

VMCC Notts and Derby June Newsletter



Cover Photo: Charlie poses with his award-winning Diesel Royal Enfield.

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What's on in July.

- 3rd Car Park Concours. Royal Oak, Ockbrook.**
- 6th Crich**
- 8th (Tuesday.) Meet for a Ride. 1pm. Griffins Head Papplewick**
- 17th Evening Run. 7.30pm Ripley Market Place. Ralph 01773 856592**
- 19th Slow & Small Bike Run. 10.30am. DE55 7NY A Cooke 07774442823**
- 20th Founders Day**
- 24th Evening Run. 7pm Papplewick Crossroads. John 07946 261247**
- 31st Evening Run. 7.30pm Ripley Market Place. Paul 07929 189886**

Ralph's 100 Miler: Please note that Ralph's run on 22nd June will be around 100 miles. Make sure you have enough fuel.

Section News.

Dana Neal, our North Midlands Area Rep, has asked me to pass on his thanks to all our Section members who supported the Burton Parade on 11th May.

Clive Russell sends his humble apologies for failing to appear to lead the recent run from Brailsford. He tells me that this was due to a blunder with his diary keeping."

Meet For A ride, Wednesday 7th May.



Seven riders turned up for Wednesday's, run, this turned into six as Mike Worthy's A65 only wanted to run on 1 cylinder so he had to retire.

The route was to Holloway, Milltown, Littlemoor, Ashover, Kelstedge, then to Darly Dale via some dark and dusty lanes to Chatsworth and Baslow and Grindleford Caff which was surprisingly empty, returning via Baslow and Beeley Moor to Finish At Crich.

Pleasant day but not very warm for May!

Graham Franks.

Saturday Afternoon Run, 10th May.



Graham and Paul arrive at the start.



It was good to see Jim back on two wheels after his "off" last year.

Ten bikes arrived at the A52 layby for this run on a glorious day. Well, they did eventually, as a few had been to the wrong layby!

The only person missing was the Leader, who had totally forgotten that his run was today! Fortunately, the ever-reliable Graham Franks stepped in to lead what was, to me at least, an eye-opener. He knows this part of South Derbyshire really well and I was stunned by the beauty we encountered. If you don't recognize many of the following place names, neither did I.

As soon as we turned South off the A52, I for one was lost. We passed through Thurstaston, Lane Ends, Longford and Alkington before reaching the A515 at Darley Moor.

Turning left at Clifton, the view was across the River Dove's valley, with scores of blossom-laden trees. We passed through Ellaston and Wooton, before reaching the A52 again at Cauldron.

Here, Graham stopped briefly to "regain his bearings" and then took us via Bottomhouse, turning right to run straight up the B5053 to Longnor, taking in the stupendous views as we made our way down steep (14%) descents before turning into the Chapel Tearooms at Hollinsclough.



Arriving at Hollinsclough tearooms.



Lovely location for a cuppa.

We were ready for the cuppa (and cake) and the group sat chatting. The group headed for Hartington and Parwich, but I had to make my way straight home only to find the bottom of the Via Gellia blocked by a fire engine! I had to retrace my steps and take the long way back, probably getting home no earlier than the rest of the group.

BARRIE'S CHIPSHOP RUN Thursday 15th May.

An excellent turnout of over 20 bikes for the annual chip shop run in memory of my late Father-in-Law Barrie who always led this run. I did the run on my little Yam which belonged to Barrie so very appropriate. Colin was on the run with his friend who was visiting from America so a welcome addition to the club for one night. Graham took us from Ripley to Heage, out onto the A6 to Belper Mill where we turned right and headed for Shottle turning off there to follow some lovely little lanes to Alport, by the masts, then eventually emerging onto the Wirksworth road where we turned right and went down Longway Bank to the A6 at Whatstandwell Bridge and then back to enjoy a delicious fish & chip supper.



A selection of the bikes as they parked up.



Kate arrives on the Yamaha that Barrie used to ride.



Dependable Dayglo Derek on his Royal Enfield.



Deep in conversation.



Kate is all smiles. Pete's wondering where his chips have got to.

We had a few extras at the chip shop, John & Pat Salisbury and Mick & Ruth were already there & Paul & Pete (who'd been at work) joined us as well so 24 diners, a good night for the chippy, the staff looked after us very well as always. Big thanks to Graham for another great run.

Kate Sherras.

ROBIN HOOD RUN, 18th, May.

Eighteen bikes started turned up to the Griffins Head for this run through the Dukeries area. This included some new faces who have been members for some time. David Tyldesley had planned a varied route, so after signing on and answering the quiz questions, the riders set out on the route which took them through Blidworth, Edingley, Hockerton, Eakring and Clumber Park to arrive at the Green Hut for refreshments. During this stop, the prizes were given out to the winners of the quiz, the combined age of rider and machine and the machine of most technical interest, won by Charlie's Diesel Enfield. The photo captions give the details.



Time to catch up before the start.



Scratching their heads over the quiz.



A great selection of bikes.



These were close contenders for the technical prize. Side valve Norton engines in BSA frames. Not your normal Norbsas.



Two Velocettes together. The one nearest the camera was raced twice by Tony at the Manx Grand Prix.



Back at the Griffin.

The afternoon route took them via Egmont, Norwell and Maplebeck to arrive back to Papplewick, where they were able to enjoy drinks in the sunshine!

Meet the Neighbours Run, 24th May.

Around a dozen of us from both the Burton Section and the Notts and Derby met up for the "Meet the Neighbours" Run. Numbers were possibly down as it was a Bank Holiday and the weather was overcast to begin with, brightening considerably later. The Burton Section host it and it was lovely to see a little of their area.

Andy led us away from Mackworth to pass through Longford, Alkington, Norbury, then turned South to Marston Montgomery and Doveridge. That first section took us along the most beautiful lanes, overhung in places by "tunnels" of trees. Glimpses through the trees gave us views of the distant hills.

A mixture of A and B roads followed taking us through Sudbury, Anslow and Repton to arrive at our destination, The John Thompson Inn at Ingleby. From here, both sections were close to home.



At the finish, as we park up.



Steve wanders around the bikes.



Dave's latest acquisition. The Custom version of the CX 500. Low, comfortable seat, feels light and eligible for free road tax next year.

Thanks to Andy for a great run, which took me to places I'd never seen before on roads I didn't know.

Lakeland Heskett Rally, 24-25 May.

I had another fantastic weekend at "The Heskett Weekend", I've been going for the last ten years but this is the first time I've taken part in the actual runs.



One run on Saturday and two runs on Sunday, 25-year rule, route rollers required.
Prizes for correct answers to questions and best bike etc.
Basic campsite right next to the village pub, decent ale at reasonable prices.
Always a nice friendly event with fantastic scenery.
I rode my 1989 Harley there and back and on the runs, only fault was a broken speedo cable.



Forgot the most important picture...me!

Thank you, Lakeland Section.
Jamie Danter.

Bring a Bike Night, 5th June.



Rogues' gallery.



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Three Triumphs together.





Wide variety of bikes.

We don't see many Ducatis.

Despite a very heavy storm at tea time, fourteen bikes made it to the Royal Oak for this get-together. Although this was fewer than usual, the weather was obviously responsible.

They varied from a 1930s Calthorpe to an 1100cc Suzuki.

Those who turned up were rewarded with a dry evening and time to chat with the other members and some new faces.

A great evening.

Free Advertisements.

WANTED:

Member Bob Gregg is looking for a sidecar outfit. Any make of bike but minimum 500cc. Non-runners certainly considered as he is an expert engineer. Ring Bob on **07790 589982** if you have an outfit to sell.

FOR SALE:

Single Motorcycle Trailer.



Belonged to a N&D member who passed away.

£150.00 ono.

Please contact Graham Bower, who is acting on the widow's behalf for details.

07745888938 or

graham.bower@hotmail.co.uk

Motorcycles.

1937 BSA B21 Sports with a Rigid frame and Girder Forks. 250cc OHV.

This model was only made for one year, making it quite a rarity. It is a light motorcycle, easy to handle and move around. Located in Nottingham.

I am looking for a good home for this bike, so I will haggle around £4500.

Please contact Peter Gibson 07970 285 668 or 0115 931 4362. For more details,



1993 Triumph Trident 750



11 months MOT Dutch Import
with British number and V5C

£850 ono.

Martin.

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1962 Triumph TR6SS Pre-unit. REDUCED



I have owned this bike for over 25 years. This is a very reluctant sale as I head to my octogenarian years, sadly, it is becoming too big and heavy for me now and my longer owned 1960 BSA C15 becomes my preferred riding choice.

I do have many detailed photographs and history details to provide should potential buyers want more, as I'm sure they will.

Offers around £7000. Part exchange for good BSA B40 considered.

Please contact: hornsbj_jm@yahoo.co.uk

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