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Club Stand at Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering

Saturday & Sunday 8th -9th July



Editor's Bit

Cover photo: by the Editor. More photos by Steve Adcock here [Powderham Photos](#).

Please read the 'Club Matters' section on Page 11 for a late amendment to the new club constitution being tabled at the club's AGM on Monday 7th August.

Pete Ferry



Just heard the sad news that Pete Ferry, who many of you will remember as an active club member over the years, has passed away at the age of 93. I had the pleasure of a good chat with Pete early in 2020 to write about the epic club run from Lands End to John o' Groats of 1997. He also provided an article on his 'Motorcycling Years'. Both are in the [Oily Rag March 2020](#). Ride on Pete.

Andy Heathwood (AH)

Summer Gloves

Recently I'd been thinking about getting some better summer gloves. My current gloves are made by *RST* and offer some protection, but I felt sure there must be better around. The warmer and drier weather means that my usual 3-season Lindstrands gloves can be a bit hot to wear. I featured these in the [June 2021 Oily Rag](#), and they have proved to be good waterproof all-rounders.

Something Steve Adcock mentioned in his article *Motorcycling in Europe* in June's magazine, about needing CE approved gloves when riding in France, got me thinking. I popped down to the Velo in Crediton, and although they had some good 3-season gloves at a reasonable price, I felt that their summer offerings were no better than my *RST* ones. Internet searching resulted in finding some 'Predator Perforated Gloves' made by Goldtop. A name from the past. These gloves have good reviews and are BS EN 13594:2015 1 KP approved.

They are not cheap at a retail price of £79.99, although there are some deals around, particularly if you are not too fussy about the colour. I've never considered myself exactly a 'style icon' so almost any colour will do!

I settled on 'Ox Blood' ones in Size L. Despite the gory colour I think these will do fine. They have good protection in the knuckle, wrist, and palm areas without being too thick or heavy.

The only criticism I have so far is the lack of a clip to tie them together. This feature is built-in to my Lindstrands gloves, but I managed to re-use a small key hook from an old pair of trousers rather than buy the Goldtop leather glove strap at an extra £29.99.

The photos (overleaf) illustrate the different level of protection provided by my new Goldtop gloves shown on the left, versus the old *RST* ones on the right.



The personal protective equipment standard for motorcycle gloves is BS EN 13594:2015, also known as a CE standard. This was revised in 2015 to cover two levels of protection rather than just one. Level 1 gloves have a lower level of protection but with better ‘feel’ and lightness than level 2, where increased protection is provided at the expense of less feel and increased weight. Examples of the glove properties tested:

- Design and sizing. Integrity of the glove, including the strength of seams and joints.
- Safety and toxicity of materials including any hazards from hard inclusions, e.g. for knuckle protection.
- Ergonomics of the glove to ensure that a bike can be ridden safely by the rider whilst wearing them.
- Durability including resistance to cuts, tears, and abrasion.
- Restraint test to ensure that the glove is securely fitted to rider’s hand.
- Impact test to ensure that there is a reduction in forces transmitted to the hand. This test is mandatory for level 2 protection.



Figure 1: Approved to Level 1 of the latest standard.



Figure 2: Approved to the earlier version of the standard.

Andy Heathwood

Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering 8th/9th July

Plenty of club members were at the site on Friday to set up the club stand with our usual sail banners and marquee. On the Saturday, 14 bikes were on display with the following range of makes and types of machine, from an Ariel-3 to a mighty Honda CBX:

Yamaha RD250

Suzuki GS750

Suzuki GT750

Kawasaki KZ440

Sunbeam S7

Honda CBX1000

Norton Commando 750

Kawasaki KH400

Honda VFR400R

Triumph Bonneville T100 865cc

Honda XL185

Ariel 3 tricycle

Kawasaki KE175

Triumph Bonneville T120 1200cc

The weather was a bit patchy with probably a bit more rain than we would have liked, but we managed to squeeze under the marquee and avoided the worst of it. I had a good look around at the club stands and also photographed a few of the rarer bikes on display.



Figure 3: FB Mondial Sprint - 175cc OHV 1959

A famous Italian name from the post-war era, winning 125cc world championships in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1957. Also, a 250cc world championship in 1957 with Cecil Sandford 1st, Tarquinio Provini 2nd and Sammy Miller 3rd. The FB stands for Fratelli Bosselli (Bosselli Brothers), although the 'brothers' are listed as Carlo, Luigi, Ettore, Giuseppe and...Ada.



Figure 4: 1959 Norton Jubilee De Luxe 250cc twin.

‘Real Classic’ readers will recognise the styling as ‘snart’, from that era when ‘De Luxe’ meant an enclosed rear end. In blue and dove grey, I watched a young lad struggling to get this one started. I owned a standard one of these in the early 1970s and still have nightmares about the puny front brake which was from a much lighter Francis Barnett.



Figure 5: 1977 Honda CB750A Hondamatic.

The CB750A is a rare sight on these shores, only made between 1976 and 1978 for the North American and Japanese markets. These are really a semi-automatic in that 2-gears are available. Pressing the gear pedal operates one of the 2 clutch packs (1 per gear). The engine is from a CB750 but de-tuned with a 7.7:1 compression ratio.



Figure 6: 1955 Norton Model 88 Dominator 500cc

Over on the VMCC Dartmoor Branch stand was this fine example of one of the first road-going models to use the featherbed frame, the other being the Norton International.



Another motorcycle on the VMCC stand had this badge on the fuel tank. A case of a picture telling a story.

You may recognise the 4 rings usually associated with Audi. It represents the original Auto Union of 4 companies including Audi and DKW founded in Saxony in 1932. The original DKW factory was taken over by MZ after WW2 and DKW moved to Bavaria in West Germany in 1949. Which is where they produced the 1959 DKW RT200 VS exhibited on the VMCC stand.

These bikes have a reputation for good quality and style, in spite of being sold by the well known London dealers Pride & Clarke (aka 'Snide & Shark'). The barrel has a distinctive staggered 'porcupine' finning.

DKW also made the RT125. Designs were handed to BSA and Harley-Davidson as war reparations and formed the basis of the BSA Bantam and the Harley-Davidson Hummer.



Figure 7: 1959 DKW RT200 VS 2-stroke.

Over on the BSA Bantam club stand a VIP was spotted being treated to a cuppa whilst gleaming some advice on sorting the electrics on his Bantam for his grandson to use.





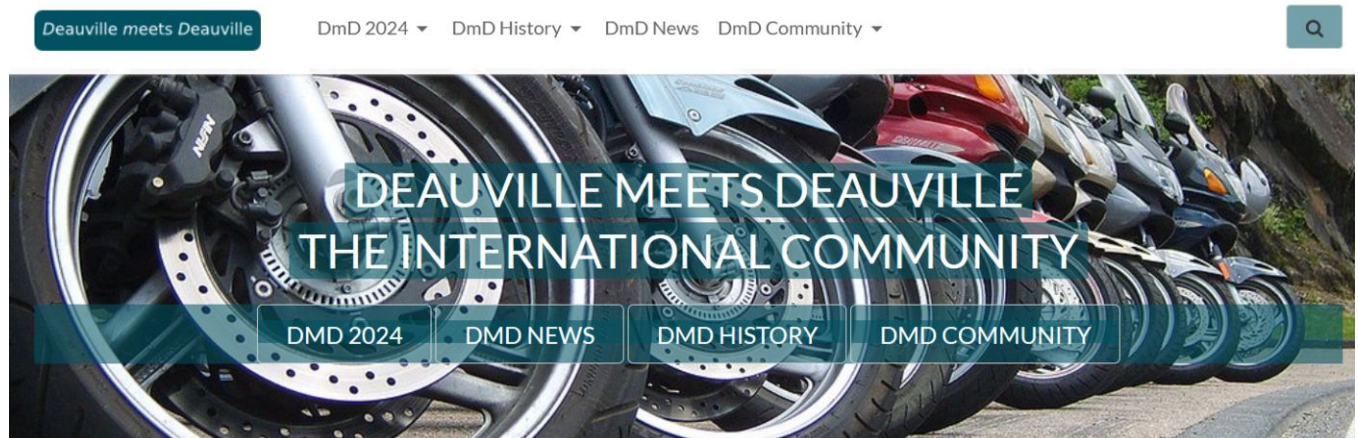
Figure 8: A good range of Morinis (350s and the odd 250) on the Morini Club Stand.
Overall a good day which included a passing appearance by the A4 Pacific 60007 ‘Sir Nigel Gresley’. A fantastic sight and sound and just the 2450 drawbar horsepower.
Here’s the club posse waiting to leave site after a short delay due to a medical emergency.



Deauville meets Deauville

During my recent slide show, I made references to Deauville meets Deauville. This is the European internet group that I belong to, based in Germany, you can find it here:

<https://deauville-meets-deauville.com>



DmD 2024

In 2024 the DmD will take place

**from June 4 to June 8,
in Alcalá de Henares (Madrid)**

in Spain.

This meeting is free to attend for anyone who rides a motorcycle for fun and pleasure and is interested in networking with like-minded people.

DmD History

The DmD is a meeting of touring motorcycle riders from all over Europe. This meeting started in 2003, when riders of the Honda Deauville from all over Europe first met in the City of Deauville in Normandy.

Since then this meeting takes place with about 150-200 participants each year in another European region.

See more on the documentation of the meetings in the past.

DmD Community

Over the years an active community has formed and friendships have grown on the national and international level.

We all like to see us at the meetings but also have fun together in the rest of the year.

Our forum support the communication within the DmD Family.

As you may guess, this was set up for riders of Honda Deauvilles, and as these are no longer made it has evolved to welcome any bike (and any rider) rather like ECMC.



Figure 9: 1st Generation Honda Deauville NT650V
(By Galant - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=111964789>)

The NT650V Deauville was introduced in 1998, based on the NTV650 but with the addition of touring bodywork and luggage. Designed and built in Spain at the old Montessa factory, its no frills approach appealed to commuters and touring riders alike. It had a facelift in 2002, then an upgrade to 700cc with a less rounded shape in 2006 before being discontinued in 2015.

I bought my first one in 2002 as I was commuting 22 miles each way throughout the year at all hours of the day thanks to my shift work. I racked up 60,000 miles over the next 6 years,

bought a newer one and managed another 40,000 miles in 4 years until I retired. A BMW R1200RT replaced that one, a huge difference in every sense!

In 2003, I attended the first 'DmD' in Deauville France, the town that gives the bike it's name, and I'm proud to say that I am the only person to have attended every meeting since. I've been to meetings in 12 countries and made many friends along the way.

I met Tom, who helps on the Dartmoor Run, in Luxembourg and he was the only person, other than my daughter, that I knew when I moved to Exeter. He has since become a friend for life and a great travelling companion. Together, in 2019, we organised a meeting in Paignton that was attended by 104 people from 7 countries. I also helped with the Anstruther, Scotland meeting in 2013 where we attracted 106 people from 11 countries.

The best attended meeting was 2005 in Riegel, Germany with 260 participants from 13 countries.

The group welcomes all motorcyclists and is free to join. Separate registration is needed for the meetings. These have a cost, typically €25 registration and €30 for the celebration dinner night.

It's a very friendly group of like-minded people, and English is widely spoken. The majority will stay in the meeting hotel, with a few choosing B&B accommodation. Camping (and motor-homing) is practised by an elite band, mostly Brits as we have to make up for the boat fare!

Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

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This is my Bavarian friend Lothar. He speaks no English, I have very basic (beer and sausages) German, but we bonded by having the same camera and take great delight in attempting to communicate. Sums up the group I think.

Steve Adcock

Club Matters

(Update from Committee Meeting of 24th July)

1. **Powderham** – a successful event this year. Steve Hannaford and Pete White thanked for their efforts. Pete is getting prices for some new sides for the club marquee. The £5 deposit will be refunded to those that paid and attended.
2. **September Barbecue** – The barbecue at Ray Martin's will now take place on Saturday 2nd September from 16:00. All are welcome, and please feel free to bring partners. ***Please let Ray know if you are intending to come along.***
3. **Constitution** – A version for tabling at the AGM was sent to all club members on 16th July. There has been one further comment resulting in the following change:
3. Activities to achieve aims and objectives
Current wording:
(d) Affiliate to, or disaffiliate from, any local or national group the Management Committee decides is appropriate in furthering the interests of the Club.
Revised wording:
(d) Affiliate to, or disaffiliate from, any local or national group that the club decides is appropriate in furthering its interests.
4. **Affiliation** – renewal of the club's affiliation to the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) to be progressed.
5. **Committee** – meetings to start at 07:30. Review cheque signatories post AGM.
6. **Membership:** 68 members now. Up-to-date list to be made available at AGM and to Welfare Officer.
7. **Club Events:** Hospiscare 2nd December collection. Guildhall Shopping Centre to be contacted. Andy Rook has agreed to lead on the Darts Farm event next year. Volunteers are required to act as the lead for other events. ***Discuss at AGM.***

Dartmoor Run Committee.

Updates on planning and preparation for event on Sunday 30th July:

1. **URGENT – route marshals:** There is still a shortage of 3 route marshals. (see Page 12 of [May's Oily Rag](#) for a description of what is expected). Also, if anyone else is available to help at The Quay anytime on-the-day please let us know. Thanks to all who have volunteered to date.
2. **Check-in cards:** If you have access to a printer, please consider completing a check-in card ahead of the day. This speeds the entry process.
<http://exeterclassicmotorcycleclub.epizy.com/6Dartmoor.html>
3. **Route Check:** The route is the same as last year. A ride-out planned for 23rd July to check the route was cancelled due to bad weather. The Chief Marshal has now checked the route. Nothing exceptional to report beyond the usual pot-holes. Lunch and breakfast stops have been confirmed. Just need to order some good weather!
4. **Judging:** Roy Anthony of Bridge Motorcycles has confirmed that he will judge the bikes at The Quay before the run.

Please contact Adrian Evans or Andy Heathwood if you are available to help or have any questions.

Andy Heathwood



CLUB RUNS AND OTHER EVENTS

Club Events

Full list of events here [Club Diary](#) (Diary is updated regularly. Please check website for latest).

Club Monthly Runs – Meet at The Toby, Middlemoor (additional parking area). Dates:

- **Sundays: 20th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.** Sunday runs depart at 10:00 a.m. Meet for breakfast from 09:00. (The Toby opens at 08:00)
- **Thursdays: 24th August, 28th September.** Meet at the Toby at 18:30 for 19:00 depart.

Club Meetings Twisted Oak, Ide – **Monday 7th August, 4th September.**

Monday 7th August – Club AGM.

Thursday 17th August – JD’s Coffee Meet & Ride Out, from 10:00 for 10:30 a.m. at the café inside the Trading Hub Vintage Trading Centre, 16 Marsh Green Road East, Marsh Barton. EX2 8PQ. There is ample parking at this venue, and we meet for a coffee, catch-up and optional ride-out. The meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Sunday 13th August – Exmouth Classic Vehicle Show. Imperial Ground, Exmouth. No entry fee and no need to book.

Sunday 3rd September – Dawlish Bike & Trike Show. The Lawn, Dawlish. Park by 12:00 pm, judging at 13:30. £3 per bike entry, £3 per show class.

Unfortunately the ‘Yer Tiz’ rally at Newton St Cyres, usually held in late September, will not be going ahead this year. It is hoped the event will restart next year.

Non-club events (please see [Club Diary](#))

Sunday 6th August. 11:00 – 17:00. Exeter Charity Bike Show. Queens Head, Polsloe Bridge, Exeter. £4 entry fee.

Sunday 13th August. Move off at 10:00. Taunton Classic Motorcycle Club, Exmoor Run. Meet at Sheppey’s Cider, A38 Bradford-on-Tone. Enter using Eventbrite.

Sunday 20th August. Move off at 08:45 from Bideford Quay. North Devon Motorcycle Club ‘Three Moors Run’. No fees, no medals, just a ride, Breakfast in Launceston, Dinner on Dartmoor and Tea on Exmoor. 180-mile ride.

Sunday 27th August. 11:00-16:00 Chanters Carnival Classics. Chanters House, Ottery St. Mary. Prior entry required.

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

For sale



Figure 10: John Davey's Triumph T100 pictured at Powderham this year.

- 2014 (64 plate) Triumph Bonneville T100
- 1 previous owner
- 7,800 miles
- MOT to 21.02.2024
- Serviced annually
- £5,250 to include all accessories as fitted
- Contact John Davey on 01363 777569 or 07754 828992

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.
07799 100505, mervyngreen1947@gmail.com

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, Hminster Went into administration June 2023.	https://somerseclassicmotorcycles.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
General engineering & machining Chris May C M Engineering Components Ltd	King Charles Business Park, Unit 8 Green Yard, Heathfield, Newton Abbot TQ12 6UT 01626 834808 https://cmengineeringcomponents.com/
Paintwork and metalwork Clint Drake, Wild West Custom Paint	Unit 6, Grace Rd Central, Marsh Barton, Exeter EX2 8QA 07939 465528 https://wildwestcustompaint.co.uk/
Powder Coating 1 st Choice Finishes	Unit 6 Exhibition Way, Exeter EX4 8JD 01392 468086 https://www.1stchoicefinishes.co.uk/
Re-bores, crank re-grinds, engine reconditioning. Autoservice & Spares, Exeter (‘Scratchers’)	Unit 18, City Industrial Estate, Haven Rd, Exeter EX2 8DD 01392 273429 Autoservice-facebook
Seat re-covering and refurbishment Devon Disability Collective	22 Marsh Green Rd E, Marsh Barton, Exeter EX2 8PQ 01392 428585 https://www.devondisabilitycollective.org/
Wheel building Doug Richardson	20 South Street, South Molton. EX36 4AA 07983 347927 https://www.drwheelbuilding.com/
Wheel rims & spokes for a range of bikes. Devon Rim Company For British vintage and modern, BMW, Japanese, Harley-Davidson and custom bikes.	Unit 16, Marsh Lane, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Cridton, Devon EX17 1ES 01769 581700 https://www.devonrimcompany.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



Club Pens £1.20 each

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. (July numbers)

Stats for the past 28 days are; 228 members, 431 posts, comments, and reactions. Top post was Dougie Mason's about the stolen Kawasaki dumped near Mill on the Exe.

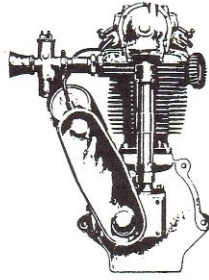
2nd was Adrian Evans about the Sunday club ride and 3rd was Peter White "Guess where I am tonight?"

Some good rides happening, let's see more photos and a few words please.

Steve Harcus

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