



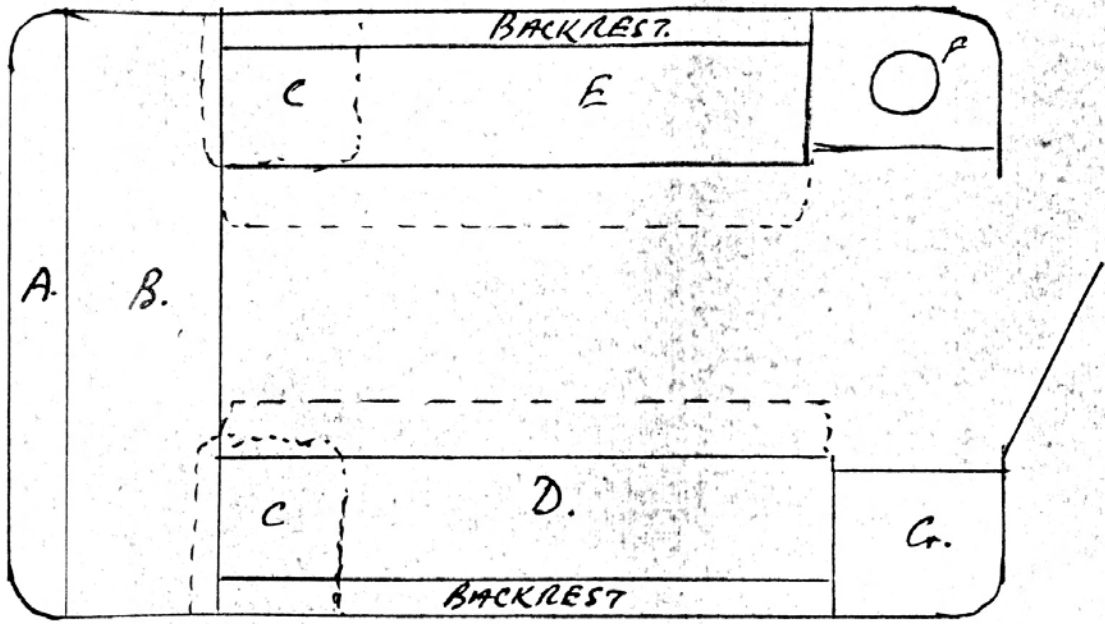
Offered to SA collection by Mr. H F Brandram Jones

Poulstone, King's Caple, Herefordshire 1978

Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive

length 9'6"

length 9'6" x 6' wide  
 Panels in plywood and covered  
 with Canvas.



- A = Back rest. lifts up to form Bed 6' x 2'5"
- B = Seat. and bed — " —
- C = Folding tables
- D = Forms into Single bed 6' x 2' Locks below
- E = " " " " 5'6" x 2'3" — " —
- F = Single window slide and open.
- G = Cupboard.

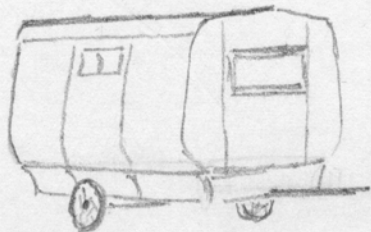
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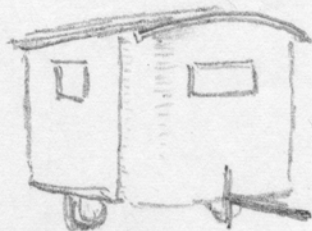
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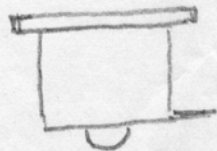
SKETCHES BY W M WHITEMAN



First model, sheet steel  
prototype, 1919



Second model, plywood walls with  
rounded corners. Plain low roof  
with projecting ends. Rear end detn



1922 (1921 Motor Show) possible cathe.  
shaft continued in small models  
until 1952 Show

1923 Motor Show - first canton roof models



Courtesy [Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive](#)  
1933 Winchester 15ft models at Owl Mill 1980 when owned by Glyn Lancaster Jones.  
Left - later owned by a Mr Hutchings (not related) and right - later owned by Jeff Evans (HCC)



Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive  
1936c Royal Winchester 1930 when owned by Glyn Lancaster Jones. Later scrapped.

Memorandum  
from Caravans International



To Mr S Alper

From Martin Lumby

*Caravan at Paddock Wood,  
Kent - move before  
Spring Bank Holiday.  
2" Ball not 50mm*

Date 9 May 1978

VINTAGE CARAVANS

We had a message from Harold Catt that he has for sale a 1938 Eccles President four-berth in very good condition. He says that it is original inside, even to original equipment, with spade for digging toilet holes. It is under cover at a farm in Kent at present and the asking price is £750.

Mr Catt's opinion is that the caravan has probably done no more than 50 miles in its life.

The President is similar to the better known Enchantress, I believe. Mr Catt's assessment of condition is probably reliable, as we know, and the price seems to compare well with the Swiss models you are buying.

*S.S.*

pp. MCL/ss

Paddock - Wood Ltd

PS Any news of the Winchester which Ray Field was going to deliver for you?

*Agree to buy  
will they accept £650*

SA Mr. Catt says can you meet him  
half way say £700.  
*Person say O.K.*



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see & return  
to me  
please

David

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May. 17th. 1978.

Dear Martin.

Thank you for telephoning me regarding the "Eedes President". The enclosed photograph taken at Emberton Park. Acrey. Bucks at last years Heritage Rally does not really give it justice.

There are two doors. one forward for the double bunk compartment and one rear to the kitchen and sitting room. This is separated from the double by the wardrobe doors.

The kitchen unit is all in one piece with polished ali sink and draining. the cupboards underneath house the gas. (ventilated)

Kitchen equipment: (central) and food (ventilated) to the right by the rear door. it is equipped with the original Parkinson stove and oven. and Calor Gas fire but unfortunately on this the ceramic element is missing.

A Spade for digging a loo and large wooden wedge on a handle still lie in a wheelarch cupboard. The water tank at the rear of the side wheel is as fresh as a lily. Wheel brace cantilever jacks and wheel discs are all complete and rust free. I have even bound the road springs after greasing Gas and Electric lighting Electric in the Roof with gas on



pillars. No a leak anywhere.

The Blind Institute made new coconut matting mats for front & rear steps.

The Van still has its suppliers enamel badge

LANDYACHTS and Eccles name plate and manufacturer's no plate forward of the lantern by the guttering.

I would like to move it from Paddock Wood before the Spring Bank Holiday in order that I can return with the ~~Boston~~ Hutchings from Emberton Park after the holiday. See what arrangements you can make.

I shall be at the Club on Monday till Thursday. but if I am difficult to obtain ask Maria the Telephone Supervisor to pass on a message. (She's a darling).

All the Best

Harold Catt



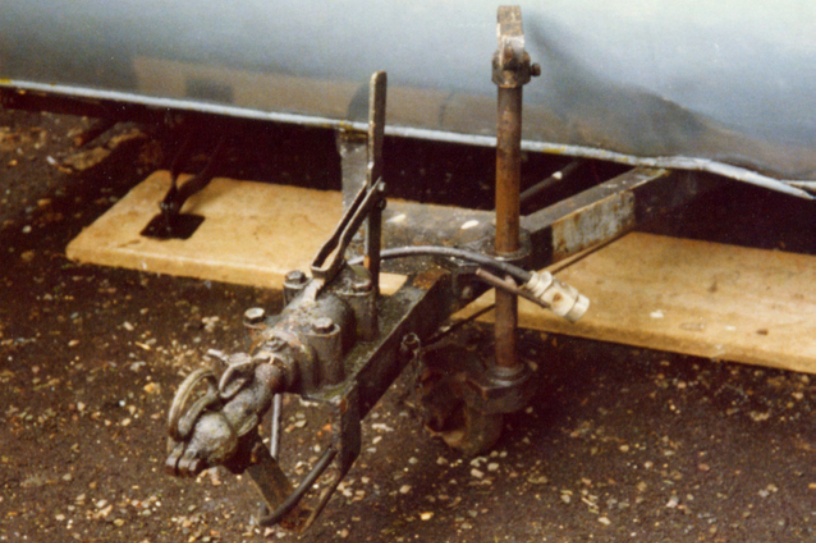
Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive  
1938 Eccles President sold to Sam Alper 1978 by Harold Catt



1949 Eccles Alert serial 49 6250.6 sold to Sam Alper 1980 by A J McLachlan

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1995 Bicycles Alen, Serial 45 5250.6 sold to Sam Alper 1980 by J. McLachlan



1949 Eccles Alert serial 49 6250.6

Sold to Sam Aperi 1960 by A J McLehlan

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11th January, 1980

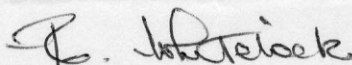
Dear Sirs,

We have a Winchester Caravan, it is 15feet 6 inches long and the unladen weight is 25 cwts, I think that the year of manufacture was 1953.

After preserving it for twenty five years we now wish to dispose of it and have been advised that you may be interested as an addition to your collection of old caravans.

I have enclosed a photo'; it is as original, carpet, curtains, crockery etc; and we would be glad to know what your opinion is and also the price for same.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

16 January 1980

R Whitelock Esq  
Secretary  
F W Whitelock & Sons Limited  
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Ravenfield  
Rotherham  
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Dear Mr Whitelock

Thank you for your letter of 11 January enclosing a photograph of your 1953 Winchester.

The situation is that our Chairman has a small private museum of his own in which there is a Winchester of about 1924 and a post-war model perhaps slightly older than yours. There are numerous other caravans and we have now reached the position where the limiting factors are space, and labour and funds for restoration work. You will understand therefore that we could not make a very attractive offer from the point of view of someone who could well use the caravan for leisure purposes. To put things in perspective we have just bought a 1936 Eccles Aristocrat for £150.

In the circumstances it might be better if you were to make a suggestion of the sort of price you were expecting to get. We could then come and look at the caravan and reach some agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Martin Lumby





1953 Winchester  
offered to SA-museum by R Whitelock 1990

Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive



1956 Sprite Major acquired for SA collection 1980

Serial no AG-8062

Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive

MCL/ss

Gwynedd L.L.S. & S.H.

5 June 1979

E D Hughes Esq  
Bodeuron  
Chwilog  
Pwllheli  
Gwynedd  
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Dear Mr Hughes

Very many thanks for your letter of May 29 and for the two Polaroid photographs enclosed.

I will stick my neck out -- but with a lot of confidence -- in saying that this caravan never saw the Eccles factory. Between the wars many caravans were built by small concerns and individuals based on the few production models which their makers will have seen on the roads. Most of these were inevitably by Eccles, or Angela which was another make closely influenced by Eccles.

In passing, the corner legs are unlike anything which Eccles used, so far as I can see. I should think quite a lot of work has been done over the years to modify the caravan in one way and the other. It certainly looks in fine condition but any suggestion of a price tag of £1,000+ is, to my mind, unrealistic.

If there is no maker's plate on the caravan, what puzzles me is how you have managed to date it? Thank you again for your interest.

Yours sincerely

Martin Lumby

cc Mr S Alper



ED HUGHES

Unknown, Pictures 1979, Gwynedd  
See hughes letter

ED HUGHES

MCL/ss

1 December 1978

A C Pickford Esq  
20 Nursery Road  
Ringwood  
Hants

Dear Mr Pickford

I am sorry for the delay since my visit to Ringwood but at last I have pleasure in enclosing two photographs of your caravan. I am afraid our Chairman was quite firm in his immediate opinion, on seeing the pictures, that this was not an Eccles. Like me he also pointed to the angular shape at the front of the side walls.

I am convinced that your caravan is a copy of pre-war Winchesters, which would not be surprising in view of the geography. To give you some idea of what I am referring to I enclose photocopies of pages from 1933 and 1940 issues of "The Caravan". Although the earlier one doesn't show up too well, and although it is not lantern-roofed, you can see the close similarity of the body line.

I am sorry to have been a disappointment over the question of possible purchase but I am sure you can understand that space and funds are too limited for us to acquire a model of uncertain parentage.

Yours sincerely

Martin Lumby  
Group Publicity Manager



See Pickford letter

Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive



See Pickford letter

Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive



1914 Harvester Caravan, used at that time when the  
harvesting was done by groups of workers who went  
around for a couple of weeks at a time & lived  
in vans like this. Sleeps 6 - 2 double beds & 2 single  
Yarn-type cooking "range" Cosy! Same bod owns van  
+ Engine





Courtesy Historic Caravan Club Martin Lumby Archive



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Caravan referred to in letter. (now obviously out  
of the canvas!)



Wagonette Serial 2565 MkII Reg Design 910799  
Owned by A Beeden in 1981belived only 8 made  
ML thought 1956 but not certain.



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