

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

Correspondence on Hooe Flower Show, the funds of which were administered by the council - March 1938 - March 1939

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From the Westminster Bank, Battle Branch, to J. J. Newport, Esq., re: Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup. Letter-headed paper, dated 4th March 1938.

Letter 01

WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED

BATTLE

Telephone : Battle 33

Please address reply to
THE MANAGER

Battle

4th March 1938

J. J. Newport, Esq.,
Clerk to the Hooe Parish Council,
Hooe Common,
Battle.

Dear Sir,

Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, I shall be pleased to keep the above Cup on behalf of your Council and note it should be deposited here in due course.

Yours faithfully,

John Mindle
Manager

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From J. J. N. (Ex-Hon. Secretary) to Mr Collins - Re: Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup. Carbon copy on plain quarto paper - dated 5th March 1938.

Letter 02

5th March 1938

Mr Collins,
"High House", Hooe.

Re Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup

Dear Mr Collins,

This morning I received from the Westminster Bank, Battle, the assurance that the Treasurer of the Hooe Flower Show is agreeable to accept the custody of the Challenge Cup (or Cups).

At their Meeting on the 13th February last the late Committee confirmed the decision of the Committee of 1930 that the Cup should be held for one year only, and that, in the event of there being no show, the Hooe Parish Council should be invited to take care of it.

In accordance with the wishes of the late Hooe Flower Show Committee, I now request you to deposit the Challenge Cup with the Manager of the Westminster Bank, High Street, Battle.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. N.
Ex-Secretary

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From S. Dodson (Ex.-Hon. Treasurer) & J. J. N. (Ex-Hon. Secretary) to the Manager of the Westminster Bank, Bexhill-on-Sea. - Re: Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup. Carbon copy on plain quarto paper - dated 24th March 1938.

Letter 03

The Manager
Westminster Bank, Bexhill-on-Sea

24th March 1938

Dear Sir,

On the 18th February last the Hooe Flower Show Committee: --

Resolved: "that there being no prospect of holding another Show, for want of influential exhibitors and adequate financial support, the Show would be wound up";

"That the Balance in Hand and that in the Bank be placed at the disposal of those who shall attend a Public Meeting to be held on March 23rd.";

At that Meeting both the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Sec. resigned; their resignations taking effect at the Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting, by 10 votes to 8, decided to retain the balance in the bank that, in the event of another Show being held in some future year, there will be capital to work on.

As the Hooe Parish Council are the custodians of the Flower Show goods, it is well they should be also of the cash.

We, the undersigned Ex-Treasurer and Ex-Secretary hereby request that the Westminster Bank undertake to act as Treasurer for the money of the Hooe Flower Show until a Public Meeting is called to dispose of it, or another Committee is elected who shall appoint other Honorary Treasurer and Secretary and until such Officers be appointed the Hooe Flower Show moneys be in the names of the Chairman and the Clerk of the Hooe Parish Council.

Ex-Hon. Treasurer

J.J.N.

N. B. The Chairman of the

[J.W.N.'s Note. The letter ends with a sentence, which is incomprehensible (other than what is shown above under "N. B.") because the same (?) sentence has been typed again, starting well to the right and overtop of the original sentence. Another problem for the clarity of the sentence is that the letter is a poor carbon-copy of the original.]

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From the Westminster Bank, Bexhill-on-Sea, to J. J. Newport, Esq., re: Deposit Account Hooe Flower Show. Letter-headed paper, dated 28th March 1938.

Letter 04

WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED

BEXHILL-ON-SEA BRANCH

Telephone : Bexhill **486**

Town Hall Square
Bexhill on Sea

Please address reply to
THE MANAGER

28th March 1938

J. J. Newport, Esq.,
Clerk to the Hooe Parish Council,
Hooe Common,
Battle,
Sussex.

Dear Sir,

Deposit account Hooe Flower show

Principal	£20. 8. 5.
Interest accruing due up to 31 - 3 - 38	4/-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., countersigned by Mr S. Dodson, the Ex-Hon. Treasurer.

It is rather difficult to understand whether you desire the Westminster Bank to act as Treasurer or whether the money is to be held to the order of the Hooe Parish Council pending further arrangements.

I agree with your suggestion that as the Hooe Parish Council is the custodians of the Flower Show goods, the above account should also be under their control. I therefore enclose our mandate form S.36C for completion on behalf of the Hooe Parish Council. When this has been done and returned to us, I will transfer the balance of the above account in accordance with your instructions.

Yours faithfully,

J. L. Harris
Manager

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

*From S. Dodson & J. J. N. to the Manager, Westminster Bank, Bexhill. This is a draft for **Letter 6**. It is signed by "S. Dodson" and has not been dated.*

Letter 5

Mgr
Westr. Bk., Bex.

Dear Sir,

Hooe Flower Show	
Deposit a/c	£20 - 8 - 50
Interest accruing due to 31/3/38	£-- 4s/--

Further to our letter of the 24th inst. and your reply of the 28th inst. and your subsequent interview with Mr J. J. Newport on the 29th instant, we cancel our request of the 24th inst. and now ask you to pay over to your Battle Branch, the above the Principal and Interest, on April the first next.

Westminster Bank Ltd, Battle Branch, act as Treasurer to the Hooe Parish Council and arrangements will be made by us with that Branch as to how the above funds are to be held by them.

S. Dodson

*[J. W. N.s Note. See **Letter 6** - this is the draft for that letter. The draft was produced and signed by S. Dodson who was, obviously, the Hon. Treasurer.]*

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From S. Dodson & J. J. N. to the Manager, Westminster Bank, Bexhill. This is a typed carbon-copy of the letter actually sent to the bank. There are no changes, in the main text, to the draft letter, **Letter 5**. It is dated 29th March 1938.

Letter 6

29th of March 1938

The Manager
Westminster Bank, Bexhill

Dear Sir,

Hooe Flower Show	
Deposit a/c	£20 - 8 - 50
Interest accruing due to 31/3/38	£-- 4s/--

Further to our letter of the 24th inst. and your reply of the 28th inst. and your subsequent interview with Mr J. J. Newport on the 29th instant we cancel our request of the 24th instant and now ask you to pay over to your battle branch the above the principle and Interest on April the first next.

Westminster Bank Ltd, Battle Branch, act as Treasurer to the Hooe Parish Council and arrangements will be made by us with that Branch as to how the above funds are to be held by them.

Yours faithfully

Treasurer,

J. J. N.
Secretary

*[J. W. N.s Note. From **Letter 5** we know that S. Dodson was the treasurer, wrote the draft, and would have signed the final copy as well as J. J. N., who was the Secretary. As this is a carbon copy Mr. S. Dodson's signature would only have appeared on the final letter and **NOT** on this.]*

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From the Westminster Bank, Bexhill-on-Sea, to "The Secretary, (J. J. Newport, Esq.), Hooe Parish Council, Hooe, Battle" from the Westminster Bank, Bexhill. The document is a small white postcard, posted on 31st March 1938, at 6.30 p.m Size about: 3 1/2" long x 3" tall. It has two stamps (George VI), each of 1/2d. The message is handwritten; the date (31st March 1938) is stamped.

Letter (Item) 07

**WESTMINSTER BANK LTD
BEXHILL ON SEA BRANCH**

Town Hall Square, Bexhill on sea

Your Letter dated 29th instant has been received
and has attention.

Please let us have the Deposit Book

Date:.....31st March 1938

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From J.J.N. (Clerk) to the Manager, Westminster Bank, Bexhill-on-Sea. This document is a typed, carbon copy on plain quarto-sized paper. The word "Copy" has been written, in pencil, on the top left.

Letter 08

1st April, 1938

The Manager,
Westminster Bank, Bexhill on Sea

Re Hooe Parish Council, Hooe Flower Show

Yesterday, at mid-day, I had an interview with your Manager at the Battle Branch and left the Hooe Flower Show Deposit Book with him.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. N.
Clerk

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From J. J. N. (Clerk) to the Manager, Westminster Bank, Battle. This document is a typed, carbon copy on plain quarto-sized paper. The word "Copy" appears, in pencil, at top left. Dated - 2nd April 1938

Letter 09

2nd April, 1938

The Manager,
Westminster Bank,
High St., Battle

Re Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup

On the instructions of the Hooe Flower Show Committee of the 29th May 1936 (which I have not been able to carry out before) I now ask you to accept the custody of the Hooe Flower Show Challenge Cup at present held by Mr John Collins of "High House", Hooe, who should have returned it to the Committee in 1932.

On receipt of your acceptance of the custody of the Cup and, I will advise him to deliver it up to you.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. N.
Clerk

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

From the Westminster Bank. This document is a standard receipt form, from and completed by, the 'Westminster Bank', inside a small white envelope identified as "Receipt for Silver Challenge Cup". The page has a table with two headed columns - "Securities" and "Amount". It is dated 21 April 1938.

WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED

Battle 42

Branch

No. 274

Date 21 APR 1938

Securities	Amount
<p><i>Box No. 912</i></p> <p><i>Silver Challenge Cup</i></p>	

The Securities enumerated above have this day been lodged with us by:

Hooe Parish Council re Hooe Flower Show.

Countersigned L. K. Lawrence

John Mindle
Manager