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A Royal Prince pedal car manufactured by Tri-and during the 1950's

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FROM THE EDITOR

MY FIRST CAR - THE TRI-ANG ROYAL PRINCE

When I passed my driving test in 1971, my first road vehicle was a Riley Elf, a 1965 model, CKE 800 C. It was known as a "mini with a boot" and was finished to a slightly higher specification than the standard mini. I had it for eighteen months and lovingly polished and cleaned it during every spare moment I had available. It had a prominent chrome radiator grill which shone after hours of polishing and the car was pale blue with a cream roof. To obtain driving experience I went out for rides about East Kent in the evenings after my meal and daily study sessions. Not only did I start to know my way about our locality but I gained driving experience you can only obtain by spending hours in control of a vehicle when you are out there on the road.

The Riley was not my first car however. There was an earlier one made by Tri-ang and it was called the Royal Prince. It would have been around 1955. I don't remember how it arrived, it just seemed to always have been about. It was deep red with a chrome-finished grille and of metal construction throughout with solid rubber tyres. The wheels were red with white hub caps. It was possible to propel the car forwards, and also backwards after gaining some expertise, by alternately pressing two pedals which were attached to the rear axle by means of two connecting rods. These rods became bent over time from the pressures of propulsion by my feet. Eventually the drive mechanism came adrift at the rear axle where it was permanently fixed in some way to the rear wheels. Thence, pressing the pedals resulted in zero motion. It became necessary to propel the car by means of my feet on the ground, "Flintstones-style", but the confined space in the cabin meant banging my knees on the dash board of the car or else catching my feet on the then redundant pedals. From then on, the use of the car diminished, coupled with my growing and no longer being able to satisfactorily fit into it. Also, the seat, from my increasing weight began to bend in the centre and pull the spot welds apart where the

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seat was fixed to the car's sides. However, it was fun while it lasted. My thoughts about the Tri-ang car were brought to mind when I saw one for sale recently. It sold on a particular auction site for £211.51p., which I thought was an astronomical amount for such a basic looking toy. I wonder what it cost when it was new. Seeing the car on the internet caused me to recall that I had photographs of myself with my very own Royal Prince, so I delved into the photograph albums to look for them. I found two such pictures, one of me sitting in the car, with my mother on a chair next to me, and a second one of me showing off my "fleet" of vehicles including my scooter as well as the car, with dad's strawberry patch in the foreground. Judging by the angle of the left front wheel, I was a somewhat aggressive driver when I was four or five years old! I've included two pictures of the car from the internet, the one that was for sale, plus the two of mum and myself and the car. The grille and the wheels on my model were different to the one for sale recently. I feel that the grille on the car on the internet signifies an earlier version than the one I had. I presume the chromed hubcaps gave way to painted ones for cost saving purposes, but I have no basis for these assumptions. The last memories I have of my car were of it languishing in the hedge at the bottom of the garden, just visible as the undergrowth gradually claimed it and it slowly disappeared into the vegetation. Maybe, parts of it are still there now! Or just maybe, dad cleared it out when we left the property in 1972!

Looking on the internet, it seems Tri-ang produced the car in a number of colours. Besides the red version, there was a light blue one and a grey option, besides a white model. Approximate dimensions were length 31", width 15" and the height, 18". The overall weight was around 16 pounds. Some had windscreens fitted and others a horn. Mine had neither. I used to wonder why my car had so many holes pre-drilled into it. Maybe such items were additional accessories. There was even a trailer available to add to it but I don't recall any towing hook or other attachment mechanism on my car. I do remember that the dashboard had two transfers on it. One centrally, with the Tri-ang manufacturer's name and another on the right side stating that various parts should be oiled as and when necessary, in black print on a white rectangular background. Another web site offers a 1950 fully restored model, in white, for £1,085 plus £35 carriage, discounted by 30% from £1,500! This 1950 model has the same grille as the one just sold on EBay so might just be evidence that this style predates my own model. I was pleased to see that even after sixty-five years a few old Royal Prince pedal cars are still around, giving pleasure even after all this time. I wish I still had mine!

Barrie Beeching

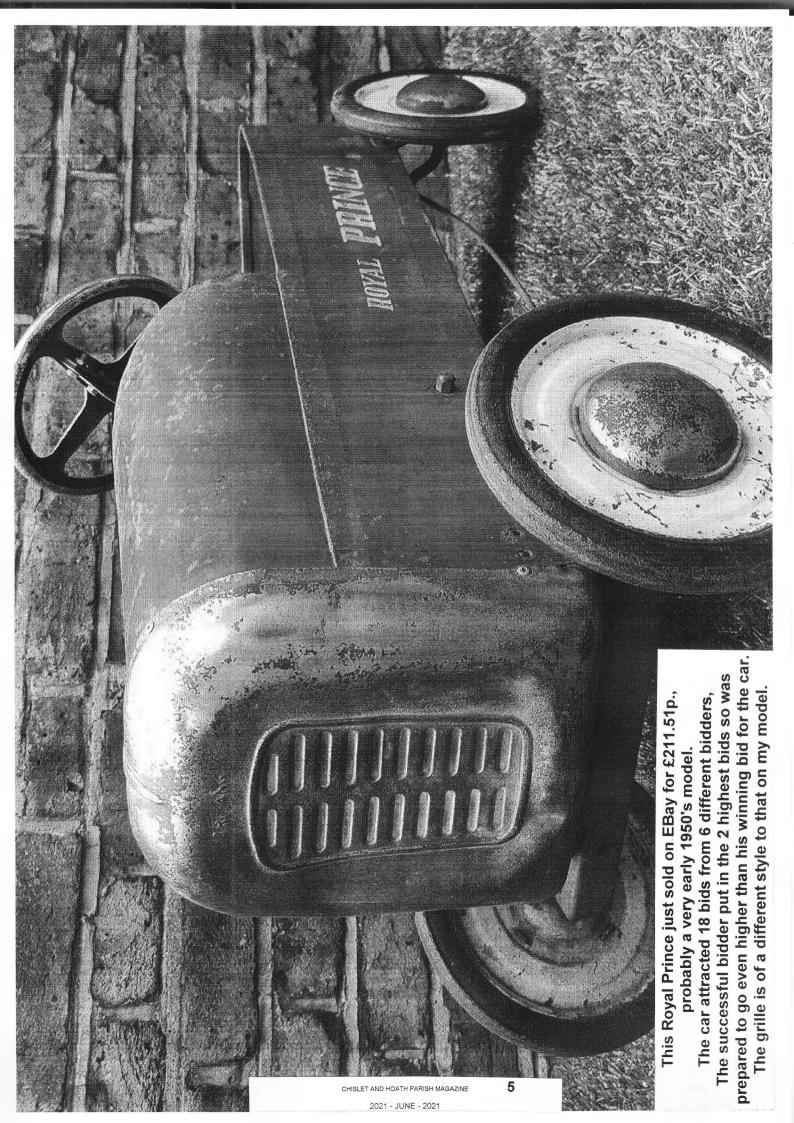


Image with my mother and myself with my very own Tri-ang Royal Prince car, c1955.

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With mum and myself, showing off my vehicle "fleet" c1955.



HOATH PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021.

Present: Councillors Jane Cusack (chair), John Williams, Adele Wright, Jo Millward, Tina Keeble. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk) and four members of the public.

This meeting was held on-line using Zoom.

1. Apologies

Rachel Carnac of CCC had sent apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record.

4. KCC and CCC reports

No KCC or CCC representatives were present.

5. Accounts and Annual Return for 2020/21

The annual return had been circulated to members by the clerk/RFO. The annual governance statement and the income and expenditure statement were unanimously approved.

6. Planning

Approval ("no objection") of application CA/21/00812 (solar farm) by CCC was noted.

Application CA/21/00933 (Old Tree View): no objections.

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Application CA/21/00719 (land adjacent to Chapel House, Maypole Rd): after discussion, it was unanimously resolved to object to this. The key grounds were the need to preserve the rural character of the area and the danger represented by more traffic movements at a potentially dangerous location.

7. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1.	Clerk: April (net)	£347.24
2.	Holy Cross PCC (allotments site rent)	£250.00
3.	Nigel Ogilvie (internal audit)	£140.00

At end-April, the cash book and bank balance was £23,239.44.

Old play area: the agreement with the Chislet and Hoath Playgroup has been signed and they have made the initial payment. They have requested agreement for various works on the site. The clerk has circulated this to members who confirmed they have no objections.

New village green: no word from the solicitors yet on this.

CFG agreement: as agreed at the previous meeting, this has been amended to take account of the change of play areas and has been returned to CCC. No further news.

8. Councillors' reports

Cllr Williams noted the continuing works at the site at Heart in Hand. The clerk agreed to raise this with Rachel Carnac and with CCC Planning.

Cllr Millward said it was good to see children using the old play area now that it was in the hands of the playgroup.

9. Date of the next meeting

This was confirmed as Monday June 14th at 5.30. It will be in the village hall.

Guy Foster Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: ____

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6 th June Sun	11 am	Morning Worship
11 th June Fri	9.15 am	Benefice Prayers
13 th June Sun	11 am	Holy Communion
18 th June Fri	9.15 am	Benefice Prayers
20 th June Sun	11 am	Worship
25 th June Fri	9.15 am	Benefice Prayers
27 th June Sun	11 am	Holy Communion
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Pastoral Reflection from Sally Willins Licensed Reader to the Wantsum Benefice

A comment made by Revd Richard at Chislet Church on the first Sunday of May about reestablishing the habit of attending Sunday worship has left me pondering about habits and how they relate to our lockdown experiences.

Habits around work and shopping will certainly have been disrupted for many of us. Similarly, regarding our responsibilities towards others: for example childcare and parent-care. And then there are our social habits: the gym, the pub, the cinema, etc; not to mention children's activities! All these habits have been affected by the current situation.

Living, as we do, on the route of the popular Viking Cycle Trail, Paul and I are used to seeing flashes of lycra whizzing past the house. Sometimes a lone cyclist; other times a pair or small group. Cycling – in this area at least – seems to have become more popular throughout lockdown. The quieter roads and lanes not only appealing to the lycra-clad, but also to those (in the early days) who wished to enjoy a leisurely peddle along quieter roads.

So, I wonder whether those for whom cycling has become a pleasurable habit will continue to get on their bikes? especially once our lives change to adapt to the new normal – whatever that might be! As Jim Rohn (1930-2009) an American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker said:

'Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.'

So maybe the number of cyclists passing the house will remain the same - depending on habit!

But we all know that the habits we form can be good, or bad – or just plain irritating! Perhaps lockdown has left us with habits we want to ditch but are finding it difficult to do so. From the Book of Proverbs; the Second Saying of the Thirty Wise Sayings: 'Don't make friends with people who have hot, violent tempers. You might learn their habits and not be able to change'.[22; ^{24,25}] ... *not be able to change*! Mark Twain said: 'A habit cannot be tossed out of the window; it must be coaxed down the stairs a step at a time.' Hmm – food for thought ...

Or maybe we have discovered new, good habits which have helped us through this long period of uncertainty and challenge.

There is a lot to be said for cultivating good habits. Habits which help promote our personal well-being and the well-being of our family, friends and colleagues. Hopefully, lockdown will leave us with some habits that promote a generosity towards others and a greater appreciation of what others do for us. Only time will tell ...

But as John Irving (b 1942) the American novelist said: 'Good habits are worth being fanatical about.'

[With thanks to the world wide web!]

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Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on 15th April 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present : Cllrs Fee (in the Chair), Chandler, Wilkinson, Prosser, Stoward, Higglesden & Hawkins

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, Cllr Cusack, Chair Hoath Parish Council, and one member of the public

Cllr Fee opened the Meeting and thanked everyone for attending. A minute's silence was observed to mark the death of Prince Philip

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rose and his reason for absence was approved

Apologies were also received from CCC Cllr Carnac

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests in items on the Agenda

Cllr Wilkinson declared a business interest and would not take part in any discussions regarding application 21/00812

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 Public discussion

The member of the public wished only to observe the Meeting

4 KCC & CCC Clir reports

KCC Cllr Marsh did not give a report as he was in 'purdah' with local elections on 6th May

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2021 were approved

6 Matters arising

There were no maters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

Letter from Sue Huckstep requesting an increase in litter picking contract value to \pounds 315.00 per month (\pounds 9.00 per hour/35 hours month) – this was unanimously agreed

Letter from Air Ambulance thanking for Council for the donation

Countryside Voice magazine received from CPRE

Email and letter from Enso Energy re application 21/00812

Email from Parishioner re public footpath and road repairs - Clerk/Chair to reply

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications

21/00812 – EUEIA screening opinion for solar farm/battery store Land South of Marley Lane, Hoath

Initial letter of objection and arguments for having a full screening assessment already sent to CCC (a joint letter with Hoath PC)

Decided Applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

<u>9 To consider Finance matters</u>

The following accounts were approved for payment	£
Monthly Standing Order G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	372.93
Monthly Standing Order Harmer & Sons, grass cutting	570.00 incl. VAT of £95.00
Cheque No 1280 S Huckstep, litter picking	315.00
Cheque No 1281 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	79.20
Cheque No 1282 DM Payroll Services, payroll admin	120.00
Cheque No 1283 KALC, annual subs	377.38 incl. VAT of £62.90

To consider purchasing a further defibrillator

There was a brief discussion regarding the Community Heartbeat Trust and the services offered

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

11 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on **Thursday 20th May 2021** at Hersden Community Centre - 6.00 pm – Annual Parishioners Meeting 6.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting³

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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R.I.P. Father Christmas

Chris Pout, one time resident of Sunnydene, Boyden Gate, Marshside, in the Parish of Chislet, died in April 2021

He, with wife Jenny migrated from the Isle of Thanet to join quite a few ex Thanetians who had moved to this little rural area on the land side of the Wantsum River.

1976 had seen 3 unlikely fellows get together with the intention of doing something to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. This was the foundation of the Mummers of Boyden Gate. The initial group for its first presentation was missing a Father Christmas, so when Chris arrived in the community he was persuaded that the role of Father Christmas was meant for Him. With great gusto & a glass of the Gate Inns finest, or was it the other way round, he was just perfect.

The Mummers were a great success raising money for the Chislet Church Centre which was taking shape about that time.

Mummers only emerge over the Christmas Season but invitations had been received to perform at the Summer Fairs so The Boyden Gate Players came into being. The Players needed a playwright and Chris stepped forward with Hengist & Horsa. A great success at the Chislet Church Summer Fair, with many more enjoyable summer plays to follow.

Last September, after some years of friendship Pip & Chris married, sadly they had only a short time as husband & wife.

Thank you Chris, husband, step father to Miles & Ian, father to Duncan, scholar, thespian, playwright and a gentleman.

R.I.P. Father Christmas.

The Dragon & St. George I'm sure will be there to greet you.

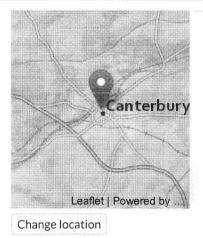
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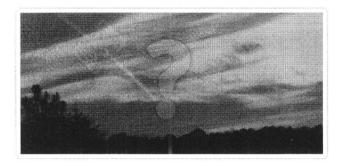
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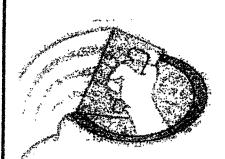
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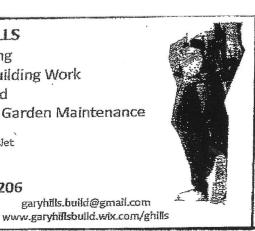
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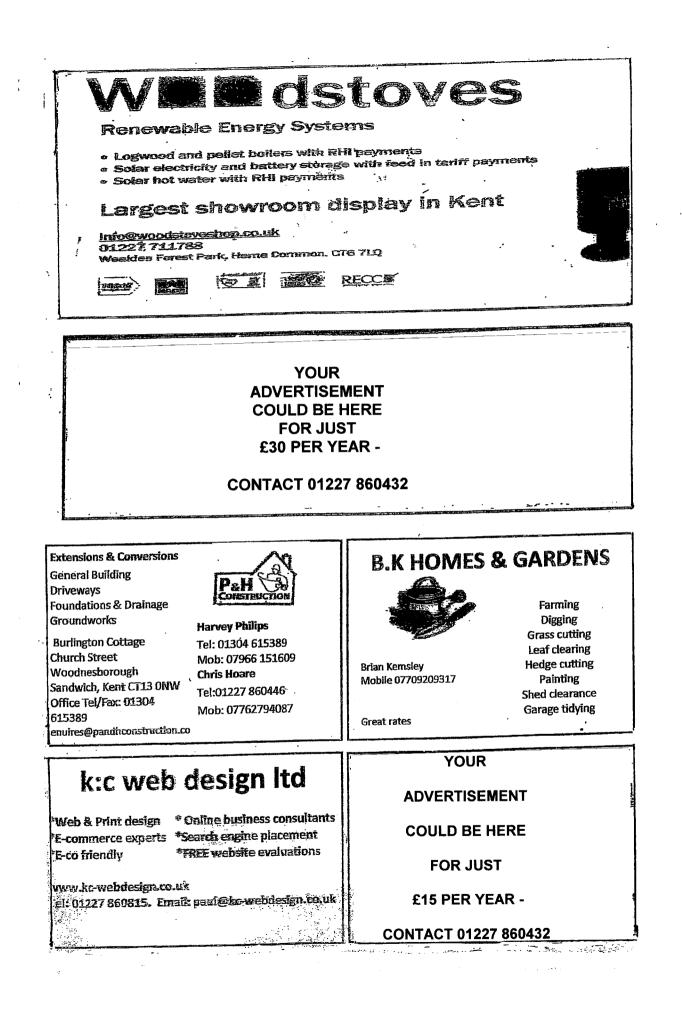


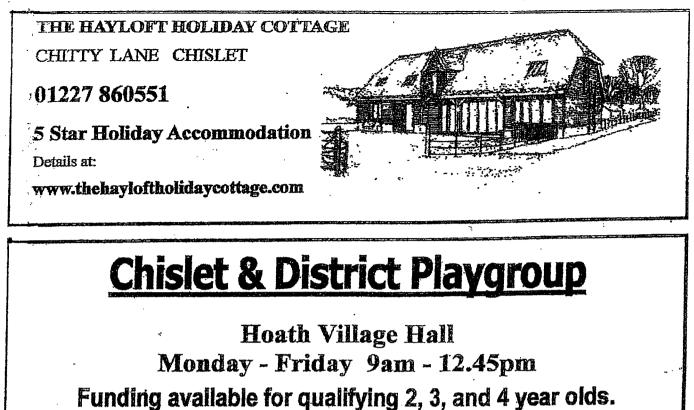


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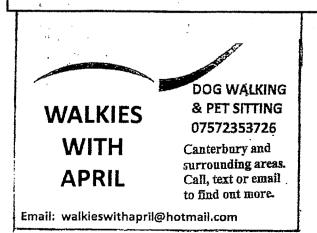
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