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# THE OILY RAG

August 2021



## Editor's Bit

**Cover Picture:** Photo by Hamish L P Forward. A Dartmoor Run shot of the sweeping bends at Merrivale on the climb up to Princetown from Tavistock on the B3357 with Hamish's Moto Guzzi Le Mans Mk2 in the foreground. There is a bit of a Guzzi theme to this month's edition to coincide with the marque celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It's also a pleasure to include some articles and photographs from club members including the Dartmoor Run which went ahead successfully on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**Renewals & AGM:** Annual membership subscriptions are due at the beginning of August and a completed membership form needs to accompany the £10 renewal fee. The AGM will be held at the club meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September. The Agenda (including nomination form<sup>1</sup>) and previous AGM minutes are being distributed with this magazine. All positions are up for re-election with known vacancies for Welfare Officer and Runs Organiser. The annual accounts will be published in September's *Oily Rag*.

*Andy Heathwood (AH)*

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## Cars, Bikes & Coffee Event Crediton

Club bikes on display at this event held on 10<sup>th</sup> July (photo by Adrian Evans). Just over £500 was raised by the event for the Devon Air Ambulance.



In addition to the 4 club members that displayed bikes, Ray Martin, Mike Norton and Rodney Horder also called by to lend their support. A good day and great to be back at an event!

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1 Proposed and seconded nominations to be provided to the Club Secretary ahead of the AGM.

## Welcome to new club member Clive Innes

Another visitor at the Crediton event was Clive Innes who came along to meet us and sign-up as our newest club member. Clive rides this lovely Moto Guzzi V7 700 (on an 'F' plate so 1967/68) complete with working electric start.



Clive's bike is in pretty good nick for one that is well into its 5<sup>th</sup> decade of use. The Guzzi theme is continued overleaf (if it's good enough for *Real Classic* and Henry Cole it'll do for us!).

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### ***Tin foil rust treatment***

It's not often you get a top tip from a TV programme, but this one from 'Shed & Buried' caught my eye.

If like me you have an older restoration bike which may be subject to light surface rust which, when treated with a scrub of wire wool, still shows up as dark rust against the shiny chrome then this is worth a try.

Here's the tip that really surprised me:

- First clean the affected area, making it clean and dry;
- Take a small section of baking foil and rub it into the rusty area working it firmly;
- Finally polish with a soft cloth.

Perhaps like me you will be pleasantly surprised with the effect.

Try it: Abracadabra!

***Ray Martin.***

## Italian Twist



Figure 1: Moto Guzzi Daytona 1100 (Photo: I Wilson, Access Norton)



Now I have absolutely no idea what the maker of these exhaust pipes was up to – or ‘on’ – when they decided to build them in this way. I don’t think it’s a fake.

It immediately brought to my mind this pure 1970s cover of an edition of *Bike* magazine which was required reading back in the day. I sadly sold all of mine during one of those de-cluttering exercises that I attempted to resist – although it’s futile as you know. At least I scanned a few covers and articles for posterity.

This Guzzi exhaust certainly beats all those hipster custom bikes with their wrapped pipes!

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## ***BSA Bantam Electronic Ignition***

We recently invested in electronic ignition for our BSA Bantams, after reading of the benefits for our little chickens:

1. Easy starting
2. Improved reliability
3. Increased power
4. 12V lighting
5. New top speed of 110mph (!!)

It is all cleverly concealed in the small cavity under the petrol tank (see Figure 2) and the points replacement bolting on to the existing points camshaft.



**Figure 2: An easy fit under the petrol tank. Photo by Ray Martin.**

After fitting, quite straightforward with very clear instructions enclosed, we did what any biker would, we checked for a spark at the plug. Nothing...zilch.

We contacted the seller, namely the Bantam Owners Club, who enquired if we had tried to actually start the bikes, we said, "well no". We couldn't achieve a spark at the plug, so went no further. "You may not get a visible spark", they said – which went against everything we have expected over fifty years of trouble-shooting.

We fitted the plug, filled with fuel and kicked the beast over (not for the faint hearted).

Bingo! It started and ran. Admittedly very flat, and quite hot, but of course we had yet to follow directions on re-setting the timing via the small disc now fitted in place of the points.

Now beset by house moving, illness and Covid limitations, we have yet to proceed to the next step, but will keep you advised of our progress.

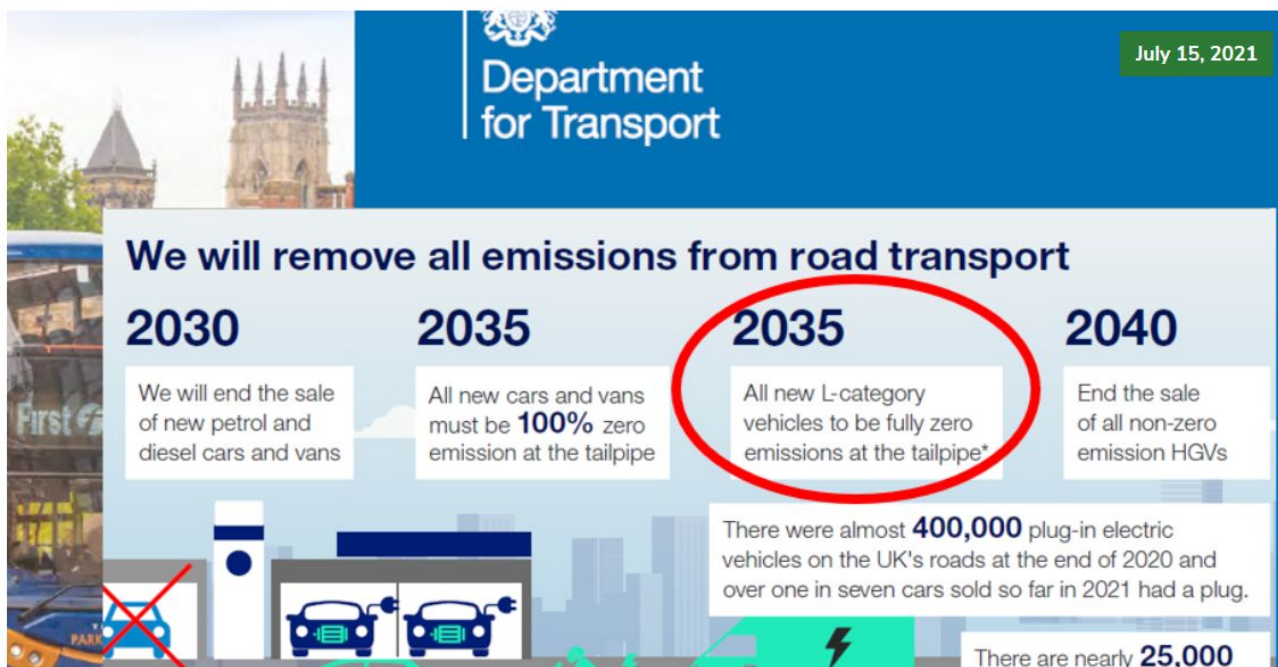
*Mike Norton & Ray Martin.*

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## Zero Carbon Emission Motorcycles

### Fundamental Change to Motorcycling Proposed by the Government

The phase out of new petrol engined motorcycle manufacturing in 2035 announced



As presaged in June's edition, the death knell has now been sounded for carbon-based internal combustion engines for new motorcycles. Subject to consultation, from 2035 all motorcycles must be fully zero emissions. Whilst the use of hydrogen as a fuel remains a possibility, based on the only technology available today, this is likely to mean electric-powered motorcycles from that date. This from the National Motorcyclists Council website (<https://www.uknmc.org/news/fundamental-change-to-motorcycling-proposed-by-the-government>):

*The Government yesterday published its Transport Decarbonisation Plan. Although plans to end production of new internal combustion engined cars had already been proposed for 2030, this is the first time that specific proposals have been made for new motorcycle production. There will be soon be a consultation on 'a phase out date of 2035, or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible, for the*

*sale of new non-zero emission powered two and three wheelers (and other L category vehicles)’. (DfT)*

*In the plan the Department for Transport goes on to say: ‘Zero emission motorcycles and other powered two wheelers are an efficient and clean form of mobility that can reduce congestion, improve urban air quality and reduce noise – we will take forward measures to remove these emissions, including consulting on a date to end the sale of new non-zero emission motorbikes, ensuring we support the development of new industrial opportunities for the UK ..... While cars and vans outnumber motorcycles on UK roads, motorcycles are an important and sizeable vehicle population, with 1.4 million licensed in 2020 and we do not want to see them remaining fossil fuelled as the rest of the vehicle fleet cleans up’*

*The plan also announces a further £582million for ‘plug in’ car, van, taxi and motorcycle grants to reduce the cost of zero emission vehicles and announces a strategic partnership between Zemo (formerly the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership) and the Motor Cycle Industry Association to ‘stimulate and coordinate activity’.*

This web page has a link to the full plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/transport-decarbonisation-plan>

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## ***Influx Online Magazine***

Steve Hannaford brought this online ‘magazine’ to my attention and there are many interesting bike-related articles and videos <https://www.adrianflux.co.uk/influx/about/> .

Adrian Flux is an insurance services provider but the site is free of advertising and I certainly didn’t notice anything intrusive whilst viewing it.

It’s difficult to know quite how to categorise this website but it’s probably best described by the content. Here are some examples:

<https://www.adrianflux.co.uk/influx/edition/bikes-in-the-city-part-two-cultural-values/>

This section includes a video about Bolt London, Rat Bikes and The Kampala Scooter Club. So quite an eclectic mix.

<https://www.adrianflux.co.uk/influx/features/erskine-speedway/?editions=true>

A section that discusses classic speedway bikes as an investment and has a further link to ‘The Anatomy of a Speedway Bike’.

<https://www.adrianflux.co.uk/influx/bikes/gallery-the-art-of-speedway/?editions=true>

A gallery of speedway-related images and link to an interview with the editor of Speedway Star.

A warning that 4-wheeled conveyances are also within the scope of this website.

There is an email address sign-up option if you would like to receive regular Influx News updates to you inbox. From my perspective it’s definitely worth a look.

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## Club Matters

### Dartmoor Run



**Figure 3: Lord Mayor of Exeter - Councillor Trish Oliver flagging the riders away at the start. Photo Steve Hannaford**

A total of 85 bikes registered at Exeter Quay with the money raised being split between The Lord Mayor’s Charity, Princetown Community Centre (Registered Charity) and South Tawton School.

This year’s Lord Mayor’s charity is *Inclusive Exeter*, an organisation which supports refugees at the other end of their journey, as well as BAME and vulnerable people living in Exeter. Councillor Peter Holland, the Past Lord Mayor, aptly described the

importance of *Inclusive Exeter* as being “the safety net under the safety net”. The Oxenham Arms at South Zeal (our breakfast stop) arranged for South Tawton Primary School to allow us to park in their playground and Princetown Community Centre allowed us to park and use the facilities at our lunch stop.

A couple of machine breakdowns and a puncture left us with a somewhat depleted team of marshals but the run went ahead without serious incident. A small group of riders did stray from the route but a few more marshals and less breakdowns will avoid that occurring in future years. The prize winners:

Class	Bike	Winner
Pre 1965	BSA Goldstar	Pete Lord
Pre 1980	Honda CB550	Brian Hudson
Pre 1995	Honda CX500	Paul Chandler
Best Marshal’s Classic	Suzuki GT500	Adrian Evans
Best ECMC Member’s Classic	Suzuki GT750	Nigel Cooper
Charlie Plain Memorial Trophy (Oldest Bike + Rider Age Combined)	Velocette	Chris Greenwood

There are plenty of photos from the run on the club’s google drive [ECMC google drive](#)

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## Well travelled club sweatshirt 'lost and found' now in Australia! Is it yours?

Steve Adcock passed on this message recently received on the club's website...

*Many years ago I visited the BMF motor cycle rally with friends possibly 93/94 and in the gents toilet we found a plastic carrier bag that contained a club sweater in the bag was a few hand outs from various sales outlet's that were on site, we did not think that giving it to on site personnel would be likely to get it back to the right full owner so it was held on to.*

*Now I have been living in Australia for almost 22 years and a few days ago I came across the sweater again, so I thought may be it's not too late to attempt to get it returned to its owner or to the next in line I realise some 27 years have passed but stranger things have happened.*

*If you feel that asking around among your members some thing can come of this then give me a return email.*

[onebrummie@hotmail.com](mailto:onebrummie@hotmail.com) Alan...



If you'd like to claim it please email Alan in Oz.

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## CLUB RUNS AND OTHER EVENTS

### 2021 Meets and Runs, Club Meetings, Committee Meetings

**Club Runs** – These are now planned for every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning starting from the Toby, Middlemoor:

- Wednesdays depart at 7pm; Sundays depart at 10:00am.

**Club Meetings** - the next club meeting is on will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Club Committee** - now meeting monthly; latest on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

### Dates for Club Events

(Full list of events here <http://exeterclassicmotorcycleclub.epizy.com/9diary.html>)

#### July/August 2021

- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, Vintage & Classic Weekend Rosemoor.  
**New event** – Contact Ray & Laura Heggadon who are co-ordinating attendance.

#### September 2021

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, **Ride Global** <https://www.rideglobal.org/rider-register>  
Raising funds for COVAX. Club member David Greensmith is joint organiser.  
The Exeter run will be from St Thomas Parish Church led by Adrian Evans.

### Non-club events

- **JD's Coffee Meets.** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 09:30 Woodleigh Coach House.
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 12:00-17:00 Bideford Bike Show, Bideford Quay.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 11:00 start, Chanters Carnival Classics, Chanters House, Ottery St. Mary.

**Membership subs:** Remain at £10 for one year and are due on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**Club AGM:** Will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at The Twisted Oak at 20:00.

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### Some of our sponsors and supporters:

(Have your membership card with you and you may receive a discount)

**Treen Motors, Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BG** (on the corner, facing you as you ride through Crediton from Exeter). Tel. 01363 772283. Motorcycle servicing and MOTs. Used motorcycles, accessories. Support vehicle for the Dartmoor Run.

**The Worx, King Edward Street, Exeter, Devon EX4 4NY.** Servicing, repairs, MOTs, wheel building etc. For modern and classic bikes. Discount on bike MOTs for ECMC members. They now do car MOTs, servicing and repairs too. Tel. Chris on 01392 272722

**Exeter Engineering, Higher Park, Pennymoor, Tiverton EX16 8LL.** Tel. 01392 344944.  
[www.exeterengineering.co.uk](http://www.exeterengineering.co.uk). Restoration and renovation of classic vehicles, from individual components to full projects and everything in between.

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### Available to borrow

**Single bike trailer.** For a donation to club funds. Contact Ray Martin.

**Small bike lift.** Type that lifts frame rails or crankcase. Contact Mervyn Green.

## Exeter Services (Local bike-related services. Additions welcome)

Bike Transport	Low Down Dirty Customs, Exminster
Classic Bike Supplier – Japanese specialist	Somerset Classic Motorcycles
Exhaust and tank fabrication (Mig,Tig)	PGW Engineering, Paignton
General engineering & machining	C M Engineering Components Ltd
Paintwork and metalwork	Wild West Custom Paint
Powder Coating	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Finishes
Seat re-covering and refurbishment	Exeter Disability Collective
Wheel building	Doug Richardson, South Molton

## Club Regalia

Pete White holds small stocks of club regalia. If you require any items please telephone or email him (see the back page of the magazine for contact details). **Payment by cash or BACS.**



Hi Vis Waistcoat £3



Sticker 50p



Lapel Badge £4  
(Out of stock)



Machine Badge £15



Baseball Cap £5



Polo Shirt £20



Sweatshirt £17



Face Mask £7.50



Neck Morf £8

Face mask has 2 pm2.5 filters, extra filters are 60p or 10 for £6. Free delivery Exeter area or £1.25 post per item.

## Club Facebook Use:

Facebook stats for the last 28 days are; 151 members, 616 posts, comments & reactions.

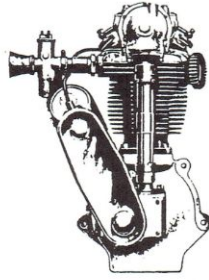
Top contributors David Greensmith, Andy Lobb and Peter White.

The Dartmoor Run provided some excellent photos, thanks to all who contributed.

*Steve Harcus*

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