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From the Editor



Following the “warm up” of the Jump Start in April, May starts off the main rally and events. The Belgium Rally has just ended, next is Riot at Precinct 13, followed by the International in Holland mid June, if you attend any, others from outside the club be sure to let me have your comments and

pictures in order to let others know what’s good and not so good then we can decide if they should be in our own plans for next year.

Writing of forthcoming events I’m likely to be attending the Stormin’ the Castle Rally September 3/4th, it’s about six years since I last did this rally and it was great then and it’s probably even better now. Anyone who would like to join in would be very welcome, just get in touch.

In the Newsletter last month I made a note that the Isle of Man was to stop the reciprocal medical arrangements in case of accidents, meaning you would need travel insurance to cover accidents. I now believe this is on hold and has not yet been implemented. It is worth checking if you plan to visit for the TT or simply for holidays. Something else about the Isle of Man, did you know it was classed as “international” if you used your mobile there for calls, texting or web use on your mobile – I didn’t but having just received my bill I do now!

I’ve been the Editor for a while now, what would make it better for you? Are there items you don’t like, or you would like? Sorry, no page three but we could have a readers wives or men in uniform page – just joking. Drop me a line and let me know, remember the Newsletter is only as good as its content and that should come from you. Be careful out there! Jim

BOB OGLE - MEMORIAL RIDE

The club is only as good as its members, it’s they who put life into the club by their presence, enthusiasm and willingness to join in activities. One such member was Bob, he might not be riding with us anymore but he is still there in spirit.

A big thank you for the members who came to the ride for Bob Ogle. We had 25 members and 18 bikes, which given the weather forecast, was a great turn out.

RIDE-OUT 20TH JUNE

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We had about 70 miles of the finest scenery that Derbyshire can offer to ride through, and judging the comments you all made it was enjoyed by all. I collected £ 95 in donations, and this will be given by Bob's wife Mo, to a local cancer charity, a big thank you for that. Terry gave a pillion ride to Kirk, (Bob's son) and he smiled all the way round and was proud to take his Dad's place on the ride. The family asked me to pass their thanks to everyone for taking part in the memorial ride for Bob, they were very proud to think that Bob would be remembered this way. A big thanks must go to Leon for working out the route for us; it was brilliant, even though at times, a few heart stopping bends and climbs were encountered. Thanks again Ken

A note from Bobs' son Kirk to Ken

Just a quick mail to say heartfelt thanks for the ride out on Sunday. I was amazed that as many people arrived to join in the celebration for my Dad.



I know that he was looking down on the day, and would have a massive smile on his face. I was truly warmed to know that the lads and lasses still think of him, especially when you and others showed me the items taken from my Dads jacket and pinned with pride on your own, I thought that was a wonderful, wonderful thing.

The day could not have been better for me; it was like I was back 25 years ago on the back with Dad. Terry is a magnificent guy; please pass on my thanks to him for the pillion ride. Mum was a little tearful in a way, but it brought back such memories of dad for her, especially with me in the riding gear. Mum is organising the donation to charity and will keep you informed with how it turns out, hopefully I can get a picture for you.

I noticed a couple of people taking photos on the day, please let me have a look if you can when they are ready? I know mum would want to see them also. (If you have any please forward to Ken – Ed)

Once again Ken, many thanks to all, you are a fantastic club

Kirk

A DAY AT THE RACES



Arriving at our meeting point for the ride-out to the Thundersprint at Northwich I wondered if I would be the only one here. It was an early start, the ride itself departing at 9am but I had estimated it would be almost a two hour ride and so it could be no later. A few minutes after my arrival I heard the lovely sound of another bike and then Ken was riding into view. We were just thinking that we might be the only ones but Mark made an appearance – and then there were three!



We three were the ride-out. Not to be downhearted, we started the ride. What a great ride it was, if I do say so myself! We travelled to Northwich in sunny if a little chilly weather but it was getting warmer by the mile. The roads were excellent, ninety percent of the way we used good country lanes giving superb views, lots of twisty bits and very little traffic. It really was great. On arrival the town was already very busy and parking was not the easiest thing to do, bikes were parked all over the place. We did eventually find a space for three bikes but not before we had been round in circles several times.



The first stop after parking was for coffee and assess the situation. Of the three of us only Ken had been before and it was on his recommendation that I had made my plans to go. (Writing this at the end of the day I can say that I was not disappointed). Checking the schedule for the day it was agreed that we could have a good walk around the many stands before we had to go and find a place from which to view the racing. The number of stands and variety was good. For the more adventurous there

was also a fairground with those things that go high, fast and upside down, (reminds me of when I came of my bike). Those declining such opportunities stayed near the stands. There were some very good manufacturer's displays, with Honda by far being the biggest stand, a good selection of bikes, including the new Fury custom. Victory also had a good presence and the other big brands but surprisingly I did not see a Harley stand. One stand that did stand out was the Norton one, good to see the name back and prominent. They were racing in the event and their rider was Chris Walker. Chris has ridden both British Superbike and World Superbikes in the past. He also comes from the Nottingham area and used to spend a lot of time at the Goose when it was a



bigger attraction for bikers, so he must be a good guy! Other better known names racing were Steve Parish, Danny Wilson.



Time passed and it was now getting very warm, time to find a place from which to view the race, For those of you who, like me don't know much about the Thundersprint, let me tell you. The race is actually a time trial around the outer of quite a large carpark. Each competitor does three separate circuits to establish their best time. The trial is spilt into several categories, the best of which is the "Masters", it is in this that modern bikes are used and the likes of Chris Walker and

Steve Paris compete. Other categories are for pre-war, sidecar and several others – but you get the idea. We couldn't find a seat but we did end up with a good view and enjoyed the racing, Chris Walker won his group, it was his and Norton's first appearance here and so a very good result for both. There were some great bikes, modern, old and in between – something for everyone.

Overall it was a very good day, good roads, good weather and a new experience. You missed out!! Thinking of the unusual bikes there, even George Formby's Shuttleworth Snap (remember that?) made an appearance. Turned out nice again? – It certainly did.

CLEETHORPE BIKE & MUSIC DAY

Sunday 23rd May, day of the Cleethorpes MAG Bike & Music event. The plan being to start from the Nottingham breakfast meet and meet others on the way. Four of us, Mike, Lesley, Paul (a new member at his first meet) and myself, left to meet Terry, Jane, Les, Janice and Gareth for the ride.



From the start of the day the sun was out and it got warmer as the day went on. We had a great ride with little traffic and good roads. Arriving at Cleethorpes we found our stand at the side of the beach being well organised by Alex, Trev and Rachel. Thanks to Alex for making the arrangements and all for being there.

The number of actual trade stands was disappointing, maybe it was being so soon after the BMF or just because it was a first event. The

numbers of bikers attending were very good, position literally next to the beach was great and we managed to park on the path next to the beach. While we were there a couple of bands played, and an air display, not bad for free!

The ride bike was equally good with surprisingly little traffic which made for a quick ride, dropping some members on the way, five of us ended up at a pub for a nice meal to end the day. Overall a great day, if you've not been to the breakfast meet or on a ride out your missing a great opportunity for meeting new people, old and new friends. Don't think about the next one – do it!



NOTTS' NATTERING

A busy month in May leads to an even busier one in June; May saw the Thundersprint, Bob Ogles Memorial ride, MAG at Cleethorpes, Roadrunners for the final holiday weekend, plus the usual regional and centre meet not forgetting the breakfast

meet. Hardly time to go to work! It was good to see so many bikes out at the Goose for the meeting, that bit of warm weather certainly makes a difference! Mike was back from the Belgian rally, saying what a good event it was, perhaps next year more of us might go. Thanks to Mike for his raffle prize donation, this will be appearing in the near future. (Any other donations



gratefully received). Others were talking of their preparation for the Centre 13 rally at the end of the month and the international rally in Holland. Those of you going to the International make sure you keep in touch with Terry to finalise time and place of meeting for the ride down to the Eurotunnel.

Chris & Jim



BEING SHOT AT

Hi Folks, - No sooner have we got over the fantastic event that was The Gathering, the planning for our rally next May is already underway. As I mentioned at the last meet, we really need to tie down a catchy memorable name



for the event, a year away may sound like forever, but trust me, it will be here before you know it.

We are still thinking of holding it at the Mellish, we are waiting to see what they come up with, there are so many things to consider, not least size of venue, shower and toilet facilities, catering, entertainment, patches, BAR PRICES!!! And the most important, HOW MUCH!!!!

I think I am turning into an honorary Yorkie.

A rally committee is being set up, this will entail regular get togethers over the next year, to iron out all the problems before they arise, yeah right, something always gets missed, well all we can do is do our best to get there first. Please get involved, the old saying is 2 heads are better than one, well 25 heads are better still, we want YOU, come forward, help us make this already great centre the best there is, I know we can do it together.

Some great ideas for names are already in, get your thinking cap on and let me have yours, very soon we will have a vote for the best one, so do not delay, do it now.

During the last month, we have been very busy, with meets and ride outs aplenty, great to see so many members smiling and enjoying our club. Every one of us that has any part in organising anything gets the biggest kick when people come up and say, "Thanks really enjoyed that", wish I could bottle the feeling, it would be worth a million.

The recent Bob Ogle memorial run, was a fantastic event, 17 bikes turned up, and the promised rain was kept at bay by dear old Bob. What a trip, how great is Derbyshire? Leon and Ken took us down some of the most scenic roads you could imagine, we had a new member and his two sons come along for the ride, welcome Trevor, hope you will become a regular now, the ice has been broken, dip your toes in.

So as to not let the Lost Riders tradition down, we had a road en-route blocked, and Leon had us do a U-turn in a village square, where, unfortunately, they had a stage, lots of folk listening, and someone on a mike. Sorry mate, but we only drowned you out for a few minutes, tee hee.

I had Bob's son Kirk along for the ride, for a non biker he was a very good pillion, even if he did keep turning round to stare at the line of bikes all around us, still less of a fidget than Jane.

Just got back from Cleethorpes, Trev, Rachel, and Alex had a presence for the Lost Riders at a MAG, Help for Heroes fundraising event, 7 bikes riding in tight formation, down some wonderful Lincolnshire country roads. Sweeping bends, 28 degrees, lovely villages, this is what biking is about, thanks to the text messaging service, a last minute trip came together, get your mobile number and £1 to me, close your eyes and imagine what you missed.

Another new member Paul Ditch was there, great to meet you Paul. Well done to everyone for arranging things for us, and thanks, I enjoyed every minute.

A JOB WELL DONE

I've asked in the past for details of stores or workshops that have done or offer something special. I have my own rosette to award. I had some new passing lights fitted but couldn't adjust as required. I called in at the workshop on the bike asking if he would show me how it should be done. The man had a look, dropped what he was doing and got to work himself. He had to make a special box key to fit the nut in order to adjust the setting, thirty minutes later all done and I was back on the road.

This magical place –

AXE CUSTOM BIKES,

Clipstone Village, Mansfield. Axe service and build bikes/trikes and are key distributor for all major Custom parts suppliers – Highwayhawk, Zodiac, Kuryakin, Vance & Hines etc. too many to list here. When it comes to parts if they haven't got it they will, if they can't they will make it. They also do polishing, engraving, paint and many other things including servicing your bike! Best of all their prices are good! Checkout their site at www.axecustoms.co.uk for full list of all they can offer.

Jim

I Hope you will all join us for Steve's June ride out, details on the web, should be another memorable day out, let's get those hairs standing on the back of our necks as we rattle those windows, and we ride with pride, happy days.

Ride Safe People,
Terry

Lincs Lyrical

May has proven to be a good and steady start to the season so far and after the Gathering in April things are steadily showing this could be a brilliant season for biking. Especially with the somewhat good weather we have been having lately which just proves how nice it is to ride in the dry (for once)!

As usual Trevor, Rachel, Steve, Cathy and me all went down to help man the stand at the BMF this month. This was another brilliant weekend with glorious weather and seeing a few faces from within the Club. A shame though about the location of the stand as we seemed to be out of everyone's way!

On Sunday 23rd Trevor, Rachel and I headed off to Cleethorpes for the event on the promenade complete with glorious sunshine and clear skies. A good day out with some interest from potential members and it was good to see all those who made an effort to come across from Nottingham and beyond. Many thanks to Terry for organising a ride in and to everyone who attended.

Tonight I have been to a bike night at out at Wickenby Airfield. The café there holds bike nights every Monday throughout the summer on the former WW2 bomber airfield. This is a great little place to go and have a cup of



Alexander Bridgwood (Lincolnshire Rep)

coffee and some food on a night out if you get chance. Tonight one of the owners and another pilot gave us a good show by doing a few circuits round the airfield in some vintage aircraft. One of which happened to have been shipped to France the day after D-Day and used in combat operations from that point onwards.

Please remember we will be having a stand again at the Lincoln Bike Fest on Sunday 13th June from 10:00 until 17:00 which is taking place around the Brayford. See you all soon.

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THURSDAY 10TH JUNE. DEPART
10am NEXT STOP CAMBRIDGE
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THINGS TO DO.....

JUNE

1	Tuesday	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - Mellish Rugby Club, War Memorial Ground, Mapperley Plains, Nottingham. NG3 5RX. – from 7.30pm. Contact Terry 0115 939 9142 / 07853 235400 / billio51@hotmail.com
4-6	Fri-Sun	Unwanted MCCs Trike & Custom Show. Unwanted MCC Rockbar, Shobnall Sports & Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent DE14 2BB. £12 (Day visitor £3) Info 078551 33029
5	Sat	Savages MCs Custom & Classic Bike show. The George Inn, New St., Doddington. PE15 0SP
6	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumbllngstar@aol.com
8	Tuesday	Lincolnshire meet (2 nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
9	Wed	Leicester / Northants meet. (2 nd Wednesday of each month). Forge Inn, Main Street, Glenfield, Leic. LE3 8DG. Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809 E-mail leonebrowne@btinternet.com

11 - 13	Fri-Sun	Eagles MCCs Swamp Donkey Rally. Kesteven Rugby Club, Woodnook, Grantham. NG33 5AA Pre-book only £12 Info 01205 724337
11 - 13	Fri-Sun	Reading MAGs Lion Rally. Gravely Bridge Farm, Grazely Green Road, Grazeley, Reading £20. All the usual stuff! www.onfo@lionrally.com
11- 13	Fri-Sat	Boring Old Fartz MCCs Whistle in the wind Rally. Birmingham Rugby Club, Forshaw Heat Lanr, Portway, Birmingham. www.boringoldfartz.co.uk
13	Sun	Wolds Bikers Lincoln Bike Fest. Brayford Waterfront, Lincoln City Centre. 10 – 5 Free entry. Info 0779 368160
14	Monday	Derby meet. (2 nd Monday of the month). Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG (off j29 M1) 01246 232053. Contact Keith & Jane 01246 236123 mobile – Keith 07986 091109 Jane 07910 711591 rumblingstar@aol.com
15	Tuesday	Nottingham meet. (3 rd Tuesday of month) Grey Goose, Arnold Lane, Gedling- from 8pm. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807 jimvtx1300@yahoo.co.uk / onelotrider@yahoo.co.uk
18 - 20	Fri – Sun	Farmyard Rally. Dunscombe Park, Helmsly. www.farmyardparty.com
20	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
20	Sun	NCC Derby Show – More info to follow.
25 - 27	Fri - Sun	Shoulder of Mutton MCCs Cowpat Rally. Amber Valley Rugby Club, Somercoates Derby.DE55 4AN. £12 / £15 OTG
25 – 27	Fri – Sun	Ewerotica (Centre 13) Rally. Tonna Rugby Club, Tonna. Check website or Clatter for full info.
27	Sunday	Notts breakfast meet (4 th Sunday of month). McDonalds Sir John Robinson Way, OFF A60 Mansfield Rd., Daybrook, Arnold (Retail park opposite Sainsburys). From Nottingham turn right at CMC follow and Mc D on left. From Mansfield turn left at CMC. From 10.30, food and or a rideout. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 80

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