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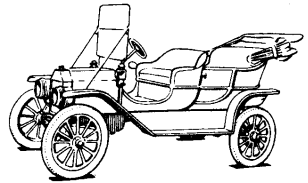
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November News 2013



Ron's Ramblings



Well 2013 was worth waiting for, we have enjoyed an excellent summer and our activities have been blessed with good weather.

July. Over 60 people attended the BBQ. The usual hard work was done by our ladies preparing the food plus a caravan volunteer, Rose, who always joins in to help. The excellent food and good weather made for a lovely fun evening, not forgetting Barbara's excellent raffle, with prizes that were well worth winning. Thank you to all that pitched in to help.

Aug Sat was set up day a good number of members turned up and soon set about the work to be done, it is really great to see that everyone now knows what has to be done and get on with it, by 12p.m. the work had all been completed and the show ground was ready. Even the small odd bits and pieces had been sorted out ie: signs etc. Come Sun, everyone was there early and on station ready for the early entrants so no problems arose anywhere. The whole show ran like clockwork an excellent array of rare cars, motorcycles and trade stands, and with perfect weather; it does not get better than that. This only happened with everyone's hard work and a great deal of team work. Of course there were a few minor problems, the PA was one, but as I often say if you ran it 1,000 years there will always be something. The government's favourite saying, "lessons can be learnt".

Ron S reports an incredible £5, 500 profit, A great credit to everyone involved and a show to be really proud of, thank you to everyone and well done.

Sept was the fish and chip run to Deanlands. Large portions of fish and chips, followed by the excellent puddings. A great evening, even if it does increase the waistline.

Oct. A race night was planned but a bit of a mishap meant that on the night some fancy footwork was required and the evening became a none prepared talk about the early years of the 50's on our expeditions abroad with antiquated things like motorcycles and a Standard flying 12, and early Vauxhalls to far flung places on the continent. I failed to remember that we also used to fly in Silver City Airways' Bristol freighters, from Llydd to Le Touquet on occasions in the 60's. Apparently everyone seems to have enjoyed it and on the plus side, I may have saved you some money???

Dave Fletcher is an inspiration to us all. He has just recently completed a run in 5 days to the north of Scotland on his Honda 250cc. Camping on the way, he covered 1,300 miles. Not unusual you say, but then Dave was **92 years old in Oct.** The committee recognised this on the clubs behalf and presented him with a certificate and a gift to mark this achievement. Well Done David.

Jean and I were invited to Goodwood this year with the Peerless for 4 days. I decided to drive the Peerless there while Jean drove the X trail and towed the caravan. I had reservations on driving the Peerless that distance but as it turned out she ran perfectly in both directions, toddling along at 35- 40 mph covering 120 miles using 12 gallons of petrol or 10 miles to the gallon (ouch). The revival was just amazing as usual. The numbers involved are incredible, - 150,000 visitors per day each pre-bought tickets costing between £60 and £200 or more per person per day. Caravan and camping sites so big you have to

witness it to believe it and you still cannot find a space to park, everyone just squeezes in where they can. In the auctions we witnessed an Alfa Romeo 1936 9C with race history, being sold for £5,937,500 plus 15% auction house fees and VAT and a series 1 Land Rover for £20,000. Jean going shopping is no longer going to make me worry!!! Heavy rain over the Saturday night reduced the sites to a sea of thick deep mud and with hundreds of very large motor caravans towing very exotic cars in fancy trailers etc, I am sure you can imagine what it was like. I left the Peerless in the show ground which was a good decision. The X Trail came into its own so we didn't need the help of the 6 or so tractors that were all working hard to cope with demand, and I am only talking about one area and there were in fact 5 or 6 areas in addition to ours.

A lovely selection of vintage aircraft was on show. An unusual sight, was a Junkers 88 transport, used extensively during WW 2 by Germany easily recognised by the 3 engines, (see photo), and my old favourite which I have not seen for many years, an Avro Anson. I flew in those many times in the early 50's training flights from base to the Wolf rock lighthouse, Lands'end, along the south coast to Hastings inland up to Cambridge, sharp left back to Hullavington near Bath, 150 mph at 3,000 feet this was a regular run, those were the days. On a lovely summer evening it was great, remember, in those days no Gatwick or London Heathrow to worry about. That freedom will never be repeated; we were allowed a bar of Chocolate, a rare treat in those days as sweets were still on ration. Under future events the committee decided we will go back to Deanlands for the annual dinner as this was a success this year at a very reasonable cost. Terrance and Pauline have volunteered to organise this event; a few details and menus have to be sorted and then forms will be available at the Christmas party, or see web site. The Easter bonnet run will be on Sunday April 20th these details will be in the March newsletter, this will be organised by John and Cherry Gibbons.

June Fletcher has recently been in hospital for a hip replacement and is now recovering, a get well card was circulated at the last meeting; Mike Kellaway continues to make very slow progress, we miss Mike and continue to wish him well, Mike and Sue were always strong supporters of the club.

Welcome to all our new members, I trust you will enjoy the clubs events; we are not all transport orientated and try to cover a selection of interesting subjects during the year. ANY SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

It may seem a little early but I as this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful new year. *Ron W*



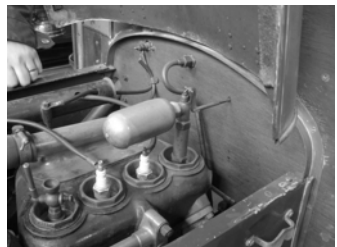
One of the stops on the Morris Bullnose Autumn Rally was at Bicester Heritage. This was an old WW1 and WW2 aerodrome. The buildings are gradually being brought back to use and the old hanger is now being used by Historit, a bespoke depository for your motorcar, motorcycle or aeroplane. There was an embryonic collection of cars. (The facility has only just opened.)



As can be seen, - still a lot of spare room.



One particular car, a 1910 Talbot has a novel way of warning you of its presence. Not a horn but a whistle and in this case, activated by the cylinder head. The photos show the car, the twin cylinder blocks with their primer cups and detail of the whistle which replaces the rear primer cup. It is activated by a rod from the dashboard. The car has been running, but is difficult to start, so no demonstration was possible.



Chris Alone

Protect your property.

My attention was recently drawn to a totally free service that I had no idea existed; this is the UK National Property Register, under the name of 'IMMOBILISE' and serves to register any piece of mobile equipment, e.g. cameras, laptops, mobile telephones, luggage, keys, vehicles etc. In the event of any registered item being lost or stolen, one notifies the register and the information is then put on the Police national database, so that when recovered, it can be quickly returned to you. As mentioned above, this service is completely FREE for any number of items that you wish to register.

There are also available several extra security options that one can pay for if required, such as track and trace tags, hidden R.F. devices, and invisible U.V. Marking.

To quote from one supplier of such security supplies, - "Austerity and poor performance of traditional investments has put up the values of the classic car and motorbike and their lack of modern security has made them a target for thieves".

Since finding out about this service, I've had a field day registering everything I could think of, and certainly feel a lot happier as a result. It can cost from nothing to as much as you feel you need to spend on any item to preserve your peace of mind; take a look for yourselves, and see what you think.

Immobilise can be found at - <https://www.immobilise.com/>

There is also www.rbs-propertymarking.co.uk who advertise in Practical Classics Magazine, and whose recent email led me to find out about the above. Thanks to John B for passing it along.

Why did the BBC stop making 'Tomorrow's World' - do they know something we don't?

As you probably know, (after all, it has been mentioned in several newsletters), the club does have an Internet web site, where you can catch up with past and future events with more pictures and in much more detail than can be encompassed by this newsletter. There is also a section for members announcements, and pages where you can see past newsletters or read articles by 'Austintatious'.

I often revise or add to these pages, and members whose email addresses I have, may receive 2 or 3 notifications a year telling them of any major alterations or updates. If you would like to be included in this list, and keep up to date with club activities, please email me at andybin@sky.com. Those who already receive such notifications, kindly disregard this message.

<http://www.hooeoldmotorclub.org.uk/>

The Hooe Show 2013



1st place - Twigg Goodyear



2nd place - Kathy Chapman



3rd place - Emma Binfield

And a few from the rest of the field



Many more pictures available on the web site (see page 5), all in full glorious Technicolour



A couple of comments received on the web site from show visitors

Dear Sirs,

My family and I have spent a thoroughly enjoyable time at the 44th annual concours d'elegance.

We visited our local classic car show, the Bromley Pageant of Motoring and your show was every bit as enjoyable. The Bromley show is the biggest single day classic car show in Europe but it didn't have the family atmosphere or the relaxed ambience which you achieved, yesterday. Everyone was very welcoming and friendly. There was a great variety in stalls too. I exhibited my Triumph Dolomite Sprint in Bromley which unfortunately is too young for your criteria.

The quality and variety of exhibits at your show was amazing. I don't recall seeing so many vintage and pre war vehicles in one place.

Thank you for organising such an entertaining event. I wish you continued success. Keep up the good work!
Kind regards

And

Thank you for your hospitality yesterday, it was an exceptional turnout both in the weather and the cars. I entered my Riley Nine March Special in the concours for the first time and was not fortunate enough to win, however having just totally restored the car and in the interest of trying to improve it still further I would like to know if possible what it was marked down on. I was D10.
Regards

Presentation of this year's charitable donations



Meetings at Hooe Village Hall 7.30 pm.

unless otherwise stated

- December 6th 2014** CHRISTMAS PARTY: please help out with little goodies as usual
- January 3rd** Gambia: The charity run, each year the 6th form go from Hailsham college; a talk and presentation by Sam
- February 7th** Original vintage films: the last minutes of Malcom Campbell's Bluebird etc
- March 7th** Hooe Club: History by Chris Hone
- March 29th** Annual Dinner: at Deanland Park. Booking forms will be available at the December meeting; Terence and Pauline in charge for this event.
- April 4th** **AGM:** All requests to secretary by March 7th. Second half, if time, TBA
- April 20th** Easter Bonnet run: John and Cherry Gibbons
- May 2nd** Race night: Ron and Barbara
- June 6th** Visit to Filching Manor: To be confirmed
- July 4th** Barbecue: The Homestead at 7p.m.
- August 2nd** Saturday set up morning: meet on field at 9.30 a.m.
- August 3rd** **SHOW DAY: Starts 8 a.m.**
- September 5th** Fish & Chips: Deanland Park - 7p.m.
- October 3rd** Slides and Talk: by Tim Lawrence. Details in next newsletter

All entries for next newsletter in March, to Andy by February 10th please.

All details will also be on the web site, <http://www.hooeoldmotorclub.org.uk/>

Occasional tableswhat do they do the rest of the time?

NEW MARSHAL REQUIRED

Any volunteers to take on CLASS D 1930's cars? Chris wishes to retire but is willing to co-marshall if required at the show; Judy now finds it difficult to cope after 10 years and doesn't want the paper work. Nice interesting class, contact John Bishop, (Secretary) or Ron Wanmer ASAP ('phone numbers on front page)

<u>FOR SALE</u>	2	600X19	6 ply tyres	only 10% worn
	1	590X15	Tyre	as new
	4	640x13	6ply tyres	as new (see Ron W)

“Would suit enthusiast” – L.M.Williams and his Austin 7 Specials.

By Stuart Ulph

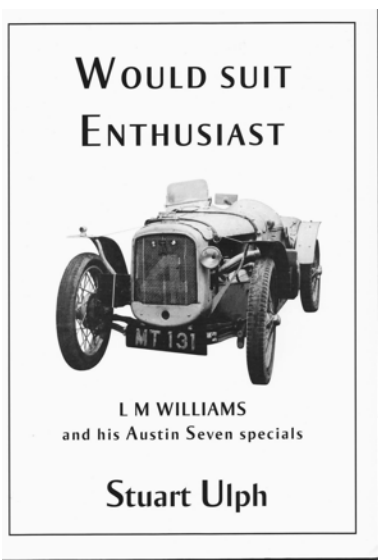
Published by Pre-war Austin 7 Club Ltd.. at £16.95 including p and p.*

Soft cover. 122 pages Many period black and white illustrations. A few modern colour.

No ISBN number

Review by Michael E Ware

My first car was a 1931 no desire at that time to want to make the saloon I turned to some of the equipment for these cars Engineering in Kew run by From this book I quickly company had been the first modification market and back to 1932 when. Bill Conversions in Willesden.. conversion being year.. It was not until Conversions were doing aircraft industry that they famous address, 151 Green (behind the Coach that Cambridge In 1958 the company was and it closed in 1967. Stuart Ulph starts the book by tracing the history of this small company . This was fraught with difficulty as Bill Williams had died abroad in 1964 leaving no written details of the firm’s records.

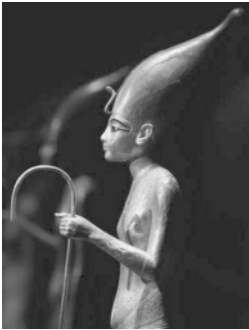


Austin 7 saloon. I had build a special, but did go faster and stop better. firms that made tuning including Cambridge L.M. “Bill” Williams.. learned that this in the Austin 7 could trace its ancestry Williams founded Auto His first Austin completed the following 1941, when Auto machine work for the moved to their more Cambridge Road, Kew and Horses).. It was then Engineering was born. under new ownership

.To give you a flavour I quote from the book “The pre-war activities at Willsedden seemed to resolve into several distinct areas; he [Bill Williams} would build a car, every now and then, for his own use in sprints and hill climbs. He would build other competition cars, sometimes “on spec” but more likely to order...He would rebuild customers’ sporting Austins for them, and of course, there was a trade in spare parts, bits and J2 type bodies”. These latter were complete bodies made by Bill Williams, loosely on the style of the MG J2 but aimed at the Austin 7 market. They formed the back bone of the business for years. There is a chapter describing the make up and history of some of the more famous specials both pre and post war, Reproductions of price lists are included and these also have descriptions on how to convert your car as well as a very full booklet entitled “Rebuild your Austin 7 the Cambridge way”.. There are 8 very useful appendices and a full index.. Not only is this an interesting history but it also gives background to those years when impecunious enthusiasts were determined to either tune their own 7’s or make a cheap special for either road use or for competition. I enjoyed it, both for the history and the nostalgia!

*available from Chris Garner, 1 Westminster Close, Melton Mowbray LE13 0PF

This Month in History



The steps leading to the tomb of Tutankhamun, an Egyptian pharaoh of the 18th dynasty, were discovered by the English archeologist Howard Carter on November 4th, 1922



On the 5th November 1605, Roman Catholic conspirator Guy Fawkes was arrested in a cellar underneath the Houses of Parliament, where he was attempting to detonate 36 barrels (2500 kg) of gunpowder.



After nearly 30 years of division, Berliners were allowed to cross freely across the East/West German border on November 9, 1989



An armistice between Germany and the World War One allies was signed on the 11th November 1918



A vital trading route between the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, the Suez Canal, opened on November 17, 1869



Mickey Mouse, the cartoon character that launched the career of Walt Disney, made his debut to the general public in the film 'Steamboat Willie' on November 19, 1928



On the 22nd November 1963, US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in an open car motorcade with his wife Jacqueline Kennedy and secret agents in Dallas, Texas



On 28th November 1893, women voted for the first time in the world in elections in a self-governing country. - New Zealand

Hooe's Old Motor Club was asked to provide a presentation to Hooe's Village newly formed Historical Society about the early history of the Club. Chris Hone volunteered to do this for the 13th June, 2013.

With material from founder member, Dave Coltham and chairman, Ron Wanmer he was able to give a PowerPoint slide presentation of the 43 years that the club has been in existence. The collective material that he was able to source consisted of an almost unbroken run of the Show advertisement posters, odd copies of the newsletters, Show programmes and various photographs of competitors and other Show memorabilia. Of particular interest was an 8mm film of the 1972 Show taken by Dave Coltham. This was converted to disc by John Bishop and set the tone of the early days of the club before political correctness took over.

Using the Show programmes as a link, he cobbled together the history of the club, its close association with the village of Hooe over the years, the ups and downs of the Club, personalities and the flavour of the Club which makes its Show one of the most prestigious events of the year.

The evening was marred a little by lack of direction of the Hooe's History Society Chairman and the obligatory stop for tea took out the continuity of the evening. Ron Shrubbs had to re-interest the evening with a résumé of the distribution of the surplus funds to the various charities and Ron Wanmer spoke of the aspirations of the Club in the future.

The presentation was advertised in "Village Voice" in the local papers and around the village, but luckily, some of the Hooe's Club members were present to make up the numbers. Chris will present his talk again at the March meeting of the Club. He hopes that members' further memories will be invoked to fill in the gaps and correct faults.

*How many men does it take
to open a beer?
None. It should be opened
when she brings it.*

*If at first you don't succeed,
destroy all evidence that you
tried.*

July crossword solution

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1956 OLDSMOBILE GOLDEN ROCKET



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Bit of a shame really !!