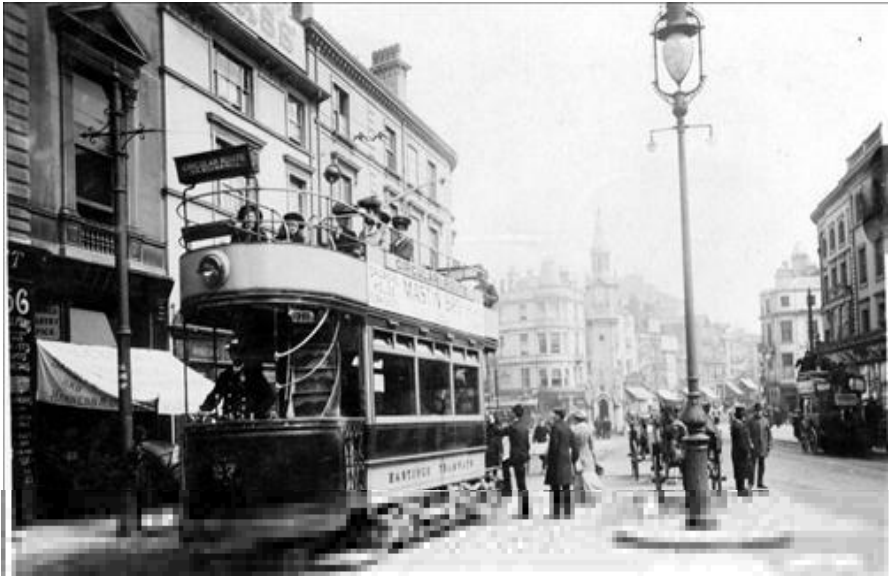


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**A Postcard taken in Robertson Street around 1910
of car 27 with the memorial in the background.**

Hastings Old Town carnival (20th August 2005)

On Saturday 20th August, the Hastings Tramways Club partook in the Hastings Old Town Carnival. The club's mini tram, no 10 was on its especially decorated trailer kindly towed by Alan Humphrey in his car. We set off at about 4.00pm for the 2 1/2 mile trip. The procession started at the Rock-a-Nore car Park and then set off along the seafront to Robertson Street, through the memorial area and back along the seafront to the High Street, up the High Street over to All Saints Street, leading back to Rock-a-Nore. The Carnival took about 3 hours to complete, with the club filling up 3 buckets of money as well as lots more collected in a net. It was a really great and fun day!

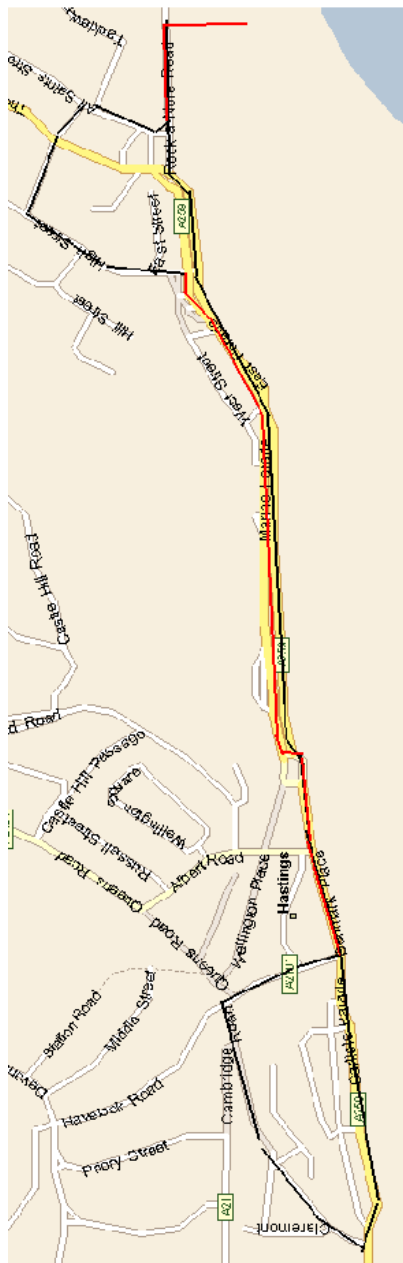
The Club's mini tram no. 10 on its trailer at Rock-a-Nore. Also pictured from the left are Alan Humphrey, Derek Masters, Roy Austen and Mary Boorman.





The Club's mini tram no. 10 on its trailer on the sea front during the carnival.

A Map of the 2 1/2 mile carnival route.



CLUB'S BARBEQUE

On 27th August 2005, the club held a barbeque at Oliver Boorman Humphrey's house. Roy, Derek, Chris, Oliver and his mum and dad attended the event. It was a great night! At around 7pm we saw the Hurricane aeroplane fly over for the Battle Proms and all evening we enjoyed the music from the Proms. At 10pm we watched the fantastic firework display from the Abbey grounds. It was a great evening. Thanks to all those who came.



THE BEXHILL 100

On 29th August 2005, the club held a stall at the Bexhill 100. The stall did really well with quite a lot of interest in our stall and our club. Our "pick-a-ticket" did as well as it always does making £56.45 alone. We took £26.45 with our sales and £4 in donations making a total of £86.90. Thanks to all the people who helped with the stall.

RURAL TRAMWAYS AT STAPLEHURST

On 24th/25th September 2005 Oliver Boorman - Humphrey took his "Rural Tramways" tramway layout to the Staplehurst model railway exhibition. The two-day event drew quite a crowd, 200 people on Saturday and 240 on Sunday. A lot of people were interested in the layout. It's nice to see how many people knew that the layout was a tramway. On Saturday, Derek helped with the layout and spread the word about the Hastings Tramways Club. Many Thanks to Derek for his help.

THE CLUB'S MINI TRAM No 10 ex. 43 *By Roy Austen*

The mini version of a Hastings Tramcar, a quarter scale of the original, has undergone a major repaint and repair by some of the members of the Hastings Tramways Club, fitted onto a trailer, and has taken part in most of this years centenary celebrations. The mini tram has been renumbered to no. 10 from no. 43 for the 15th July centenary celebrations as no. 10 was the test tram used on the 15th July 1905.

HASTINGS TRAMCAR No 56 *By Roy Austen*

The body of tramcar No 56 is in need of major repairs to one side which has been exposed to most of the weather. Most recently I've been tidying up inside and dabbing some paint on it to protect from the weather and to keep it looking presentable.

FAMILY HISTORY STALL

On the 9th October the club held a stall at the Horntye Family History fair. On the stall we had information on Hastings Tramways and our tramcar numbers 48 and 56, along with several photo albums of past events and our trams. The stall drew quite an interest with the visitors. We had a few people tell us stories about their relations who used to drive the trams or be conductors/ conductresses. We also raised £6 in donations. It was quite a successful day.

WILLIAM PARKER STALL

On the 15th / 16th October the club held a stall at the William Parker Hobbies and Craft fair. Our stall had Oliver's Layout "Rural Tramways" on it along with our "Pick-a-ticket", information on Hastings Tramways and our club mini tram no. 10.

On Saturday, the mayor and the Hastings councilors opened the event, who arrived in Happy Harold.

On the Saturday we raised £64 in total, £48 from "pick-a-ticket", £6 from sales and £10 in donations.

On the Sunday, which was a quieter day, we raised only £24 from "Pick-a-ticket" and £3.31 in donations. That is a total of £91.31 for the whole weekend, which isn't that good for 2 days.

Oliver's "Rural Tramways" drew quite a lot of interest with the public and the mayor which is pleasing to see. Although the weekend didn't draw as many people as expected, the weekend still went well and all the money is profit.

COMING TRAMWAY EVENTS 2005/06

July 2006 Centenary celebrations of Hastings Tramways in Bexhill.

August 2006 The club is holding a stall at the Crowhurst summer fayre

CLUB FINANCES (At the end of October 2005)

Event	Tombola profits	Sales	Donations	Total amount raised
Family History 09.10.2005	N/A	N/A	£6.00	£6.00
William Parker 15.10.2005	£48.00	£6.00	£10.00	£64.00
William Parker 16.10.2005	£24.00	£0.00	£3.31	£27.35
Total amount raised over the 3 events				£97.31
Total amount in petty cash (including above takings)				£205.47
Total amount now in Petty cash after £100 of it has been banked				£105.47
Total now in Bank (including £100 from petty cash)				£1,197.13

WHEELS! *By Roy Austen*

I have now made contact with the director of the Dover Transport museum regarding the tram truck which the club is trying to buy for one of our tramcars. The director said, after going to their committee, we could put an offer in it at the sum of £500, but somebody else was prepared to pay £1000 for it. So I upped our price to £600 knowing that was our maximum price. As the higher bidder didn't come forward it was agreed that we can have the truck. It's just a matter now of transporting it to Robertsbridge.

And finally a Merry Christmas

to all our members and their families



DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next open meeting will be held on Thursday 23th February 2006 at 8pm at the R.A.F.A. Club, Wellington Sq. Hastings. The AGM is 30th March 2006.

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