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David's Page

Welcome everyone to 2017

First of all we have to thank everyone who attended the events and shows in 2016, 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 Yourselfes.

David Bragg

End of the Line - Honda ST1300P



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Rancho Mirage Police, USA



Staffordshire Police, UK



Kent Police, UK



Army Logistics, UK

Production of the Honda ST1300 has finally finished this year and I thought it would be nice to reflect back on a model that is personally one of my favourite motorcycles alongside the old Honda ST1100. I know it's not an old model but it first appeared in 2002 and hasn't changed to the present day, a production run of 15 years. On these two pages I have pictures of the Honda ST1300P shown in various colour schemes from both the UK, the Netherlands and the USA. The ST found favour amongst many police departments around the globe, testament to the build quality and running costs. It may not be the fastest or the most up to date in electronics, but it does everything required of a working motorcycle.



Ambulance Service, the Netherlands



Politie, the Netherlands

Brooklands Emergency Services Show - 2th May 2016



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Brooklands Museum in Surrey hosted their annual Emergency Services Day on the first May Day Bank Holiday. Although the weather was overcast it remained dry. We managed to display six bikes together with our picture boards. The Honda ST1300 and the Yamaha FJR1300 were used for 'Childrens' Corner'. The queue of people, both young and old wanting to have their pictures taken on a police bike never stopped all day. As usual our friends from PC-UK turned up in mass with their splendid collection of retired and restored police cars. There was a super turnout from all of the current Emergency Services all showing off the latest vehicles and equipment spread all over the museum complex. The show is on again this year, please see the events page at the back.



Ride it Right - 8th May 2016



The crew at Guildford Fire Station had their Ride it Right event. Super sunny day, I popped down on the old Carabinieri Moto Guzzi for display. Biksafe were there, together with Serv and their Blood bikes. Several local motorcycle dealers were showing too. BMW had their big rig at the front of the station and were offering demo rides. Lot's of food and lot's of fellow motorcyclists. The event is planned for this year and I recommend it highly.

Southern Classic Bike Show, Kempton Park - 21st May 2016



Kempton Park beckoned for the annual Southern Classic Bike Show. Friday afternoon, setup time, David Smith kindly helped with the build up and we managed to squeeze five bikes onto the stand. Pictures covered the whole area. Terry kindly supplied his Honda CBX750 which yet again won another prize. David Bragg loaned his ex-City of London Police Honda NT650A Deauville to complete the display. Saturday arrived, show day. As always it was both hectic and busy with lot's off questions being asked. It's also a great show to catch up with friends we haven't seen for awhile. Competition from stands to win prizes was fierce this year and our neighbours the Douglas Club won 1st Prize. Well done to them. Show is on again this year, so please come and see us.



Hampshire Constabulary Families Open Day - 4th June 2016



Hampshire Constabulary had their annual Families Day at the Netley Police HQ. We joined up with PC-UK and their collection of police cars. Tony Johnson showed his BMW K100 Special Escort model ex-Metropolitan Police, Trevor Wood his very rare Rickman 125 ex-Hampshire Police and his LE Velocette ex-Hampshire Police. Dave Porter displayed his BMW R75/7 ex-Metropolitan Police and I brought along the Yamaha FJR1300 demonstrator. Considering the event is not open to the general public, they get a awful lot of people. Hampshire Police and the rest of the Emergency Services showed of their latest vehicles and equipment. Behind the HQ there were stalls and marques all raising money for various charities. The Open Day is on again this year, please see the events page for details.



999 Show 4 Kingdoms - 19 June 2016



Spied by the editor on the streets



Ruislip Manor Fun Day - 2nd July 2016



Saturday July 5th, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex had it's annual Fun day. We displayed six Police bikes which included Terry's rare Honda CBX750P and 'Dave' his Kawasaki KZ1000P. The Metropolitan Police showed a 1973 Austin 1100 from the Metropolitan Police Historic Fleet which the local Police Team had organised. Up and down the Manor, dozens of organisations and charities had laid out stalls. Weather was warm and pleasant and we spent the day with lot's of families sitting on the bikes having their pictures taken. The Austin 1100 created quite a stir, as a colourful reminder how different police cars used to be. A super day was had by all.



Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show - 17th July 2016



On Sunday 17th July, we popped along to the Chiltern Open Air Museum for their annual Transport Show. The show is like spending a lazy summers day in the country and fortunately for us the weather was great. 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 as usual 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. We had one very special guest who appears on the front cover of this newsletter. The show is on this year and if you fancy coming along can you see the events listing on the back page and let me know.

Metropolitan Police Harrow Open Day - 4th September 2016



The Metropolitan Police at Harrow Police Station via the International Police Association (IPA) asked us to provide some police motorcycles for an open day at the Pinner Memorial Park. So we brought along four bikes plus our picture boards. I think Eric appreciates a day out too. The park is a little oasis with a large pond, Cafe and a soon to be opened museum. The Police provided other vehicles to show including a Panda Car from the Historic Fleet Collection. The mounted division provided horses and riders. What a busy day, took us all by surprise. Lot's of families, lot's of pictures taken. My thanks must go to the IPA and Harrow Police for letting us come along and also for their help in moving our bikes and extras.



Sand and Motorcycles -25th September 2016



We were once again invited to attend the annual show at the Leighton Buzzard Railway for motorcycles and scooters of all ages. This time David Smith joined Terry and I. Morning was a bit drizzly but it soon cleared up. First priority, get the display up quickly, organise our motorbikes, then promptly disappear for a full English breakfast. Then back to work at the display. We were joined by two other bikes, a Triumph Speed twin, ex-police and an LE Velocette who just happened to turn up for the show and wanted to join our display. Then it was onto the light railway for a ride to the Stonehenge Works Station. We took the diesel engine train which produced quite a lot of fumes and I don't think David was that impressed although Terry and I were like little kids enjoying a big scale train set. What fun to travel on a narrow gauge railway, crossing main roads and pass the back of gardens. The motorcycles connection is that they were used to transport info to and from the works to the station, hence the Sand and Motorcycles link. 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 or diesel train, albeit on a smaller scale.



Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show -16th October 2016



David, Terry and I (Paul H) decided to visit the crew at the Classic Motorcycle Show held at the Stafford Showground as we hadn't been for a long time. As usual, the police motorcycle display was a super mix with a 1938 Brough Superior SS80 ex-Metropolitan Police, 1959 Triumph Speed Twin 5TA ex-Buckinghamshire Constabulary, 1961 BSA A10 Gold Flash 650 ex-Lincolnshire Police, 1968 Norton Atlas 750 ex-West Mercia Constabulary, 1969 Triumph TR-6P ex-Liverpool City Police and a BMW R80 ex-Merseyside Police. All the motorbikes were resplendent in their police livery, a credit to the owners. If you want to display your bike at either of the two shows at Stafford, could you please see the events page for details.

Transportfest - 23rd October 2016



The London Bus Museum at the Brooklands Museum invited us along to their annual Transportfest Show. Weather was dry and sunny. We provided four police motorcycles plus Eric. As always the buses on display are varied and excellent. Our illustrious 'leader' Mr Bragg turned up in a double decker bus in keeping with the theme. A nice day was had by all. The show is on again this year and if you fancy coming along, you get to see the whole of Brooklands Museum. Please see the events page for further details.



Retired Police Motorcycle - Honda CB450P

The CB450, otherwise known as the Black Bomber was introduced to the general public in 1965. It was the first large capacity model produced by Honda. The 'Police Special' came equipped with a solo seat, rear radio rack, red or blue front pursuit lights, a friction driven siren which took the drive of the back wheel and a large calibrated speedometer for checking speeding motorists. Used heavily by the Japanese market, Honda tried to break into the lucrative American law enforcement market but failed because of Harley Davidson's dominance. Production of this model ceased in 1976.

Engine: four stroke, twin cylinder
Capacity: 445cc
Maximum Power: 45bhp
Transmission: 4 speed, chain final
Wheelbase: 1350mm
Weight: 438lb (199kg)
Speed: 103mph (165kph)

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Single seat, crash bars,
radio rack and box,
blue halogen lights,
mechanical friction siren.

Retired Police Motorcycle - Triumph Speed Twin



FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Solo seat, radio rack,
optional leg shields,
fire extinguisher,
Radio equipment

Engine: four stroke, twin cylinder

Capacity: 499cc

Maximum Power: 27bhp

Transmission: 4 speed, chain final

Wheelbase: 1400mm

Weight: 395lb (179kg)

Speed: approx 75mph (120kph)

The Triumph Speed Twin was first introduced to the public at the Olympia Show in 1937. Although the original model wasn't very powerful, it made up the difference by being lighter which allowed it to be quicker of the mark and much easier starting. At the time it was probably the most up to date motorcycle available for sale. From the very beginning of production the Speed Twin was put to both police and military use with the Metropolitan Police the first to employ the bikes on the streets of London. Other forces and countries quickly followed their example and the Triumph was soon on active service throughout the world. The picture above shows a 1957 Speed Twin, Kent Constabulary model in police trim complete with a BCC radio system.

Retired Police Motorcycle - MZ ETZ250F



Engine: two stroke, single cylinder
Capacity: 243cc
Maximum Power: 21bhp
Transmission: 5 speed, chain final
Wheelbase: 1336mm
Weight: 321lb (146kg)
Speed: 87mph (140kph)

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Fairing, crash bars,
 solo seat, panniers,
 blue halogen warning lights,
 mechanical siren,
 radio system

Production of the MZ ETZ250 was between 1983-1990. They were manufactured at the East German Factory of MZ (Motorradwerke Zschopau) which was originally the factory for DKW before World War II. The 250 was designed to be a rugged utilitarian machine. The pictures you see are of a 1983 MZ ETZ250F now retired from the Volkspolizei Kreisamt, Stendal, Germany.

Retired Police Motorcycle - Yamaha XS850

Engine: four stroke, three cylinder
Capacity: 826cc
Maximum Power: 60bhp
Transmission: 5 speed, shaft final
Wheelbase: N/A
Weight: 604lb (274kg)
Speed: N/A

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Full fairing, solo seat,
panniers, rear radio rack,
blue halogen warning lights,
illuminated rear Police sign,
electric two tone horns

The Yamaha XS started life in the 1970's as a 750 with an unusual configuration of three cylinders. Engine was enlarged to 826cc and it became the XS850. Pictures show the original 850 UK prototype. Designed and built by Vehicle Developments in Andover, it never went into active service, whereas the 750 was used in other parts of the globe. The fairing and panniers were made and supplied by the Rickman Brothers, a familiar accessories supplier of the period.

New Police Motorcycle - Yamaha Tricity 125



The YAMAHA Tricity 125 a perfect addition to any police bike fleet

The Yamaha Tricity 125 has a unique urban character that adds distinction to any modern day police fleet. It's light weight and compact dimensions make for easy-riding and agility throughout city traffic. It features two large front wheels, specifically designed for enhanced stability on the road and for confident driving on various road conditions, even over slippery tram rails. It's the best way to move in urban areas, 7 days a week.

The fuel-injected 4-stroke 125cc engine delivers a quick, responsive performance to help stay ahead of traffic, while its powerful set of three discs and Unified Braking System delivers powerful and predictable braking, enabling police officers to be able to react quickly to any situation.

The Tricity 125 Police allows for full police equipment installation, plus it comes with a large double seat and ample storage space that's big enough for one full-face helmet as well as smaller items - for extra on-the-job comfort and convenience.

The Tricity 125 police equipment kit consist of:

- Rear carrier with 39L Top Case including brackets and locks. LED warning light with a rotating or flash option. A pair of front blue lights and a 5-tone sirens. Brackets for relay and fuses.
- Neodymium loudspeakers

Upon request, Yamaha can also provide custom-made police stickers. These are not included in the standard kit.

This innovative, new addition offers your police fleet extra agility, stability and comfort, all with the same trusted reliability and practicality that Yamaha has been known to deliver since 1987.

Thank you to Yamaha Motors UK for the pictures and press release information.

New Police Motorcycle - Zero Electric



Zero DSR ZF13 Police model at the Motorcycle Live Show 2016

Zero Motorcycles Patrol Fleet

Zero Motorcycles offers police motorcycles with customisable options to meet the specific needs of a wide variety of patrol applications.

With the ability to patrol both on and off road areas, the new police motorcycles offer unique advantages over internal combustion driven machines. The 100% electric powertrain is nearly silent, exhaust free, produces minimal heat, has instant torque from zero rpm and is highly manoeuvrable. With a 'fuel' cost of a 0,01 €/km and a maintenance-free powertrain, a Zero Motorcycles patrol fleet offers the ability to save your agency money while also giving you a tactical advantage.

Advantages of Electric Patrolling

With no gears, clutch or noise, officers can focus on patrolling. They can perform highly technical manoeuvres during intense situations where performance and agility are essential. While in crowds or indoors, the absence of exhaust eliminates ventilation concerns and opens up new, or improves current, patrolling scenarios.

- Patrolling and investigating public lands: parks, beaches, dirt trails, running paths
- Event safety and crowd control: concerts, parades, sporting events
- General city patrols: dense pedestrian areas, city streets, local emergency calls
- Stealth patrols: drug enforcement, burglary, security, other situations where silence is an advantage.



Information from press details on Zero web site

www.zeromotorcycles.com/eu/fleet/police

Events 2017

9th April - Ride it Right

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

22nd/23rd April - International Classic Bike Show

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

1st May - Brooklands Emergency Services Day

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

20th May - Southern Bike Show

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

29th May - The 999 Show

National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire SO42 7ZN
Static bike show. Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

3rd June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

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

24th June - 999 Emergency Services Show

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

24th/25th June - Fire Engine & Vintage Vehicle Rally

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

24th/25th June - Emergency Services Weekend

Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre
Station Road, Amberley, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9LT
e-mail: office@amberleymuseum.co.uk

8th/9th July - 999 Emergency Services Display

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

15th/16th 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

16th July - Alton Bus Rally & Running Day

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

23rd July - Durham Police Bikewise

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

29th/30th July - The Emergency Services Heritage Show

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

12th August - 999 Day

National Emergency Service Museum
The Old Fire/Police Station, West Bar, Sheffield S3 8PT
Contact Andrew Lambert
andrewsimonlambert@hotmail.com

19th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

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

19th August - Cops & Robbers at the Ace Cafe

North Circular, London. Static show.
Contact Steve Woodward (PCUK)
e-mail: blackrat2113@gmail.com

19th/20th August - Blues & Twos Weekend

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

9th/10th 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

24th 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

30th September - Policing Through the Ages

Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3TZ
Static show with Hampshire Police and PC UK
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

14th/15th October - Motorcycle Mechanics Show

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

22nd October - Transportfest 2016

London Bus Museum, Brooklands, 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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