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THE OILY RAG

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Powderham Returns

After a two-year; gap the club stand at this year's gathering.

Editor's Bit

The cover photo was taken by Steve Adcock and shows the club's display early on the Sunday at Powderham with Bud Westcott's Yamaha XS-650 in the foreground.

I attended the show on the Saturday and have included a report based on my experiences and have also made use of photos taken by Steve Adcock (who attended on Sunday).

All the photographs in this edition of *The Oily Rag*, plus many more, can be accessed from the club's website using the following link:

<http://exeterclassicmotorcycleclub.epizy.com/5Photo.html>

Arrangements are now in place for the Dartmoor Run with the breakfast stop confirmed at *Pavilion in the Park* (Okehampton Community & Recreation Association, OCRA).

Andy Heathwood (AH)

Powderham Report

This was my first visit to the show and I can thoroughly recommend it to any other club members who have not attended. I went on the Saturday and the only thing I would do differently is to have arrived a bit earlier and avoided the heavy traffic on the Dawlish Road. The club stand was easily located after spotting our sail banners. Club members had worked hard on Friday putting the stand together with Steve Hannaford guarding the plot overnight from his camper van.



The club's splendid new gazebo really came in to its own in sheltering club members from the sun and providing the 'tea station'.

Thanks are due to Ray Martin for organising the entries and passes.

Club members are amongst this group heading off to the parade ring on Sunday.



Steve Marcus (Honda XL185) and Pete White (Kawasaki KE175) definitely had the best tyres for the grass surface.

Walking around the large number of trade stands these had most of the parts and consumables required to keep old vehicles on the road. There were a couple of motorcycle breakers and then this van and bike caught my eye.



A nicely built custom bike. But it was the name that brought back a few memories. The Kursaal was one of the world's first purpose-built amusement parks and is located in the 'jewel of the east' that is Southend-on-Sea. I grew up living in nearby Leigh and well remember the Kursaal, the pier and the sea front.

I got chatting to the owner who it transpired had a friend helping on the stand who now lives in Devon, and had combined business and pleasure by visiting and attending the show. The stand had a fine array of used British bike parts.

The owner no longer builds bikes and just deals in new and used spares.

He had also restored a standard 1970 Triumph Bonneville which is in immaculate condition and is shown in the next photo.



The 'Dead Dommie' in the following pic had been kick-started within an inch of its life.



The 1955 Norton Dominator 500cc had arrived safely at the show but promptly threw a tantrum and failed to re-start. It is pictured undergoing 'surgery' on the VMCC Dartmoor Branch stand. As is customary, multiple faults were found and fixed and the bike was running well later that day. A fixed loose HT lead at the magneto, cleaned carb and new correctly gapped spark plugs combined to solve the problem.

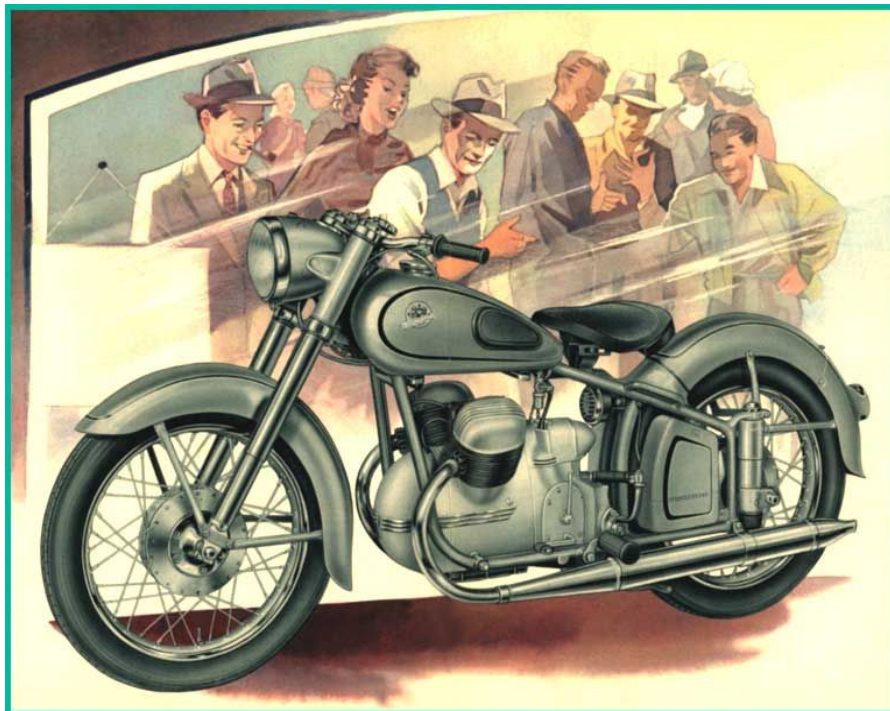
There was an eclectic mix of bikes brought along by individual owners. A trials Tiger Cub, some Francis Barnett 2-strokes and some more modern Japanese bikes including this Honda 500-4 from 1976 in the colour exactly as I remember it for this model.



Also in this group was a nicely restored early Norton Commando Fastback. This colour scheme was introduced at the end of 1968 for the American market.



Steve Adcock took this picture of an unusual looking bike with a transverse v-twin engine and which is not a Guzzi or Honda CX!



I knew that I'd seen photos of these before, but it took a while for the memory banks to activate. Remembering something about purple or lilac I eventually recalled this as an early Marusho Lilac motorcycle. You don't see many around and even more rarely with the plunger rear suspension, although it does feature in this brochure drawing. Marusho manufactured bikes from 1948 until their merger into Honda in 1967.

I thoroughly enjoyed Powderham and hope to make both days next year. The club stand did us proud with much interest in the range of old and newer classics on display. **AH**

Club Matters

AGM 1st August 8pm at The Twisted Oak

Please make every effort to attend. The key positions of Chairman and Secretary are both vacant and there are also other vacancies on the committee.

The notes to the club accounts and the Statement of Surplus/Deficit are being issued with this edition of the magazine.

Full copies of the accounts will be available at the AGM.

Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due at the AGM.

A supply of membership application/renewal forms will be available at the meeting.

Overview of the committee meeting held on 25/07/22

Treasurers report – We have £3996.51 in the account at present.

The accounts have been reviewed and some minor comments made.

A copy of the accounts will be issued with the August Oily Rag and will be available for viewing at the AGM on Monday 1st August.

Secretary's report - Adrian has been in contact with the Guildhall shopping centre with a view for a Christmas collection. Further contact needs to be made in September.

Membership Secretary reported that we have 67 members of which 14 are new this year. Anyone who paid membership after 1st May 2022, will be continued forward to 31st July 2023.

Dartmoor run is all set up, Adrian gave an overview of the route, plans, etc. It has been suggested that our youngest club member to be approached to carry out the judging. Adrian to follow up.

AGM – Monday 1st August, Ray H has put himself forward to be Chairman, no other nominees have been received.

Steve Hannaford is willing to stand again as Vice Chairman.

No nominees have been put forward for the Secretary position.

There have been no proposals for any Rule changes.

Andy Lobb asked the committee to thank Adrian for the work he has done as Secretary for the last 23 years and all his efforts in chairing the team for the Dartmoor Run.

Adrian Evans



CLUB RUNS AND OTHER EVENTS

Club Events

(Full list of events here [Club Diary](#))

Club Runs – These are now continuing for every Sunday morning starting from the Toby, Middlemoor. Wednesday evening runs are continuing.

- Sundays depart at 10:00am. Meet for breakfast from 09:00.
- Wednesday evening depart at 19:00.
- **Thursday 18th August** - JD's Coffee Meet, 09:30 for 10:00 at The Red Ruby Café in The Exe Valley Farm Shop, Thorverton EX5 5LZ. A396 and turn off at the old Ruffwell Inn.

Club Meetings – **August meeting is on Monday 1st. There will be a short ride out from the Twisted Oak at 7pm before returning for the club AGM meeting at 8pm.**

Sunday 14th August: Exmouth Classic Vehicle Show. Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth EX8 1DG. From 10:00 to 16:00. Donations for charity; Devon Air Ambulance Trust and Lucy Air Ambulance for Children.

Non-club events

Thursday 11th August: Barnstaple Bike Night. 18:00-23:00. The Square, Barnstaple.

Saturday 13th-Sunday 14th August: The MegaRide Festival 2022. Hoe Promenade, Plymouth.

Sunday 28th August: Chanters Carnival Classics. Chanters House, Ottery St Mary. Prior entry required. <https://www.facebook.com/chanterscarshow/>

Sunday 28th August: Aveton Gifford Classics. Arrive by 10:30am. Events open from 11:00 to 15:00. Aveton Gifford, Kingsbridge. TQ7 4JL. Details and exhibitor registration <https://www.avetongiffordcarshow.co.uk/>

Sunday 28th August: South Devon Bike Show. From 12:00. Forde Hall Social Club, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot.

Top tip before the Dartmoor Run

After all the recent hot weather I thought I'd check the battery acid level on my Norton. If you have one of the old vented lead-acid types of battery on your bike you might want to do the same as I found the level just below the top of the plates in all cells. The battery charged-up fine but it could have been a problem.

Needless to say a further potential fault was found when the feed wire parted company with the fuse holder.

There's always plenty to keep you on your toes when you own a classic.

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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.

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 ECOMC 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. Restoration and renovation of classic vehicles, from individual components to full projects and everything in between.

Available to borrow

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

****Extension now fitted for use with bigger bikes****

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	https://www.facebook.com/lowdowndirtycustoms/ 07917 788028
Classic Bike Supplier – Japanese specialist Somerset Classic Motorcycles, Ilminster	https://somersetclassicmotorcycles.co.uk/ 01823 762261
Exhaust and tank fabrication (Mig, Tig) Peter Weller, PGW Engineering	16 Marldon Rd, Paignton TQ3 3QZ 07518 023911, Peter Weller facebook
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Wheel building Doug Richardson	20 South Street, South Molton. EX36 4AA 07983 347927 https://www.drwheelbuilding.com/

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 £5



Sticker 50p



Lapel Badge £5.50
(40mm)



Machine Badge £15
(70mm)



(In black or green)
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.

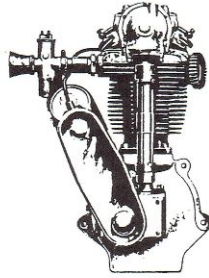
Stats for the last 28 days are: Members - 191, up 11 from the last magazine. Posts, comments and reactions -592. Top post - My post about the July meeting.

Interest shown in the club during and following Powderham, and the Dartmoor run will have contributed to these figures, which will hopefully give us some new full members.

Steve Marcus

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