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Always Ahead!



Geoff Morris with his 1913 349cc AJS
Photo: Sue Morris

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Hello Everyone,

Well Christmas is just a memory, and the stocks of white chocolate and cherry brandy are sadly exhausted but we've got lots of events and club nights lined up for the coming year.

Baz Staple reports that Charlie Jenner's funeral was attended by some 80-100 people, including relatives and friends with the largest contingent from the Morgan Three Wheeler club, VMCC and Sunbeam MCC. Three Morgans followed the hearse plus a few motorcycles. He was given a grand and appreciative send off and it was obvious he was highly admired for his modest and kind character, helpfulness to all and his innate engineering skills. I can testify to Charlie's helpfulness; I remember running out of petrol near Punnetts Town many years ago, and being helped out by Charlie who was in the Three Cups. I was on a flat-tank Norton 16H, which I had been lent by John Hallam of Sheffield to ride in the Banbury run in 1995. Lovely bike, I even got a mention in Old Bike magazine, pictured left, sadly defunct for many a year.



John Hodson has prepared a revised index to include the 2017 magazines - contact me with an SAE or I can email you a copy.

Keep 'em coming, all the best, Julie

Chairman's Report

Tim Penn

By the time you read this we will have had our first committee meeting of 2018. One of the key points we are conscious of in this ever-expanding club, is that our membership is broadening across the country and to that end perhaps we should consider moving some of our meetings, including the AGM, further up country. Brian Empsall, the Membership Secretary, has done yet another excellent analysis, which indicates that the memberships' centre is in the High Wycombe area.

On that note may I thank all the Committee Members for their work over the last year. It has been good to have some new fresh ideas from the Committee to take the Club forward. May I also mention the Pioneer Run, the Club's prestigious event, which takes place on the 18th March 2018. If there is anyone willing to help marshall, either at Epsom or Madeira Drive, Brighton, then would you please contact myself or Rob Pond, contact details are printed on the left.

May I wish you a safe riding season and I look forward to meeting you at some event during the year.



2018 Oxon/Bucks Run on the 15th of April

Andy Middleton

The Oxon/Bucks is a run through the Chiltern hills and surrounding area with a lunch stop, to start from the railway site in Chinnor, Oxon OX39 4ER.

Can I ask that those attending with a van or car and trailer park just outside the site to unload and then bring their machines onto the site for display, leaving their cars outside as the site are concerned at the car park becoming full. We have a real problem with the railway people and have only just had confirmation of our date.

For booking forms visit **www.sunbeam-mcc.co.uk** or contact me, Andy Middleton on 01844-352844 or **apmiddleton # btinternet.com**.

From the Membership Secretary

Brian Empsall

Please give the following new members to the Club a warm welcome:

Matthew Chamley	Suffolk	Elaine Mugleston	Warwickshire
Keith Claridge	Warwickshire	Ian Northeast	Surrey
Brian Devey	Cheshire	Aidan Owens	Hampshire
William Dunlop	Scotland	Matthew Pellett	Hertfordshire
Simon Elliott	West Sussex	Nick Pellett	Hertfordshire
Oliver Grossklaus	Germany	Jason Pellett	Hertfordshire
Andrew Howe-Davies	South Oxfordshire	Martin Shelley	Clackmannanshire
Mark Johnstone	Surrey	Dudley Smith	Swansea
Stephan Kellermann	Germany	Julian Wade	Buckinghamshire
Helmut Lehmann	Germany	Phillip Wade	South Yorkshire
Christa G-Lehmann	Germany	Robert Young	Essex
John Mugleston	Warwickshire	Frans Van Den Bliek	Netherlands

2018 Subscriptions

Thank you to all those members who have paid their subscription for 2018. If we received your payment by 22nd January your membership card will be enclosed with this magazine. If received later it will be with the next edition. The subscriptions for 2018 are:-

Full UK Member £22
Full Overseas Member £28
Family Members (UK or Overseas) £5.

Individual notification of outstanding subscriptions will be found on the reverse of the address label with this edition of Club News (February - March). I know that in the Christmas period it is all too easy to overlook the payment for club subscriptions but if you have not yet paid can you please do so without delay. Postage is a significant part of the Club's budget and we simply can't afford to send magazines to members who have not paid. Payment can be made by cheque, PayPal or internet banking. Full details are on the reverse of the address label with this magazine and on page 4 of the December / January magazine.

Finally, can I say thank you to all who sent Christmas cards and notes with seasonal greetings and wish you all a most enjoyable 2018.

Pinhard Trophy 2017

Tony Lloyd

This year's winner is 19 year-old Grass Track and Speedway Rider Luke Harris. 2017 has been a further successful year for Luke winning yet another British Grass Track title after winning three titles last year. This year he was also active with two Speedway teams: Reading Racers and Cradley Heathens, captaining the Racers to a League title. He has been riding since he was three years-old and the judges were impressed by his efforts in supporting other youngsters just starting out. He still helps his Dad setting up and clearing local grass tracks. As an ambassador for the sport he has appeared on the BBC to represent Reading Racers.

Luke faced stiff competition and voting was extremely close. He has been entering for the Pinhard for three years and at last his perseverance has paid off. On hearing of his win, Luke said "Thank you to everyone who has judged me as the winner of the Pinhard Trophy. It is such a prestigious award to win and I am very thankful to be chosen. A big thank you to Terry Golds who has been sponsoring me for the past three years, his help has been very much appreciated! Thank you also to The Sunbeam Motorcycle Club for allowing me to be a part of this great award!"

Presentation of the Trophy was at the ACU Awards Dinner on 13th January. Proceedings were started by previous winner James Shanes on his Grass Track machine supported by two Norton Rotaries riding through the room and "giving it some" on reaching the stage. Tumultuous applause ensued, amidst clouds of smoke.

We were handsomely looked after as usual and once again were the first presentation on stage. In true US Masters tradition the previous winner James Shanes was invited to hand over the Trophy.



Pinhard 2017 winner Luke Harris holds the Pinhard Trophy, with last year's winner James Shanes left and Sunbeam MCC Pinhard Prize Officer Tony Lloyd to the right.

From the Secretary

Arnold Marshall

Notice Of The Annual General Meeting: Saturday 14th April 2018

The Annual General Meeting of the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club Ltd will be held on Saturday 14th April, 2018 commencing at 2.00 pm sharp at the Llama Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5JN. (On the A22). Food and refreshments are available to purchase, there will be tea, coffee and cake as usual prior to any general discussion after the meeting.

The Club has expanded over the last few years with many new members coming from North of the Thames. Recent analysis by our Membership Secretary has shown the centre of membership, based on post code, now to be North West of London. Consequently, a suggestion was put to the Committee that we should move the AGM venue away from the South East towards the centre of membership.

This suggestion was met with approval by some Committee Members, but not all, so it was decided to ask you, our members, through the Club News, to give your views on the proposed move. Comments to the Editor please.

Any member may propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM but any proposal must be in writing, duly signed by the Proposer and Seconder and sent to the Hon Secretary a minimum of 30 days before the AGM. Proposers and Seconders are required for all existing members that wish to stand, plus nominations for any of these posts. The nominated person will need to submit, in writing, their willingness to stand. Proposers of any persons for office or resolution will need to attend the AGM, otherwise their proposal will lapse.

All the above to the Hon Secretary, in writing by the 15th March, 2018 please. The minutes of the 2017 AGM are enclosed with your copy of the Club News.

Rose Of Torridge Run

Baz Staple

On the 20th May this year there will be a new event in North Devon, starting and finishing at the Merry Harriers Nursery, Woolsfardisworthy, Bideford, EX39 5QN. The run will cover approximately 30 to 40 miles with route directions (yellow arrows). Food and drink will be available at the start and finish. A breakdown service will be in attendance carrying fuel as petrol stations are few and far between in this district.

This is a new venture in a new area for the club and your support will be appreciated. A list of B&Bs, campsite accommodation and hotels is being compiled and will soon be available.

Details, entry forms and regulations are available from **www.sunbeam-mcc.co.uk** or contact Nevil Barham on 01237 470514 or **nevil2 # btinternet.com** .

Ixion Cavalcade - Sunday 6th May 2018

Ian Cockshull

Dedicated to the memory of Ixion, the well known motorcycling correspondent. Ixion was the nom-de-plume of Canon Basil Henry Davies BA, the vicar at St Barnabas Church in Bexhill-on-Sea from 1926 until 1940. He was also a journalist who wrote for The Motor Cycle magazine from 1903 to 1961.

Departing from the church yard, there is a route of about 35 miles with an intermediate coffee stop after about 24 miles. route sheets in A4 format will be provided to participants. Contact Ian Cockshull, see entry in the Calendar or visit **www.sunbeam-mcc.co.uk** to download a booking form.

Shropshire Mid Week Ride 6th - 9th May 2019

Baz Staple

It may seem a long way ahead to be speaking of 2019, but we need a new Secretary of Meeting and a route finder person for this popular event. This task could be shared between two people or one person could arrange both duites, someone close to the area would be preferable. The previous routes are available and help would be given from Bob Nix, the previous Secretary.

The accommodation is already booked at The Valley Hotel in the world heritage site of Ironbridge Any volunteer could discuss this with Bob Nix or Baz Staple.

Initial arrangements for this event will need to be put in hand by summer/autumn of this year to secure our booking with the necessary club deposit.

Sunbeam MCC Club Stand Calendar 2018

John Buckingham

The Club will be organising stands at many events in 2018. We need Club eligible machines to display and also volunteers to help on the stand. If you can help in any way this is a great opportunity to meet up with fellow club members and gain free admission to events around the country. Contact me on 01903 536244 or **John.b60 # ntlworld.com** if you would like to get involved at any of the following events:

South of England Classic Motorcycle Show and Bikejumble: Sunday 25th March, at The South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL.

Stafford International Classic Motorcycle Show and Autojumble 21st and 22nd April ST18 0BD To enter, contact Richard Duffin, 07887 852004 **richard.duffin # eng.ox.ac.uk**

Southern Classic Bike Show and Autojumble Saturday 19th May, Kempton Park, Sunbury, Middlesex, TW16 5AQ.

SMCC Conyboro Run 27th and 28th May, The Six Bells, Chiddingly East Sussex BN8 6HE

VMCC Banbury Run Sunday 17th June, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warks CV35 0BJ

Romney Marsh Classic Show Sunday 24th June, Hamstreet, Kent TN26 2JD. Contact Julie Diplock, 01797 344277 **julie # elk-promotions.co.uk**

VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes 7th and 8th July, at Mallory Park, Leicestershire, LE9 7QE.

VMCC Founders Day Sunday 22nd July, Stanford Hall, Lutterworth, Leics, LE17 6DH

VMCC West Kent International 5th August, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX

Kop Hill Climb 15th and 16th September, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0LB.

South of England Classic Motorcycle Show and Bikejumble: Sunday 28th October, South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL.

Southern Off-Road Show and Autojumble: Saturday 1st December, Kempton Park, Sunbury, Middlesex, TW16 5AQ.

Events to Consider in 2018

Julie Diplock

Club member Uwe Kartens from Germany has issued an invitation to the International Windmill Rally, which takes place from the 20th to the 22nd July. The event, based in Northern Germany, is for pre-1946 motorcycles, and is suitable for veterans. Visit **www.veteranenfahrt-norddeutschland.de** for more information, and for details of the other events organised by the Motorrad-Veteranen-Fahrt Norddeutschland club.

Closer to home, Gavin Shaw is organising the the Jim Allen Challenge on Sunday 22nd April on behalf of the Brooklands section of the VMCC. Contact club member Gavin on 07910 373733 before 9pm or e mail **routemeister # outlook.com** for an entry form.

Sunday 27th May sees the Frampton Mansell Fun Meander take place in the Cotswolds. Organised by club member Reg Eyre, for the Flat Tank section of the VMCC, it's suitable for 'pathetically powered machines'. Details are available on **www.vmcc.net** or contact Reg on **reg.eyre # tesco.net** or 01242 870375 before 9.00pm



Letters

Your letters and comments are always welcomed. Send them to The Editor, contact details inside front cover.

Message from the Editor: *Thanks for all your input, it's always great to have feedback. The writer of the Best Letter of the Issue will receive a Sunbeam MCC Machine Badge. This extremely attractive badge is made from enamel and brass in the traditional manner, with an integral bracket to fit any machine. Get writing and it could be you next issue. If you're not lucky enough to pen that winning letter then they are available to purchase from Rob Smith, our Regalia Officer - see inside front cover for contact details.*



Scottish Quadrant?

Dear Julie,

Could you please print this picture, in the hope that a club member could tell me where it was taken.

It is one of a number I have which belonged to H G Priest of The Quadrant Company, nearly all of which were taken North of the border with Scotland.

The church clock is in an unusual position right at the top of the tower which could be a good pointer.

The machine is a 1903/4 twin-engined Quadrant Tricar.

Many Thanks,

Eddie

Eddie Keightley



Deadline for April / May Issue: 15th March 2018

Kent Pre-30 M.C.C



Dear Julie,

I have purchased a 1927 Sunbeam Model 7, pictured above in 'as-found' condition, I have just completed a 60 minute 'oily-rag' restoration. On the side of the bike is a plate "Kent pre 30 M. C. C", shown enlarged above. Can anyone tell me about this club?

The plate is riveted to the battery carrier, and before removing it I would love to find out more. The Sunbeam was last on the road in 1983, with last MOT inspection by the long-defunct Leigh Green Garage, Tenterden which was on the Appledore Road.

Regards, John Guppy

Editor's Note: Many thanks to new member John for the letter, it's won you a Sunbeam MCC machine badge for your super Sunbeam.

Sunbeam MCC Club Nights at West Kingsdown

Hi Julie,

We would like to say a big thank you to all Sunbeam Club officials, members and volunteer workers who have helped out in 2017. There have been some great events, all well planned and coordinated.

Special thanks to the Smith Family for running the 'West Kingsdown Section'. The smoothly organised Club Nights were spot on and the entertainment provided much appreciated by all. How George managed to cajole all those interesting talkers to come and entertain us I do not know, it can't have been easy! The machines that members and others brought along for us to view were exceptional. Great history attached to them all ... the owners were equally as exciting and colourful as the motorcycles, when verbally relating their personal life stories! Rob and Nick Smith clearly played a large part also, so thanks to them and to Rob for reminding us of the past club evenings contents in his excellent following journal write ups. Jane Smith is a great hostess and the luxury of refreshments she has organised were most welcome and consumed with relish. A really lovely touch for a welcoming motorbike club!

Lastly, a thank you to the residents of West Kingsdown Village. For their insight and energetic campaigning for funds to build a brand new and very plush Village Hall that now serves the Sunbeam Club nights so well. Much appreciated!

Dave & Sue Blanchard.

Harold Daniell

Dear Julie,
I would agree with Richard Rosenthal's comments in the last Club News about Harold's eyesight. My father told me that when it was misty in The Isle of Man it made no difference to Harold's lap times. He also helped my mate Johnny Holder on his way in to motorcycle racing. He loaned John a Manx that had been used by someone who worked for the factory. John was very disappointed when he only finished mid-order. It took a couple of races to realise that the factory worker used to bring the latest works cam with him and change it before the race and change it back after. The later cam obtained from the factory saw John in the results.

John was interviewed by Jock West for a works bike in 1962 and shook hands on a deal. He told Harold to find another rider for his bike. Alas the works bike never materialised.
Regards George Smith.

1914 New Imperial Light Tourist WR 750

Dear Julie,
I will not be offended if you do not use this, but I was so pleased to see WR 750 on page 25 of issue 889. Andy has a truly historic machine and worthy of the award presented at Romney Marsh.



Ron Law on the 1977 VMCC Banbury Run on the 1914 New Imperial

I no doubt think Andy will know this, but it is worth relating that this New Imperial was exhumed from an allotment shed in Rothersthorpe Road Northampton, back in the late 1960's by the late Ron Law of Blisworth. It was in pretty poor but complete condition. It took Ron many hours of his and a few helper's skills to restore the machine and I know of one other person still able to relate the tale of its progression to revival.

The photo I present is Ron on the 1977 Banbury Run, now over forty years ago, when it used to leave from Castle car park. I am on the right of 39 when I was just a spectator and about to be launched into the vintage, and subsequently, veteran motorcycle fraternity. I have other pictures of the machine as it was well known to the Northampton enthusiasts and I am very pleased that it is still giving pleasure to viewers, riders and myself in its pristine condition.
Regards Colin Borley

Shirley and The Pioneer Run®

Dear Julie,
My wife Shirley Blake broke her hip last Christmas after a fall and had it pinned and plated. She has now reluctantly decided to stop riding her veteran and vintage motorcycles after having ridden for 55 years. The photos show Shirley starting in her first event, which was the 1962 Brighton Pioneer Run® on her 1914 Wall Autowheel. Note the attire: raincoat, shoes, no helmet and L-plates. I always thought

the photograph of Shirley on a 1914 Triumph is one of the best of many taken on the Run.

Shirley has ridden the following bikes on the Pioneer Run over the years: Wall Autowheel, 1908 and 1914 Triumphs, Motosacoche, N.U.T, B.A.T, A.J.S, Matchless, Humber, Sunbeam, Douglas and Gerrard. She won the ladies award the last time the Pioneer Run was a timed event.

A couple of years before Shirley started riding on her own, she rode as a passenger on a 1904 ETNA Tandem Trike.

Kind Regards, Ken Blake



Shirley and 1914 Wall Autowheel complete with L-plate!



Shirley on her 1914 Triumph on the Pioneer Run



Shirley Blake in 2015 in Germany on her 1926 350cc Cotton

Obituary

Brian Charles Moore: 1931 - 2017

Adrian Goding



Brian Moore aboard his veteran Scott at the start of The Pioneer Run

Brian Moore, long-term Pioneer entrant and Club member has recently passed away. Born in December 1931 near Cambridge, he was the eldest of four children and took over the family tannery diversifying it into a variety of successful businesses. He was a tanner by birth but an engineer by instinct and from an early age was fascinated by anything with wheels and an engine.

Brian's earliest Pioneers were in the late sixties when he was accompanied on a Rudge Multi combination by his wife Ruth and their two children for the run to Brighton plus, due to logistical challenges, a ride back to Epsom.

Over the years Brian rode a wide variety of machines from Indian to Douglas and Scott as well as his beloved Sunbeam. Always keen to encourage new riders the machines were regularly loaned out with only one guiding maxim – oil is cheaper than engineering.

Brian was past President of the Veteran Car Club and in total made 51 successive runs to Brighton mostly on his 1902 Panhard et Levassor and was also a successful historic racer with his 1907 Metallurgique Maybach and Bugatti T35B.

In 2018 his collection of bikes will all make the Pioneer together – his Sunbeam ridden by old friend Roger Collings who is a Past President of the Vintage Sports-Car Club on his maiden Pioneer with only one instruction – oil is cheaper than engineering!

Letters Continued

The Pioneer Run ®

Dear Julie,

As a relative newcomer to The Pioneer Run it strikes me that for a number of reasons a new route could found which is safer, more pleasant and generally beneficial to the event. I can hear the shouts of derision and doom already, but consider my reasons.

I live in the north and do not know the roads in that area but looking at any good map there are many better ways into Brighton, even the tender vehicle route is better. Going past Gatwick is not a lot of fun unless you are a plane spotter. The joining of the A23 near Brighton is dangerous as modern traffic has no conception of what is happening and nor do they care.

Once in Brighton no one is interested in what is happening and we are just a nuisance to modern traffic, holding them up with our quaint antics, the only people who are interested are already at the finish area. Discussion and comment about such an important issue can only be of benefit for the event and the Club. Regards, Brian Smith

Club Meets

Club Nights at West Kingsdown Village Hall, Kent

Rob Smith

These are held on the third Monday of the month from 8pm to 10:30pm at West Kingsdown Village Hall, London Road, West Kingsdown, Kent TN15 6BZ. (Behind The Gamecock Pub) OS grid reference O/S 188 574 629. Tea or coffee and biscuits provided, for more details contact George Smith on 01474 852960 or **t110george47 # gmail.com**

November



David Baldock's 1902 Clément

John Waghorn, our Pioneer Registrar and Clement Garrard Marque Specialist, gave an excellent talk on the history of the marque with photos, technical drawings and illustrations from his extensive archive. John also brought a Clement 143cc motorcyclette engine which he kindly permitted to be dismantled to show the finer points of the design. As a very welcome bonus David Baldock kindly loaned his recently acquired 1902 Clement machine for display afterwards. John has prepared a separate article on Clement Garrard which will appear elsewhere in this or a future issue. Our thanks go to John and David plus George Smith for collecting and returning the machine to David with thanks once again to Bob Onley for the use of his van.

December

It was Party Night and to boost the numbers attending we invited Terry Herbert, a local old friend of ours. Terry is a semi-retired professional magician specialising in close-up magic with over 40 years membership of the Magic Circle, many appearances on TV and work with the late Paul Daniels to his credit. He put on a great and comical show which all enjoyed and Robin Vince, who Terry chose as his partner, had a £20 note and his best watch used in the act but both were safely returned none the worse for their adventures! Our thanks to Terry for entertaining us.

Forthcoming Dates at West Kingsdown:

The calendar for the 2018 Club Nights is beginning to shape up so thank you everybody for your support. Please keep coming along with your donations for the pot, which go towards the £19.50 room hire for each evening and the refreshments which keep it alive and rolling along.

February 19th: Club member Robin Vince talk on 'Weird and Wonderful Products of British Aviation'.

March 19th: A volunteer from the Rochester Bridge Trust is coming to give a talk. The Trust supports all bridges crossing the River Medway, and has been operational since the middle ages.

Club Meets

Club Nights at Six Bells, Chiddingly, East Sussex

Paul Rees

These are held at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Six Bells public house, Chiddingly, Sussex, BN8 6HE, telephone 01825 872227, OS grid ref. TQ 543142. Food is available from 6pm.

February 1st. Photo evening. Bring photos of yesteryear, bikes you have owned, events from the past, how you looked all those years ago etc. There will be a raffle for a good quality bottle of wine, red or white, according to choice.

March 1st. A quiz night run by Dave Masters in his own inimitable style. This should be a fun evening, where anything can happen and probably will ! We will also be running a raffle on this club night.

April 5th. A talk by Ian Thompson on the Luftwaffe in World War II. Ian's talks are always very popular, being well researched, well delivered and managing to teach us something new, even on subjects that many of us are already quite well read.

Please support these evenings if you can, we do our best to provide something of interest for the winter club nights, but it becomes increasingly difficult to find speakers and any suggestions you may have for future events would be most welcome.

Club Meetings at The Vine, Essex

Frank Mace

The Essex meet takes place at noon on the first Saturday of the month at 'The Vine', Vine St, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Essex CM7 4SR, 'phone: 01371 811822, www.vine-greatbardfield.co.uk - all welcome.

The day arrived cold for the December Meeting and it was an all-car event, with motorcycles safely tucked up at home. However Derek did us proud by arriving in his beautiful 1927 AC Tourer which was much admired by all.

Sat around a large table over lunch discussing the ins and outs and enjoyment of vintage motorcycles, I am always amazed that despite my own 30 year involvement with these machines, there is always something new to learn about restoration, riding, suppliers of parts etc, from your fellow enthusiast and I always return home a wiser man.

Christmas greetings exchanged, we watched Derek chug off into the distance and we will meet again on Saturday 3rd February. For more information contact **frankmace # ymail .com or** on 0749 700981.

Club Meetings at London Colney, Herts

Richard Tann

In conjunction with the Scott Club, The Sunbeam Club meets at The Broadlakes Social Club, Shenley Lane, London Colney, Herts AL2 1DG. The meetings take place at 8:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. For more details contact **richard.tann # btinternet.com** 02089 535732 All welcome.

Next Meeting Dates:

13th February

12th March



Out and About

Sunbeam September Challenge 2017

Joy and Alec Thompson

Saturday arrives and despite the weather being at the best miserable for a week, the morning sun is breaking through the clouds. A change of venue this year as we have outgrown our previous venue. Mandy and Karl at The Cedar Barn farm shop, near Pickering, have stepped in to help us host the event.

Nine o'clock and our first guests start arriving. A fantastic collection of machines have entered this year and we have many of our regulars who have brought along some of their friends. We have 40 entries this year but sadly quite a few cannot come because of personal difficulties. Not to worry we look forward to seeing them next year.

Bacon butties, tea and coffee are now ready for all, so a quick offloading of trailers and vans commences. Everyone starts to sign in, route cards and riding numbers are issued. Much chit chat and comical banter follows. The first riders are on the way at 11 30. John and Yvonne are last away in the breakdown van kindly supplied by Rod of Ryedale carpets.

The route is via the picturesque village of Thornton-le-Dale and then on to join the A169 to Malton. Through Malton and we turn off to Coneysthorpe, Castle Howard estate, leaving the estate we enjoy a glorious view of the Vale of Pickering and on to a circular route starting at Slingsby. After Slingsby we turn off towards Great Barugh and onto Normanby. We then ride through Marton before turning towards Sinnington. There we head towards the moor road to Appleton. Everyone has been told about the moor sheep who have a habit of wandering into the path of oncoming traffic. We stop at the Moors Inn at Appleton to gather up our spitfires. Distance about 42 miles. Good news: we have no breakdowns on route and the breakdown crew arrive. The Moors Inn is having an all-day barbecue and music event to which we are all invited.

The route in the afternoon is a choice of short via the moor road back to the start or a bit longer via Hutton-le-Hole. Total distance of the day is 49 miles and there were no breakdowns. We all arrive back at the start for our afternoon meal of steak pie, veg and gravy organised by Joy.

Awards are handed out by John who is responsible with Yvonne for the choices, please do not blame me. A couple of heartfelt speeches follow and we all thank everyone at The Cedar Barn, Rod for the breakdown van, John and Yvonne and all who entered.

We look forward to seeing you all next year, regulations and entry forms will be sent out as soon as we can. The date for this year is Saturday 15th September.



Results

Rosebowl:

Mark Hirst, 1930 Matchless Silver Arrow (pictured right)

Sidecar Plate:

John Emmanuel, 1914 Humber

Challenge Cup:

Eric Alderson, 1912 Humber

Kop Hill Climb

Graham Buckingham

At the Kop Hill Climb the weather was a bit damp but did not stop the Sunbeam MCC riders from riding. At the event a few of the members riding were Lisa Buckingham riding the 1929 KSS Velocette, Baz Staple on his 1928 KSS Velocette, John Fuller on his 1926 AJS, Richard Duffin on his 1931 Scott, Richard Scudder on his 1938 HRD, Barry Brown on his 1929 Levis, Dorothy Brown on her 1929 Calthorpe, Judy Westacott on her 1928 Scott, Rick Parkington on his 1936 Rudge and Josh Firby rode a 1929 Velocette KTP leant by John Buckingham.

Nigel Hewitt and his 1925 Ner-a-car Super Sports 350cc won the award for the best motorcycle at the show. Having looked through the programme of this two-wheeled and four-wheeled event, it may be of interest to know there were 66 bike entries from our era, up to 1939, and the Sunbeam MCC supplied 21 of them. Of these machines, there were six lady riders in total, again in our era and SMCC supported three of those. The most popular make in this era was Velocette with 12 entered, followed by Scott with 11. There were three Velos on our stand and one Scott.

We would like to thank all the people that helped with the club stand over the weekend and the past year especially putting away before the rain came down, thank you to Richard Scudder for his kind help.

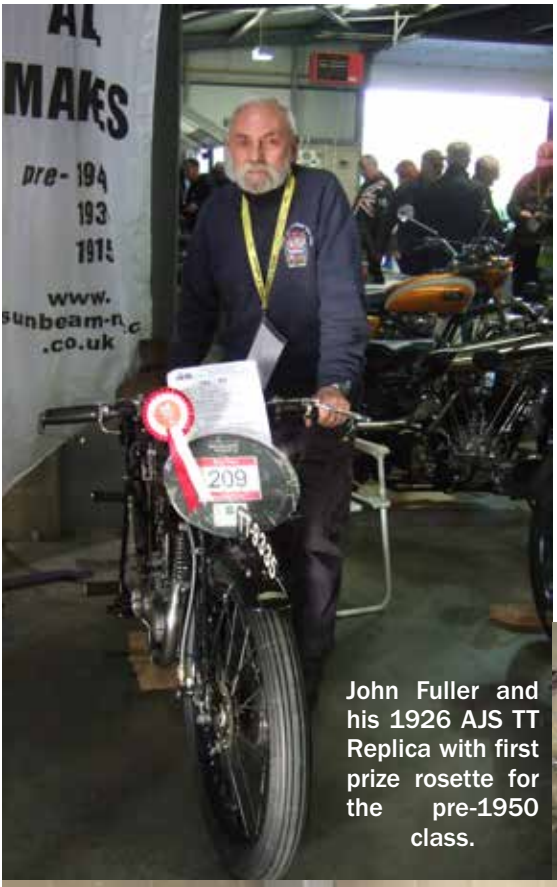
We'll be back at Princes Risborough on 15th and 16th September for the 2018 Kop Hill Climb.



Best Bike in Show winner Nigel Hewitt from Berkhamstead with his 1925 Ner-a-car. The persons in the photo left to right are Bob Woodman, Barry Brown (judge), Nigel Hewitt (winner), James Robinson (Classic Motor Cycle magazine Editor and judge), Baz Staple (judge). Photo: Jenny Staple

Ardingly Show and Autojumble 29th October 2017

Baz Staple



John Fuller and his 1926 AJS TT Replica with first prize rosette for the pre-1950 class.

Julie Diplock and Richard Bailey's event at West Sussex was both huge and very well supported. Rob Pond arranged our indoor Club stand in lieu of John Buckingham who was engaged elsewhere.

We had three very good machines exhibited and John Fuller's 1926 AJS factory built G6 TT Replica took the Pre-1950 prize. Factory built 'Racer on the Road' for private owners. Based on a G6 'Big Port' using catalogued race parts to produce a road-going replica of the works TT race machines. The 349cc 'Big-Port' AJS was the most successful race machine of the twenties, even winning the 500cc Senior TT in 1921. This example was raced into the thirties and retained its original, very apt, Devon registration number when restored in 2005. Since restoration, it's been used on club runs, hill climbs, sprints and events at Brooklands museum and Kop Hill Climb.





Jenny and Baz Staple on the Club stand with John Fuller and Steve Whymark's Pennyfarthing and Rob Pond's Triumph.

Photo Dennis Grech

Features and Articles

Bring Me Sunshine: Eric and Ernie meet Baz

Geoff Morris

How many members spotted our Baz Staple being aired twice to millions on the BBC over The New Year period? BBC2 broadcast a marvellously evocative programme entitled 'Eric and Ernie's Home Movies' on Friday 29th December and then repeated it on 1st January.

Both this famous pair were keen home movie takers and this hour-long programme featured some wonderful snapshots of their careers. Fortuitously I had recorded the initial programme because who should pop up on the big screen 37 minutes into the programme but Baz!

The occasion was a knockabout Motorcycle Football Match staged at Beaulieu (National Motor Museum) in, I believe the 1960's. Eric Thompson then National Secretary of the VMCC gathered a team of the finest vintage motorcycle athletes including, Baz Staple, Mike Vangucci and Brian Kingsley, all still members. Teams were five- a-side, including the goalie who was often Chips Sibley and played with a standard size football rather than today's motoball with its much larger sphere. Eric and Ernie were honoured to do the kick off to this illustrious match. It was between Eric Thompson's side and the Southampton and District Motor Cycle Club who were on modern trials machines - guess who won! But what a laugh - wish I'd been there.

Anyway, this moment in time is captured forever in both Eric and Ernie's home snapshots and movies. Who knows, Baz's career could have taken a whole new turn if he had cracked a few jokes - perhaps he did! But what a lovely photograph - and straight off the telly too!





Pioneer Dating Meeting - December 2017

Geoff Morris

We had an interesting range of machines to consider at our last meeting on 5th December. The full Dating Committee were all able to make it and comprised of John Waghorn (Registrar), Baz Staple, Ian McGill, Paul Gander, Nick Smith and Geoff Morris.

I have listed the aspiring veteran applications in the order they were dealt with together with odd notes.

1) First out of the starting blocks was a **1913 J.E.S.** of 118cc capacity. These little bicycle-based machines look easy to ride and are definitely lightweights. This one had a 'divided' tank and its engine number was 117. No history was seemingly available to be put on the form but already bearing a registration number, it was accepted as an early example of these not too numerous motor bicycles.

2) The application for a 1913 499cc **New Hudson** came next, equipped with an Armstrong Hub Gear unusually coupled with a kickstart facility on the rear hub it looked a fascinating bike to ride.

3) Another **New Hudson** also of 500cc followed, declared manufactured in 1913, which was agreed with.

4) Four-stroke veteran **James**' are nice machines and the 557cc example looked at next had the rarity of a Villiers Hub Clutch and pedalling gear (instead of the usual three-speed countershaft gearbox). A very usable machine, which I think may have come from a well-known collection recently disposed of.

5) A Cambridgeshire-based **1914 Douglas** was presented and met the Committee's approval. With its simple two-speed gear these smooth 350cc twins just purr along. Light and easy to paddle-start and deservedly a popular veteran to own.

6) **Triumphs** are a staple machine for Pioneer Registration and it is rare that we don't have an example to dwell upon. No problems with this 1908 476cc example complete with sidecar, pictured right.



7) To complete a brace of **Triumph**s, a 1912 model was next. With direct belt drive this 500cc model should have plenty of power and potential.

8) A 1911 water-cooled twin **Scott** with wicker sidecar was presented and this one had been featured in a 1950's or 1960's Pathé News movie (available on the Pathé website – thanks to Nick Smith for remembering this) and surprisingly had apparently not been Pioneer registered before. A nice early Scott, it received the 'thumbs up' from the assembled company and is pictured left.



9) Two-stroke 317cc **Clynos** are not common and this one from Scotland met with approval. Our thanks to Nick Smith for his research on this, enabling the cubic capacity and age of this 1913 model to be determined.

10) An ex- IOM Murrays Motor Museum exile landed on the table and this early 1903/1904 **Kerry** of 386cc had been sold



dis-assembled, ready to make up into a serviceable 'Class 1' motorcycle. With direct belt drive, hailing from Essex, it was an interesting early veteran. Thanks to Paul Gander for his diligent research on this particular machine which enabled us to date it as 1904. A nice bike to have.

11) A substantial **1914 940cc v- twin Rex** with sidecar was displayed next. With a ROC two-speed rear hub gear there should be plenty of performance. A luxurious bike and nice to behold, pictured left.

12) It isn't very often that a member of the Dating Committee presents a 'new' veteran for consideration. Last year I acquired a single cylinder **1913 349cc AJS**, which had lain in Gloucestershire since 1982, and seemingly for many years before. This was presented to the assembled company with 'before and after' photographs. Also with copies of the original registration ledger pages from Gloucester Archives, who were gracious enough to send me F.O.C. Very 'Sunbeam like', in specification (both were made in Wolverhampton) with kickstart, countershaft gearbox and hand clutch it seems to be in overall sound condition with quite a bit of history accompanying it. For example, the first owner on 11th July 1913 was Mr. Ernest Treleaven of Cheltenham (Piano specialist and tuner by profession). He was in his mid-40's when he first registered and rode the Ajay and must have liked it as he kept it until at least 1920, but I have more to uncover on this. Anyway, the AJS passed muster and was enrolled on the Pioneer Register. I am most grateful to Baz Staple for 're-commissioning' this bike (and more) as it had not run for many a year – but now it does. Fortuitously Baz has an identical AJS of the same year which he is very familiar with. The AJS is pictured below and on the cover.





13) Veteran Blackburne motorcycles are extremely rare and desirable; this 1914 model from a notable member in Scotland was a real find to look at. It has a Clutch Hub in the rear wheel which was ex-Rover, but Triumph pattern. (Rover fitted these and were catalogued as 'Triumph' as I happen to have a catalogue). So, a very useful veteran fitment. Plus of course fitted with that finely engineered Blackburne engine with distinctive outside flywheel.

Those of us who have read the much expanded 'Two Wheels to War' published last year will not need reminding about how reliable The Blackburne motorcycle was. Captain W. Watson, the gangly near six foot, seven inches tall despatch rider and 1915 author, swore by his mount which he had purchased out of his own pocket. Incidentally this book, in my opinion, is easily the finest motorcycle book to come out in recent years – talk about research! (The authors are brothers Martin and Nick Shelley). It's a book I keep on reading and re-reading – if you see a copy you'll realise why. The Blackburne is pictured above and below.



Anyway, after that little diversion it only remains for me to say the delectable Blackburne met with approval. A tremendous amount of work went into this and maybe the owner can give us a rundown sometime on this Surrey-made motorcycle.

As an adjunct, a previously dated '1909' Alcyon was re-dated to 1911 in the light of new information. So ended this absorbing session and thanks to all the participants with all their respective pools of knowledge.

Garrard, Clément and Norton: Part One

John Waghorn

I first became interested in Charles Riley Garrard, when I obtained a Clément engine, but it was only after I bought the Oily Karslake file on him that I realised his significance to early motoring and motorcycling. Oily Karslake was an early member of the VMCC who had intended to write a History of Motorcycling which was never completed. The following is an extended version of the talk I gave at the West Kingsdown Club Night in November.

Almost everyone in the infant motor and motorcycle industry had been involved in cycling. The cycle industry at the turn of the 19th/20th Century was huge with hundreds of cycle component makers and manufacturers of complete cycles. In the Birmingham and Coventry area everyone in the cycle trade knew everybody else. Motorcycling was seen as an extension of cycling and the cycling magazines of the day gave vital early publicity and advertising space to pioneering manufacturers, including those who produced their first motorcycles by attaching small engines to bicycles.



CR Garrard, pictured in The Autocar, 16th January, 1904

Charles Riley Garrard was born on 12th November 1855 in Somers Town, St Pancras, North London. By 1894 the family had moved to Uxbridge and he was apprenticed at Alliance Engineering Works, West Drayton who were makers of Steam Engines, Pumps and Boilers. He opened a cycle shop in Uxbridge High Street selling Ordinary bicycles ("Penny-Farthings") while he was still an apprentice. The bicycle he sold 'The Alliance' cost £11, its name must reflect his employer's involvement. He was also racing bicycles as a professional. Cycle racing was big business at the time, and for a professional there was of lot of money to be won. For example, his prize for winning the One Mile Handicap at Wolverhampton in 1882 was £40 and this was by no means his only success. He raced in France as well as England and through this made many lifelong contacts with the leaders of the French Cycle industry. He had many "irons in the fire" at this time, one of which was a cycle business in Bordeaux. Although he was employed by Rudge, New Howe, Simpson Chain and Abingdon Works at various times through the 1880s and 1890s, he also worked with Alphonse Clément and Alexandre Darracq (Gladiator Cycles) in France. While at Abingdon Works he is reputed to have designed the "King Dick" adjustable spanner. He started his own factory in Ryland Street, Birmingham in 1896 initially making cycle chain but went on to make other parts for the cycle trade including a two-speed gear. That same year James Lansdowne Norton became one of his employees. He was highly regarded in motoring/motorcycling circles and was extremely knowledgeable about metal hardening. In 1898 he was one of the founder members of the Cycle Engineers Institute and became its President in 1901.

Adolphe Clément was born on 22nd September 1855 at Pierrefonds, 120km North East of Paris. He was an orphan. On leaving school his guardian arranged for him to be a grocer's apprentice but he soon left and became apprenticed to the local blacksmith. When he had completed his apprenticeship he travelled through France working as a blacksmith. When he arrived in Paris, he opened a workshop to make bicycles. This business was successful and rapidly expanded until, by 1900, he had a factory which employed over 150 workers.

At the 1889 Cycle Show at Olympia he saw the new Dunlop pneumatic tyre. He was very impressed and wanted to purchase the French Manufacturing rights. However, to achieve this he had to buy 2000 £1 shares



A Clement, pictured in The Autocar, 16th January, 1904

Garrard, Clément and Norton: Part One Continued **John Waghorn**

in the Dunlop Company (i.e. 10,000 Francs or about £25,000 in 2017). He thought this a very high price, but went ahead, bought the shares and secured the rights. They proved to be the beginning of his fortune; the value of his shares galloped ahead, ten times their original cost, then twenty times and they kept on multiplying in value. By the turn of the century he was a multi-millionaire. He sold the Clément business, which was now making cars and engines as well as bicycles, for a great deal of money. He then married Emil Lavassor's widow. Lavassor was a very wealthy man, and owner of half of Panhard-Levassor, France's largest car maker. Adolphe Clément's contemporaries called him "Midas"! When he returned to car manufacture, he called the cars he made Clément-Bayard.

James Lansdowne Norton was born on 8th January 1869 in Birmingham. He was apprenticed to a toolmaker who specialised in die sinking. Die sinking is the making of dies to stamp designs in metal, to make coins and badges, or press patterns into sheet metal. Clément-Garrard and early Norton motorcycles have the maker's names pressed into the petrol tank. Towards the end of his apprenticeship Norton contracted Rheumatic Fever, after he recovered he spent four years in America, returning in 1892. From 1896 he was employed by Garrard. He was married in 1898 and in the same year he started his own business. He made bicycles under his own name and other parts for the cycle trade. The 1901 census describes him as a cycle chain maker, but in a letter Blumfield says that when he visited his workshop he was assembling Garrard's chain.

T W Blumfield and Charles R Garrard were brothers-in-law; they married sisters. Blumfield also was manufacturer to the cycle trade and one of his lines was the frame lugs used by Norton. Blumfield later also made motorcycle engines, most of which were sold in Australia. Blumfield motorcycles were raced in the TT from 1910 to 1913 but without success. ***To be continued***

Sources of Information

The Autocar, 16th January 1904, the author's archives.

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Gordon Jackson Trial: Sunday 11th February

Julie Diplock

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This Trial is named after one of our previous Club Captains, Gordon Jackson. He was a professional Trials rider who will be forever remembered for dropping just one mark in winning the annual grueling Scottish Six Days Trial on his "works" AJS. Entries are open to members of Star Group Clubs and points accrued by riders go towards the Star Group Annual Championship. For more details contact our trials secretary, Neil Sinclair on **sinclairndlp # hotmail.co.uk** or 07885-660939.

Southern Experts Trial: 3rd December 2017

Neil Sinclair

On Sunday 3rd December over 50 riders competed in the Southern Experts trial at Hook Woods, West Horsley, Surrey. This event still holds its place as the most challenging event of the year for riders in the Southern half of the United Kingdom.

Situated on top of the North Downs, Hook Woods is blessed with its own micro climate; heavy damp mist greeted the competitors as they arrived in eagerness for the 9.30am start.

The writer was observing on section six with Gary Attfield armed with his camera to capture the action. Jim Connor, the owner of the venue, has over the years imported rocks from Yorkshire to transform the venue into something quite unique.

Six sidecars crews entered who had a completely separate course to the solos. Three laps of 12 sections were to be completed in five and a half hours.

My section comprised of a meandering climb up a stream bed strewn with boulders which were awkwardly spaced around a bike's length apart.

For the first two laps I hadn't had a single "clean" on the clubman expert route until Tyler Rendall conquered the section on the third lap for a clean. Tyler was the only rider to clean the clubman route on my section all day. This drew a round of applause from the spectators as Tyler had suffered serious injuries in a British Championship trial back in March 2017 at the same venue. Tyler went on to win the Clubman class.

On the harder Expert route all eyes were on Sam Haslam. The experts on my section had the same tricky route over the rocks followed by a double step over two large fallen trees. Sam pretty much rode this on the back wheel and was amazing to watch. Sam was one of a handful of experts to clean my section over the slippery rocks.



Josh and Luke Golding competing.

The wet conditions took their toll on the riders, many of whom by the third lap were exhausted! Sam Haslam went on to claim the Expert honours losing 69 marks over the three laps.

In the sidecars Josh and Luke Golding from Bristol claimed top spot with very credible 26 marks lost.

Sam Connor, another previous winner, claimed third spot on his Beta.

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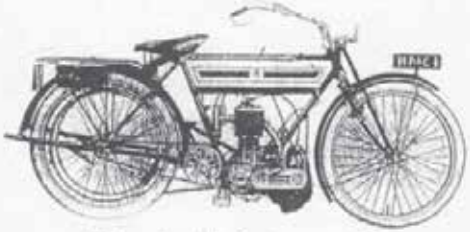
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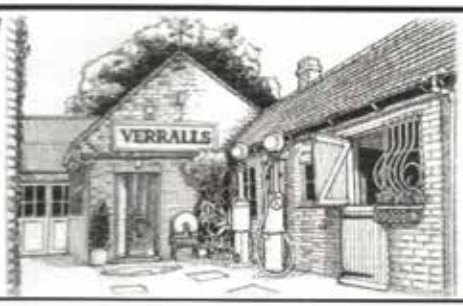
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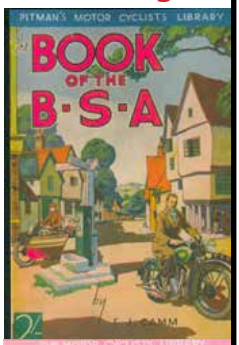


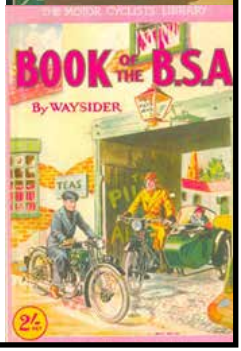


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Noon Saturday 3rd February	**Club Meet** The Vine, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Essex CM7 4SR	Frank Mace 0749-700981 frankmace # ymail .com	All welcome.
Sunday 11th February **New Venue**	**Gordon Jackson Trial** Frensham Vale, Gardner's Hill, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 3JB	Neil Sinclair 07885-660939 sinclairndlp # hotmail.co.uk	Star Group
8:00pm Tuesday 13th February	**Club Night** Broadlakes Social Club, Shenley Lane, London Colney, Herts AL2 1DG	Richard Tann 0208-953-5732 richard.tann # btinternet.com	All welcome
8:00pm Monday 19th February	**Club Night** West Kingsdown Village Hall Kent TN15 6BZ	George Smith 01474-852960 t110george47 # gmail.com	All welcome
7:30pm Thursday 1st March	**Club Night** Six Bells, Chiddingly East Sussex BN8 6HE	Paul Rees 01323-844766 paulrees49 # yahoo.co.uk	All welcome
Sunday 18th March	**79th Pioneer Run ®** Epsom to Brighton	Ian McGIll 01293-771446 acsociable1 # sky.com	Pre-1915
2:00 pm Saturday 14th April	**AGM** The Llama Park Wych Cross, Forest Row East Sussex, RH18 5JN	Arnold Marshall 01797 270209 secretary # sunbeam-mcc.co.uk	Closed to Club
Sunday 15th April	**Fourth Oxon/Bucks Run** Chinnor, Oxon OX39 4ER	Andy Middleton 01844-352844 apmiddleton # btinternet.com	Pre-1940
Sunday 6th May	**Ixion Cavalcade** Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex	Ian Cockshull Ixion # sunbeam-mcc.co.uk	Pre-1940
Friday 11th May - Monday 14th May	**Warwickshire Weekend** King's Coughton, Warks.	Jenny Staple 01892-535671 jennybaz.staple # gmail.com	Closed to Club Pre-1940
Sunday 20th May **New Event**	**First Rose of Torridge** Woolfardisworthy, North Devon	Nevil Barham 01237-470514 nevil2 # btinternet.com	Pre-1940

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26th May - 27th May 2018	**Conyboro Run and Autojumble** Six Bells, Chiddingly East Sussex BN8 6HE	Rob Pond 01306-628297 / 07907-649751 events # sunbeam-mcc.co.uk	Pre-1940
Sunday 10th June	**Rose of the Shires Run** Stoke Bruerne,Northants	Andrew Leslie 07599-291787 ajdleslie # gmail.com	Pre-1940
Saturday 16th June - Saturday 23rd June	**35th Welsh Week** Llanbister, Powys	John Appleton 01296-623048	Closed to Club Pre-1940
Sunday 1st July **New Event**	**First Northern Pioneer Road Test** Leyburn, North Yorks	Wallace Holmes 01325-460554 multuminparvo # hotmail.co.uk	Pre-1915
Sunday 15th July	**Garden of England Run** Headcorn, Kent	Jo and Julian Swift 01233-756346 julian # julianswift.com	Pre-1940
Sunday 12th August	**56th Graham Walker Run** Beaulieu, Hampshire	Ian McGill 01293-771446 acsociable1 # sky.com	Pre-1940
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Sunday 19th August	**Second Summer Pioneer Run ®** Handcross, West Sussex	Rob Pond 01306-628297 / 07907-649751 events # sunbeam-mcc.co.uk	Pre-1915
Saturday 25th August / Sunday 26th August	**Gingerbeards Trial** **Greybeards Trial** Jackson Woods, Horsmonden Kent	Neil Sinclair 07885-660939 sinclairndlp # hotmail.co.uk	Any Bike/ British Bike Riders over 40 years old
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Pete Freeman and 1925 Sunbeam: Where are we?

Southern Experts Trial: 3rd December 2017

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Previous winner Sam Connor claimed third place on his Beta.