



Velocette



Owners Club - Dorking Centre.

Horary President: Ivan Rhodes

DORKING CENTRE NEWS LETTER

– MARCH 2012

Editorial

This is the ninth edition of the Dorking Centre News Letter. The Editorial team of Brian and I have tried to put together a variety of items that we believe you will continue to find interesting and meet the Club and members needs The News Letter is **optimised as an Email in full colour** and some photos will not be as clear in black & White.



Brian Ling's appeal for articles in Issue 8, has produced some response and members articles have been received and are being planned and prepared for future issues...thanks. But like the Forth road bridge needs painting regularly...we need a new influx of articles for future issues...so keep them coming.

Editor



WebMaster

The Site continues to grow in popularity and is now getting well over 900 hits per month and still growing, thank you for your support. The following additions have been taken from the Web site pages **Recent Additions & Changes**. *You should look at this page regularly to see what & where new info' has been added.*

10 2 12 - Draft Committee meeting Mins' added - page 6 of Committee Tab 

9 2 12 - New Sub page under FIND: Find Westerham Meeting point.
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5 2 12 - New Page: Promotional Videos from the 1960s -Including Velo's.

4 2 12 - **More Pages rearranged.** In order to reduce the size of the main index: The Goodmans: **Simon: Eugene & Peter** are now sub pages of **Velocette History**.

1 2 12 - **Pages rearranged.** In order to reduce the size of the main Index I have made Some pages of "FIND" sub pages (Find Newland Corner etc, etc), reducing from 7 pages to 3... the info is still there..*more of this*

rationalising.....time permitting.

30 1 12 - New Link added to Flat Track Velocettes - Speedway

Velocettes.



29 1 12 - New Page - Cafe' Race Velocettes



27 1 12 - New Page - Find Newlands Corner
(near Guildford A25)



25 1 12 - New Page - A 39 page Velocette Workshop Manual from the USA

24 1 12 - Google resizeable maps (with directions) embeded into many locations
e.g. Brands Hatch/ Brooklands, Ace Cafe' whats on etc, etc

23 1 12 - New Page under FIND (maps etc) Gliding Centre,Husbands Bosworth Airfield,
Lutterworth Leicestershire (for Stanford Hall)

21 1 12 - New Sub page added to Whats on / Events (Now (21 sub pages)

"The Biker" Guide - events & much more

20 1 12 - New Sub Page added to Events & Whats on - The Vintage Bike



19-1-12 New Page - Velocette Choppers!



17- 1- 12 New Page - Velocette 5 & 6 speed gearbox clusters



15 1 12 - New SUB page added (Page 21) to Events/ Whats on - Santa Pod

RaceWay



13 1 12 - Another new Gizzmo arrives -A Site Counter on the Home page!

11-1-12 - Web Master gets a new Gizzmo! - Dorking 4 day Weather forecast on Home page
& New Main page allowing to search anywhere for weather e.g. Dijon!



WebMaster

Chairman's Chat

It is with regret that the committee have to advise you that after only eight months at the Star we have decided that we have to move to another venue for our regular monthly meetings.

On two occasions in the eight months we have been at the Star, our exclusive area was let out to wedding parties (complete with disco) and retirement functions...Initially we were told these were one off occurrences. The Chairman followed up our initial complaints and was advised that we were not spending enough money at the bar and they would only let us have the New Bar if they did not have a better booking!

As the Star management are not prepared to honour its promises initially made to us, we now have no trust in them; the committee have agreed that this could not be allowed to continue and that we should move without delay. More information about this and the efforts that have been made to find alternative venues will be made available to members at a later date and can be found on our Web site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members for rallying round to locate and inspect a number of possible venues suggested by them and other members in a very short time frame.

The whole event created a lot of work, and some stress for the whole committee. Inevitably the outcome will have winners and losers (myself among the losers, with a 82 mile round trip to get to the new venue at Bookham. But we do hope you will continue to support your committee and the club.

Until Utopia turns up we at least have a home to go to!

Maps and full location details will be found on the Web site and at the end of this News Letter.

You will also find in this issue a very full programme of events have been, or are being planned for this year.

THE NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 4th APRIL 2012 –

WILL BE HELD AT:

The Old Crown

1 High Street, Bookham,

Leatherhead, KT23 4AA.

Alan Nightingale



April	1st	55th AGM	The Royal Oak, Green Lane, Ockbrook, Derby, DE72 3 SE	10am
	4th	Club Night	The Old Crown, Bookham, Leatherhead	8pm
	22nd	Club Run in the country with a stop at a pub.	Rykas	10 -10.15am Peter Read - Rykas
May	2nd	Club Night	The Old Crown, Bookham, Leatherhead	8pm
	9th (Wednesday)	Mid week run	Rykas	10 -10.15am Peter Read
	13th	Centre run	Rykas	9 -9.15am Peter Read
	23 - 30 May	Dijon, France 20th Coupes Moto Légende		Gerry Kennel & Peter McGlone
June	6 th	Club Night - Special Event Bonneville Escapades - meet the Worlds fastest Motorcyclist!	The Old Crown, Bookham, Leatherhead	8pm Brian Howard.
	13th (Wednesday)	Mid Week run	Rykas	10-10.15am Peter Read
	23rd	Thames Valley - Shiplake Velo Event.	Rykas	10.15 - 10.30am Peter Read.
	24th	Clayton (near Brighton)		10am if going on run (start at Clayton) or 12.00 for BBQ only.

		BBQ		
July	1 st	The Gliding Centre, Husbands Bosworth, Lutterworth, LE17 6JJ. <i>(This is in place of Stamford Hall).</i>	Jacks Cafe' (make your own way).	10 to 10.30am
	4 th	Club Night	The Old Crown, Bookham, Leatherhead	8pm
	Friday 6 th - Sunday 8 th	Festival of 1000 bikes - Mallory Park	TBA	TBA
	11 th	Mid Week Run	Rykas	10 -10.15am Peter Read
	Friday 13 th - Monday 16 th	Shropshire Weekend	Jacks Cafe (make your own way)	Alan Nightingale
	Saturday & Sunday 28-29	BEMSEE - Brands Hatch- full G.P. track	TBA	Peter McGlone
August	1 st	Club Night	The Old Crown, Bookham, Leatherhead	8pm
	4 - 5 th (Full club support on Sunday only)	28 th West Kent International @ The Friars, Aylesford.	Meet: Westerham	Brian Ling 10 for 10.15am
	12 th	Sammy Miller Museum	Newlands Corner A25 : see our Web site for a map & photos etc - Under FIND ...	8.30 - 8.45am Peter Read
	19 th	Popham Megameet	Rykas	8.45-9.00am





The Footman James Classic Motorbike Show launched in 2010 to great acclaim. This is a show for anyone who is passionate about vintage, classic and modern-classic bikes.

The show aims to reflect all elements of the classic biking movement as a whole. It finally provides the UK 'scene' with a much deserved premier venue in which to showcase all this amazing machinery and celebrate the love of motorcycling



A Trip to the Midlands

13th November 2011 – by Brian Ling.

Brian Roblett, our former newsletter printer and I visited the NEC for a look at an exhibition of classic cars and motorcycles. This was my first visit to the exhibition centre and we were amazed (and confused) by the scale of it all, especially the car parking arrangements which were so gigantic that a shuttle bus system is used to reach the vast main building.

The exhibits were provided by various clubs in the area so quite a number displayed mixtures of models from various manufacturers on their stands. Vainly did we look for signs of Hall Green's wares' Triumphs in vast arrays, B.S.A.'s a plenty, even 1920's and 30's BMWs in pristine condition. A one-off pre war AJS straight four cylinder 1000cc prototype courtesy of Sammy Miller's stable stood gleaming in isolation. Almost by accident we eventually discovered a Valiant twin trapped amid Villiers engine lightweights, cyclemotors and a couple of autocycles. At least it was taxed and bore the scars of use. It even retained the pressed steel engine covers which, like rear and prop stands on old machines, usually go AWOL.

The Japs were well represented by several Suzuki 3 cylinder "Kettles" and other oriental machines all of which were very clean all over and well polished. We wondered if they were trailered from show to show and kept in sitting shown, a Norvin twin (1/16th inch clearance between the front exhaust pipe and featherbed frame). Truly, you couldn't spit through it anywhere.

A wall of death was rigged up with much glitter and loud announcements, but did not attract many punters. Much revving, banging and propping was heard from which I believe was an old Indian Twin, but it made a nice change to the usual pop (no pun) music, crusty soul that I am. We did not visit the car displays as it was an extra £8.50 and was took their toll on the time with 50 and 60 limits on the way home.

Annual Dinner & Awards

By Alan Nightingale

Our annual dinner & Awards was held for the first time at The Star and was attended by 47 members and their friends & family and was again organised by **Brian Howard**, assisted by **Gerry Kennell** and others who chipped in to make the evening run smoothly.



It was nice to have a very large choice of food on the menu, something for everyone. A few people suffered from the French malaise of not cooking the meat to our taste (for which the Star apologised and waved the cost of the mince tarts the club had ordered for the December club night as a goodwill gesture).

The members generously provided a large selection of raffle prizes and the club gave each of our ladies a box of chocolates, together with the table flowers, again organised by our social Sec' Brian Howard.



The club also recognised the continuing support for our BBQ and for the lovely printed menus that grace our dinner tables...and do much to help add to the general ambiance of the

evening. Flowers were presented to **Avril Pollard** and **Marianne Ladbroke** as a token of our appreciation for their work for the club.

The Club awards were presented as follows:

1. Boxhill Trophy (Rosebowl)
2. Helping Hand Shield
3. Best Bike 2011
4. Goodman Cup

Sandra & Ray Smith.
John & Di Wakefield
Brian Ling
Bob Newton







Photos by Alan Nightingale & Brian Howard

Club Night - Award Presentations

Two of this year's award winners were not able to be at this year's annual dinner and the Chairman presented their trophies to them at the December club night:-



Peter Read
receiving the Best Navigator Award

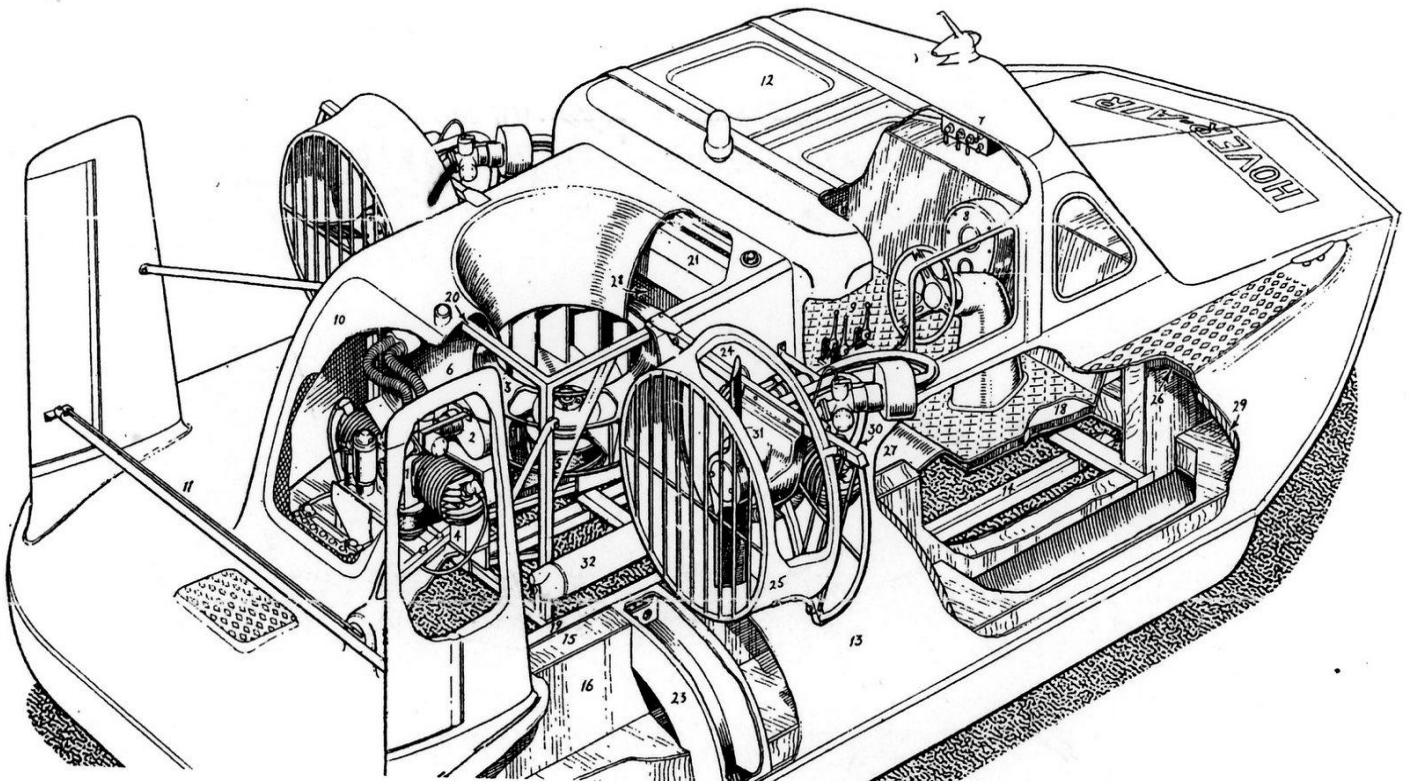


Neal Smith
receiving the
Jack South
Shield

(Runs
Trophy).

Photos by David Hempstead

The Velocette Viceroy Hovercraft



Around 121 Hoverhawks were manufactured during 1969 - 1971 at their Peterborough factory with the aid of Government funding.

It was the first Hovercraft in its class to be placed into production.

Costing around the same as a small house - this iconic two seat craft was sold to all kinds of industry and rich individuals around the world.

The first MKI craft were to employ **three Velocette Viceroy 15hp engines** - which proved to be unsuited for the application.

The design was modified and improved through its production life ending with the MKIII which employed three SACHS Wankel Rotary engines each producing 21hp.

This is a very brief outline of this amazing prototypes, much fuller details and a video of it in action will be found on our Web site

WebMaster

Dorking Centre Regalia.

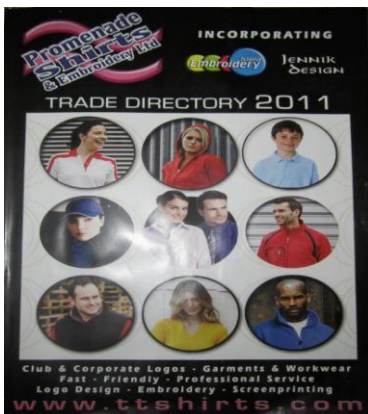
The Dorking Centre have purchased some fluorescent & reflective over vests similar to this picture. They are sign written on the back with Velocette O.C. – Dorking Centre.



They are now available at club night

For more details & prices & to place an order, contact the Club Regalia Officer.

Sandra now has a new catalogue full of clothes, most of which can have several club logo variations printed (or woven) on to the items; ask Sandra for details....she can get all the colours in all the sizes...so update your gear this year!



Sandra Smith

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