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David's Page

Welcome everyone to 2016

First of all we have to thank everyone who attended the events and shows in 2015, they put on an excellent display and the feed back was very helpful, well done. Remember that by showing of your ex-police motorcycles, you are giving the public a chance to see something unique and rare. It doesn't matter whether it is still in police livery or has been put back into civilian trim, they were all working bikes and deserve to be appreciated. Please check out the full list of events on the back page for this year and come along to as many as you can. The more vehicles on show the better. Check out the photo's as shown in this newsletter and if you locate any new or unusual ones please pass on to Paul for future display in the newsletter.

Have a great summer and see you all at the events.

Remember, Enjoy Yourselves.

David Bragg

Pictures from the Archive - Home Office



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The pictures on both pages are from the Home Office and are dated between 1992 and 1993 and show various demonstrators from Suzuki together with the final police spec models from BMW and Honda. Please enjoy them and see if you recognise any of them, especially the Suzuki motorcycles.

Thanks to David Crowther for the pictures.



Southsea Vehicle Show - 5th April 2015



Ride Free Motorcycle Show - 12th April 2015



Brooklands Emergency Services Show - 4th May 2015



Over the May Day Bank Holiday we were invited to attend the annual Emergency Services Day at the wonderful venue of the Brooklands Museum in Surrey. On display we managed to show 10 bikes together with our usual picture displays. Tony provided his super BMW K100 SEG (ex-Metropolitan Police), Dylan his ex-Surrey Police BMW R80RT, a rare bike now in full police livery. Nick showed his ex-Metropolitan Police LE Velocette (see front cover) and Andy brought down his BMW K1200RS-P (ex-West Midlands Police). David showed his Honda NT650V (ex-City of London Police) to add to the colourful display. We added the Dutch Honda ST1100, the original Police spec Honda ST1300 and my Moto Guzzi 850T3PA (Carabinieri, Italy). As always, Police vehicle were everywhere, together with the Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and lot's of other organisations. All the Emergency Services of every kind were represented on site. We were asked to put on a small display in the arena and there is a video of us at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81PGkXpY4P4>. This event has grown and grown over the years and 2015 was their best yet with over 5000 visitors coming through the gates. The Brooklands Museum show is on again this year, please come along and support this worthy museum.



Southern Classic Bike Show, Kempton Park - 23rd May 2015



We had our annual invitation to display at the Southern Classic Bike Show, Kempton Park Racecourse. Despite a slightly smaller space, we managed to squeeze in an ex-Metropolitan Police Triumph Thunderbird, ex-Metropolitan Police LE Velocette, ex-LAPD Kawasaki KZ1000P. Ex-Polizia Municipale Piaggio Free, Yamaha FJR1300P demonstrator and ex-Carabinieri Moto Guzzi 850T3PA. Lot's of pictures together with some Police caps and helmets finished the display. The main hall is full of brilliant club stands with bikes of all ages. Guess what, we won yet another trophy, this time for 2nd best club stand. Terry's luck is still there because he won yet another prize for his Kawasaki Z1000P. This show is highly recommended because besides the club stands, it also hosts a very large auto-jumble outside.



Hampshire Constabulary Families Open Day - 6th June 2015



Having not been to Hampshire Constabulary Families Day for a couple of years, it was nice to be invited back to show off our motorcycles. Tony Johnson of Hampshire Police organised it for us to attend and he showed his ex-Metropolitan Police SEG BMW R100. Terry Nelhams very kindly showed his rare Japanese Police Honda CBX750P, Trevor Wood brought along his equally rare Rickman Zundap 125 which saw service in Hampshire together with his ex-Metropolitan LE Velocette. We also had David Porters ex-Metropolitan BMW R75/7 and Nick Carters ex-Metropolitan Police LE Velocette. Weather was kind and the sun even came out. We were also joined by a collection of American Police Cars, very colourful. This very popular event is always well attended, even though it's not open to the general public. This years Families day is on the 4th June at the Netley HQ as usual, please come along.

Epsom Coaches 95th Anniversary Open Day - 20th June 2015



Ruislip Manor Fun Day - 4th July 2015



Spied by the editor on the streets



Spied on the back of a lorry.

Brand New Kawasaki 1400GTRs' on their way to Wales



Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show - 19th July 2015



On Sunday 19th July, we wandered along to the Chiltern Open Air Museum for their annual Transport Show. The show is a bit like spending a lazy summers day in the country and fortunately the weather stayed dry. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings and has events throughout the year. See their website www.coam.org.uk for more details. We were joined in our line up by the Busy Bee Motorcycle Club who always show a very interesting range of older motorcycles. Opposite on the green were the Veteran Cycle Club with their very old bicycles and period costumes. The main field was full of interesting vehicles of all shapes and sizes. The show is on this year and if you fancy coming along can you see the events listing on the back page.

Emergency Services Show - 26th July 2015



The Hampshire Ambulance Service again organised a 999 show at Bordon. We managed to put on a small display of four bikes plus our picture display. Next to us were Hampshire Constabulary with some of their fleet and opposite were the restored UK and US Police vehicles. Dotted around the arena were preserved Fire Engines and the Hampshire Ambulance Service with their weird and wonderful vehicles. All the Emergency Services were well represented. Arena displays for the public were ongoing all day. The show is on again this year but it has changed the venue location, please see events list on the back page for more details and contact.



Avon & Somerset Constabulary Open Day - 13th September 2015



Spied by the editor on the streets



I saw this ex-police DMW 250 Deemster, registered in 1965 whilst having coffee at Newlands Corner in Surrey. It is quite original and exceptionally rare and the owner uses it frequently. Great to see the old Villiers 2T still being used.



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Sand and Motorcycles -27th September 2015



We were invited to attend a show at the Leighton Buzzard Railway for motorcycles and scooters of all ages. Once we had put up the display and organised our bikes, we promptly disappeared for a full English breakfast. Then it was onto the light railway for a ride to the Stonehenge Works Station. Here they worked the sand quarries and used the trains to transport the sand to the main line routes. What fun to travel on a narrow gauge railway, crossing main roads and pass the back of gardens. The motorcycles were used to transport info to and from the works to the station, hence the Sand and Motorcycles link. Terry and I disappeared for hours from our stand and didn't return until lunchtime by which time the entire grass field in front of us had been turned in to a giant car park for visiting motorcycles. The event is on this year and please come along to support the show and the railway. It's like being a kid again, riding along on a steam train, albeit on a smaller scale.



Policing Through the Ages, Gunwharf Quays- 3rd October 2015



Transportfest, Brooklands - 18th October 2015



On Sunday 18th October, the London Bus Museum located at Brooklands Museum in Surrey had their annual Transportfest. It's a celebration of everything related to transport with a very large turnout of buses and coaches from the early year to the present. We put up a display of five police motorcycles including David Bragg's ex-City of London Honda Deauville. Transportation of every type are scattered all over the museum site. Apart from all the vehicles on display, the museum has a large display of Aircraft including Concorde to explore. Another great show and so much to see. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, the event is on again this year. Please see events page for details.



Behind the Badge - Lancashire Police HQ, Hutton. 2015

Large police exhibitions don't come along very often, so the Lancashire Police event in 2014 was a surprise and a pleasure. Even more surprising was that we had been invited to a repeat event in 2015, which, once again, was funded by the proceeds of crime. The basic thinking is to get the public on their side and to get the message through that the means are there and you will be caught if you break the law. Once again there were plenty of events, visits to the Control Room etc., and a great friendly atmosphere.

Words & pictures care of Gerry Scott.



Overt,
Covert,
Ducatti
BMW
Kawasaki

Either one will spoil
someone's fun.



A Stafford Compendium



The October 2015 line-up in Side Hall 2 at Stafford. It was rather a tight squeeze with six bikes as it was supposed to be enough for eight or nine.

(Left to right) 1968 Norton Atlas 750cc; 1961 BSA A10 Gold Flash 650cc; 1982 BMW R80 TIC 800cc; 1969 Triumph Saint 650; 1972 Norton Interpol 750 and a 1975 Jawa engined 250cc CZ. We also had a Kawasaki KZ1000 at the back.

With two shows a year and only one newsletter, it's easy to forget to do a write-up sometimes.

For Oct '15 and April '16 we are in a new location - 'Side Hall 2'. The organisers now use the Meat Hall for the Restoration Show. It's not a bad location (loading and access is easy) and we've had plenty of interesting visitors here. This is in contrast to the rather poor turnout the previous April when we were on the balcony and we were blighted with health and vehicle problems. Most of the bikes on the left are regulars, so I'm including pictures of some machines that have been to other recent shows here and didn't get a mention.

The visitor numbers increase every year, as do the machines and traders - so much so that the camping and parking areas have had to be increased. Early booking is essential. It is very much a two day event if you want to try and see most things. And still we manage to speak to the visitors to the stand, some of them can be very interesting and informative. We can't guarantee the weather but there's always something to see, inside or out. Words & pictures care of Gerry Scott.



(Left) Two of Pete Lacks machines. His 1961 Triumph 3TA and 1979 BMW R80/RT. These were regulars but now all are sold due to ill health.

Did Paul Reade's 1959 5TA (right) search for the Great Train Robbers?

The imported Moto Guzzi MTX750 stands next to an ex-Lancashire 1972 Norton Interpol 750 (below left).

Typical of the rare small and unusual machines that we see is this 1957 Excelsior Consort. It is believed to be ex- RAF police. (Bottom right)



NWMORT Emergency Services Day 2015



The Northwest Museum of Road Transport held it's annual Emergency Service Day and we showed a couple of motorcycles together with some Blood & Organ bikes and their riders. Even the date was changed in the hope of getting better weather. It didn't work. It was still wet. However, we hung around for a while as it was clearing up, and it stopped shortly afterwards. Unfortunately, this rain followed a dry spell which left the roads polished, greasy and wet for the ride home. Words & pictures care of Gerry Scott.



Horse drawn buses, Moggies and Milk Floats. What else would you expect?

Retired Police Motorcycle - DMW Deemster

Built by Dawson Motor Works in Dudley, Worcestershire, England, the police model DMW was first introduced in 1963. It was designed by Mike Riley of DMW and had scooter paneling, leading link front forks and 16 inch wheels. The early engine was a Villiers 2T, later replaced with a flat twin Viceroy engine. The radio, a Cosser, sat on top of the fuel tank. DMW sold approximately 250 to eight British Police Forces.



Retired Police Motorcycle - Harley Davidson Servi-Car

Introduced by Harley Davidson in 1932, the Servi-car was based on the 'D' model 45 cubic inch V twin engine, car type rear end with a differential axle. The Servi-car was popular with garages/auto shops, who would ride to the customer's home, hook the Servi-car behind the auto and then drive back to the garage. The police departments in the USA found it especially useful for parking and traffic enforcement. Officers liked the ability to be able to ride slowly through parking areas, marking the rear wheel of the parked cars with chalk on a stick. When they came back, the vehicles remaining with chalk marks over their time limit would be given a ticket. The Servi-car would often be used by female personnel and gave rise to the term 'Meter Maids'. This model saw production up to the 1970's. It was Harley Davidson's longest production run for a model.



Retired Police Motorcycle - Honda NT650V Deauville

The Honda NT650V Deauville was in production from 1998 until 2005 when it was replaced by the bigger NT700V. The engine, a liquid cooled V-twin goes back to the original NTV650. The motorcycles for the UK are converted by Honda to emergency specification. As a tried and tested formula, it has proven itself in the field as a good operational vehicle, excellent in town because of its light weight. It comes with as standard a front fairing for keeping the weather off, an advanced combined braking system and built-in panniers. Has been especially popular with European forces. The pictures show a Surrey Police model which was also equipped with a camera and recording equipment.



New Police Motorcycle - Yamaha



FJR1300P (European Spec)



FJR1300P (UK Spec)



XT1200Z (European Spec)



MT-09 Tracer (European Spec)



TMAX (European Spec)



XJ6 (European Spec)

New Police Motorcycle - Yamaha



FJR1300P Guardia Civil, Spain



FJR1300P KMar, The Netherlands



XT660Z Polizia Municipale, Italy



FJR1300P Polizei, Germany

The new range of Yamaha Police motorcycles and scooters were shown at the Milipol Trade Show in Paris late last year. Milipol is Europe's largest trade show for military and police vehicles. Yamaha have been developing and supplying police specification motorcycles since 1987. The latest lineup includes the flagship FJR1300P, the XJ6 and the new MT-09 Tracer, seen for the first time in police colours. All the models are available from the Iwata factory in Japan and are then fitted out by the local (Country) branches of Yamaha to follow their own countries specific requirements.

Thanks to Yamaha Motor UK for the pictures.



Tricity Police spec

Events 2016

23rd/24th April - International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire
Contact Gerry Scott e-mail: gerry@policebikes.org.uk

2nd May - Brooklands Emergency Services 'May Day'

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN
Contact Donna Hopton at events@brooklandsmuseum.com
www.brooklandsmuseum.com

8th May - Ride it Right

Guildford Fire Station
Ladymead, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1DL
Contact & e-mail: andrew.hart@surreycc.gov.uk

21st May - Southern Bike Show

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

21st/22nd May - Fire Engine & Vintage Vehicle Rally

Preston Hall Museum and Park, Yarm Road,
Stocton-on-Tees TS18 3RH
Website for details www.fireenginerally.co.uk

4th June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

Police HQ, Netley, Hampshire. Static show.
e-mail: antony.johnson37@ntlworld.com

18th/19th June - 999 Show

The 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park, Newbury Road,
Headley, Hampshire RG19 8JY
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

25th June - 999 Emergency Services Show

Budds Lane, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 0JB
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

26th June - 999 Emergency Services Show

Beachlands, Seafront,
Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 0AG
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

2nd/3rd July - The Emergency Services Heritage Show

Newark Showground, Nottinghamshire NG24 2NY
All Emergency Services vehicles welcome.
www.newark999show.co.uk

2nd/3rd July - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western Lawns, Eastbourne, Sussex
Website for details www.999display.co.uk

3rd July - Brooklands Motorcycle Show

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN
contact events@brooklandsmuseum.com
www.brooklandsmuseum.com

16th/17th July - Classic Vehicle Show

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newlands Park,
Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

17th July - Alton Bus Rally & Running Day

Emergency Services vehicles are welcome
Anstey Park, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2NB
www.altonbusrally2015.com

24th July - Durham Police Bikewise

Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT
Contact details www.bikewise.org.uk

14th August - Classic Car Show

Cranleigh Showground, Cranleigh, GU6 7DW
www.cranleighlions.org/classic-car-show.php

20th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

Capel Recreation Ground, Capel, Surrey RH5 5LD
e-mail: andrewforsyth@talk21.com
www.capelcarshow.com

20th/21st August - Blues & Twos Weekend

The Trolleybus Museum, Belton Road,
Sandtoft, Doncaster DN8 5SX www.sandtoft.org.uk

11th September - Wiltshire Emergency Services Show

Hullavington Airfield, Wiltshire.
For contact and details, please go to the website
www.theemergencyservicesshow.com

17th/18th September - RAF Burtonwood Weekend

RAF Burtonwood Heritage Centre, Gullivers World,
Old, Warrington WA5 9YZ
Contact Matt Kirkham, Cheshire Constabulary
e-mail: matt.kirkham@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

25th September - Sand and Motorcycles

Leighton Buzzard Railway, Pages Park,
Billington Road LU7 4TN
For details www.buzzrail.co.uk
E-mail: n.cairns650@btinternet.com

15th/16th October - Motorcycle Mechanics Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire.
Contact Gerry Scott e-mail: gerry@policebikes.org.uk

23rd October - Transportfest 2015

London Bus Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
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If you have any more shows or events that might be of interest, can you send the details to

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Look out for any additional events.