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Age UK Summer Fete - 25th June

CLUB MEETING, JUNE 6th - Ride Your Bike Night

A very pleasant sunny evening saw 21 bikes assembled in the car park of The Twisted Oak for our rideout - a good turnout. After some genial banter we set off along the old road to Tedburn St Mary with the aim of looping back via Whitestone, only to find that the road to Whitestone was closed - best laid plans! So we simply retraced our steps and returned back along the Tedburn road - no hardship as the road could have been tailor made for bikes of a certain age. In fact it was a joy to be out on a sunny evening with likeminded souls and the sight and sounds of 21 bikes doing what they were meant to do.



Back at the Twisted Oak apologies were received from Stan and Rosemary Agar. The Chairman then welcomed new member Peter Ley to the Club.

Ray then thanked everyone who had taken part in the inaugural Alan Cotterill Cream Tea Run. He had received a letter of thanks from Margaret who said she was “touched and thrilled” by the event. Despite (or maybe because of) the challenging weather the run had been a fitting tribute to Alan and it was planned to make this an annual event, varying the destination in order to seek out the finest cream teas in the county. As the weather had been so grim this year, some wag suggested Alphington as next year’s venue.

Moving on to the Dartmoor Run, Ray asked members who were able to arrive early to meet at the Quay at 8.30am to help get stands and bunting etc set up. The Lord Mayor would be arriving at 10.00am to wave us off . At the time of writing, 36 bikes have so far been registered with hopefully more to come as the day draws nearer. To publicise the day, it had been arranged that Ray would be interviewed by Mike Burn who looks after Nostalgia for the Express and Echo.

Whilst all this was going on, two of the young ladies from the pub staff had been out to the car park to choose their favourite bike from those assembled. The tension rose as Ray announced the winner - none other than our Vice-Chairman Nic Drew with his Triumph Bonneville. Nic wins a free year’s Club membership.

The sealed bids for Alan’s Wuxi were then opened with Nic officiating, assisted by Lorna. The winning bid was £200 by Tony Addicott.

A few more facts and figures announced on the night:

The Broadclyst Family Day raised £3000 for charity. The Age UK event in St Thomas raised a total of £3600. Ray commented that everyone attending the event had worn Club regalia of some sort - well done, folks!



Broadclyst Family Day

8 of us took our bikes to the Bike Show at the Broadclyst Family Day on the 25th June. The weather was good and there was a good turnout of people. With plenty of food and drink, Pete W and I sampled an authentic crepe, cooked by an authentic French Madame. In fact Pete had 2! (crepes that is, not Madames). There were lots of interesting stalls and events including a Clog Dancing display, children's races and a dog show.

There was a good display of bikes and we were able to promote the Dartmoor Run and hand out flyers. Folk were asked to vote for the best bike and Pete got 3rd prize for his Kettle. All in all a very enjoyable day, with a laid back and friendly atmosphere.

Dave Denham



Midweek rideout – Weds 13th July

Eleven bikes were present for the mid-week ride. It was encouraging to welcome three new members to our Club, namely Peter Smith, Alec Ranford and Brian Clarke. Also, Peter White's son, Tom. After the usual coffee and chit chat at the Coach House, we set off to Widecombe in the Moor, via Whiddon Down and Moretonhampstead and then onto



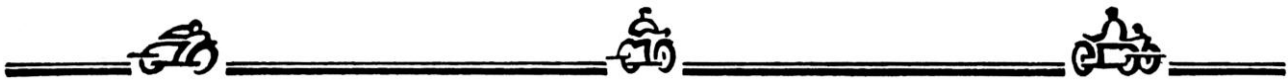
Dartmoor. We turned left just before the Warren House Inn, onto a C road, which led us to Grimspound, which **is** a well preserved 4,000 year old Bronze Age settlement.

We parked in a small layby and walked approximately a third of a mile uphill (well done Mervyn!) arriving at the settlement, where we gathered for a history lesson given by David Denham. Very interesting and informative - thanks, Dave



We then travelled onto Widecombe in the Moor for lunch. We parked in the car park next to a group of Mods with their scooters. No punch ups took place! They were a friendly bunch of guys and we admired each others machines, old and new. After lunch, we returned via Bovey Tracey and the Teign valley to Exeter.

This was a round trip of some 50 to 60 miles, which was enjoyed by all in sunny conditions for a change. *John Davey*



Age UK Summer Fete – Saturday 25th June

12 club members spent a very pleasant day showing their bikes at the Age UK Summer Fete at the St Thomas Pleasure Grounds. Tombolas, games of skill/chance and a programme of live music throughout the day created a festive summer atmosphere which, for once, wasn't ruined by the weather (the odd shower notwithstanding).

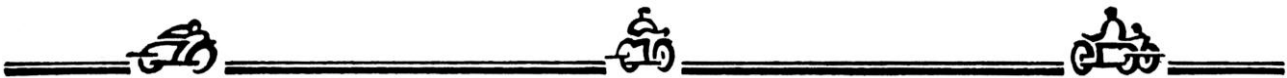


A notable event during the day was the recruitment of our Chairman, Ray Martin, and member Tony Addicott as poster boys for Age UK. We noticed a very serious and professional-looking photographer chappie lurking about near the ECMC stand and it turned out that he was the official Age UK photographer. Long story short, Ray and Tony were asked to feature in the charity's magazine and other promotional material as role models of people getting involved with hobbies and leading an active life.



The photographer spent some time photographing the pair with Ray's Bantam. Inspired by the sight of the Club's display, the Age UK representative also pondered how they might incorporate motorcycles into their work. There was some talk of the charity buying an old bike and getting Age UK members to strip it apart and then put it all back together. Let's hope they've got deep pockets

Steve Shooter



Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering – July 2016



A good number of club members came on Friday afternoon to help set up the Club stand. We set up our posh new flags and they certainly helped to advertise the Club.



Mervyn did an excellent job of mowing the grass and Steve A and Dave D cleared up what seemed like a ton of hay! Pete White camped at the stand as security on Friday and Saturday night - many thanks for doing this Pete.

Saturday dawned dry and bright and the fine display of members' bikes looked good in the sun. There was a lot of interest in the bikes and ECMC, with members making the effort to chat to folk, well done everyone! We were able to promote the Club and the Dartmoor Run and handed out Club information and Run entry forms.



Late afternoon Pete W fired up the BBQ and produced some excellent food - it was really enjoyable and much appreciated by all. Donations for the tea and BBQ raised a good surplus over the costs, which will be added to Club funds.

Sunday was another busy day with lots of visitors to the stand. The Club was invited to take part in the arena display and several of us rode our bikes around the arena, mingling with bikes and scooters of many makes and ages. There was one racing Honda which was incredibly, unbelievably, noisy. My ears are still ringing!

There was plenty of help dismantling the stand on Sunday afternoon, many thanks to all who helped. The consensus of opinion was that this year's Historic Vehicle Gathering was successful with good weather and organisation, and from our Club perspective, productive and very enjoyable. Roll on next year!

Dave Denham

CLUB RUNS THIS SUMMER

Contact John Davey or Dave Denham for further information

★ Sunday 31st July	DARTMOOR RUN , Exeter Quay	9.00am for 10.00 start
Wednesday 10th August	The Old Coach House, Cheriton Bishop	10.00am for 10.30 start
Sunday 21st August	Exmouth Classic Vehicle Show	10.00am to 4.30pm
Sunday 28th August	Sainsbury's Café at the Pinhoe Store	10.00am for 10.30 start
Wednesday 14th September	The Old Coach House, Cheriton Bishop	10.00am for 10.30 start
Sunday 25th September	Sainsbury's Café at the Pinhoe Store	10.00am for 10.30 start

Special thanks to Dave Denham and John Davey for supplying reports and photos for so many of the Club events in this and other issues of The Oily Rag. Words and photos are always welcome - see contact details on back page *Steve S*

If you fancy an extended run of your own you could follow Steve Adcock's example and explore eastern Europe. Here's how Steve stumbled across a gem of a motorcycle museum in, of all places, Slovenia:

Reading the recent museum article from Chris reminded me of when, in 2011, I was riding through Slovenia on my way back from Budapest. It was getting near lunch time and I was thinking about finding somewhere to stop. A brown tourist sign appeared, which looked to me like a picture of a motorcycle with the international M for museum. Following the signs to the village of Vransko led me to the Muzej Motociklov. Even I can translate that!

An interesting hour passed with me let loose amongst various treasures including a Moto Guzzi V8! The young man on duty was extremely enthusiastic, seems he and his father run a restoration business. He told me he rode around on a T120 Bonneville, and raced a Matchless G50. A selection of my photo's can be found here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/exetercmc/albums/72157669448293616>

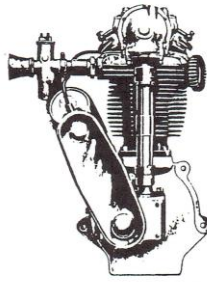
and the museum's website here: <http://www.muzej-motociklov.com/>

Maybe not a place you're likely to be passing by, but if you get a chance I highly recommend Slovenia. Beautiful and unspoilt cities and scenery. Lake Bled is chocolate box perfect and the capital, Ljubljana, oozes olde worlde charm.

Budapest also has an excellent transport museum with, amongst other things, a collection of home produced Pannonia motorcycles and some of the biggest railway engines I've ever seen. *Steve Adcock*

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