, Kent.

A 40-acre site was found in Tonbridge, and construction of the new works was under way by 1919. The original New Cross site was kept as a general engineering works and it was here that a prototype car was built powered by a Coventry Simplex engine. A showroom was opened in Kingsway, London and a body shop built adjacent to the Pomeroy Street premises.

The car was formally launched in 1920 and was powered by either a 2815cc or 3817cc Chapuis-Dornier engine with a tax horsepower rating of 14.3 or 20 hp. There was a three or four speed gearbox and the front suspension was conventional semi elliptic springs but at the rear were long cantilevered springs. At the Glasgow motor show three cars were exhibited: the 20 hp Tonbridge saloon, the 14.3 hp four seat Kent tourer and the 20 hp London closed coupe.

By April 1920 the Tonbridge works was fully operational assembling cars from parts made in New Cross and by the end of the year their own 1327cc engine was added to the range.

Lady Pearson (Miss Gladys Cooper)  
in 'Firebird'



My very first car was a Storey. Incidentally, who has ever heard of very few made. I may say that its appearance performance! It was taught to drive by a car or I, or both of us,

recollections of glancing over my shoulder at André's green, agonised face, and hearing his fervid "Oh my Gawd!" Whether this frequent ejaculation was a prayer or a curse I have never been able to determine! Once I took Ivor Novello out for a drive. I was living in the country then, and in turning into a country lane I ditched the back wheel. We both hopped out and took stock of the situation. Ivor had a helpful suggestion to make. "I'll push at the back," he said, "while you sit at the wheel, and engage first gear. Don't let it in too suddenly." Now that was good advice, and I tried to do as he said, but I made two mistakes, I engaged reverse gear, and I *did* let it in too suddenly. The result was surprising, the car leaped back and pushed poor Ivor right through a thick-set hedge. He was furious, although I pointed out how lucky it was that the hedge hadn't been a wall! I sold that car soon afterwards. I sold it across a luncheon table to Tallulah Bankhead. I heard later that she got tired of it, which was not surprising, and left it in disgust in the middle of the road.

And that was the end of the Storey!

very nice looking affair, I have never yet met anybody it; perhaps I had one of the have been unlucky, but I must was superior to its always breaking down. I was Belgian chauffeur. Either the got on his nerves. I have happy

A major hurricane and earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter Scale hit Essex in the early hours of Friday with its epicentre in Basildon, Victims



## ESSEX HURRICANE APPEAL

were seen wandering around aimlessly, muttering "Faaackinel !"

The hurricane decimated the area causing approximately £30 worth of damage. Several priceless collections of mementoes from Majorca and the Costa Del Sol were damaged beyond repair. Three areas of historic burnt out cars were disturbed. Many locals were woken well before their giros arrived. Essex FM reported that hundreds of residents were confused and bewildered and still trying to come to terms with the fact that something interesting had happened in Basildon. However, lootings, muggings and car crime were unaffected and carried on as normal.

One resident - Tracy Sharon Smith, a 15 year old mother of 5 said, "It was such a shock. My little Chardonnay-Mercedes came running into my bedroom crying. My youngest two, Tyler-Morgan and Victoria-Storm slept through it all. I was still shaking when I was skinning up and watching Tracy the next morning." The British Red Cross has so far managed to ship 4,000 crates of Sunny Delight to the area to help the stricken locals. Rescue workers are still searching through the rubble and have found large quantities of personal belongings, including benefit books, jewellery from Elizabeth Duke at Argos and Bone China from Poundland.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

This appeal is to raise money for food and clothing for those unfortunate enough to be caught up in this disaster. Clothing is most sought after - items needed include:- Fila or Burberry baseball caps; Kappa tracksuit tops (his and hers); Shell suits (female); White sports socks; Any other items usually sold in Primark. Food parcels mat be harder to come by but are needed all the same. Required foodstuffs include:- Microwave meals; Tine of baked beans; Ice cream; Cans of Colt 45 or Special Brew. 22p buys a biro for filling in compensation forms; £2 buys chips, crisps and blue fizzy drinks for a family of 9; £5 buys a packet of B & H and a lighter to calm the nerves of those affected.

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### **\*\*Breaking News\*\***

Rescue workers found a girl in the rubble smothered in raspberry alcopop. "Where are you bleeding from?" they asked. "ROMFORD" said the girl. "Woss that gotta do wiv you?"

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*Thanks to Andrew Smith for the above.*



# PAVILION

HAILSHAM

HAILSHAM PAVILION  
HISTORICAL TRANSPORT FILM  
COFFEE MORNING - 10a.m. for 10.30 a.m.  
SATURDAY 1st April 2017



Tickets still £5.00 on  
the door or in  
advance to include a  
FREE tea or coffee  
on arrival.  
All proceeds to  
HAILSHAM OLD  
PAVILION  
SOCIETY  
01323 841414

Hosted by local transport  
historian John Bishop.  
Travel back in time with a  
look at social history and a  
works outing to London ,  
a look at Welsh Railways,  
Rose Revived short canal  
film and the Firth of Forth  
Bridge so there is some-  
thing for you all!



Hailsham Pavilion, George Street, Hailsham, East Sussex

On Saturday the 1st April 2017 another Transport Coffee Morning is being held at the Pavilion Cinema hosted by John Bishop. Entry is only £5.00 to include a cup of Coffee or tea. Films will be, 'A works Outing' - 'Firth of Forth Bridge', Canal film, 'A Rose Revived' and a film of 'Welsh Narrow Gauge' filmed by me (John Bishop).

All monies to Hailsham Old Pavilion Society. Since 2013 we have raised over £3,000 so please make a date in your diary.