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YEAR 2006



www.policebikes.org.uk

Our website is finally up and running again and is being edited by Gerry Scott. We require input and information. Any ideas and suggestions, can you please e-mail us on

policebike@hotmail.co.uk

Following our involvement in many events throughout 2005, we are looking forward to some extra new machines to attend the main events of the year. Check out the events list in this edition or contact either myself or Paul to get your bike on show.

Thanks to everyone who attended the shows in 2005 and called at our stands for information, pass on good items and knowledge of their working days and about machines people rode. We welcome new input to encourage others to restore their ex police bikes, so give us a call.

We have a new group that we are affiliated to and has been formed by police officers who are interested and who restore police vehicles called PC-UK. We are all invited to join them. Contact me for details.

Keep up the good work on the ex police motorcycles. Have a good year and ride those machines as often as you can.

IAN & ANN MOOR

It is with great regret I wish to inform everyone that Ian and Ann died in a road traffic accident in Scotland on a motorcycling holiday back in June 2005.

I have known Ian and Ann since 1993, when they attended the first 'Meet & Run' at Richmond Park. After that, they were on many runs throughout Britain, Holland and Belgium. They will be missed for their sense of fun and enjoyment. The first words on meeting up were "How's Paul?", "Where's cousin Bob?" "Is the London Cabbie around?" (I wonder who that is) and then of course "Time for a brew"

Rest in Peace Dear Friends.....David Bragg

David Bragg



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Current Operational Motorcycles



BMW1150RT - Metropolitan Police, London, UK



BMW K1200GT - West Midlands Police



Honda NT650V Deauville - Surrey Police, UK



Moto Guzzi Brevia 750 (Italy)



BR250-2A China Minghui Industrial Co Ltd, China

Chatham Dockyard – March 2005



The Naval Dockyards at Chatham hosted their annual Transport Show. We were invited over the Easter weekend by Bill Fowler, the organiser and Kent Police Museum to display our bikes along with other emergency vehicles, both new and old. Many visitors explored both the site, the museum and our vehicles. John Endicott, the Curator and his colleagues worked hard in the museum. As a slight diversion, David, Tony and Tim were asked to lead the parade of vehicles, much to the joy of the crowds. Throughout the day, vehicles of all shapes and sizes paraded around the docks, adding to the atmosphere. A great weekend, with many displays of ships and vehicles to see. This event comes recommended and is on again this year.

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Inaugural Parade of new Panda cars, Birkenhead, Merseyside 1967 - Pictures care of Gerry Scott

Classic Motorcycle Show - April 2005



Once again, Show Time.

Seems to come around quick. Up to the Stafford County Showground again to set up our usual twice yearly stand. David Smith very kindly lent us his Honda Pan European (ex City of London), Robin Arnold - BMW K100RT (ex Hampshire Police), Bob Hennessy - Greeves 24DE (ex Southend Borough Police), Gerry Scott - Norton Interpol (ex Lancashire Constabulary), Paul Read - Triumph Speedtwin (ex Buckinghamshire Police), Tim Watkin - Kawasaki KZ1000C (ex California Highway Patrol), Andrew Boyce - Kawasaki KZ1000C (ex Virginia Police). Located in the Meat Hall, we were as busy as ever, with many enquiries about old police models. One of the joys of doing these shows is when current and retired police officers tell us about their tales of living and working with police motorcycles, what was good and what was bad. It's amazing how much information we get from just talking to people.



Southern Bike Show – May 2005

**Kempton ParkSouthern Classic Show.**

Our display for this excellent Show and Auto jumble consisted of good variety of retired police models from our keen members to try again for that best of show prize. Those present were Tim Watkin with his CHP Harley Davidson FXRP, Greg Holliday's Honda CB450 from Dubai, Dave Smith's LAPD Kawasaki KZ1000P, Robin Arnold's Hampshire Police BMW K100RT, Bob Hennessy's Scottish Police Matchless and Dick Atwell's brilliantly restored Metropolitan Police Triumph Thunderbird. The public seemed to be on the stand all day and left after a thorough inspection of each machine smiling at how good they were restored. Present in uniform was our 'Bosses' for the day Nick & myself. Pleasing to our band of merry men we went away with the coveted 1st prize for best stand.

Well done to each of you and thanks. *David Bragg*

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PC-UK

A new club has been started by our old friend Steve Woodward and his colleagues for the preservation of police vehicles. Everyone in the HPMG are invited to join this club and details are to be found at their website which is **www.policecaruk.co.uk** or write to

The Membership Secretary, Police Car UK, PO Box 753, Portsmouth PO1 9BQ
and mention that you are part of our group, the HPMG

Southern Bike Show - May 2005



Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - June 2005



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On Saturday 4th June, Hampshire Police had their annual families open day at their HQ in Netley. Steve Woodward of Hampshire Police and PC-UK organised the event as usual. Despite the weather being showery, a large number of bikes together with a huge number of cars and vans turned up to show of. It's nice to see such a cross section of old and new police vehicles all mixed together. Great contrast. Lunch was provided, but I think the highlight must go to the now annual barbeque provided by Steve and his wife back at the accommodation blocks. Those two are always working. What a nice way to end the day. The event is scheduled for this year, please see the listings on the back page for details.

Worthing Seafront Festival - July 2005



Pat Sheppard, our old friend from Surrey Police and now working for the Worthing Lions organised a day at the beach. The local Crime Prevention wagon was on display together with various police bikes, cars, fire engines and ambulances. The Goldwing owners club turned up en mass with some 80 bikes. A lovely day was had by all. This event is on again this year, please see listing for details.



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Surrey Police Bikesafe - 2005



Classic & Motorcycle Mechanics Show - October 2005

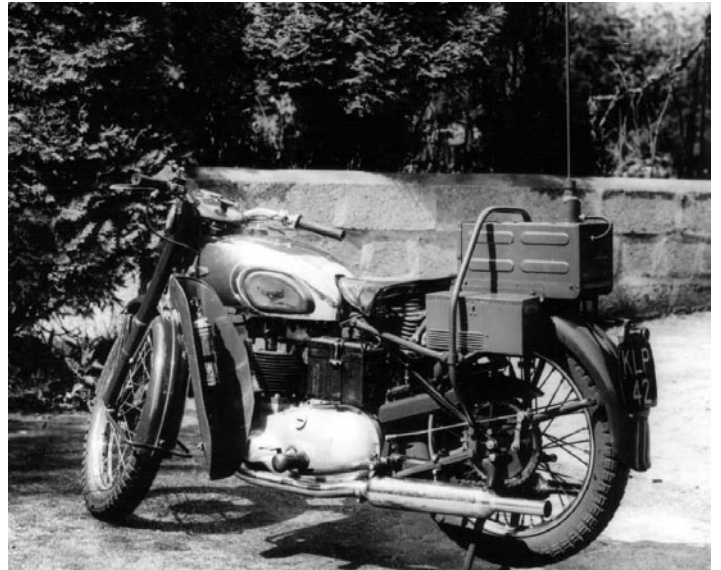


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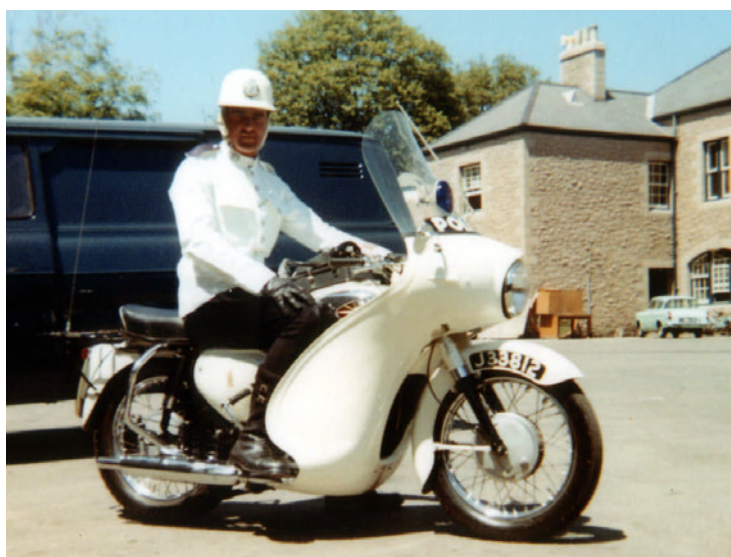
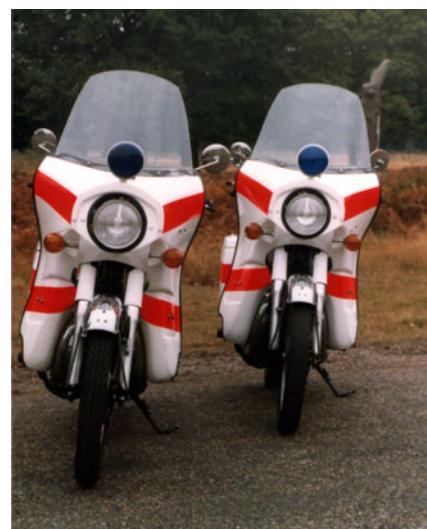
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Pictures are from Dave Parker when he was an officer with Thames Valley Police in the 1980's



Pictures kindly supplied by PC John Funnell, of the Royal Parks Constabulary (now amalgamated with the Metropolitan Police) and show him when he was on bikes in the 70's and 80's. The upper right picture is of a Honda Super Dream, an unusual police model. Other models are Honda CB250J (lower right) and the classic police model Triumph (lower left).



Pictures supplied by Derek Gibaut on a BSA A65 when he was an officer with the Jersey Police around 1963 and taken outside the St. Helier Police headquarters. Note the summer uniform above.

Continuing Adventures in Police Wonderland



Pictures of current models in the USA are care of David Smith from his trip to Los Angeles in January. He spent several days with the local law enforcement departments being driven around by the Police in cars with the motorcycles practising their presidential escort skills. A variety of bikes are used, Harley Davidson FLHP, BMW R1150RTP, Kawasaki KZ1000P, Honda ST1100P and the Honda ST1300P. Enjoy the pictures.



Continuing Adventures in Police Wonderland



New Police Motorcycle - BMW R1200RT-P



Engine: four stroke, opposed twin

Capacity: 1170cc

Maximum Power: 110bhp

Transmission: 5 speed, shaft final

Wheelbase: 1460mm

Weight: 650lbs (295kgs)

Speed: 145mph (232kph)

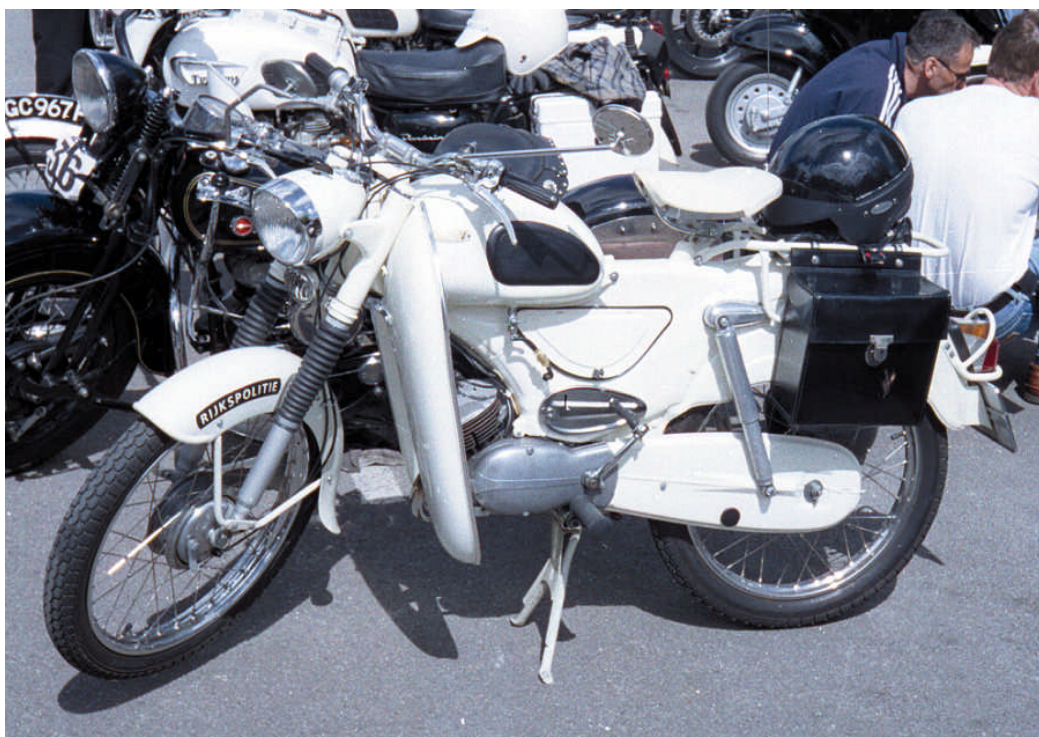


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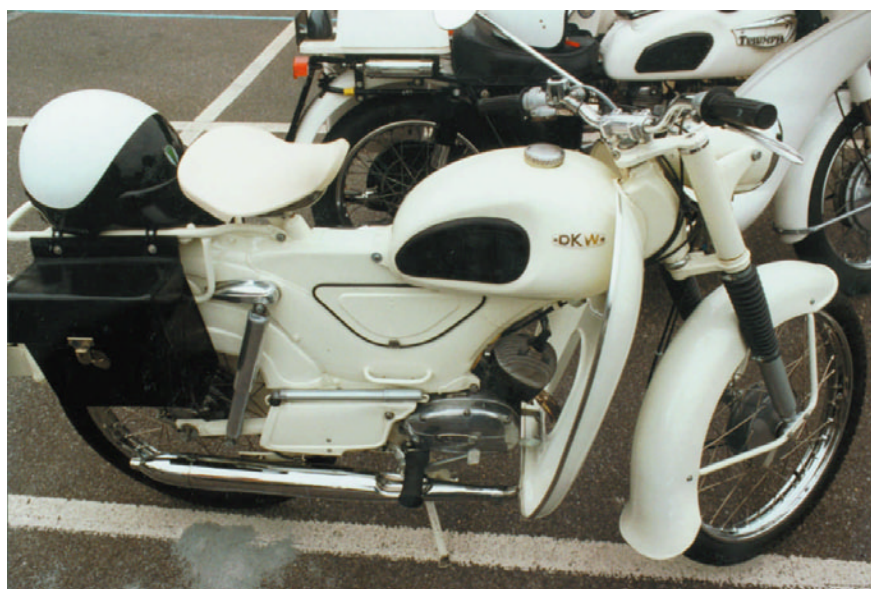
Full fairing, crash bars, solo seat, panniers,
Blue/red LED/ strobe warning lights,
electronic siren, modulating headlight,
rear fog lights,
modulating rear reds and blues,
rear blue/red pole light, radio system

Following on from the success of the BMW R1150RT across the world, we now have the R1200RT. Purpose built for Police work, it has every available option and is tailor made for individual departments. Comes with the usual BMW array of standard fittings which include ABS brakes, electrically adjustable windshield, panniers, heated grips and a heated seat.

Retired Police Motorcycle - DKW RT50



Started in 1932, DKW were a German manufacturer based at the Zschopau works. After World War II, MZ took over the old factory in Zschopau, which was now in East Germany (DDR). Production of DKW was resumed at a new factory in Ingolstadt and then in Düsseldorf, West Germany. The above model, the RT50 was bought in April 1962 by the Rijkspolitie, the national Police of The Netherlands from the importer Hart Nibbrig and Greeve. Originally called the DKW Hummell, it found favour with many officers who recall chasing and catching many bigger machines for speeding with this lightweight motorcycle. The local police also bought the Hummel and it saw service until the early 1970's.



Engine: two stroke, single cylinder
Capacity: 50cc
Maximum Power: 6bhp
Transmission: 5 speed, chain final
Wheelbase: n/a
Weight: 187lb (85kg)
Speed: 56mph (90kph)

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 Leg shields,
 sprung solo seat,
 panniers

Events - 2006

16th/17th April - Medway Festival of Transport

Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.
Static show. Contact Bill Fowler 01634 823821
e-mail: bffowler@chdt.org.uk

22nd/23rd April - 25th International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire
We are having our own large stand. Come and see us.
Contact Gerry Scott 0151 2294472
e-mail: gerry.scott@btinternet.com

30th April - Motorcycle Show

Winter Gardens, Ventnor, Isle of Wight
Static show. Contact Trevor Wood 01983 855262

1st May - Brooklands Emergency Services 'May Day'

Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey, UK.
Contact the organisers office 01932 857381
www.brooklandsmuseum.com

13th May - Southern Bike Show

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.
Contact David Smith 020 8361 4761

3rd June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

Police HQ, Netley, Hampshire. Static show.
Contact PC2113 Steve Woodward 08450 454545
Traffic Dept., Cosham Police Station, Wayte Street,
Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 3BS
e-mail: woodward5@btinternet.com

10th/11th June - HGB Open Weekend

HGB Motorcycles, 69-71 Park Way,
Ruislip Manor, Middlesex HA4 8NS
Static show. Contact Paul Marcus 01895 630442
e-mail: gwcentre@hgbmotorcycles.co.uk

17th June - Tippetts Open Day

Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
Static show. Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

24th June - The Midsummer Event

Heathervale Recreation Ground, New Haw, Surrey
Static show. Contact Robin Arnold 01932 857381

24th/25th June - Motorcycle World Show

Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire
Static show. Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

25th June - Emergency Vehicles Day

Crich Tramway Village, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP
Contact the organisers office 01773 854321
e-mail: enquiry@tramway.co.uk

25th June - Swaton Vintage Day

Thorpe Latimer Park, Sleaforde, Lincolnshire
Static show. Contact Josh Bourne 01529 421478
e-mail: jossxr@fsmail.net

2nd July - Century Of British Motorcycling

London Motorcycle Museum, Greenford.
Static show. Please come and support the museum.
Contact Jeff Reid 020 8632 1218

8th July - RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day

RNAS, Yeovilton, Somerset. Static show.
Contact the organisers office 0870 800 4030
www.yeoviltonairday.co.uk

8th/9th July - Festival of a Thousand Bikes

Mallory Park, Leicestershire.
Static show. Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

9th July - Police Vehicle Meeting

Baracuda Café, The Netherlands.
Contact the Police Vehicle Group Netherlands
Ron & Monique Laurier 02245 531663
info@politievoertuigengroep.nl

9th July - Classic Bike Festival

North Weald Airfield, Essex
Static show. Contact Tony Huck 020 7485 0473
www.northwealdmotorsport.co.uk

15th/16th July - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western lawns. Eastbourne, Sussex. Static show.
Contact Ff D. Stoneham, 01323 488095
Fire Station, Whitley Road, Eastbourne BN22 8LA
e-mail: thestoneham@btinternet.com

15th/16th July - Richmond Park Open Day

Bog Lodge, Richmond Park, Surrey
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

23rd July - Dorset Police 150th Anniversary Open Day.

Police Headquarters, Winrith, Dorset
Contact PC2113 Steve Woodward 08450 454545
Traffic Dept., Cosham Police Station, Wayte Street,
Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 3BS
e-mail: woodward5@btinternet.com

22nd/23rd July - Local Locamotion

Grand Vintage & Classic Gathering
5 Heads Row, Hambledon, Hampshire
Contact Dave Kimber 01243 553445

30th July - Worthing Seafront Festival

Worthing, West Sussex. Static show.
Worthing Lions Trust. Contact Pat Sheppard 07790 018117
26 Ambersham Crescent, East Preston,
Worthing, West Sussex BN16 1AH

20th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

Capel Recreation Ground, Capel, Surrey RH5 5LD
Static show. Entry forms at www.capelcarshow.com
or contact Andrew Forsyth, 13 Mortimer Road,
Capel, Surrey RH5 5LB

21st/22nd October - Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire.
If you would like to exhibit your motorcycle, can
you let us know. Contact Gerry Scott 0151 2294472
e-mail: gerry.scott@btinternet.com

If you have any more events or shows that might be of
interest, can you send details to HPMG
41 Shawford Road, West Ewell, Surrey KT19 9SW