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**Ride your Bike night -
next time it's serious! (see inside)**

CLUB MEETING – Monday 1st May

Considering it was a Bank Holiday Monday there was a pretty decent turnout for the May Club meeting which was also the first Ride your Bike Night of the year. 12 bikes went out on a half hour ride before the meeting in what was a warm up for the main RYB night in July. *(Just to whet your appetite and tingle your tastebuds for the July event, be aware that this will not be just another rideout. Your esteemed committee, in its generosity, will be laying on a buffet for everyone returning from the ride and one lucky Club member will receive a free year's membership if their bike is judged by the lovely staff of The Twisted Oak as their favourite. Last year the prize went to our (slightly surprised) Vice Chairman Nic Drew for his Bonneville. Assuming Nic's bike starts it may again provide some stiff competition this year - so get polishing!)*

But we digress - back to the May Club meeting. Apologies were received from Mike N and Laura H.

Mervyn Green chaired the meeting as temporary Chairman for the month of May. The meeting mostly focused on forthcoming events and rideouts:

Dartmoor Run - Exeter Engineering will once again have a stand at The Quay. If there are any Club members who aren't going on the run but who would like to display their bike(s) as part of the ECMC presence, this would be most welcome and would provide some interest for the public at The Quay whilst the rest of the bikes are away.

Dart's Farm - a display board was being considered along the lines of photos of bikes in days gone by, articles on classics etc. Anyone who had such items was asked to make them available.

Powderham - the deadline for registering interest for a free pass to be part of the Club's display has now passed. Help was needed to set up on Friday evening (*a number of members have now come forward - thank you*). Camping would be available at a cost of £20 for the weekend (showers included). There would be a Club barbecue on the Saturday night for riders and pillions.

Ad hoc rideouts - Peter White suggested a texting circle for those who were available/interested in impromptu midweek rideouts. A list was circulated for those who were interested to give their contact details.

Finally a reminder that the position of ECMC Chairman is vacant. Nominations are invited and a vote will be taken at the AGM in August.

SAMMY MILLER MUSEUM TRIP



At 08:25 on Sunday 30 April 2017, five minutes ahead of schedule, 12 intrepid travellers set off for the East with Andy in the driving seat and Merve the Map riding shotgun. 2 hours 40 minutes later, five minutes late, we were waiting to enter the parking field at Sammy Miller's – seemingly against the flow.

Lots of pleased looking chaps carrying shiny parts were walking by. Would there be any non rusty bits left for us? Pausing only to synchronise watches, we plunged into the fray. Various purchases were, err, purchased. These ranged from a shed radio, through a rear carrier and tools, to clothing.



One member found a superb Indian jacket (now who would that be?) and ran off to find a cash machine. Unfortunately there was no such thing at the museum. Fortunately, the camaraderie of the club shone through as usual, and various loans were secured enabling him to close the deal. I look forward to seeing it modelled sometime during the year.

With the forecasted heavy rain appearing on schedule, most of us had a bite to eat then entered the museum. I've been there before and wondered how I might pass the next 3 hours. No need to worry, you can spend half an hour simply staring at any one of the unique machines in there. A younger member was impressed by the ingenuity shown by early British manufacturers, and remarked that he now realised that the Japanese hadn't invented half of what they claim.

On various occasions, a sprightly chap bustled past, engaging people in conversation. This is, of course, Sammy himself – a delightful, enthusiastic man if ever there was one. He didn't even get upset when we ignored him to discuss a packet of tissues.

One of us also tried to sell him a clock for the clock tower. Life is always entertaining with the ECMC.

By the time we left, there were not many vehicles left in the car park, and an uneventful journey saw us back in Alphington around 17:30.



A great day out in great company, with many thanks to Andy for arranging the van hire and doing the driving.

Steve Adcock

Here's a link to some of the exhibits that caught my eye. It's a very personal thing, no doubt the other members had their favourites too.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/exetercmc/albums/72157683228893186>

CLUB RIDEOUT - WEDNESDAY 10th MAY

It was an overcast start to the run when we met at the Old Coach House, Cheriton Bishop. But by the time we had drunk our coffee and put the politics right in the American, French and English government administrations the sun was poking through.



The destination was to be Bude - the cafe by the lake - with a visit to a North Cornwall Motorcycles, a largely Royal Enfield Dealer in Statton near Bude. In view of this Dave Goldsworthy came on his Bullet. Nine of us set off for the run along great, quiet motorcycling roads via North Tawton,

Hatherleigh and Holsworthy. The breeze was a bit chilly but the sun was out. I did not lose the others - somewhat of a first - so arrived with them in Statton where the traffic was queuing for roadworks on a roundabout ahead so we ducked straight into NCM.

They have a surprising range of bikes - not just Enfields. English and Japs alongside each other. I was rather taken with a Triumph T140V which I could not afford, then a Mash then a then a and so on. But luckily I escaped with a brochure. They also had a Honda CB750 similar to Adrian's, a lovely Sunbeam S8, and they are currently selling a range of bikes called Mash, made in France with engines from a Honda factory. We were all taken with these mainly because the prices were keen at around £4k brand new.

Due to the traffic we gave up on the cafe by the lake in Bude - something to do another time - and went to a nice new cafe at the farmers market in Holsworthy. Well worth a stop. We put the world right once more and then returned via differing routes depending on where we live. But a great ride out. Thanks to all for the camaraderie.

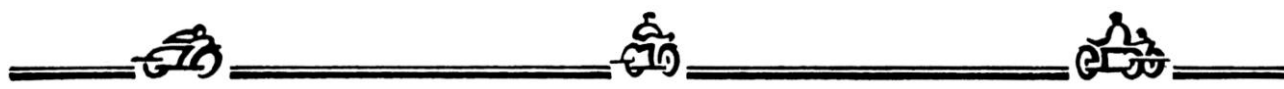
Chris Ellis

CLUB RIDEOUT - SUNDAY 21st MAY

For once we awoke to a fine and sunny day. Nine members turned up at Sainsbury's car park and, after the usual banter, it was decided to head off for Bow Garden Centre via Pinhoe and Stoke Canon. Unfortunately, at Pinhoe, we lost Mervyn due to a snapped clutch cable. He made his own way home, taking the quiet road to Cullompton.

The remaining eight of us carried on to Bow for a coffee stop, after which six of us rode on to The Old Coach House at Cheriton Bishop, for lunch. It was very pleasant sitting outside in the sun for our break there. We then carried on back into Exeter, where we all dispersed in various directions to our home addresses.

This ride out was enjoyed by all the members who took part and for those of you who have yet to sample the experience, let it be known that the camaraderie within the group is well worth the effort. We adjust our pace to the smallest/slowest bike that turns up for the run, so please don't be concerned that we travel at break neck speed! *John Davey*



CLUB RUNS 2017

Wednesday Runs

Meet at The Old Coachhouse, Cheriton Bishop. 10am for 10.30am

7th June 12th July 9th August 13th Sept
11th October

Sunday Runs

Meet at Sainsbury's cafe at the Pinhoe store. 10am for 10.30am

25th June 23rd July 27th August 24th Sept

Dart's Farm

Sunday 4th June

(meet at The Imperial, Exeter, at 8.30am for breakfast before riding in or arrive Dart's Farm at 10.00am)

Broadclyst Fun Day

Saturday 24th June

(10am to 4pm. Just turn up at Broadclyst. You don't need to be riding an old bike)

Alan Cotterill Cream Tea Run

either Sun 11th or 25th June (t.b.a)

(original date has been changed as it clashes with Father's Day)

Powderham

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July

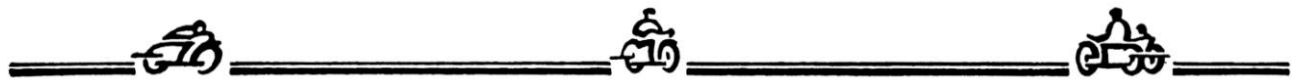
Dartmoor Run

Sunday 30th July

Bedford Square

Saturday 23rd December

N.B. It appears that the Age UK event normally held at the Pleasure Grounds in St Thomas, Exeter will not take place this year



IT'S A RAFFLE, JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT

A further reminder that the July Club meeting on **Monday 3rd July** is Ride Your Bike night. If you ever needed encouragement to ride your bike don't forget there's a **free buffet** and a **free year's Club membership for the rider of the best bike** - as judged completely arbitrarily by the lovely people at The Twisted Oak.

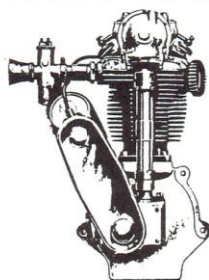
It's hoped that the raffle on the night will be a bit special too. But what's a raffle without prizes? (fraud I hear you say). So **PLEASE BRING A PRIZE** of some sort if you can. Let's make it a top raffle with some good prizes on the night.



**WE NEED YOUR
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