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Hi Fellow Enthusiast

The start of another year, this will be my tenth as Newsletter editor. May 2019 be healthy and happy for your all.

Remember to get your photos and memorabilia out for Club Night – I understand there will be a prize for the best collection/presentation.

See Jeff's Jottings below with an update of events he has planned and are available for you to join in, especially the new Winter Wobble's.

VMCC AGM – please ensure you read the latest Journal with information on the six members who have stepped forward for Directorship. Some of their 'CV' has been reproduced in the Journal but their full applications can be viewed in the Members section of the website.
<https://www.vmcc.net/2019-AGM-Information>

We need to select the right team for the job to continue what good work has been done so far. Your vote is important. John Donaldson has done an excellent job for the last few years as Financial Director but he is finally standing down so we want the right person in his place. We do not want to return to the old ways.

Remember when completing your proxy vote that you can vote '*against*' someone if you would not like that person to be voted in by the Chairman or nominated Proxy. More information and Proxy forms will be in the February Journal.

Advance warning – Chris Ronalds will be presenting his experiences of the Cannonball Run next month.

Maureen

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Club Night – 18 December Film Night

Malcolm Piper very kindly collated some old films for our first film night which made for some great viewing.

Hopefully we will be able to obtain some more films of this type for future club nights.

Thanks to Malcolm for all his input to the Section over the recent months.

Boxing Day Meet – Plough, Plummers Plain

There was a good Goodwood contingent, including some elusive members, at the meet on a fine dry sunny Boxing morning. It was good to see John Buckingham out and about again catching up with everyone.

Although the car park had a good number of bikes I felt there were not as many people there as usual, it was easy to get a cup of coffee but the bacon/sausage rolls were not being served until after 12 !



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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



A few of the bikes in the car park



Dick Somers' Christmas Present !!

New Year's Day at Barns Green John Pocklington

A good turnout at Surrey and Sussex's event, including 9 Goodwood members. A wide variety of machinery was to be seen. I parked my belt drive Triumph next to a 3-cylinder Kawasaki and I expect each of us would have been equally frightened if we had got on the wrong bike to go home!

Thanks John.

JEFF'S JOTTINGS

Best wishes to you all for the New Year. Let's hope it's a good one.

Firstly I would like to register my appreciation for the work that Malcolm has undertaken for the section. All those that attended the December meeting cannot have failed to be impressed by Malcolm's film show, it was both entertaining, humorous and seasonal. Brilliant. We hope to run more shows in 2019.

Malcolm has also been populating our Facebook page with loads of new material both for your amusement, and we hope by non members who may be attracted by what we have to offer. (I'm always the optimist). I hope you are all checking it out.

I believe that four of us (Dick, Andy, Malcolm and

myself) will be attending the International West Kent Rally so the Section will be well represented. Apparently it was sold out in less than 48 hours. The new Glastonbury?

If any of you are entering for other events such as the Pioneer Run or Banbury perhaps you could let us know and maybe we could support you.

An interesting new addition to the VMCC calendar for those with girder forked bikes is the Giants Run in Dorset on May 19th. All the indications are that it should be a memorable event. Let's see if we can get a contingent there. See the Journal for details.

The 2019 programme of events is now available having been carefully crafted by Andy. Hard copies can be picked up at club nights. It is also available on our Facebook page and our site at the VMCC website. Of course Maureen's Newsletter also has the forthcoming calendar.

Next month Chris is giving an illustrated talk on his experiences in America on the Cannonball Run. Don't miss it, it should be good.

As you all know David Woods has been our treasurer since the dawn of time but is now considering hanging up his abacus and therefore is looking for an apprentice to train in the black arts of finance. We try to keep things simple so hopefully the task won't be too onerous, anybody that has a full complement of fingers and toes should easily manage the job. It is obvious that we have to have a treasurer so if you can help please talk to David or me.

John Donaldson gave Andy, John and me an overview of the Club and the issues that will be raised at the forthcoming AGM. John is standing down as a Director in March and his efforts to bring the Club finances back into shape need applauding. He pointed out that the February issue of the Journal will contain voting and proxy forms for new Directors. He believes that some of the issues need careful consideration and encourages us all to vote. If you wish I will try to summarise the issues at the February club night.

On a lighter note. A new motorcyclist asked the mechanic what was wrong with his bike. He said, "Just cr..p in the carburettor". So the motorcyclist replied "How often should I do that".

It is said that we don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing. Enough philosophy, see you soon.

Jeff - Goodwood Chairman

Winter Wobble – 20 January John Pocklington

I shan't be going on the run itself but the Slindon tea room is a nice place to have a coffee so I think I might chuff over there on my 1915 Triumph just for the fun of it.

I plan to set off from The White Horse at Mare Hill, Pulborough (A283) at 9.15am and travel via Rackham, Amberley, Houghton Bridge, Whiteways and Madehurst to Slindon, returning later by the same route.

Contact with the modern world will be kept to a minimum, and any local riders of early vintage bikes would be welcome to join me. Please bear in mind that there is a small hill on the route (the South Downs!); and the weather conditions will have to be perfect, otherwise I shall stay at home!

Thanks John, let's hope the weather is fine and you have some company.

News from MAG Thanks to Dave Carpenter for this info

The item below is in relation to the continued use of Historic vehicles on the road so may be quite pertinent for VMCC members in the future. Whether or not the UK is in the EU, these things have a habit of being pushed through by politicians who have to be seen to be 'doing something'!

F E M A Will there be a place on the road for historic vehicles? byWimTaal - December 5, 2018

'Securing the future of our motoring heritage', that is the title of the policy paper that was presented by the European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group (EPHVG): Historic Vehicle Group:
http://www.bernd-lange.de/imperia/md/content/bezirkhannover/berndlange/2016/historic_vehicle_group.pdf

Bernd Lange: "There is a future for the motoring heritage, but it will take some effort to avoid measures and legislation that makes it impossible to keep using historic vehicles. The historic vehicle movement and legislators need to continue to work together to ensure that the motoring heritage continues to have a place on the roads of the future". The policy paper was presented by Bernd Lange, Member of the European Parliament for the S&D group and FEMA's general secretary Dolf Willigers was present.

To read the policy paper go to: http://www.fema-online.eu/website/wp-content/uploads/documents_library/securing_the_future_of_our_motoring_heritage.pdf

The paper emphasizes the importance of motorized vehicles in our history and the need to preserve them as important part of our heritage. The EPHVG also thinks it is important to keep these vehicles moving. The paper deals with the challenges that owners of historic vehicles face in their attempt to preserve and use their vehicle on the road, be it a car, motorcycle, truck, bus or agricultural vehicle. Issues that are at stake are road safety, emissions, sound, low emission zones, connected and in the future automatic driving cars, maintenance and economic aspects. The paper gives the view of the working group to these aspects and the way to deal with them and secure the future of the ownership and use of historic vehicles. Mr. Lange stressed the importance of a proper definition of historic vehicles, to be able to get some kind of standardization of measures all over Europe, e.g. the admission of historic vehicles to low emission zones.

Most important part of the event was a presentation by professor Bert van Wee of the Technical University Delft (Netherlands) about some of the most important aspects. Van Wee studied these aspects for cars, because there are no such studies for motorcycles. However, in our opinion, what is said about cars goes for motorcycles too, only with different figures. Safety – Van Wee spoke first about safety aspects and concluded that although historic vehicles lack the passive and active safety features of modern vehicles, there are less fatalities per million cars or per kilometre because of driver compensation, slower cars and use in better circumstances. In the view of Van Wee cars in general will be safer, partly as a result of the development of automated vehicles. Automated vehicles will always need to share the road with non-automated vehicles and even non-connected road users, which in the end the road will be safer for all cars, including historic vehicles. Environment – The next aspect mentioned was the environment. Indeed, historic vehicles have much higher emissions of pollutants per kilometre. The biggest problems are NOx and PM (particulate matters). CO2 is not the largest problem, and in view of the small share of historic vehicles in traffic no problem (yet). To look at it as emission per kilometre is just one way to do that. Other angles can be to look at spending, and then it turns out that CO2 (in fact cost of fuel) is just a small part. Policies to reduce emissions need to be effective, efficient and fair, and mainly focussed on toxic emissions like NO2 and PM. For cleaner air we need lower limits. Historic vehicles cannot comply with these standards, but because of

their limited numbers and use, to forbid them would be too blunt. A solution can be found in charging per kilometre. A moderate tariff (in terms of € 0,10 per kilometre) would not hurt the owner of a historic vehicle and is an incentive to make limited use of the vehicle.

'There is a future for the motoring heritage'.

Spain to lower urban and rural speed limits

The Spanish Minister of the Interior Fernando Grande-Marlaska has announced that the country's directorate general for road traffic is working on a plan to reduce urban speed limits to a default of 30 km/h and is also planning to lower the 100 km/h out of town limit. The plans, which also include new measures to improve the safety of vulnerable road users, were announced at an international conference organised by ETSC's Spanish member the Mapfre Foundation. The minister said that the urban speed limit plan had come in response from calls from cities such as Madrid, Bilbao, Zaragoza, Malaga and Valencia.

Current Spanish driving rules for info:

<http://www.n332.es/ebook/SpanishTrafficLaw-Part12.pdf>

France's new driving rules 2018

The national speed-limit on ordinary roads (i.e. excluding divided highways and motorways) will go down from 90 km/hr to 80 km/hr, as from July 1st. Also, use of a mobile phone while driving may from now on lead to immediate suspension of the driver's licence. Be warned !

<https://about-france.com/highway-code.htm>

WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2019	
Tues 15	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Members' Photos and Memorabilia evening
Sat 19	Kempton Park AutoJumble, 9.30am
Sun 20	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 22	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
FEBRUARY	
Sat/Sun 2-3	Classic M/c Show, Shepton Mallet
Sun 10	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Sun 10	Gordon Jackson Trial (SMCC)
Tues 19	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Chris Ronalds talk on Cannonball Run.

Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
MARCH	
Sun 3	VMCC AGM, British Motor Museum, Gaydon
Sun 10	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 19	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm
Sun 24	80 th Pioneer Run
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
Sun 31	South of England Classic Show & Bikejumble, Ardingly Showground

More dates for your Diary

14 April Bo Peep Hill Climb

19 April Surrey & Sussex Good Friday run

5 May Ixion Cavalcade