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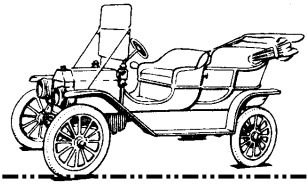
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Health and Safety in action.

July News 2014 AD.

Ron's Ramblings



Fifty-four Members enjoyed the annual dinner at Deanlands in March, with an excellent dinner and very good service with entertainment and dancing for those so inclined; it all added up to a very enjoyable evening. The singers were not quite so good as last year but then we have to take pot luck on who is booked for the evening. I'm sure everyone would agree it doesn't come any better, and all for £15. A big thank you to Pauline and Terrance for the superb organisation,

April was the AGM ; No Major problems, nobody had objections to anything. The recommended donations were voted on and agreed , except that we increased the donation to 'Children with Cancer' from £500 to £1,000. Robert our membership secretary reported that we have currently over 150 members. Thank you to everyone for your input.

The second half was a talk given by Dave Masters giving us a insight to IXION; Bexhill's biking vicar, who was responsible for writing many books and magazines on the riding of early motorcycles over a period of 50 years using this secret name. It has been revealed in recent years that it was the Rev. Cannon Basil Davies of St Barnabas church in Sea Road Bexhill. Dave organizes an annual motor cycle run to commemorate this famous secret writer. The Hooe club also donated to the blue plaque which now resides on the wall within the church. Books etc are available from Dave Masters 01424 211873

The Easter bonnet run, was made in appalling weather, but nevertheless over 30 members took part in a variety of cars, the short run finishing up at the Green Man Ringmer, It was the first time John and Cherry G had put on this event, with an interesting short run and two - on the road quizzes, and with an excellent final venue, and lunch, all made for a really good day out despite the rain. There was much argument over the quiz from within the Bedford, it was worse than when we had the kids in the back! All those ladies' hats were excellent, and last minute ingenuity was a credit, Well done all the Ladies and gents, a superb turn out.

The 1st Prize went to Pauline (Tadpole)
Thank you very much to John and Cherry

May was race night; if anyone was good at picking the last one it's me. While Dave Fletcher and company spent time collecting winnings, I in turn was paying it out! A good fun evening due to the expert way it's always organised by Ron and Barbara D. A sincere thank you to you both, remind me to be on holiday next time !!

Just after the last newsletter we learnt of the passing on of our good friend Roy Coles Hedges; Roy for many years was the East Sussex chairman of the Morris owners club, a few members attended Roy's Funeral our sincere condolences to Pearl and the family. Hopefully Pearl will still find time to bring out the only Morris 1,000,000 around these parts painted of course in the special Lilac paint finish.

The club has now purchased two feather flags to display, showing the club name and logo; they are some three metres tall by just under a metre wide; they are available for anyone to take to a show etc, and are very easy to transport and erect. If anyone is interested please phone any committee member to find out where they are for collection, They will not be too far away. The year is fast moving on and a good few new shows have come up, check the what's on columns. Our own show is already well booked up, all Marshals are reporting that their particular group is very close to being full. Please help out on the day, many hands make easy work, just a hour or less is all it needs. Preparing and clearing the show is now down to a very fine art, with everyone joining in. At the Friday information meeting (1st August), various sections will need a few assistants.

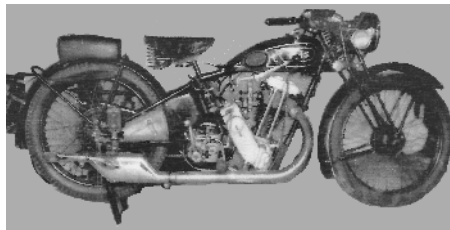
Particularly on the gates, please volunteer to the marshal responsible, i.e. Ron Deacon for the Pay gate and John Gibbons for the entrance gate. Still a good few shows for this year, hopefully will see you around.

Ron Warner

Pat Walker begs to inform the illustrious membership of this club that he has the following vehicle for sale:-

A 1932 AJS SB6 349cc.
Made by Matchless

Full history, Photos and
.TLC needed.



Restored 1986
some spares.

£4,000 from Pat Walker: 01424845230

mowermanjpw@aol.com

Similar to one sold recently by Bonhams for £4,500

MINUTES OF AGM 2014

Apologies for absence John Bishop, Ted Dove, Mike Mortlake, Pauline, Terence, Bruce

Minutes of 2013 meeting were considered and deemed correct

The club purchased a new projector for the use at all meetings John for many years has used his, and that has been much appreciated, plus the fact he was the only one with the ability to work it.

Chairman's report was read and Secretary's report was read

Treasurer's report from Ron Shrubbs. The treasurer reported an excellent result from the 2013 show, due to the excellent results he recommended we could give £3,000 in donations this year.

Donations, Ninfield scouts £ 500 Air Ambulance £500

Hailsham Pavilion £250 Herstmonceux windmill £25

First Response Team £500. Proposed by Ron Dearden and Seconded by Pat Walker that the children with cancer donation be increased to £1000, All proposals were considered, and voted for on block, Proposed by Phil Carver and Seconded by Chris Booth the proposal for all donations was agreed. The Treasurer reported that the club income was showing that an increase in subs would be necessary to cover running costs. Proposed by Chris Hone and seconded by T. Purcell, that the increase would be £12 for single and £ 17 for double membership starting from April 2015, this proposal was agreed by all present. A vote of thanks was recorded to Ron S our treasurer, for the excellent job he has done, not only for this year but for the past 10 years.

Election of Officers and committee, there were no proposals or any changes, and the present officers were prepared to continue, proposed by Chris Allchorn and seconded by Ron Deacon that the serving committee should be re-elected, the proposal was voted and agreed by all those present.

The Chairman raised concern that we need younger members, the average age of the club is not encouraging. All those on the committee had already done more years than they had intended; if the club is to continue we must encourage more members to join the committee.

A thank you to Pauline and Terence re the annual dinner which was deemed a great success and was enjoyed by 55 members, the food and service was very good, the band could have been better but it was explained, we have to take pot luck as to who was playing that evening, for an all-in price of £15 it was indeed very good value. The whole club agreed to return to that venue next year.

The show for 2014 was discussed and the only thing suggested was an extra toilet could be required, the committee will consider this at the next meeting.

The Easter bonnet run was to be run on Easter Sunday and will finish at The Green man Ringmer. hopefully there will be ample space for those wishing to stop for the carvery, this year it will be run by Cherry and John Gibbons,

The Meeting closed at 9 pm

A rather nice reply following the Club's recent donation to this charity



**Children With Cancer Fund
Polegate**

Registered Charity Number: 1110644

5 Western Avenue, Polegate, East Sussex. BN26 6EP

Tel: 01323 485314

e-Mail: chris@childrenwithcancerfund.co.uk



7 May 2014

Our ref CWCF/pjf

Hooes Old Motor Club
c/o Ron & Mavis Shrubb
6 Woodpecker Road
Eastbourne
BN23 7RD

Dear Mr & Mrs Shrubb

On behalf of the Children With Cancer Fund I would like to thank you for the wonderful donation which you have very kindly sent to help with our caravans.

We are so grateful to everyone who supports us, in which ever way, without the generosity of people such as yourselves we would not be able to provide for the children.

Yours sincerely

Pauline Finch.
Children with Cancer Fund

The above charity recently suffered losses due to the winter floods, which destroyed several caravans that the charity maintained for the use of children afflicted with cancer. Although the caravans themselves were covered by insurance, the contents were not; and consequently 'Children with Cancer' are appealing for complete jigsaw puzzles, (no missing pieces), children's books from baby's to 18 years, DVDs, Games, Soft toys, CDs, all items would be welcomed. Contact Ron Shrubb on 01323 767429

SUSSEX MEN WON'T BE DROVE, IS THE SAYING

Back in the early days the AA box that stood at the junction to Battle at lower Boreham street. Proudly stood there with a very pretty garden around it tended by the AA patrol. In the Seventies it was dismantled and given to the bungalow on the junction, it was re-erected as a garden shed to keep the owners tools in. I have been told, and know over the years many people stopped and went in to ask if they could buy it, on every occasion the owner refused to sell. I personally called in one day stopping outside with the



Motor cycle AA outfit on the trailer thinking this may give me a better chance for him to change his mind, my offer also included buying him a new shed for his tools. Although he was always very friendly he still would not be moved. As a good many of us know the box stood there for many years, and, it was beginning to show real signs of distress. Passing by recently two ladies were out in the garden having a large bonfire, THE AA BOX had gone, I just had to find out, so went in saying hello, to be told the old boy had died

and they were clearing the house. What did they do with the AA box? I enquired, "Well we got rid of it" was the reply, but they would not say where. I said it was still worth a considerable amount of money and I hoped she got something for it, silence was the reply. I felt I should not continue to find out, plus the fact I had given up being interested to purchase it years ago. So where has it gone?? I have no idea, perhaps one day it will surface again, let's hope so, they have become so rare it would be a great shame if it was burnt or scrapped. Only a few weeks before, I stopped and took a photograph over the hedge, I'm glad I did, it is probably the last photo that would have been taken.

A great piece of our local motoring history has just disappeared How Sad.
Ron W



The always excellent headgear turnout for the Easter Bonnet run was won this year by Pauline Harrop. Thanks to Cherry and John Gibbons for organising the event.



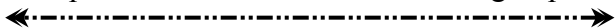
Hooe Car Club meeting at Filching Manor on Friday 6th June showing the members cars enjoying an evening out.. Over 34 members enjoyed an informed meeting at the house, small museum and the barns, where a fine array of vintage cars were viewed including a 1903 Oldsmobile for members who recall the film put on by John Bishop entitled the 'Merry Oldsmobile'. At the end of the evening a collection was made and handed to Karl Foulkes-Halbard by John Bishop.

Discontinuance of the Tax Disc in October 2014

The proposal says the existing VED licence (even if it is for a Historic Vehicle and no actual VED is payable) will expire when the Secretary of State is notified of the change of keeper (i.e. when DVLA receives the V5C in Swansea). Neither buyer nor seller will know exactly when that is.

But the seller, because of Continuous Insurance, will need to keep his insurance in place until he is sure the licence has lapsed. The buyer will presumably not be able to get a new licence until the old one has lapsed but will need to have put insurance in place to use the vehicle after sale.

Perhaps worse, on a vehicle in respect of which VED is payable, although the seller will be able to claim a rebate on any existing VED, he will not get refund of that part of the month's VED in which the sale occurs. Meanwhile the buyer will immediately have to apply for a licence. This seems to have the effect that some VED will be paid twice over. This looks wrong in principle.



Federation Adopts 'SelectaDNA' as Approved Vehicle Security System

Following tests and desk research the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs has endorsed its first vehicle security device. At its heart, 'SelectaDNA' uses traceability and deterrence as its weapons against car thieves.

Each SelectaDNA kit is unique to the vehicle to which it is applied, can be applied by even the most inexperienced home mechanic, and in only a matter of minutes your cherished historic vehicle and its component parts will carry a unique DNA code for life.

This DNA code is held on a central database to which all UK Police forces have access. These forces can identify the presence of SelectaDNA on a vehicle by simply exposing it, or components from it, to ultra violet light. Having established by this means that SelectaDNA is fitted there are two ways the stolen property can be traced to the owner. The kit includes a small pot of colourless fluid into which is suspended tiny microdots. These microdots carry the DNA code and can be quickly read by the police. If for some reason a microdot is not present, the fluid itself carries the code which can be retrieved under forensic analysis.

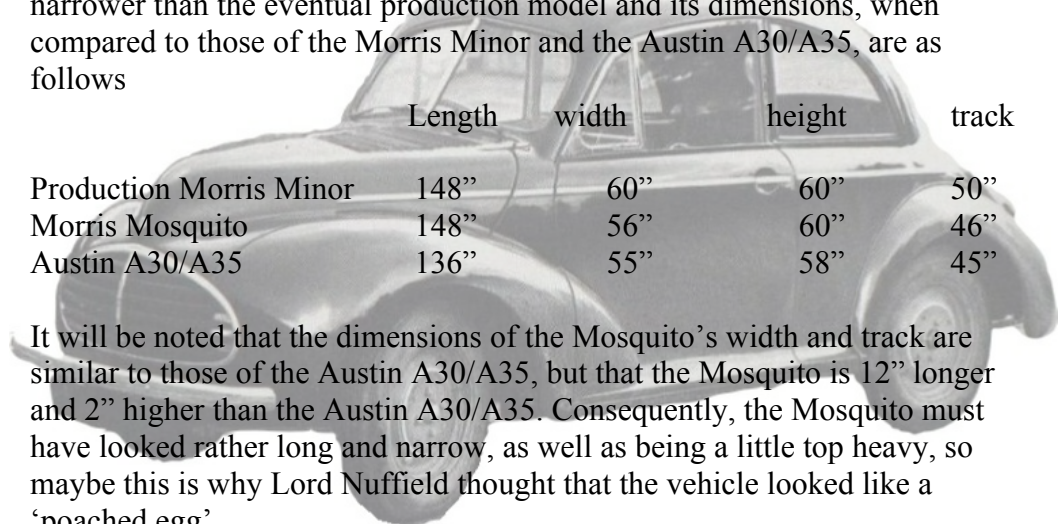
Ron Shrubb has arranged to get these kits from the FBHVC for a unit price of £29.90 each, 'phone 01323 767429 to order. Full details are on the FBHVC website at http://fbhvc.co.uk/_file/148/fbhvc-news-3-14-pdf



How the Morris Minor got its shape

When shown the prototype of the Morris Minor, Lord Nuffield said “[The car] looks like a bloody poached egg.”

The prototype of the Morris Minor, known as the Morris Mosquito, was 4 in narrower than the eventual production model and its dimensions, when compared to those of the Morris Minor and the Austin A30/A35, are as follows



	Length	width	height	track
Production Morris Minor	148"	60"	60"	50"
Morris Mosquito	148"	56"	60"	46"
Austin A30/A35	136"	55"	58"	45"

It will be noted that the dimensions of the Mosquito’s width and track are similar to those of the Austin A30/A35, but that the Mosquito is 12” longer and 2” higher than the Austin A30/A35. Consequently, the Mosquito must have looked rather long and narrow, as well as being a little top heavy, so maybe this is why Lord Nuffield thought that the vehicle looked like a ‘poached egg’.

To quote from ‘The Morris Motor Car’ by Harry Edwards: ‘It was while the tooling for the body dies were underway, and some actually completed, that Alec Issigonis decided that for aesthetic reasons he would increase the width of the body by a few inches. To get the proportions right he had a pre-production model cut in half longwise and the two halves moved apart until he felt the proportions were right. The increase decided upon was 4in and, as a result, the width dimension increased from 56” to 60”. There remains a legacy of this change of mind on subsequent production cars, for the bumpers, designed for the original narrow body, had already been produced by Wilmot Breedon. Rather than scrap them, they were cut in half and a steel spacing piece added. Another feature to be found on the eventual production bodies, bearing witness to this last minute change of mind, is the raised 4in wide centre section on the bonnet”.

If Lord Nuffield had not made his ‘poached egg’ remark about the Mosquito, perhaps its designer would not have been prompted to increase the width of the vehicle by 4in, thereby creating a spacious, stable and well proportioned model which still has many admirers today....

Could be a very useful contact.

Classic Paint Expert is a North-West based company supplying paint and a full range of ancillaries to the Classic Car Market.

All their products are supplied exactly as they would have been when originally made. They have a library dating back to the 1930's of over 160,000 colours and can still supply a full range of Cellulose paints - something making them totally unique to the rest of the UK market. They also supply a full range of 2 Pack paints and Coach enamels.

They are aware there is confusion in the market place regarding the sale of Cellulose paint. Most of the classic car owners are under the impression you can no longer purchase Cellulose, however with the historic car exemption, this is not the case and Classic Paint Expert is fully able to supply you with Cellulose Paint.

They can also custom fill an aerosol with any colour as requested by customers, They are able to match to any sample and ship worldwide. They have a website at <http://www.classicpaintexpert.com/> , or their telephone number is - 075233 82666

The following is a transcript of an actual radio conversation in October 1995, between a U.S. Navy ship and the British authorities, near the English coast. The transcript was released by the MOD on 10th October 1995.

British: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South, to avoid collision

U.S. Navy : Recommend you divert **your** course 15 degrees to the North, to avoid collision.

British : Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid collision.

U.S. Navy : This is the captain of the U.S. Navy ship. I say again divert **your** course.

British : Negative. I say again. You will have to divert **your** course.

U.S. Navy : THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN. THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

British : We are a lighthouse !!!

Future Club Evenings

- August 1st CLUB MEETING Show details and information
2nd Half Garage to The old Bill John Bishop
- August 2nd SET UP MORNING ON FIELD 9.30 am (about 2 hours)
- August 3rd SHOW DAY 8am - 5pm
- September 5th Fish and chip run to Deanland Park 7 p.m (Make your own way)
- October 3rd Slides and Talk on route 66 By Tim Laurence
- November 7th John Bishop's Annual film show (always good)
- December 5th Christmas Party. The usual help out with the goodies please, Fancy dress optional, Entertainment by the usual pro's etc.
- JANUARY 2015** Coach trip ? possibly Duxford Museum or T B A.
- February 6th Community first responders 1st Aid demonstration; You never know when you are going to need this they will need a few volunteers.
- March 6th Talk and Slides, always interesting , by Alan Hodges
- March 28th Annual Dinner at Deanlands.
- April 3rd **AGM**

Next Newsletter **due November** Details to Andy Please

MORE LOCAL EVENTS

- July 6th RAYSTEDE Classic car/ bike show, Contact Mellissa Wickham on 08448751252
- July 19th **NEW** BEXHILL The Roaring 20's Bexhill sea front
- July 27th **NEW** Fairlight Festival, Contact Margaret Pulfer 01424814866
- August 9th & 10th Classic car & M/bike show at at Firle Park, contact katrina palsager on 01273858735 or 07885827849
- August 23rd to 25th Festival of Transport Hellingly
- September 6th and 7th Laughton country show
- September 7th Ron's Ramble, for Motor cycles, **start 10am** at the Homestead with Bacon sarnies and coffee. About 70 miles, Finish in Laughton Show for free.
- September 20th **NEW** Fab vintage fair St Michael's Hospice, St Leonards contact number - 07827912621

Message from the Treasurer, - if you have not yet paid your subs, could you please do so ASAP; otherwise Giant Eagles will swoop down and carry you off to feed you to their young.



Foreigners going to extremes



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