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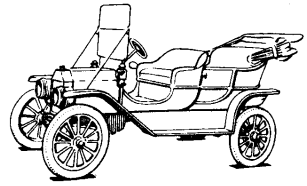


The answer to high petrol prices, although perhaps not comfort



November News 2014

Ron's Ramblings



2014 has proved to be one of the driest summers of late, the weather has been kind to most of the summer shows and outings that many of us have been out to.

Going back to JUNE; the coach trip to the Hollycombe steam museum was a great day out and was enjoyed by everyone, we had some misgivings that we would not fill the coach, but in the end it all turned out very well, thanks to all those that supported. A very enjoyable day out with fortunately fine weather as well.

JULY was BBQ month, attended by 60 plus members; the evening was blessed with fine weather, our thank you's are due to all the ladies and gents not forgetting our friends from Suffolk Rose and Derek who happen to be here with their caravan every year, and have become known to all the club members, all helped to make this a very enjoyable evening. How Jean judges how much food to get is beyond me, there were just a few lettuce leaves left. Next year Chris and Ann Hone are going to run the BBQ, so it might be wise to have some sort of booking system so they have some idea of numbers attending.

AUGUST was show time. A fantastic turn out and a great show that was a credit to the Hooe club and all those that pitched in and helped in some way. Ron S, our hard working treasurer reports we made a profit of £6,000, truly amazing; a sincere thank you to all the marshals who work behind the scenes to make it all happen. Attendance was amazing with the new car park filling up fast. I could not believe it, so I was invited to see for myself; and sure enough that enormous field was almost full. The Trade stands would have been the envy of most shows with a varied selection of just about everything with excellent auto jumble which is rare these days. It's not all about making a profit, which of course is that extra icing on the cake. But the club's purpose of keeping the Hooe club show going, which we have achieved with considerable success. Many thanks to Mr Hugh Clifton for allowing us to use what we now call the new car park which has enabled the show to expand to its full potential.

SEPTEMBER Fish and chip night at Deanlands; 50 plus members turned up, I booked approx. 35 so I got a bit of stick from the manager.

I was under the impression we were on time, it was 7.00pm and the place was packed with some tables already having their sweet. Plus there were no tables left, so we had to wait, hence we got served last. Nevertheless it was a good evening, I shall have to have a ticket system next year, - I've always tried to avoid that, but it is becoming necessary.

OCTOBER Tim Lawrence gave us an interesting and entertaining evening speaking about his travels on route 66 in the USA. A full house attended, luckily a good few regular members were away on hols etc otherwise we would have run out of chairs!

The saga of the AA box has been finally settled, a good friend of mind looking over his high hedge from his bedroom noticed an AA box in the garden of a nearby house. Closer observation showed that it was recently repainted and restored, and has Boreham Hill on the side. This must surely be the same one. I plan to go and see, and hopefully meet the new owner shortly.

Congratulations to Emma, now the proud owner. No - not of a new MG but a baby boy, the club signed a card which was duly given to the new grandfather - our very own editor Andy.

As I said the weather has been excellent except for the unfortunate F.O.T. - an excellent show for two days, but Mon, "Oh dear", it never stopped raining all day, such a shame. Fortunately they still made a small profit, they deserve to when you think just how much goes into organising it.

Welcome to all the new members, we trust you will enjoy the many varied things we do during the year; if you have any new ideas we will be glad to hear from you. Just a note - if you have forgotten to re-join for this year, this will be your last newsletter.

What do you think of this new 'no road tax disc on your car'? it seems strange to take them off. You don't have to, but you may as well put a tax disc on for the year of your car, which reminds me I have an almost complete set of tax disc's for most years if you would like a copy one, give me a call. **(If anyone has a 1951 disc I need a copy) please**

A few notes from the committee meet held on Tues 13th. All the Marshalls for the various classes are willing to continue next year. Thank you to all of you.

We were concerned that the Lady and Car entries have been dropping off, there are various reasons for this, one may be that we are all getting older, with the attitude of 'been there done that'.

A good many of those stalwarts we could always rely upon have passed on, not only in our show but also the F.O.T.

We may change the entry form so we will hopefully know how many we can expect. A plea to all members to join in and have a go should also be considered. It is one of the most popular events, please give some thought for next year, it would be a shame to drop it from the show events. You don't have to be professional, anything goes it's all a bit of fun.

Robert reported that we have 130 members; a few have failed to renew this year, again our age group and people moving away, but the good news is that we have gained new members as well,

We have arranged a varied future events for next year, some are new ones other old favourites we will bring back later. We are full until Dec 2015, But if you have an interesting event in mind please let us know.

In the meantime, Yes it's that time again it only remains for me to wish you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR. Ron W

LONDON COACH TRIP TO COVENT GARDEN

SUNDAY JANUARY 4

**TOUR CHOICE ; - TO GO TO THE JAMES BOND
FILM MUSEUM.**

OR DO YOUR OWN THING .

**LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM, THE
MARKET ETC.**

PICK UP TIME AND LOCATION TO BE ADVISED.

PRICE; - J.B. MUSEUM: ADULT £12-50

OAP/CHILD £8-50

PRICE COACH ONLY; - £ 11-00

CHEQUES WITH BOOKING.

All those who wish to go on this trip, could they please send in their booking form ASAP; if there are insufficient numbers, the trip will be cancelled. Contact me - Ron Shrubb on 01323 767429 for details, or download the booking form from the

Announcements page on the web site .

A few excerpts from some of the letters thanking us for the 2014 charitable donations



On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank you for the donation of £250 from the Hooe's Old Motor Club. We very much appreciate this generous donation and that we are supported by a local club.

Hailsham Old Pavilion Society



I am writing to you on behalf of the HOPS committee to thank Hooe's Old Motor Club very much indeed for the £250 recently donated to HOPS to help support the Pavilion. A photo and details will appear in our next newsletter.



1st Ninfield Scout Group

I write to thank Hooe Motor Club for the kind donation of £500 to 1st Ninfield Scout Group. The group used this to purchase some archery equipment for the whole group to use. The donation has made, and will continue to make, a valuable addition to what activities the leaders can offer to the children.

Kent Surrey Sussex



Air Ambulance
A Charity That Saves Lives

Thank you very much for your kind donation of £500 which we received recently. It is so kind of you to think of supporting the Air Ambulance. People like you make it possible for us to continue to provide this life-saving service in your county.



“Ups” and “Downs”

**When changing up, to throttle down
Is a habit you should cultivate;
But when engaged in changing down
It is necessary to accelerate.**

**But if by chance you forget this rule,
When trying your gears to mate,
You will not fail to hear, O fool
That awful Hymn of Hate.**

*Useful hints from page 23 of the original Hampton Car manual
“explaining gear changing” 1922.*

An unusual car appears.

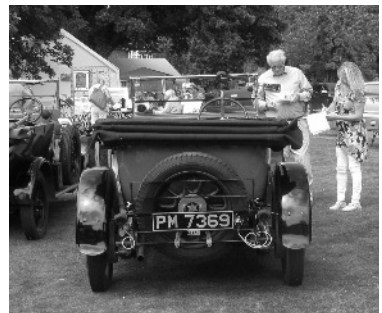
Members regretted the cancellation of Sedlescombe invitation car show that was held on the sports field Sedlescombe due to the fact that nobody would run the village fayre. However, Sedlescombe and District Horticultural Society elected to hold their flower show and fête on the village green. I was invited to show my car together with a 1925 Star, a car which resided in the village, but is never seen.

The owner was running a competition of guess the mileage on the speedometer at £1 a time. He made a cool £50 profit! However, he was unwilling to talk about his car and told myself and my friend not to be nosy. Most unusual as all vintage car owners never miss an opportunity to talk about their cars. We began to suspect it had an unoriginal engine and he didn't want to admit it.

Regretfully, my camera went off as he primed the carburettor at the end of the fête prior to setting off home but I can confirm that the engine was the standard 11.9 hp type familiar to that era. He set off up the hill very labouredly. How I would have liked to get my hands on the car and see if its performance could be improved.

Details are scant on the internet, complicated by the fact that a car of the same name was produced in the USA at the same time. The information available doesn't forward ones quest for knowledge. I doubt whether we will ever see the car at Hooe's Motor Club Show as the owner is not at all interested!

Chris Hone.





**“The English Model T Ford Volume 2 – Beyond the factory” by Chris
barker, Neil Tuckett and Drew Lilleker”**

**240 pages. Hardback. Many black and white photographs and a few in
colour.**

Published by The Model T Ford Register of Great Britain

Price £27.50 including post and packing (UK) from www.modeltbook.co.uk

ISBN: 978 0 95601 18 3 1

This is a book that could interest a wider audience than the title suggests as it covers a variety of subjects. Like Volume I, published in 2008, it is written by three very experienced Model T enthusiasts. The book has been published by the Model T Ford Register of Great Britain. Volume I covered all the Model T Fords that were produced in the Trafford Park factory up until 1927 - this book looks at the very different types of bodywork that were put on the bare chassis by those other than the factory. It also deals with the many uses the Model T Ford was adapted for and it is about the cars, commercials and the engines.

It is worth bearing in mind that having a body built on a Model T Ford chassis was not cheap, as Fords did not like selling the chassis alone. For example, they priced the chassis in 1911 at £180, whereas the basic T Runabout was £170. Henry Ford was only interested in building “cars for the masses”, he left the coachbuilders to do the variations and these were endless. Coachbuilt cars came in many shapes and sizes. Scott Brothers of Rochdale specialised in modifying the Model T as did Shinnie of Aberdeen and Cundell and Dungay of Tunbridge Wells. Oakley Limited of London produced a limousine with division, Offord and sons a “sporting torpedo. Smart and speedy” and Alberford Cars of London built a very neat doctor’s coupe. There was one model (coachbuilder unknown) that was a full 4 seat tourer but with hood covering only over the front seats.

Many different bodies were built for special use on both the car and the longer commercial chassis. The Salvation Army had a very smart van with two round side windows. There were those that could be converted from a van to a car, for family use at the weekend - Magnet coachbuilders claimed it only took 3 minutes to do their conversion. There were vans for fish and chips, roadside refreshments, tankers for liquids, travelling shops, hearses and even a 6 wheel conversion and an articulated tractor unit. Versions of the T were bodied as busses and charabancs of all sizes, fire engines, motor caravans and conversions for agricultural use as a light tractor. My favourites are the advertising vehicles, in the shape of a shoe, a tin of cocoa, a house, electric light bulbs, tooth paste and many more., There were those which were converted to railcars, as well as racing and sports cars. There is along and absolutely fascinating section of 50 pages on accessories for the Model T. There were many firms making replacement radiators, so that the car did not look like a Model T Ford. There were amazing things to improve the car. from the engine to the rear light. All sections are highly illustrated with mostly period illustrations and advertisements. I found it a fascinating book and well worth its money.

2014 SHOW REPORT

INCOME

ADVERTS	635-35
ICE CREAM VAN	250-00
BURGER VAN	180-00
DOUGHNUT VAN	100-00
STALLS	568-00
TOMBOLA STALL	199-00
CLUB STICKERS	2-50
LATE ENTRIES	390-00
BISHOP CALWAY INC.	200-00
TERRAIN SPONSOR	200-00
SHOW FLOAT	590-00
GATE NETT	8100-00
INCOME	11414-50
EXPS	5332-88
<u>PROFIT</u>	<u>6081-62</u>

EXPENDITURE

STORAGE	260-00
PUBLICITY	596-36
ENTRY FORMS}	
POSTAGE, ETC.}	622-01
P.A..SYSTEM	100-00
BAND	100-00
PROGRAMMES	775-00
INSURANCE	215-00
TROPHIES	43-84
TOILETS	474-00
HOOE P/C, FIELD	150-00
SHOW FLOAT	590-00
CAR PARK FIELD	50-00
RED CROSS	204-00
SHOW EXPS,	455-98
R.W. EXPS.	122-48
R.S. EXPS.	190-21
RETURNED STALL	
CHEQUE	24-00
PLAQUES	360-00
EXPENDITURE	<u>5332-88</u>

Holey, Holey, Holey! By Bonnie Monroe

**Funny things gaskets - always full of holes
You wouldn't think they would be much use
To any living soul**

Well they aren't really - but to a car

That's different by far:

For keeping oil and water in

Or out depending which!

You hope they do the job so well

You never have a hitch.

Paper ones, cork ones

Asbestos lined with copper

Just tighten nuts correctly

And hope they act like a stopper

But if you have a leak

Then you grumble and you curse

You poke about to have a look

Making the matters worse

The remedy is simple:

Remove, re-cut, renew it

As long as you can find the shape

It's easy when you do it.

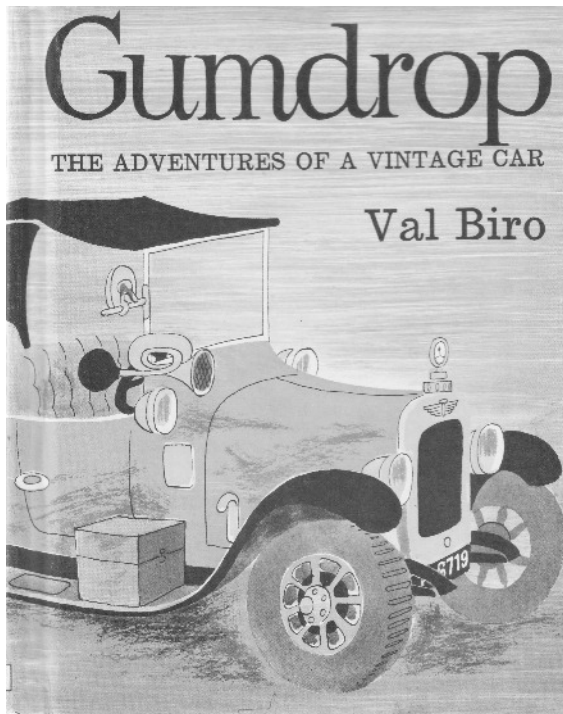
Bonnie Monroe and her mother Marjorie were one of the first exhibitors in the car and lady class at Hooe's Old motor Club show in 1970 and were regular attendees coming all the way from Weybridge, Surrey to attend. Bonnie passed away in 1993 before she could publish her book: "The Pride and Joy of a vintage car"



Val Biro, motoring enthusiast, owner of a 1926 Austin 'Heavy' Twelve-Four and author of the *Gumdrop* series of books, has died following a short illness, aged 92.

Val (Balint) Biro was born in Budapest in 1921, but moved to England in 1939 to study art. For 21 years he provided artwork for the *Radio Times* along with more than 3000 book titles, including the *Hornblower* series.

In 1961, he spotted 'Gumdrop' a 1926 Austin 'Heavy' Twelve-Four on a garage forecourt and in 1966 began the first of 37 adventures involving the car. In many interviews Biro claimed that he wrote in order to give himself further opportunities to draw. "I write so as to give my alter-ego a good chance for drawing pictures," he said. The books were a hit and translated into many languages. Following this success, Val visited many schools, often in Gumdrop. In recent times he had met adults who



had originally known him when they were young and who now read his books to their own children or grandchildren!

Biro's friend and mechanic Steve Hodgson has thanked everyone for their messages of support. He is pleased to report that Gumdrop will be remaining in Bosham for the time being, as Val's grandson will be driving the car to events. There is also to be a special memorial event at the RAC club in Pall Mall

You might have seen Biro driving Gumdrop in the television documentary "100 Year Old Drivers", broadcast on ITV on 13 August 2014, shortly after Biro's death.

FUTURE EVENTS

- DEC. 5th** Christmas Party; as usualo, bring a few goodies to top up the tables. Fancy dress is always a bit of fun, - **A BOTTLE OF WINE AWAITS THE BEST DRESSED LADY OR GENT**
- JAN. 4th** Coach trip to London, James Bond museum OR do your own thing. There is a lot to see and do around Covent Garden. See details on **page 5**.
- FEB. 6th** Community first responders . 1st Aid demonstration, you never know when you are going to need this.
- MARCH 6th** Illustrated talk by Alan Hodges
- MARCH 28th** **SATURDAY** Annual Dinner at Deanland Wood Restaurant; Booking Form for this, Terence / Pauline in charge see form and menu in next newsletter or club meet after Christmas.
- APRIL 3rd** **AGM /// Second half** - An illustrated walk around Hastings old town with Chris Hone.
- APRIL 5th** **SUNDAY Easter Bonnet Run, Cherry / John Gibbons Ladies get your Fancy hats out.**
- MAY 1st** Run to Seaford museum TBC Details next news letter
- JUNE 6th** **SATURDAY** Run to C. K. L. Jaguar and specialist performance car workshops near Battle TBC
- JULY 4th** **SATURDAY** BBQ AT CHRIS AND ANN HONE'S PLACE Times etc next newsletter
- JULY 31st** **Friday Show details and information meeting**
- AUG 1ST** SHOW SET UP MORNING, ALL HANDS PLEASE FOR 2 HOURS would be appreciated **9.30am on the field**
- AUG 2nd** SHOW DAY Start 8 am
- SEPT 4th** Fish and chip run to Deanlands. Tickets will be required for this event. See Ron W

A bit of local interest:- A short video of the Bexhill Roaring 20's day is viewable on YouTube, several shots of old vehicles, just go to YouTube and type in "Bexhill on sea Roaring 20's 2014"



Repairing potholes the Romanian way!



Any articles, pictures or suggestions for Newsletter content will be gratefully received; - contact Andy (details on front page)