

VMCC Warwickshire Section Newsletter

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Editors comments

Finally summer has arrived. The World seems a better place when the sun shines and the evenings are light. I know we need rain for the gardens and to clean the atmosphere. It can rain every night As far as I am concerned, just not in the hours most of us are awake.

Its nice to be able to roll our treasured bikes outside and be able to clean and fettle them with the sun on our backs. Perhaps, like me, it gives one the opportunity to have a tidy up in the workshop without having to squeeze past machines which one is hoping to get roadworthy one day (don't mention the Bridgestone).

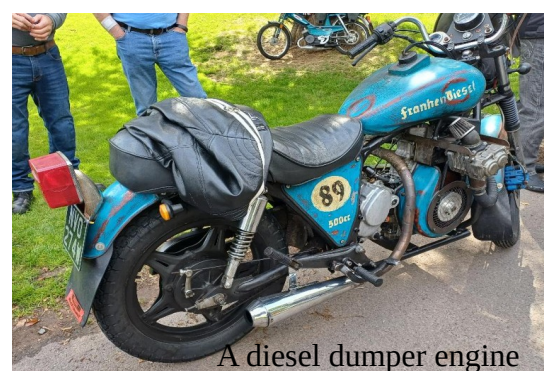
Events especially for bikes or ones which we can share with 4 wheeled conveyances are popping up all over the place and spoil us for choice. We in our section are mindful of this when planning events, but it is not possible to avoid them all. We do try to make ours interesting but we all have our own ideas of what constitutes this notion.

As you will read within these pages we have had events which have attracted members and I hope that the upcoming ones will also be of interest to you as without your attendance the events are not nearly as good. We hope to see you there! Just a thought. If you know of an event, or type of event you would like us to consider, and that would be of interest to other members then please share your thoughts with anyone of your committee and we will try to oblige. Barry

these are a couple of bikes I saw at Hoar Park recently:



A Velocette engine in a Suzuki frame!



A diesel dumper engine linked to a Honda g/box.

Chairman's chat Four go mad in the archives.

After starting the morning with a cup of coffee at Kendall Towers, Beezer Dave Barnes, Simon Dudfield and myself set out on our pilgrimage to VMCC HQ. After a quick stop for petrol, we enjoyed a pleasant and steady ride to Allen House on the outskirts of Burton. On our arrival at HQ, we met up with fellow member Steve Malin who, like us, was on a mission for information. Annie Durrant and the team at Allen house were very welcoming and patient while showing us around the various office operations including the historical archives. The visit was well worth the effort...Beezer Dave needing information for his Triumph and Laverda machines, and Steve seeking valuable knowledge (both historical and technical) for his recently acquired model H Triumph. We visited the local Chip shop for lunch and drank copious amounts of coffee and tea while discussing various matters and getting an important document signed....while Simon finally got his Banbury award.

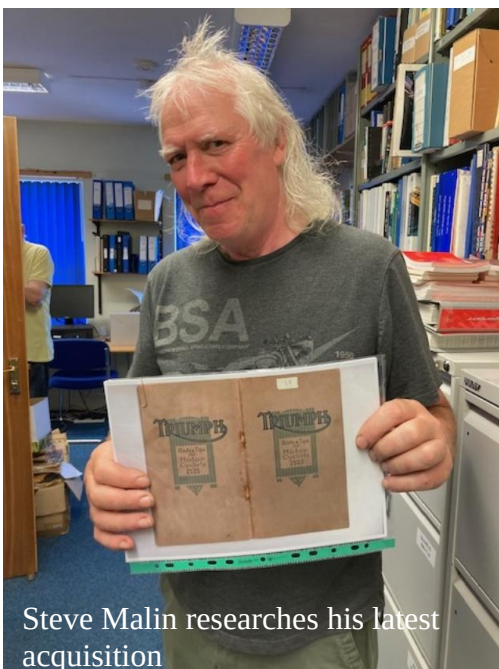
So, if you have recently acquired a new project and need further information regarding dating, technical or historical knowledge give Allen house a visit.



Simon receives his Banbury award from Annie Durrant



Dave Barnes finds something interesting



Steve Malin researches his latest acquisition



Simon with Peter Bennett? In the library

Events we have been attending in the past month

July 3. Wednesday eve. Chairman's Social, Blue Lias, Stockton.

We started the month in a good way with our annual evening at this canal-side hostelry. We had around 2 dozen bikes there of all ages and makes. The weather stayed fair. The buffet was good and went down well.



July 10. Wednesday eve. Club night. bring a bike.

As this date coincided with an England Cup match the event, already under review by your committee, was cancelled by K.R.C. as the room was required to watch the game on the giant tv screens.

July 14. Sunday a.m. Pop up at Farmers Fayre.

In view of the bike Night cancellation and the good weather it was decided to hold a meet at a favourite cafe in the Stoneleigh Show ground. About 2 dozen took advantage of this to ride their bikes and have a coffee and a chat. By chance, the Lotus car club were also in attendance with a host of fine looking cars.



July 21. Sunday all day. Founder's Day, Stanford Hall, Northants.

Some members view this event as their favourite of the year. The grounds were filled with marquees and gazebos housing bike clubs, auto jumble sellers and a licenced bar. The large crowds of visitors were treated to many hundreds of bikes and 3 wheeled vehicles both in static displays and also parading around the large roped off area. A pipe band resplendent in kilts entertained between events. The weather was about perfect. A good day was had by all. Our section even had an award winning bike with Simons 'best pre-war' bike, a 1930's Rudge Whitworth.

Ian Brodie 'took a tumble' 'broke a screen and suffered a banged head. Put me a bit out of sorts but ok now"



July 24. Wednesday eve. Club Night. Bring a Bike. K.R.C.

This was the rearranged evening from earlier in the month. About 2 dozen bikes arrived ranging from girder forked machines to very modern ones. The decent weather allowed them to sit outside and admire each others choice of transport whilst sipping a cooling beverage.

Solihull classic motorcycle auction nets over £1 million in sales

The latest H&H motorcycle auction held at the National Motorcycle Museum a couple of weeks ago was judged a success by the organisers, although attendees who I have spoken to thought that prices were down on previous sales.

Mike Davis, Motorcycle Specialist at H&H Classics said: “Our second motorcycle sale of the year has mirrored the success of the first and shows the market is alive and well for the right bikes, whatever their age and whatever their condition.”

The top 5 selling bikes were all Vincents with prices ranging from £6900 to £46,000.

Banbury eligible bikes were selling from just a couple of thousand pounds.



One of the Vincents sold. A Black Shadow series C. Went for £37,950

Access All Areas

● [BMF News](#)



Motorcycling Matters No 5: Access All Areas

Motorcycles must have an ‘Access All Areas’ pass to UK roads, whether these are tarmac, unsealed ‘green roads’ or bus lanes. That’s the fifth key point raised by [Motorcycling Matters](#), the manifesto launched the [National Motorcyclists Council](#) (NMC) with significant input from the BMF.

The BMF and NMC are clear that unsealed roads which are currently legal for vehicle access need to be kept open for motorcycles. As for bus lane access for bikes, the policy of local authorities varies across the UK, with some allowing full access, some at restricted times and some refusing it altogether. The BMF/NMC are calling for motorcycle access to bus lanes to be made the default position across the country, which would improve the safety of riders and traffic flow in general. All local authorities also need to provide free and secure parking provision for powered two-wheelers, to encourage commuters to shift from four wheels to two.

Paul Morgan CBE of the British Motorcyclists Federation said: “The BMF and our partners, including the National Motorcyclists Council (NMC), the [Trail Riders Fellowship](#) (TRF) and the [Land Access and Recreation Association](#) (LARA), actively seek to protect and promote the right for motorcyclists to ride on the UK’s historic unsurfaced road network nationwide.

The BMF calls on the next Government to promote and support responsible and sustainable access for motorcyclists to the UK’s full road network and to make motorcycle access to bus lanes the default position, to improve the safety of riders and to resolve the current patchwork of access across the UK’s road network.”

D-Day in France

Sarah & Peter headed off to Normandy for a week with the 1939 Matchless G3WO and 1941 Matchless G3L to take part in the 6th June D-Day commemorations. Highlights of the week included a gathering of 151 allied WW2 motorcycles in the grounds of the Pegasus Bridge museum (photo attached) on 5th June, with people being offered the chance to ride their bike onto the original bridge in the museum grounds for group photographs, plus standing amidst the Standing With Giants installation of 1,475 silhouettes at the British Normandy Memorial as the sun went down (photo attached). Each life-sized silhouette represents a serviceman who died whilst serving under British command on D-Day itself. Staying away from the media circus gave them an opportunity to catch up with friends, enjoy the rural roads & villages, and quietly visit memorials and cemeteries to lay poppies and pay their respects.



Upcoming events

Aug. 4. Sunday. Bill Lacey Run.

This is an annual run to the Northamptonshire village of Evenley. He was well known as a racer and ace tuner of racing motorcycles and was associated with this village. The Red Lion Pub in the village usually does a pig roast to feed the very many bikes that flock to the village in good weather. A nice run through the countryside. Details will be emailed later this week.

Sunday 11th August 2024

The Warwickshire Section Coventry Parade

Here are just a few reasons why you should consider supporting this event

- THE Warwickshire Section ***PREMIER all-day event***
- Coventry's most historic motoring event – now in its 69th year
- Coombe Country Park venue with individual event field
- On site Café and facilities
- Experienced and knowledgeable event team
- Get flagged off by our VIP special guest, to a professional commentary
- Scenic new route through the scenic Leicestershire countryside
- Shorter route for veteran (pre 1915) machines
- Choice of postal or on-line (new for this year) entry
- Souvenir printed programme
- Finisher award
- Rider refreshments
- Prize giving
- All this (and more) for just £10
- See you there!

Coventry Parade 2024 – Have you entered yet?

Riders and machines wanted for the COVENTRY PARADE The Warwickshire Section Premier Event

Sunday 11th August 2024

- All classes of machines welcome
- Discounted rates for riders of girder rigid machines
- Coventry's most historic motoring event
- Coombe Abbey Country Park Venue
- Segregated field area with safe parking
- Toilets and Café

- Guest of honour to flag machines away
- Live commentary throughout the day
- 50-mile ride through quiet Warwickshire/Leicestershire roads
- Short route for low powered machines
- Highly experienced long-term club member organising team

More details available from Robert Thomas
TEL: 07739 583763
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For Sale

My 2011 Triumph Bonneville is still for sale. A club member can buy it for just £2995. It is advertised elsewhere at a higher price.

Triumph Bonneville S.E.

£2995 or nearest.

I am selling my 'Bonnie' as I have bought a new Triumph Speed 400 and do not have room for both. Tel./text 07786718867. Barry.

2011 reg. 32K miles. New M.O.T.

Numerous extras fitted.

Owned 6 yrs.

Kept in dry workshop. Reliable – toured Yorkshire last year. 800 miles across Wales and England this year. No problems. Fair condition, a couple of small dents in the fuel tank.



I (Barry) also have for sale a brand new good quality fabric case/bag. It measures 16 inches (41cm) by 12 inches (30 cm) and will hold a 16.5" laptop. It has 3 large compartments, 1 medium sizes, and 2 small ones as pictured. All zipped. As well as handles, it also has a shoulder strap. £5 only.



VMCC Warwickshire Section Events diary 2024

(see notes at the bottom)

Aug.	4	Sun.	The Bill Lacey Run, Princethorpe to Evenley, Northants.
	11	Sun.	Coventry Parade. <i>Put this event in your diary and book your place soon!</i>
	14	Wed.	Club night – Bring a bike
Sept.	1	Sun.	<i>TOMCC open day and official opening of sponsored lounge at H.o.E. , Meriden</i>
	8	Sun.	Genteel Run (DK)
	11	Wed.	Club night – Guest speaker Mike Wills presenting End to End
	15	Sun.	Hinckley Motor show in the town centre. An excellent event for all forms of transport including bikes. The area is always full of interesting vehicles. Well worth a visit.
	27	Fri.	VMCC HQ McMillan coffee (and cake!) morning at Allen House. Newly added
	29	Sun.	Afternoon Tea & Cake Run (SD)
Oct.	9	Wed.	Club night – Bring & buy
	13	Sun.	Autumn Leaves Run (SD)
	26	Sat.	Open Day at National Motorcycle Museum. Free parking for bikes.
	27	Sun.	Ride in to the Antelope Inn, Lighthorne
Nov.	13	Wed.	Club night – Guest speaker Steve Allen
	27	Wed.	Christmas Lunch (Provisional date – TBC)
Dec.	11	Wed.	Club night Christmas Quiz

* all events and dates are subject to change. Please check before travelling.

* events will be added (or deleted) as we go through the year.

* if you know of an event you think members may be interested in then please contact one of the committee

* *events in italics are NOT VMCC events but may be of interest to members.*