



GOODWOOD SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Hi Fellow Enthusiast

Well what a turnaround in the last 9 weeks! Following the AGM and discussions with the new Chairman, Jeff Read, I agreed to continue with the newsletter provided I was sent information and event information for publication and kept informed of runs, social events etc. No info, no newsletter. Thanks to this month's contributors.

Below you will see an introduction from Andy Relf, our new 'Temporary' Secretary.

Please note details of June's run below.

Since the Frankland Arms, Washington has now closed permanently we will need to find an alternative pub for our Noggin & Natter nights. Last month's was held at the Red Lion, Ashington. Discussion and suggestions to be aired at next club night. Ideas please to Jeff and/or Andy.

Maureen

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Goodwood Section June Runs

Sue and Phil Harris are organising the following runs in June - all riders welcome

Wrinkly run - Friday 15th

Day Run of approx 50 miles, starting outside the Frankland Arms, Washington at 10:30am. Finishing at the Rising Sun, Upper Beeding.

Evening run - Thursday 21st

Evening run of approx 30 miles, starting at Wisborough Green at 19:30pm. Finishing at the Rising Sun, Nutbourne.

Goodwood Run - Sunday 24th

Day run of approx 50 miles, starting at Goodwood Motor Circuit, at 10:30am. There is a big car event at the circuit but do not be put off as the

section has permission to meet in the Chicane Paddock, on the right before the tunnel. Finishing at the West Meon Hut, or Loomies, depending on what you want to eat and drink! There will be a Route Sheet option, but we will also lead out a Drop-Off Run for those that prefer it, and will run this even if there is only one person that chooses this option. If you are coming, please email phil@pchweb.co.uk or phone 07779 528150 to give us an idea of numbers.

..... From our New 'Temporary' Secretary

It is not an understatement to say that Maureen has done a marvellous job over the years as Secretary and we should all be grateful for the effort she has put in on our behalf and to follow in such footsteps is not an easy task. I became the Secretary as everyone stepped backwards quicker than I did, and many of you won't know who I am and so a little history.

I have been a motorcyclist from my teens riding an old BSA on my uncle's farm, and on my 16th birthday launching myself on an NSU Quickly onto the road. I went on to a Triumph 21, a Tiger 100, and a T110. I was part of that old breed of kerbside motorcyclists that had to fix the bike or it didn't run! I joined the police force in 1965, and was a regular police motorcyclist in various roles until 1988 when I went to HQ. I had been nationally responsible for sport on the Highway since 1982 and never lost the job, being responsible for the Milk Race, Tour of Britain, Tour de France etc. To cut a long story short, on retirement I was contracted by the Home Office and became the author of the small and sporting events safety guide, and contracted to operate the routes and safety of major sporting events. That included the civilian motorcycle escort group operating to British Cycling and Triathlon. I also owned and operated a number of events.

I retired from all work in 2010, and although I had always owned a motorcycle, I became interested in old Triumphs again. I live in Fishbourne with my wife Jean, car, caravan for meandering around Europe and three old bikes.

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CLUB NIGHT 3rd TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE MAYPOLE INN, YAPTON, 8.00pm

NOGGIN' & NATTER 4th TUESDAY EACH MONTH – VENUE UNDER REVIEW, 8.00pm

I strongly believe in retaining the Goodwood section and I have been active in giving my opinion on the current situation with VMCC HQ as the membership needs a motorcycle club and not a trading business. The Sections are vibrant and HQ needs to find a means to support the membership and sections properly. I believe that it must start with a fundamental change at officer level with more input from the sections, a business strategy and plan acceptable to the membership. To this end I support most of Gavin Shaw's thoughts on the future. Like everyone else, I await developments.

Andy Relf
Goodwood Section Secretary
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Wrinkly Run – 11 May

Sue Harris

The May Wrinkly Run, a lovely run organised by John Pocklington, met on the green at Wisborough, where we met a local gent who, after stopping to chat and look at the eleven bikes arrayed, turned to leave and walked into a bus stop ! Little did we know that this was only the start of an incident packed ride!

John set off with several bikes following, unaware that someone was already having problems starting their bike. The group quickly became spread out, but after Kirdford, managed to gather together again.

The route took us through Plaistow to Dunsfold and then headed to Shillinglee, where on a T-junction, one of the group gently laid their bike down on the tarmac, pinning his leg underneath! A quick bit of action by the group lifted the bike upright while the rider bashfully extracted himself from a pothole.

Off we went again to Fernhurst, where we had to stop at roadworks when the lights changed right in front of John P, who looked down and saw his gear lever had fallen apart! We then had to shuffle our bikes to the side of the road, and must have provided a nice display of old bikes to the queuing traffic



....while I played the game of 'how many men does it take to fix a gear lever !

The offending lever was unfortunately a terminal issue for John, who had to get home in a single gear, occasionally stopping to change to another gear with a spanner !

So, after a discussion which started with John nominating Phil as the assistant run leader, and Phil nominating me as knowing the roads around there better than him, John's route-roller was duly fixed to my bike for me to lead the rest of the run! I did know the roads, but I didn't know John's route. Added to the fact that I have never lead a run before, and never thought I would have the confidence, the instructions on John's route-roller were confusing to start with, but I set off determined to do my best.

John was accompanied off by one rider, and one elected to return north because of our delay, so eight of us departed, luckily with Phil the first one behind me, as I promptly forgot a hand signal at the first junction !

The route John planned was beautiful, taking us onward through Milland to Petersfield then Buriton and Forestside and finally to the Barley Mow at Walderton.

Unfortunately the second half was not without incident, as one rider forgot an essential ingredient for a successful run – enough petrol ! This, of course, happened in the middle of nowhere, but the day was saved by another rider being very well prepared in case his small tank caught him out, as he had a litre cached away in his saddle bag.

We finally made it to the pub, where we were made very welcome, but I did miss that last turning so we overshot and had to backtrack.



... being greeted at The Barley Mow, Walderton

A beautiful day and a beautiful run. Thanks chaps for bearing with me leading a ride for the first time whilst trying to remember good practice and while I tentatively followed a route I had not planned and completely forgot a comfort stop but I did manage to get us all to a welcome lunch. **Sue**

Club Night – 15 May

Sorry not enough room this time for a full write-up on Richard and John's presentations – to follow next month if information available.

Balade Des Vieux Clous Rally in France – May Jeff Read

I entered for the 41st Balade Des Vieux Clous Rally (literally translated - Ride Of The Old Nails!) held at the end of May in the Lille area of France.

This year there were about 100 entrants, about half French, a third British and the remainder Dutch and Belgium, and the bikes ages ranged from mid 30's to mid 70's.

Tim Penn and his wife Trish organised the British contingent who came mainly from the Surrey & Sussex, East Sussex and Kent sections.



Jeff



Tim & Trish Penn

As the ferry from Dover was scheduled to leave Dover at 7.30 on the Friday morning I choose to take a leisurely ride down on the Thursday afternoon meeting my riding pal Dave Gibson in Newark for lunch. We had decided to take pre war 350's. I rode a 1937 AJS Twin Port (below) and Dave a 1937 Norton model 50. These proved to be a good choice as most of the runs were on small rural lanes.



Thursday night was a hoot. Steve and Andy Marks had arranged to meet in a splendid bar in Dover followed by a good Chinese meal and back to the bar. Just what you need when you need to make a 5.30 am start to catch the ferry. We were a little surprised by the lax passport control in Dover.

We did not even have to remove crash helmets and were just waved through. This had consequences that became apparent later.

We emerged from the ferry and made our way through Calais to the obvious pleasure of a large number of young coloured gentlemen standing by the road side, who all waved, shouted and ran in the road cheering? us on our way. Who would have thought they were so interested in old motorcycles?

I won't bore you with the details of each of the three days rides. They were approx 130 plus miles each day and ran through very quiet peaceful countryside. The routes very excellent, however the French have yet to master the art of preparing accurate route maps! Still it gave us the opportunity of exploring even more of the countryside and observing other rally participants travelling in the opposite direction. A hoot.

The rally accommodation was interesting, basic but clean. Fancy having to make our beds!

The lunch stops were all excellent. Well organised considering the numbers, and good food.

On the final night Tim surpassed himself. We were booked into a superb hotel followed by dinner in a private dinner room in a local restaurant then into a great bar. There was a local, very French, brass band that played all night into the small hours. What made the music so enjoyable was that paradoxically some of the playing was quite appalling. That day was my birthday, and for me the icing on the cake was that the band serenaded me with a unique rendition of "Happy Birthday".

A lady rider in our group on returning to Calais was horrified to discover that she had picked up her husband's passport and driving licence when leaving home. She had passed through Dover control without it being noticed, but it was spotted

as she tried to return through the checkpoint in Calais. So she was denied entry to the UK until a lot of forms were filled in, but all was well in the end. The authorities were rightly concerned that she could have left the UK with the wrong passport. A serious security breach.

The only issue with the bikes on the rally was Dave's carb which flooded. The tickler had broken and jammed the float down, easily fixed. The handling on my bike started to deteriorate, I choose to ignore it but when I got home I discovered that the front girder fork had broken. The down tube had broken away from the wheel spindle lug. One more large pot hole and I could have been in serious trouble. Great weekend, good company and very good value for money, about 600 miles door to door. Many thanks to Tim and Trish, I recommend it.



Jeff somewhere in France !!

Photos of the event can be found here <https://www.moto-nostalgie.com/balade-des-vieux-clous-mai-2018>

Thanks Jeff, sounds an interesting event and well supported by the local sections.

More of this for the newsletter please.

Re-corking Clutches - for the benefit of members

Andy & Quae (*Andy is on the cover of the October 2015 journal*), VMCC members of the West South Wales Section, have purchased the clutch re-corking business from Bob Metson, who has now retired at the age of 88 years young.

They re-cork motorcycle clutches with 'real cork' as traditionally done for over 50 years. They didn't want all that experience and knowledge to disappear so

they have decided to carry it on.

If any members would like their clutches re-corked now or in the near future please give us a call on 01559 371770.

Andy and Quae Chorley

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WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE	
Fri 15	Wrinkly Run, Washington, outside Frankland Arms, 10.30am – Phil Harris
Sun 17	VMCC Banbury Run
Tues 19	Club Night, Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Bring a Bike Night
Thur 21	Mid Summer Eve Run, Adj. Green, Durban Road Wisborough Green RH14 0DS 7.30pm – Phil Harris Leader
Fri 22–29	VMCC Scarborough Week
Sun 24	Goodwood Run, Goodwood Airfield, 10.30am – Phil Harris Leader, route card and drop-off.
Sun 24	Romney Marsh Show (pre-1990) & Bikejumble, 10am, Hamstreet, Nr Ashford, TN26 2JD
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, VENUE TO BE DETERMINED, provisionally Red Lion Ashington 8.00pm
Wed 27	Surrey & Sussex Evening Run to East Sussex Section
JULY	
Sat/Sun 7/8	VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes, Mallory Park
Fri 13	Wrinkly Run, Northgate CP, Chichester 10.30m – Roger Seymour Leader
Sun 15	SBMCC Garden of England Run, Headcorn
Sun 15	South of England Classic Show and Bikejumble, Ardingly
Tues 17	Club Night, Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Bring an Interesting Vehicle
Sat 21	Kempton Park Autojumble
Sun 22	VMCC Founders Day
Tues 24	Noggin 'n' Natter, VENUE TO BE DETERMINED - Surrey & Sussex visiting
AUGUST	
Fri 10	Wrinkly Run, Adj Green, Durbans Road, Wisborough Green, RH14 0DS 10.30am – LEADER REQUIRED
Sat 11	Greek Night, Fat Greek Taverna, Worthing 7.00 for 7.30pm – Roger Seymour
Sun 12	Graham Walker Memorial Run Pre 1940 Machines Contact: Ian McGill - 01293 771446, Entry Form Regs, email pioneerorganiser@gmail.com
Wed 15	Surrey & Sussex Section Girder Folks Run – Regs & Entry Form Available
Sun 18	Summer Pioneer Run, Verralls, Handcross, 9.00am
Tues 21	Club Night, Maypole In, Yapton, 8.00pm – Noggin & Natter
Tues 28	Noggin 'n' Natter, VENUE TO BE DETERMINED

Romney Marsh Classic Show & Bikejumble
Sunday 24th June
Hamstreet, Near Ashford, Kent TN26 2JD

Our next event is **The Romney Marsh Classic Show & Bikejumble** on Sunday 24th June, just time to book your motorcycle into the show, enter you pre-1990 bike and get free admission for yourself and a pillion.

Visit www.elk-promotions.co.uk/ to book online or download an entry form and enter by post. Here's what to expect on Sunday 24th June:

- **Classic motorcycle show**, with club stands including the BSA Owners Club (Kent), Francis-Barnett Owners Club, East Kent Classic Motorcycle Club, Norton Owners Club (Kent), Triumph Owners MCC (Medway) , VJMC (Kent)
- **Large all-motorcycle autojumble**, with indoor stalls in our huge marquee.
- Look out for **'Round the Outside', they're celebrating 100 Years of the RAF** with a sponsored ride around the coast. They're raising money for the RAF Benevolent Fund, for more details visit www.facebook.com/roundtheoutsideRAF100/
- **DynABike: mobile Dynotune unit:** Now's your chance to have your Pride & Joy Dynotested, no need to book, first come, first served. Richard from www.dynabike.co.uk tells us *'Any bike you like. Gentle rolling road test with air/fuel analysis will confirm correct fuelling'*; Julie says *'first one to get their Vincent on the rollers goes for free!'*. Find the DynABike trailer outside in the BikePark on Sunday 24th June.
- **Win a Classic Bike!** Dover Transport Museum are raffling two bikes to raise funds for their collection. Up for grabs are a 1947 BSA 250cc C11 and a 1953 Francis-Barnett 197cc Falcon. See the bikes and buy a ticket at Romney Marsh Win a bike for £1 and help a worthwhile cause.
- **Garage too full? Too many unfinished projects? Why not book a stall** and convert your unwanted bits into cash for your next project, a garage clear-out stall is just £10 for 6m by 5m, and admits 2 people. Jumble stalls from £15. – contact us now!
- **Helmet Park:** For those arriving on two-wheels, The Royal British Legion will be providing a helmet park in aid of the RBL. Find them in their Gazebo adjacent to the bike park.
- **Venue:** Hamstreet, Near Ashford, KENT, TN26 2JD.
- **Entry:** Gates Open at 10am and admission is £5 adults; £4 for 65-and-over; kids under 16 free.
- Run since 1992, our events are all-motorcycle and are family-run by enthusiasts.

Do share our news with any Classic forums, FaceBook pages or websites you use.

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