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Hi Fellow Enthusiast

Tuesday's speaker is Joe Wicker who will give a presentation on "Steam on the Roads". I believe his is an ex Department of Transport chap and has given us a talk previously.

Maureen

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Les Hampton 5 August 1945 – 5 October 2018



Les was a familiar member of the club, a very friendly and amenable chap, always willing to help. He enjoyed a very large Italian stable of bikes, and could usually be seen riding a Moto Guzzi, at Whiteways, drinking a coffee, or at other local biking watering holes or events.

Apart from the VMCC he was also a member of several other clubs; Moto Guzzi Club GB, where he had been Chairman for a few years, A272 Riders Club with whom he did continental tours and the CMSA.

Les was lucky to have a very local Guzzi garage, Motori Di Marino at West Chiltington. Last year Pietro organised a team to take part in the Milano Taranto (as reported in June 2017 Newsletter), but unfortunately, having arrived in Italy ready for the start, Les had to withdraw due to ill health. Les had planned to do it this year.

Born in Seaford where, he went to school, he then moved to Purley, Bletchingley and finally Storrington. His working life included time at Blue Circle Cement works (Pensions), Allied Foods

and finally the Paymaster Generals Office, Crawley.

Les' family and biking friends gave him a good send off with at least 32 bikes following the cortege from his home in Storrington. A good turn-out from the Goodwood Section were included indicating his popularity. Afterwards to toast his memory at the Black House, Findon.

Donations in Les' memory can be made to the Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance.



Photo courtesy of H.D Tribe Ltd. Funeral Directors, others available to view

A Biker's Prayer:

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May the Sun rise in front of me;
May the rain fall behind me,
And the wind follow me.
May the angels guard my travels,
For they know the road ahead of me.
Keep me safe through swirling
Turns and rolling hills;
Let the eagle guide me to the mountain tops.
Let the moonlight guide me through the night.
Lord, thank you for letting me be a biker.

Ack: Les' photo and some extracts taken from Gambalunga, Moto Guzzi Magazine.

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

NOGGIN' & NATTER 4th TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE RED LION, ASHINGTON, 8.00pm

Jeff's Jotting

Firstly I'd like to thank all of you who contributed to the discussions verbal and written on next year's calendar of events. I found them very informative and they helped the Committee (hopefully) understand your preferences. Consequently we have now agreed the calendar for 2019. Andy is arranging for this to be printed, in the mean time it can be found on the VMCC website.

To improve communication with the members I will be sending email reminders out prior to events, they will confirm published details or give warning of any changes. I hope you find this useful.

There were three riding events recently. I'm sure that they will be reported on in detail in the newsletter, but I would like to add a few observations. Firstly we should be encouraged by the strength of the turnout for the Pumpkin Run which shows that we do want to support good Sunday events and Brian's route was first class. It was also pleasing to see riders from other sections joining us; I hope we can return the compliment.

There were problems with the Wrinkly Run resulting from an adverse weather report which turned out to be unfounded. Well done Roger and the others who turned up. Sorry for any inconvenience / confusion caused, we'll try to do better in the future.

Three of us rode to the Brooklands Section Winter Wandering on 3 November. It was well worth the effort, an excellent 40 mile jaunt that finished at the Smithbrook Kilns. Their next run is on Saturday December 8th. I recommend it and will leave Whiteways at 9.50am that morning or you can ride straight to the start at Newlands Corner on the A25 near Albury.



Photo by Malcolm Piper

Roger organised another excellent skittles evening that attracted a good turnout. Many thanks to Roger and his family who organised the evening.

The IT presentation by Phil was very informative and illustrated just how much information is available to us, and about us, on the internet. Phil had to battle with the poor internet signal in the club room but managed to overcome the problems. Please try it yourselves especially our Facebook page which records photographs and the routes we took on the runs.

Malcolm has volunteered to organise film nights showing old motorcycle footage. The first, probably a trial run, will be at the December Club Night and we intend to project onto a big screen. I'll provide the popcorn! and I'm sure they will make a great contribution to Club Nights. (The films not the popcorn).

The second innovation is the programme of short winter runs on Sunday mornings. They will all start from the Cafe in Slindon at 10.30am and finish in time for you get home for Sunday lunch. Further details to follow.

The last thought. It was mentioned by Steve Priston and Roger Seymour that we should consider supporting a charity, perhaps one that provided mutual benefit. Funds and support to them with publicity/exposure to us. The committee wants to pursue the idea, so any inputs from you will be welcome.

Thanks Jeff

Wrinkly Run – 12 October

Cancelled or not cancelled - see reference to this run opposite – Roger was not deterred, nor were Malcolm Piper, Ron Hanmore and John Pocklington.



The four stalwarts at Whiteways before the run.

Club Night – 18 October IT Night by Phil Harris

See Jeff's Jottings above.

Other items discussed included the photo and memorabilia evening in January with possible prize(s).

Dick Summers highlighted the fact that we have not seen John Buckingham at Club Night for some time as he can no longer get there because of his sciatica problem. He asked if members could think about ringing or visiting him as he is bored not being able to get into his shed or under a machine to do the work he so loves.

I'm sure Dick can give you his contact details.

John Turrell reported that Alan Davies was in Swandean Hospital with leg problems. I can now report that he has had a replacement hip and hopefully on his way to a full recovery.

It has been mooted that Jeff will be hosting a barbeque on the 7 July, 2019.

Pumpkin Run – 21 October

Although no report received to date for this event there are videos to be found on the Facebook page, at bottom. From a quick count it looked like 13 plus bikes including some for South Hants Section.

<https://www.facebook.com/VMCCGoodwood/>

Skittle Night – 27 October

A very good evening with about 20 members, partners and family. Aiden, Roger's grandson, again did the honours as ball-boy, having dashed hot foot from watching a football match. Pete Busson stood in again as reserve ball-boy.

The scores were: RED: 252

GREEN: 239

Top scorers:

9 – Andy, Aiden, Ron Hanmore (2)

8 – Jeff, Andy, Ron Hanmore, John Turrell, Jim Glanville, Lesley Read (2), Tricia Penn, Sylvia, Maureen.



Roger, Jeff with Aiden



The Winning Red team

Ladies versus Gents match – ladies 55 gents 70.



The Gents

Food arrived quickly and hot, with additional chips, choc cake for sweet.

A date for your diary, same place, same time next year 19 October 2019.

South of England Ardingly Show – 28 October

Tony and I took a trip to the above and met some of our members. Although rain earlier it stayed dry for most of the day.



Dave Johnson on the Francis Barnett stand with his 1953 197cc Falcon 58 which he has owned since 1959. Dave restored it to ride with some safety improvements for today's busy roads.

Ridden regularly.

More of Dave's adventures next month.



Mick Lee with his 1960 350cc AJ's 7R and Winning rosette. A racing machine which has been fully restored to factory specification.



Dick Faggetter on the Greeves stand with his 250cc 1964 Greeves TFS which was the last of the leading link rubber-in-torsion front forks model. Delivered to Geoff Duke on the Isle of Man on 1 December

1965 Restored and rebuilt.

Right:

Colin Sealey chatting to visitors at the show with Barry Sheene's championship winning Suzuki 500 in the foreground.



Some idle musings from John Pocklington

The Dreaded Ethanol

Seeing Roger Seymour's reference to Ethanol in last month's newsletter reminded me that some time ago I heard of a DIY test for Ethanol.

Ideally you need a glass measuring cylinder, but all you do is measure out a quantity of petrol, let's say 100ml, add 10ml of water, and mix thoroughly. Let it stand until all the swirling and air bubbles have died away, and you will find that you now have a layer of petrol sitting on top of a layer of water. The total volume of liquid will be

the same as you put in, and if the layer of water is the same quantity as you put in, the petrol contains no ethanol. However, if the quantity of water has increased, the extra amount, taken as a proportion of the original amount of petrol, represents the percentage of ethanol in the petrol.

I have no idea how this works, or even **IF** it works, but I decided to test some of the locally available fuels which we are likely to use, with the following results.

Shell V-power contained 5% ethanol, BP Ultimate 4%, and Esso ordinary unleaded 2%. Esso Super unleaded, Power Fuels ordinary unleaded, and Aspen were all 0%.

Ethanol free stuff has its disadvantages however. Not all Esso forecourts stock Super unleaded, Power fuels are a very local supplier, with only 12 forecourts, all in Sussex, and Aspen is available only from certain horticultural machinery stockists in 5 litre cans at just over £3 a litre.

I accept no responsibility for the accuracy of this!



John's graduated burette used for this exercise

Dorset Section GIANTS Run – 9 May 2019

.... talking of joining other section runs, how about planning to take part in this girder folk run next year.

The Dorset Section is holding its first **GIANTS RUN** – a run for girder fork bikes that takes in giant views, giant hills, giant fords and, of course, giant rude chalk carvings in the hillside. We'd like to encourage people from far-and-wide to get their girder fork bikes out of their sheds & garages and head down to Dorset (it actually starts in Somerset!).

Our Committee is putting a lot of effort into this and we hope it will grow into a successful annual event – please come and help us make that happen! I've attached our flyer for you and your members – if anyone has any questions, they can either contact Paul Wirdnam (secretary@dorsetvmcc.co.uk), or the run organiser, Paul Miles, 07774 921600 or their website has more details and a booking form: <http://dorsetvmcc.co.uk/event/giants-run/>

WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	
Fri 16	Wrinkly Run, Whiteways Lodge CP, 10.30am – Leader Malcolm Piper
Sat 17	Brooklands Section Autojumble - 10:00 am Lord Pirbright Hall, Village Green, Pirbright Surrey, GU24 0JE Food, bike hard standing. All stalls must be pre booked: contact chairman Richard Huckle (Chairman@Brooklands-vmcc.org.uk)
Tues 20	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Joe Wicker, Steam on the Roads.
Tues 27	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
DECEMBER	
Sat 1	Kempton Park, Southern Classic Off Road & Racing Show & Motorcycle Jumble, 9.30am
Sat 8	Christmas Dinner, The Vardar, Littlehampton, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Tues 18	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm - ? Motorcycling Films
Wed 26	Boxing Day Meets, The Plough, Plumpton Green, Nr Haywards Heath or Wickham Square
JANUARY 2019	
Tues 1	New Years Day meets: Sy & Sx Run Copthorne to Queens Head, Barns Green; VSCC Elsed Inn, Elsted.
Tues 15	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Photo and Memorabilia evening
Sun 20	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 22	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
FEBRUARY	
Sun 10	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 19	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm