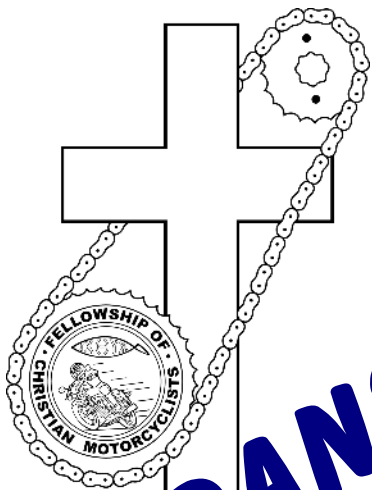




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Vicker's Notes

(From our Founder)

The Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists began in February 1976 in my front room. Talk about mighty oaks from acorns grow. In those days we never dreamt it would still be running today, but perhaps we did not reckon with God, all things are possible.



I'm indebted as the founder for the dozens of folk who have been dedicated enough to hold office of one kind or another, especially the Trans:Mission Editors who generally got them out on time. Trans:Mission is the vital link that keeps the club together when people like myself, though still as enthusiastic as ever, no longer have a motorcycle either due to age or ill health.

It's a wonderful fellowship to belong to, the motorcycle fraternity are a great and helpful body of people. We would welcome you and your motorcycle.

As a Christian and a Pastor, I found most motorcycle clubs would organise their runs on a Sunday, which I considered was the Lord's Day. So in order to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship of motorcyclists, three of us formed the FCM. Sadly, the other two left within the month, but the old saying goes like this: "The Lord buries the workers and carries on His work". And so here we are today, still going strong and we would like to invite you to join us and make us a force to be reckoned with. You'll never regret it!

Every Blessing

Peter Vickers

Founder Member



Peter is now with his Lord and Saviour, but his memory, and the Fellowship he founded, lives on.



Chairman's Chat

Hello, welcome to this special show edition of Trans:Mission, the magazine of the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists; a collection of motorcyclists who mostly want to be at church on a Sunday when other motorcycle clubs have their events. The Fellowship is in its 5th decade now, and I am honoured to be its chairman at this time. I have been a member since

shortly after getting my licence in 1995, and have made many friends, and enjoyed many wonderful events full of fun and laughter, food and education in those years, and look forward to many more to come.

We hope you will join us on an event soon

Nicky Partridge



Editor's Exhaust

Each month I get to compile this round-up of news and other articles to help keep the membership up to date with what's happening to their friends and the world around us.

The different experiences people have had riding around the country and beyond - there can't be many areas that have not

seen the FCM arrive on some metal steed or other.

The reports are as varied as our bikes, sometimes only a few lines and others have to be spread over several editions. But the common elements are our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and the enjoyment we all get from riding around and meeting up with those of like mind. You may also notice the strong position food appears to hold in our gatherings!

Trans:Mission is now available in two formats - you can receive it by email (or log onto our web site) and read it on-line once you are a member) or a paper copy like this (although we have to ask for an additional payment to cover the ever rising cost of printing and postage). The choice is yours!

Also tucked away in the Members Area of our site is our Trans:Mission Archive, with a copy of every Trans:Mission published (at least the ones I've got my hands on). However you read it, Trans:Mission seeks to keep you informed of all the activities of the fellowship - the rides we've completed and those we are planning. So you can see it's at the heart of the fellowship (although Christ is our real heart).

Thanks again,

4 *Tim Rice*



Vicker's Notes

When I received the invitation to pen Vicker's Notes I was visiting my daughter and her family in Australia (actually I am writing this whilst there as the deadline was pretty tight!). Whilst the reason for my long journey was to see my family

often the journeys we make are for a holiday and are determined by the beauty of the chosen location. This is particularly true when considering a holiday involving travel by bike. After all, who would plan a route which consisted of long, straight roads with uninspiring scenery. No, we are attracted by beautiful scenery, interesting wild life, and surroundings which excite our senses. In my life I have been fortunate to travel to many countries around the globe and to experience many of the wonders of our planet.

But, of course, it is no accident that we are treated to such a diversity of sensory delights.

"The heavens declare the glory of God", Psalm 19 and "For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land." Psalm 95:3-5.

We serve a creative God - Creator of the world - and we can be led to worship through seeing the beautiful things he has made. Many of us experience God through seeing his reflection in the beauty of nature. Following from the description in Genesis of how God made the world, and supported by the many inspiring passages found in the scriptures, we can be moved spiritually when confronted by the wonders of His creation.

"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?" Job 12:7-9.

Why, the earliest hymn I can remember is "All Things Bright and Beautiful" in which I learned "The Lord God made them all."

Australia is a vast country with an incredible ecosystem and with amazing flora and fauna, all created by God. But it is also a country which has seen the results of man trying to interfere with the natural order of things, for example the introduction of cane toads which were introduced to control beetles which affected the lucrative sugar cane industry but which not only proved ineffective but have reproduced dramatically, without a natural predator, spreading disease and affecting local bio diversity. This is but one of many examples of man trying to better God's creation.

I for one am in awe of the wonders of God's work which must have been a labour of love given the love He shown to us throughout history and not least in the sacrifice of His only son for the forgiveness of our sins.

Patrick Laycock

Membership Secretary

I get the pleasure of welcoming new people into membership, whatever region they live in. A recent new member is a friend from my own church - even better! A recent influx of new members from the Yorkshire area has resulted in the creation



of a new Region there, with the possibility of splitting this and reforming our Peak Region - exciting times.

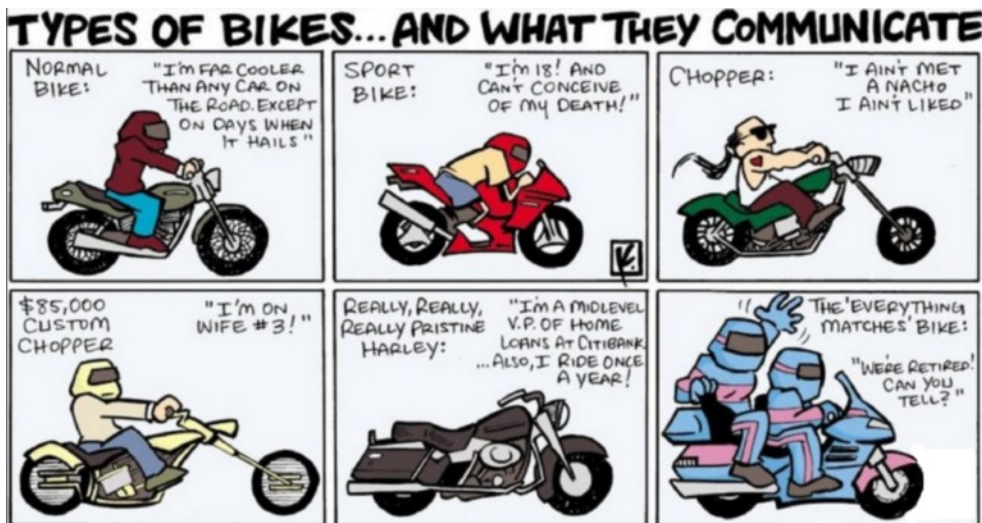
I also have the job of chasing you for your renewal fees, and sending you your Membership Cards - a less enjoyable part of my role.

I trust you will enjoy our fellowship and look forward to meeting you on a run at some point.

Sally Rice

Groan Corner

- If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating?
 - If nobody likes your selfie, what is the value of the self?
 - To see a man's true face, look to the photos he hasn't posted.





RIO News



This role used to be known as the BMF Representative, or just BMF Rep.

The role fell into two halves, keeping everyone informed of what the BMF were doing and organising our stand at the annual BMF Show. With the demise of the annual show, the role was reduced to providing members with information, much of which was being obtained from sources in addition to the BMF. So the title of Rider Information Officer was devised - partly so if I make a good job of it I can be called the Rio-Grande! (Yes, sadly we do possess that sort of humour).

We are still affiliated to the BMF, which gives us a number of benefits, and I have to remind the Treasurer to pay them each year. But now I have to read all sorts of motorcycling magazines and web sites - "Yes dear, I'm just doing my job!"

Benefits of Affiliation to the BMF:

1. **SHOWS.** Free ground space at BMF shows. (Which for traders can be very costly). Free passes for the shows, depending on the size of the club. Attending a BMF Show gives a club great publicity and by the way, they are great fun too!
2. **DISCOUNT RETAIL THERAPY.** Remember this number; [REDACTED] This is our FCM affiliate discount number and provides discounts at a number of stores.
3. **BREAKDOWN.** 25% off RAC membership of 15% discount off NCI Biker Rescue standard rates. They do European assistance and cover for those 4 wheeled thingies too.
4. **LEGAL STUFF.** Discounted Insurance, travel insurance, free civil liability cover and "Biker Legal Line", which gives free advise in case the unmentionable happens. (I have some of my own.....Don't crash!!!)
5. **FREE STUFF.** Rider magazines for 3 of our committee. (Including yours truly)
6. **HOLIDAYS.** Express Holiday Inn offer discounts. Various tour operators are on board. (forgive the bad joke) Not forgetting a long list of B&B's offering deals to members.
7. **POLITICAL REPRESENTATION.** Last and definitely not least. This is really what the BMF are all about and what I try to keep you updated on. Remember, over 20,000 voices carries a lot of weight.

If you want further information on any of the above, I have all the paperwork on it you could ever want! Just ask. See you all soon,

Jo Anthony

As a fully paid up member, you will receive the Discount code each year.

From the Secretary

Hello Chums

It's my job to keep everyone on topic during Committee Meetings and to ensure the National AGM runs smoothly. I'm famous for the "Great unwashed Triumph" - but then a bike should be for riding and not for cleaning!

God Bless.

Perce Pirson



From the Treasurer's Till



In a fir of senile madness, I agreed to look after the Fellowship's monies. That means I pay a few bills and collect all your subs each year. So far this job has been quite simple, but then the annual renewals are coming up and I'll probably have to do something then..

I have ridden all sorts of bikes over the years, some in a healthier state of repair than others, from step-through's to tourers.

As part of the Chiltern Region, I, along with the others meander from the Cotswolds to the grubby cities like Birmingham, so you may well see me meandering around the area, preferably when the sun is shining, although we are in Britain, so we have to accept whatever the weather gives us.

Andrew Harcourt

Political Answer

A Welsh politician asked the government for information about UFO sightings and if it might fund UFO research.

Officials wrote back, "*jang vIDa je due luq ... ach ghotvam'e' QI'yaH devolve qaS.*" Which means, "The minister will reply in due course. However, this is a non-devolved matter."

Exmoor Experience

Wessex Region May

Well, didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Exmoor, Lynmouth and Dunster! A total of 7 bikes but with an extra passenger on the Can-Am. we met at the Old Well Garden Centre at Uffculme and had sausage rolls, pasties or if feeling restrained, just a tea or coffee. After refreshments, we set off across Exmoor on local roads to see some of the most lovely landscape in the UK. We pottered along at a sedate pace taking in the scenery whilst the locals (sheep and cattle) kept mostly away from us. That said, the site of a Can-Am, a Ural sidecar, a Ducati, a couple of BMW's (of course) a Pan-European and a Harley did startle some of the younger cattle we came across. What an eclectic group of motorcycles!

We arrived in Lynmouth, in time for a fish and chip lunch. I reckon some of the best fish and chips in the South ... unless someone knows any different. For those that don't know, Lynmouth is a lovely river estuary opening out into the sea. From the quay side, you can see Wales in the distance. You can also watch the cliff railway that connects the towns of Lynton and Lynmouth. Powered by water, a tank sits below the floor of each of the two carriages (one at the top of the cliff, the other at the bottom). Water is let out of the tank on the bottom carriage until the top carriage, being so much heavier, starts to descend to the bottom station, passing the bottom and lighter carriage on its way towards the top. When it reaches the top, water from the West Lyn river fills the tank. The carriage at the bottom of the cliff then lets some water out and the whole process is repeated. The rate of decent and ascent is controlled by a brakeman on each carriage. Fascinating.

After eating fish and chips (having not long had a sausage roll or pasty for some), it was then off to Dunster for even more calories and an afternoon tea. Some of us had to pump up the bike tyres because of the increase in weight being carried! The road between Lynmouth and Dunster took us across the cliff tops and down the infamous Porlock Hill. For the older



members of the Fellowship, you may remember when an AA patrolman was permanently based on the hill, there were barrels of water on the bends to top up your radiator, and if you couldn't make it in first gear in a car, reverse was the final option!

Dunster was beautiful and we parked in the car park at one end of the High Street and walked along to the tea shop, with the castle in the distance. Although the cakes and scones looked lovely, most of us just had tea and coffee. That said, the tea shop was next door to a clothing shop



where, because of the amount of calories consumed, a larger size of sweat shirt of top could be purchased!!

Late afternoon, it was time to head back. The weather was good to us and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who made the effort. It was great to meet new faces. And thanks to Brian for the guided tour and arranging the day.

Simon Weldon



Mid-Wales mountain views ***Wales West-Mercia Region*** ***April***



From the leader's perspective

Four of us went on the ride on the 15th April, Mike Simpson on his Triumph Tiger, Robert Morris on his Mash Dirt Star Scrambler 400, Boyan Love, with his Kawasaki Versys 650 and a friend of Boyan's from his village James Doran on his Honda NT700.

We met at the Crossgates Service Station on the A44, and made our way through Builth Wells and then to Garth on A483 and on a

military road that wound up a mountain, with terrific scenery of the Nant-y-Cwm Valley and then some very twisty single track farm roads once again with amazing greenery. Robert managed to get some great pictures of the

Wye Valley as we were coming down the mountain to Erwood, where we crossed the River Wye, to make our way back to Llandrindod Wells lake for lunch at the Lakeside Cafe. We shared the lovely conservatory with a lot of noisy families who had come to enjoy the same facilities. From there we dispersed.



What we saw



and those who saw it

From a participant's perspective

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It's a what? Is the usual question that follows my telling the curious what my latest motorcycle is. Leaving aside the customary jokes about

sausages and brown sauce I explain that Mash is the trademark of motorcycles manufactured in China for the French company SIMA, founded in 2014 and headquartered in Beaune, a walled town in the middle of the Burgundy wine making region of eastern France. The trade name is derived from the TV series M*A*S*H of the 1970's and the bike is styled in the fashion of the 'street scrambler' motorcycles of that era beloved of our American cousins.

This was my first FCM ride on the new machine, which had only about 50 miles under its wheels since I took delivery of it in early April. I was therefore conscious of the new tyres and my as yet unfamiliarity with the bike on the journey down to our designated meeting place at Crossgates, five miles north of Llandrindod Wells and in the very heart of the best motorcycling territory that Wales has to offer. My journey had started from Shrewsbury and had taken me through some of the lush countryside that's characteristic of Shropshire, south via Bishops Castle and into Wales at Knighton then west to Crossgates.



Lovely spot for an indoor picnic



*Rear view of James and Honda;
side view of Mash*

Boyan had done his homework well in selecting a circular route that gave us the opportunity to gallop a little, enjoy some beautiful views and challenge ourselves on a stretch of one-vehicle width unclassified road. Happily it was dry, so there was no slithering over the grass growing in the middle of the road in places!

My pictures don't do justice to the solitude and grandeur of the Welsh hills, and we had but moments to take it all in before moving on to yet more aspects of the beauty of that part of Wales. Our lunchtime destination, reached with impeccable timing, was a place I hadn't previously known existed. Mike had played golf at a nearby course but the lake and its attendant café were new to me. We took our separate routes home, my own north towards Newtown but avoiding the town by diverting into the Vale of Kerry and into Montgomery for a welcome afternoon Cappuccino. I was home in good time for my evening meal of sausages, beans, egg and - you've guessed of course - mash!

Robert Morris & Boyan Love

Country Ride. The West Wessex Region June



"Wessex are currently having an email discussion of who is interested in meeting, where we could meet that is central to those who are interested, isn't crowded, and might have toilet facilities..." So email discussions, a WhatsApp group set up to continue that (it's a shame that some of our members are still using Nokia 3310 - great for phone calls and perhaps even texts, but that's their limit) and a result was reached.



The starting point, Co-op Filling station at Solstice Service Station on A303, not far from Stonehenge, and the destination? Well, that was in the hands of Phil Partridge. Five able members, Phil on his BMW, Nicky Partridge on her Ducati, Trevor Howard on a Harley, Ted Russel on a Yamaha Tracer, and Branco Love on a Suzuki Vstrom set off, following our leader. A very scenic ride, over all too quickly through North Wessex Downs of Outstanding Natural Beauty saw us finish at Dun Mill Lock, on the beautiful Kennet and Avon Canal, just by Hungerford. A pleasant picnic spot saw us partake our lunch and put the world to rights. If only! We did enjoy our ride, our fellowship,

and the opportunity of having the ride. It felt almost normal, to be sitting in sunshine and chatting. My journey home, in the company of Phil and Nicky for a greater part was also very enjoyable, riding roads that were not familiar to me. Also, at nearly 100 miles, it was also nearly three times the distance of our 'proper ride'!

Here's to our next ride out.

Branco Love



Twelve occasions when twelve miles is a long way...



...when you've just passed the junction you should have taken to leave the motorway and have no idea how far it is to the next one.

...when you're gasping for a cuppa, it's Saturday afternoon and all the roadside snack trailers and cafes are closed.

...when the last cup of tea you did have has been processed, the cold weather has done what it always does and the only public loo's for miles are closed.

...when your petrol tank is drumming because there's only half a cupful of fuel left in it, and you're in the wilds of Kielder forest.

...when the oil warning light comes on due to nothing worse than a faulty switch (but you don't know that at the time).

...when you've taken a wrong turning and have to double back, making you late for an appointment.

...when some sneaky road engineer builds a new roundabout, alters the road system and doesn't tell Google.

...when the turning you wanted to take is only signposted from the opposite direction to the one in which you're travelling.

...when the left footrest has snapped and you have to use the pillion rest and change gear as little as possible.

...when it's snowing and you're leading a queue of cars because their drivers can't see anything either.

...when your gloves are sodden and there's a creeping cold, wet sensation spreading down your socks and into your nether regions.

...when you follow a diversion from road works on your way to catch the ferry, only to end up back where you started (in Ireland, naturally).

All these are drawn from my own experiences of the joys of motorcycling, but it's a short list compared with the times when I'd wished the road and the ride could just go on and on.

Robert Morris

Several regions are now organising mid-week runs and events. Check the diary or contact the Regional Secretary regularly to see what's going on.



Testing Times

I got a 'renew your tax' form from DVLA. It said 'you need an MOT for this vehicle'. It is a 1950 Sunbeam and you don't need MOTs for vehicles older than 1960. Oh no I don't and anyway I do have one and it hasn't expired yet. I went on line to tax it. After filling in loads of information they don't need once I have given them the Reg No., it said 'you can't tax this



vehicle, it hasn't got an MOT'. Oh yes it has, a) it doesn't need one and b) it does have one and it is still valid for a few weeks.

I sent 2 rude emails to DVLA suggesting that they get a job they are capable of doing properly.



So off to the Post Office, where I taxed it with no bother at all.

Later I went to the MOT station to renew the MOT, which as I said hasn't expired. All was well, till he thought the brake pedal was a bit wobbly. I said well it is 66 years old, and it does work properly. That's OK he said, they like classic vehicles there. I stood back and watched

them test the lights. One guy sits on the bike operating the switches and another guy stands behind.

"Brake" said the guy behind. Operator presses brake pedal and light comes on.

"Side lights" said the guy behind. Operator puts on the lights and it lights up properly.

"Right indicator" said the guy behind. Operator sticks right hand in the air, says 'on', lowers right hand, says 'off', repeated several times.

"OK" says guy behind, "Left indicator". Operator does the same thing with left hand. I am falling about laughing.

"Hazards" says guy behind. Operator waves both hands up and down simultaneously, saying "On. Off. On. Off"

"OK" says guy behind, "that's fine they all work."

The bike passed.

Andrew Harcourt

I was looking for a picture to illustrate this article and found this photo of where I take my bike for MOT - notice the complete lack of modern gadgetry!





Membership Application Form

Please complete the form, detach and send it with your cheque to the Membership Secretary at:

Membership Secretary:
The Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists
c/o 10 Free Rodwell House, School Lane, Mistley,
Manningtree, Essex
CO11 1HW

If you have any questions, or would like details to arrange a bank transfer, then please email our Membership Secretary or Treasurer:

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Fees 2022:

Single Membership - £10

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Paper copy of Trans:Mission - £11 per year

All members have electronic access to Trans:Mission and to the Members Only area on the web site.

If you are un-waged the fee is 50% of the appropriate fee above.

If you join after October, we will look kindly on you and say you have already renewed for next year.

Renewal date for all memberships is 1st February.

Please make cheque's payable to: **Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists.**

If you would like to pay by bank transfer, please contact the Membership Secretary / Treasurer for details.

Your membership will not become active until the Membership Secretary / Treasurer is in receipt of your payment.

It would be great to know a little about you and to know what help and hospitality you may be able to offer other FCM members. We are keen not to impose ourselves on each other so please do not feel obliged to offer if you are unable. We do however encourage fellowship among members in addition to organised events so this information is helpful to know.

This information, along with your address and telephone number, will be published in our annual Directory of FCM Members, which is distributed only among FCM members. We DO NOT share this information with any other organisation without your express permission.

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What bikes do you own?

What other (if any) clubs do you belong to?

*Are you able to offer hospitality to other members?
Any notice needed?*

*Can you offer help / support in the case of a breakdown near you?
What sort of radius?*

Any other skills / talents that may be of help to the Fellowship?

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Ed

I did enjoy March Trans;Mission. I decided to get hold of Ted's recommended book as I would not mind a book that has me weeping with laughter on my desk. I noted the Editors comments in Mike Gray's article, but was encouraged by Mike's kind words. Was pleased to hear from Alex Hardstaff, and wondered whether they had lost any more chickens lately. I cheered Gordon Rhodes. I laughed after



viewing Jo's suggested web site, and admired his style still further looking at Kent's run ad for March, I wept at Paul's true story. I mentally commended Ted and Robert for being excellent winter contributors. I mentally appreciated all the Committee for their good work. My heart grieved for Andy Brown's experience - I too have been moved by the testimonies at the front of the CMA's biker bible, which I received at the service at the BMF last year. Not bad for a club magazine.

Thanks too for your ongoing good work on our behalf.

With love and appreciation.

Nicky Partridge

Alphabet of Motorcycle Models Quiz



Name the manufacturers of the following list.

I have used model names and avoided numbers/letters where possible.

Africa Twin	Jota	Softail
Baghira	K1	Tiger
Commando	Le Mans	Ulysses
Deauville	Mito	V-Raptor
Eliminator	Neos	WXE
FS1E	Other	XB9S
Gold Star	Pan European	YZFR1
Hustler	Quota	

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Stanley Carter



Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum Wessex Region April

A perfect start to an FCM run - glorious sunshine, dry roads, coffee and a bacon bap. This combination was enjoyed by organiser Paul Kinnon, Nicky and Phil Partridge and Patrick Laycock. Following an extended period chewing the fat, as well as our baps, in the museum cafe we toured the museum which has been extended extensively in recent years. The number and range of bikes is quite staggering, the majority of which have been restored to a pristine condition. Interestingly, as well as bikes, and a large number of motorcycle engines from various periods, the museum has collections of various historical artefacts scattered around the halls. These range from hand operated sewing machines and old valve radios to numerous tools and motor related items which all add to the charm and atmosphere of the museum. The collection is so extensive that one could spend days examining everything in detail but we made do with an hour and a half.

Paul then led us on a ride through the New Forest and we covered a great deal of it in the one and a half hours before reaching our lunch destination. For those who have not visited the area, the New Forest contains a wide range of geographic features. We rode through forest (there's a surprise!), across open heath land, and beside the sea. There is a maximum 40 mph speed limit in most of the area outside villages and towns and for a very good reason. There are numerous large animals freely wandering the area, including the roads. New Forest ponies and other grazing animals are the property of New Forest Commoners, local people who enjoy traditional



New Forest Common Rights which recall a rural way of life that in most other places disappeared long ago.

We reached the Holmsley Old Station Tearooms for a wholesome lunch, well Nicky and Phil did; Paul and Patrick made do with cake and a sandwich respectively. Again, much discourse was enjoyed before we departed in bomb burst fashion for our respective homes.

As aforementioned we enjoyed crisp sunshine for the majority of the day* and thanks go to Paul Kinnon for organising the run.

Patrick Laycock



Honda Rules ***Taken from a 1962 Honda Motor*** ***Cycle Instruction Book.***



Translated by Honda for the American Motorcyclist

1. At the rise of the hand by Policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.
2. When a passenger of the foot, hooves in sight, tootel the hom trumpet melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootel him with vigor and express by word of mouth, warning Hi. Hi.
3. Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fnght as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go smoothly by.
- 4 Give big space to the festive dog that makes sport in roadway
Avoid entanglement of dog with wheel spokes
- 5 Go soothingly on the grease mud. as there lurks the skid demon.
Press the brake foot as you roll around the comers, and save the collapse and tie up

Perce Pirson

Did you know?

The earliest vehicles most often rode on what were basically cart wheels, some times strengthened to take the extra weight, sometimes simply unbolted from a cart and bolted onto the car. Even those cars with custom-made wheels rode on solid tyres.

Help was at hand, however, from the Michelin brothers who helped develop the pneumatic tyre. In France this new-fangled device was fitted first to a Peugeot which gained the nick-name Eclair (not a sticky bun with cream in the middle, at least not in this context; the word means lightning).

Apparently the name was not earned because the car was fast: it certainly was not, a lowly 15 mph being the top speed. Rather, it was because of its new tyres which caused the vehicle to zig-zag up the road, just like a streak of lightening.





Ongar Heritage Railway East Anglia Region October

Stephen and I arrived at the meeting point to find Derrick waiting. Tim soon showed up closely followed by Andy Thomson, Kevin Warren and Sally (in her car, her back having given out as she reached for her bike gear, apparently).

A short, pleasant countryside run brought us to the Station at Ongar. A volunteer guided the bikes onto the station forecourt and gave Sally directions to a nearby car park as there is no car parking facility at the station (go figure).

We had just missed a train so partook of tea and coffee whilst listening to a very interesting talk given by another volunteer about the history of the station and the railway line. There was also a nice little museum in the Ladies Waiting Room.

We bought our tickets and boarded the steam train to North Weald where we disembarked and wandered down to the pub for lunch.



There not being much else to do we wandered back to the station and hung about waiting for the train back to Ongar.

Some of us walked to the end of the platform to read about the train crash of 1936 when the brakes failed on an engine and it careered up the earth banking stopping just short of the High Street.

Leaving the station we discovered that a car had parked across the back of our bikes and the cafe had closed so with no prospect of tea and cake we had a short discussion and decided to call it a day. After a bit of manoeuvring we managed to extricate





The weather had been better than forecast and thanks to Derrick for organising the day.

Janice Thomson



Yalding Run - and Breakdown Kent Region May

The weekend before the run Caleb and I had been up to darkest Essex to attend the Air Ambulance fun day. All had been good until the ride home. Approaching the M 20

services at Leeds the GS just felt wrong. That nagging doubt that something is amiss. In this case a slight vibration through the bars. The normal horizontally opposed vibration of two huge bits of metal smashing about while things explode inside the engine naturally causes vibration....this was different. The bike also felt unwilling to 'float' along needing more constant throttle. All in all something was amiss.

We pulled into the services to satisfy myself the wheels weren't about to fall off. I had had a new tyre installed the day before and was worried I had reinstalled the front wheel incorrectly, or a bolt had waggled loose. Very unlikely I grant you as the trusty torque wrench is never far from my hand in such matters.

Finding nothing wrong with the suspect wheel we rode the short distance home. I rechecked everything back in the man cave and all looked good. The human mind is a devious thing and it is apt to blind you to the obvious. I had checked the suspect front wheel and then balanced the injectors, why did I

not check the back wheel? It just never occurred that something might be wrong with it!



A week later Caleb and I once again set forth to meet Tim near Maidstone for the run around the pretty Yalding area. The ride up was fine, the bike felt good, all was well with the world. A floppy bacon sandwich and a coffee

later and we set off into the Kentish back lanes. Still all was well, until!

It was the noise that alerted me. A nasty grunchy type of noise. We were moving pretty slowly and had almost reached our lunch stop at the Teapot Cafe on the river Medway. Parking up I fussed around the, still suspect, front wheel. I was obsessed, at this point, by the blameless front wheel. Then I, at last, checked the back wheel. Enlightenment dawned like a black sun over a post apocalyptic landscape. The wheel juddered around instead of the smooth movement it should have had. Worst still it had some lateral movement. Not much, but enough to point towards shot main bearings. Rats!.

Lunch over I decided, wrongly in this case, to try to nurse the bike home. We got a mile and the bike gave up the ghost. Tim had already turned off to go home and we juddered ignominiously into a lay-by. Thank heavens for the AA. The yellow van of joy arrived inside half an hour and got us home. Every AA man I have ever met, and it's a lot, have been bikers. This sterling chap had a rather nice Ducati



Monster, he even had pictures of his pride and joy.

The final drive is now with an expert with a cunning selection of bearing pullers and a direct line to Motoworks. Is there a moral in this tale of woe? Yes. Always check both wheels, you know it makes sense.

Jo Anthony

Hanging Loose in Kent ***Kent Region October***



Despite leaving home at a reasonable time I was 10 minutes late meeting Tim due to the road works on the top section of the M20. Which was extremely frustrating.

Arriving at Mickey's Diner I found that Tim's was the only bike there. It transpired that two or three had contacted Tim to say that they couldn't do the day, but I was the only one to say that I could. So having put the world to rights, giving Tim the benefit of my drainage experience (don't ask), and consuming the requisite bacon sandwiches and coffee we headed off into the wilderness of Kent.

Although the first thing was to negotiate Maidstone. Tim took us through and out on to the country lanes that are one of the joys of being on a bike. A good

mix of tight'n'twisty and open and free flowing the route led us through small Kentish villages, including Yalding which seemed to be having some sort of village festival, and thence onto the A20 to West Kingsdown and lunch just 10 minutes before the Hollyville Cafe closed. Riding past Brands Hatch circuit*; where the final round of the British Super-Bike season was in progress; we attempted to avoid main roads but were thwarted by a closed road.

We parted company at a traffic light junction where Tim turned left for home and I turned right for the river crossing. I only needed to do one junction of the motorway-like A282 and as soon as I was through the Dartford tunnel and into Essex went back to the minor roads to get home.



It was a great day for a ride, the only rain I saw was as I put the bike away, and I enjoyed spending time with Tim, but it is a shame that more of the membership weren't out with us.

SuperTed Thomson

*Since about 1980 I have been to a variety of events at Brands Hatch (including 3 F1 races, 2 BSB rounds,

a sports car 6 hour event, club racing, and two track days) but have never been in the front entrance. No, I don't know what that means either.

Groan Corner

Every Easter our church stages an elaborate pageant. Last year the man who played Pontius Pilate had to work on the night of the dress rehearsal, and a chorus member substituted for him. As we began rehearsing Pilate's solo, the conductor stopped the orchestra. "Pilate, I don't hear you," he called out. "You're not loud enough."

"Pilate is at work," a voice on the stage shouted back. "We've got our co-Pilate tonight."

At what age do you think it's appropriate to tell a highway it's adopted?

A scientist tells a pharmacist, "Give me some prepared tablets of acetylsalicylic acid."

"Do you mean aspirin?" asks the pharmacist.

The scientist slaps his forehead. "That's it!" he says. "I can never remember the name."

Alphabet of Motorcycle Models Quiz Answers

Africa Twin	Honda	Neos	Yamaha
Baghira	MZ	Other	Derbi
Commando	Norton	Pan European	Honda
Deauville	Honda	Quota	Moto Guzzi
Eliminator	Kawasaki	Rocket III	Triumph (or BSA)
FS1E	Yamaha	Softail	Harley Davidson
Gold Star	BSA	Tiger	Triumph
Hustler	Suzuki	Ulysses	Buell
Intruder	Suzuki	V-Raptor	Cagiva
Jota	Laverda	WXE	Husqvarna
K1	BMW	XB9S	Buell
Le Mans	Moto Guzzi	YZF-R1	Yamaha
Mito	Cagiva	Zephyr	Kawasaki

Almost Finally

As you know I am not a user of Facebook, but am trying to make friends by applying the same principles. Every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist. All the best,

Patrick Laycock

What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?

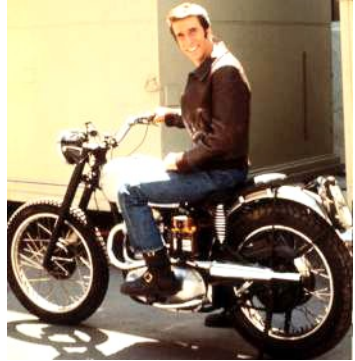
"Curses! Foiled again!"

I love the way my bike can get me to the front of a queue so quickly.

Mind you, it does terrify the other people in the post office.

10 facts about motorcycling interesting enough to get your motor running

- The front tyre provides 75 per cent of a bike's grip when cornering.
- The Vespa brand of scooter got its name from the Italian word for wasp.
- As well as motorbikes, Kawasaki also makes spaceships. It only began making motorcycles in 1962 to publicise its 'heavy industries' which were unknown to the public.
- Devil, Satan and Lucifer have all been brands of motorcycles.
- The first motorcycle was the SH Roper 1869 steam cycle.
- His character The Fonz may have been the epitome of cool but actor Henry Winkler couldn't actually ride a motorcycle.
- When Valentino Rossi was five, his dad (a former motorbike racer himself) built him a go-kart as a substitute to biking out of concern for his son's safety.



- The TOTO motorcycle built in Japan in 2010 ran on human waste.
- American Triumph dealer Bud Ekins did the now-famous 65ft motorcycle jump in The Great Escape (in one take), not Steve McQueen.

- Between 1917 and 1923 macho American bike firm Harley-Davidson made push bikes. Meanwhile, Hell's Angels founder Sonny Barger said in his autobiography he prefers Japanese bikes to Harleys.

The barman says, "We don't serve time travellers in here."
A time traveller walks into a bar.

Phlebotomist: I'm here to draw some blood.

Patient: But I just received blood yesterday.

Phlebotomist: You didn't think you'd get to keep it, did you?

Forthcoming Events

April (Saturday) Wales:

Devils Bridge

Meet 11 am at Devils Bridge café.

Contact [Andy Brown](#) for more information.

May (Sunday) East Anglia:

Essex Air Ambulance Show, North Weald Airfield

Essex Region are putting a stand into this event to support the work of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

The show is organised in association with Essex Police and will include a Bike Safe display from Essex Police, Motorbike Trade Stands and a Vintage Aircraft Ground Display. There will be live music, refreshments and the opportunity to get up close with the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Helicopters.

The show opens at 10 am and entry is free.

We have people to man the stand but any willing supporters are more than welcome.

Enquiries to [Stephen Thomson](#) if you can help

May (Saturday) West Mercia:

Stokesay

We'll meet at a cafe in Church Stretton (I'll tell you which one after I've done a recce) at 1045 for an 1115 departure for a run around south Shropshire on various back roads, ending up in Ludlow for lunch.

Contact [Robert Morris](#) for more information.

May (Saturday) Wessex:

Mystery Tour

The meeting place for this run will be Whiteways Lodge car park (BN18 9FD) a few miles north of Arundel and on the west side of the round-a-bout where the A29 meets the A284 and the B2139. There is a cafe at Whiteways for tea (not recommended) coffee and snacks.

We will meet at 10:50 for refreshments, then a run and lunch at a country pub. Please let me know if you are coming.

Enquiries to [George Parker](#)

May (Saturday) Kent:

North Downs Run

Meet at the Oakdene Cafe, London Rd, Wrotham, Sevenoaks TN15 7RR around 10:00 ready for another tour of the North Downs of Kent and Sussex.

Enquiries to [Tim Rice](#) to confirm we should wait for you

June (Saturday) East Anglia:

Suffolk Owl Sanctuary

Stonham Aspal, Suffolk.

Meet at BP Services, A12 (J19), junction with A138, at 10 am.

More details in June T:M or ring [Stephen Thomson](#) if you give a hoot.

June (Saturday) West Mercia:

Kerry / Clun

Meet at Harry Tuffins Supermarket cafe, Churchstoke, Crosslikey, Churchstoke, Powys SY15 6AR at 10.30, ride to Kerry , then Clun, then to The Craven Arms for a final cafe stop

Contact [Mike Simpson](#) for more information.

June (Saturday) Kent:

Mad Jack Run

Meet at the 3 Covert, around 10:00 ready to learn about Mad Jack..

Enquiries to [Jo Anthony](#) if you wish to brave the wilds of Kent!

June (Saturday) Wessex & Chiltern:

Joint Run

When someone has worked out where you're going, then the meeting point can be announced.

Enquiries to [Nicky Partridge](#) to say you're coming

September (Saturday) Yorkshire & North East:

Hollybush Thirsk

Meeting point to be announced..

Please contact [Paul Conforth](#) if you plan to join in.

June (Saturday) West Wales:

Dinefwr House

Details to follow

Contact [David Leppard](#) for more information.

July (Weekend) National:

National Camping Weekend

East Creech Farm, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5AP

This is the same site as last year. Booking forms are available on the ember's Area of the web site - or just give Brian a call.

Please contact [Nicky Partridge](#) to reserve a place

And finally

A Scottish mother visits her son in his New York City apartment and asks, "How do you find the Americans, Donald?"

"Mother," says Donald, "they're such noisy people. One neighbour won't stop banging his head against the wall, while the other screams and screams all night long."

"Oh, Donald! How do you manage to put up with them?"

"What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes."

Perfect Timing

On vacation in Hawaii, my step- mom, Sandy, called a café to make reservations for 7 p.m. Checking her book, the cheery young hostess said, "I'm sorry, all we have is 6:45. Would you like that?"

"That's fine," Sandy said.

"Okay," the woman confirmed. Then she added, "Just be advised you may have to wait 15 minutes for your table."

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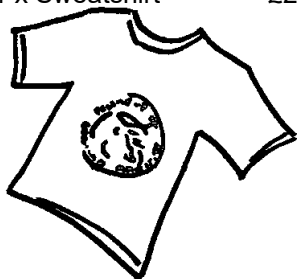
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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.

MATTHEW 22 VERSES 37 & 38

JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S SON, IS OUR SAVIOUR:

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

JOHN 3 VERSES 16 & 17

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