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David's Page

First of all welcome to everyone to 2019 and a big thank you to all of you who attended the events and shows in 2018. As always they put on a super display and are appreciated by the public who have probably never seen some of the models on display. Good to give them a chance to get up close and personal with our retired

police motorcycles and to enquire about their history and were they were operational. Again there are lot's happening this year, so please see the back page for a full list of events and shows.

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

Remember, Enjoy Yourselves.

David Bragg

Vintage Police Motorcycle Adverts

Just for a change I thought it would be interesting to try and find some adverts that promoted Police motorcycle sales worldwide. Found a select few and I hope will bring back memories. Paul H

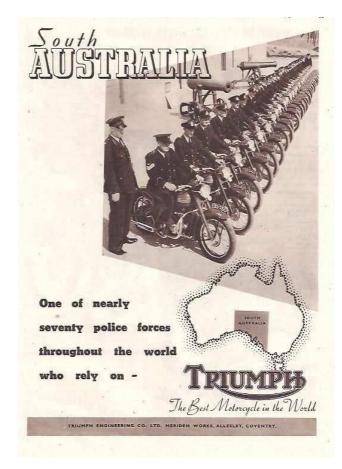


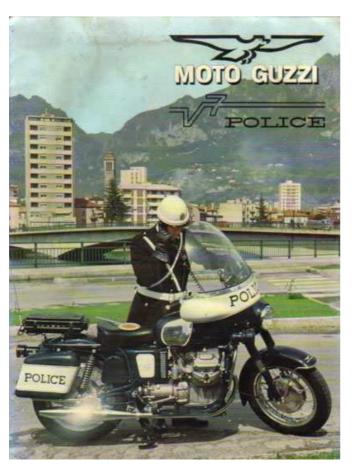














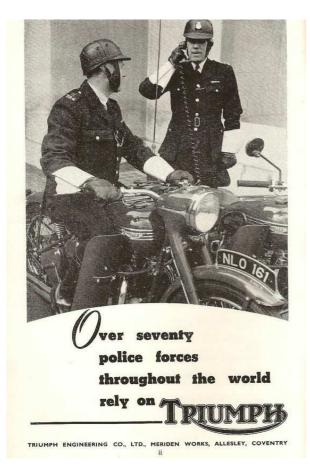
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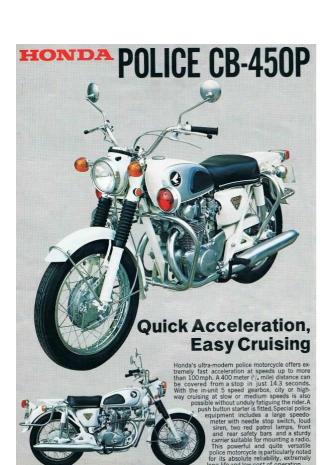
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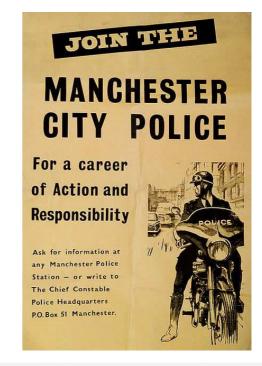














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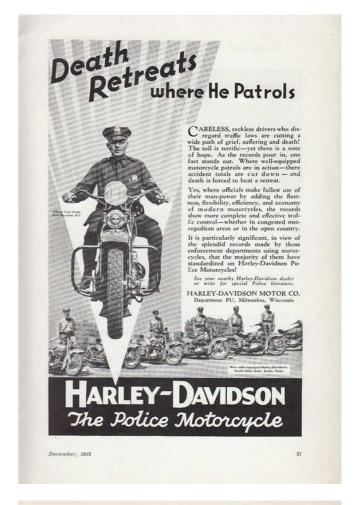
















London Bus Museum Spring Gathering - 16th April 2018













Sunday 16th April, Terry and I went to Brooklands Museum with his Yamaha XJ6-P and the Yamaha FJR1300-P for the first show of the season, the London Bus Museum Spring Gathering. Although overcast, it stayed dry. As ever the buses had a huge turnout of double and single decker buses and it's always super to see what I used to ride in when at school in London. The beauty of coming to Brooklands is that you have free access to the whole site which is steeped in history. The Bus Museum have a couple of events for this year, please see back page.

Brooklands Emergency Services Day - 7th May 2018











Bank Holiday Monday, May 7th saw us going to one of our favourite venues, the Brooklands Museum in Surrey. They were hosting their annual Emergency Services Day of which I believe this was the 21st year as we attended it way back in 1998 when the display consisted of just 8 motorcycles, a few Surrey police cars and a couple of fire engines. My how times have changes, now it's hundreds of emergency vehicles both serving and preserved from all over. Unusually for a bank holiday it was super sunny and 30 degrees. David, Terry, Brian and Eric very kindly helped with set up which was in the Motoring Village beside the main entrance. On display we had the Honda CBX750P (Japanese Police), a BMW K1200RS (ex-Midlands Police), a Honda ST1300P (ex-Military Police), a Moto Guzzi T3PA (ex-Carabinieri, Italy), a Honda ST1100P (ex-Dutch Politie), a LE Velocette (ex-Police), a Triumph T100P (ex-City of London Police) and the Yamaha FJR1300P demonstrator. Our neighbours for the day were the members of SERV and their vast display of Blood motorcycles.

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Doors opened at 9.30 am and from the off we were mobbed. Everyone, young and old wanted their picture taken on a police motorcycle. Our friends from PC-UK had set up shop round the corner with their fleet of preserved police motorcars and they had the great unveiling of their new mobile 'Police' station. As ever the display was excellent. Tony joined them with his BMW K100 (ex-SEG Metropolitan Police). It was great to see the Metropolitan Police turn up on mass with both their Historic Fleet of vehicles as well as the Special Escort Group (SEG) with their current Honda VFR1200P and the older historic BMW's. All around Brooklands there were Fire Engines and appliances, Ambulances and their teams and Police vehicles of all shapes and sizes. The general public have a fantastic day of getting up close to the vehicles and to ask questions of the officers and crews. As I said the weather was wonderful and it helps the attendance. A long, hot and sunny day but what fun. Brooklands are planning for this year so please see the events page at the back.

Hampshire Constabulary Families Open Day - 2nd June 2017





Saturday 2nd June 2018 - Hampshire Constabulary Families Open Day. With the van loaded with the Police Honda ST1300P and Police Yamaha FJ6P, Terry and I (Paul H) set off for the annual Families Day at their Police HQ at Netley near Portsmouth. We were joined by Tony Johnson with his BMW K100 ex-Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group (SEG) and Rickman Zundapp 125 ex-Hampshire Police, Trevor Wood with his LE Velocette ex-Hampshire Police, Dylan Snashall with his ex-Surrey Police BMW R80RT, Andy Boyce and his ex-Midlands Police BMW K1200RS and Roger Mills with his ex-Hampshire Police Honda CD200 Benly. Our friends, Police Car-UK with their splendid collection of British Police cars and also they had their new mobile exhibition unit on display. The USA was well represented by the American Car Club and their very large and loud Police cars. Hampshire Police provided an array of current operational vehicles for the public to jump in and explore.







Hampshire Constabulary Families Open Day - 2nd June 2018





The Fire Brigade were in attendance together with the Ambulance Service and other agencies. The day turned out to be hot and sunny, thankfully we had the gazebo to hide under. Later, in the early afternoon, the Force helicopter gave a fly over much to the delight of the people on the ground. As ever there were lot's of families and it is always a very busy event despite the fact it is only open to the families and friends of Hampshire Police and not to the general public. In the grounds behind the HQ were many stalls devoted to raising money for both police charities and other organisations. A hot lunch was very kindly provided by Hampshire Police. A super day out was had by all. Enjoy the pictures. The Families Day is on again this year please see events listings.









Surrey Norton Owners Club - 16th June 2018





Saturday 16th June saw us popping over to the Surrey section of the Norton Owners Club for a bash at their local pub and meeting point, the Stepping Stones Pub, West Hamble, Surrey. Terry very kindly rode our police Yamaha FJR1300 and I took my ex-Carabinieri Moto Guzzi 850T3PA. The show, in aid of the Joan Seeley Pain Relief Memorial Trust was based in the pub car park and was packed full of both new and old, exotic and modern. To our right were Seeley racing motorcycles and to our left racing MV Augustas'. Opposite us were racing models from BSA, Ducati, Honda. Yamaha and others including one of Barry Sheene's racing bikes, a 1973 Suzuki TR500 which he won his first championship on. Motorcycle Racing history on two wheels and it was here for everyone to admire. The range of motorcycles being ridden in ranged from early flat tank models up to the present day including lot's of Seeley designed models. Something for everyone. At one point I counted 120+ bikes packed into the car park, a splendid turnout. Weather was overcast but dry. We walked over to Rykas at Box Hill for a coffee after lunch and even there you could hear the sound of one of the racing bikes being revved. Hope they have good neighbours. Nice relaxed day was had by all.









Aldershot Fire Station Open Day - 23rd June 2018











Saturday 23rd June, Aldershot Fire Station has it's open day. Weather was hot and sunny. Took the Yamaha Police FJR1300 and Tony Johnson showed his Rickman 125 (ex-Hampshire Police) and BMW K100 (ex-Metropolitan Police SEG) motorcycle. Busy day was had by all with lot's happening around the station. Fire crews giving demonstrations together with the ambulance service. They even had a ducking stool for raising money for charities. On display was a large gathering of fire engines, both new and old. We also had a busy day and at one point the queue to sit on the Yamaha was longer then the ice-cream wagon. Enjoyable day was had by everyone.



On the Buses - 24th June 2018





Sunday 24th June saw us going back to Brooklands in Surrey for the London Bus Museum On the Buses event. We took along our collection, with the usual suspects on display, the Police Honda ST1300P, Police Yamaha FJR1300P, Carabinieri Moto Guzzi T3 PA, and of course Eric our friendly policeman. Tony from Hampshire very kindly brought along his BMW K100, formerly in service with the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group. Pitched up in our usual corner of the car park, makes you feel at home. The museum very kindly supplied their Police Brough Superior and sidecar to join our display. Weather was gloriously hot and sunny. From the very start it was steady business as always with lot's interest. The buses were parked up all over the site. In front of the club house were the buses that I used to ride in London. Who remembers travelling in them too. Great day was had by all. The Bus Museum are having this event again this year - please see events listing.











4 Kingdoms Park 999 Weekend - 1st July 2018





We were invited to join a 999 event at the 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park just south of the famous Greenham Common airbase (now an Industrial Park) near Newbury. So on Sunday 1st July we put up a display of the Police Honda ST1300P and the Yamaha XJ6-P. In attendance were the local Fire Brigade Preservation Society and their red tenders putting on a show of how the engines and pumps work. As usual the children and adults love the fire engines. It was an exceptionally hot and sunny day as much of the summer had been so far. The owners of the Adventure Park very kindly supplied drinks all day together with a hot lunch, great fully appreciated. This event Is on this year and is open to all emergency services vehicles, both operational and retired.





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Our local Metropolitan
Police Service PCSO's
doing their crime
prevention campaign in
Ruislip Manor outside our
sponsors shop, HGB
Motorcycles.

Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show - 22nd July 2018









The Chiltern Open Air Museum again hosted their annual Transport Show over the weekend of July 21st/22nd. We joined them on the Sunday some our collection of police bikes, this being our 11th year in attendance.. The weather was still very hot and sunny and you can see how burned the grass was. Again this event seems to get busier and busier every year with a vast array of vehicles in the main field opposite us which is great for the museum. As usual we were joined by lot's of older and interesting civilian motorcycles. On the green, the Veteran Cycle Club had their display of the weird and wonderful bicycles through the ages complete with period costumes. Busy day as always with lot's of families enjoying their day. The museum is dedicated to preserving historic buildings and lifestyle from the very early days and is definitely worth a visit if you get a chance. The website is www.coam.org.uk. The show is on again this year, please see the listings on the back page.





Classic Police Vehicles at the Ace Cafe - 18th August 2018









Saturday 18th August, the world famous Ace Cafe had a Classic Police Vehicle meet. Terry and I turned up on his Yamaha XJ6-P and the Dutch Politie Honda ST1100P. Our friends from Police Car UK turned up with their fleet of preserved Police cars. Unfortunately our glorious summer had gone and the day was overcast. Breakfast was had by everyone. The cars on display included a Metropolitan Police Morris Minor Panda car from their Historic Fleet, a retired Metropolitan Police Rover SD-1, retired Essex Police Ford Granada and a retired Metropolitan Police Jaguar. If you ever get a chance, the Ace Cafe is worth a trip. This event is on again this year - please see events listing on the back page.

RAF Kenley - 2nd September 2018









Bob Hennessy and I popped along to his local airfield at RAF Kenley for their Transport show in aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund. The airfield is the last complete Spitfire base in the UK and even the Spitfire blast hangers are still here. On site they have both an Officers Bar and two full size replica Spitfires. Pretty soon the entire site was full of both 2 wheels and 4 wheels of all shapes and sizes. There were also stalls selling a large array of food. Luckily the weather was hot and sunny.

Ally Pally - 22nd/23rd September 2018



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Transportfest - 21st October 2018













The London Bus Museum at Brooklands Museum invited us along to their annual Transportfest Show. Weather was amazingly dry and sunny. We provided four police motorcycles plus Eric, our spokesperson. As usual, they had on site all around the museum a vast display on both new and old buses and coaches. 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 - BMW K100 (SEG)



This BMW K100 served with the Special Escort Group of the Metropolitan Police, London, England. As with the earlier R80, its duties were the escorting and protection of Royalty and dignitaries. Vehicle Developments built them to the Force's own specifications. These specials only have a small handlebar fairing. The lower leg shields are adapted and modified from the K100RT full fairing. Less bodywork allowed the officer to be more visible when controlling traffic but still gave them protection from the elements. Only thirty two were custom made of each model and only a few survive. The model pictured is from 1988 and has been restored back to its original livery.

Engine: four stroke, four cylinder

Capacity: 987cc

Maximum Power: 90bhp

Transmission: 5 speed, shaft final

Wheelbase: 1516mm Weight: 473lb (215kg) Speed: 134mph (215kph)

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Handlebar fairing, leg shields, crash bars, solo seat, panniers, blue strobe warning lights (front & rear), fire extinguisher, radio system

Retired Police Motorcycle - Honda CB250N



Perhaps not an obvious choice for police work, but the CB250N Super Dream pictured was used by the Royal Parks Constabulary in the early 1980's. The above picture shows PC John Funnell of the Royal Parks Constabulary on duty in Richmond Park, Surrey, England proudly showing of his motorcycle. Picture below right is his colleague PC Brian Lane of the Royal Parks. The bikes were standard production models fitted with a Rickman full fairing, panniers and top box. A blue light was fitted to the front. The dual seat was left as normal. Honda's Super Dream was a popular model for the late 1970's through to the mid 1980's with a CB400 also being made. Production ceased in 1983.

Engine: four stroke, twin cylinder

Capacity: 249cc

Maximum Power: 27bhp

Transmission: 6 speed, chain final

Wheelbase: n/a Weight: 365lb (166kg) Speed: 86mph (138kph)

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Full fairing, dual seat, rack & top box, radio, panniers, blue front light.



Retired Police Motorcycle - Honda VFR1200FA-P









Honda VFR1200FA-P was in use with the Special Escort Group (SEG) of the Metropolitan Police Service. They are the specialized section that escorts the Royal Family and other dignitaries around London and the UK. Introduced to their fleet in 2011, it was a departure from BMW to Honda. The VFR's were in plain white colours, no battenburg, blue lights but no sirens. The riders use whistles instead to warn drivers and pedestrians as they are found to be more effective. With a top speed of 150+ mph, they were more then up to the job. Late last year, they were retired from service and replaced with new BMW's.

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Retired Police Motorcycle - Yamaha XJ900



Yamaha have been building and supplying police models of all capacities to forces all over the world. The Yamaha Diversion is one such example, with it's full fairing and powerful four cylinder engine. Police equipment varies form police force to police force with the far east having it's own specific model. The model shown above was developed by Yamaha Europe for the Dutch Politie in the Netherlands. The police equipment was supplied by Federal Signal and the fairing by Schurgers. Only a handful were built and used for promotional work. All the models were stripped of their police accessories and sold on. The picture was taken at Essex Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, UK and the motorcycle was kindly loaned by Yamaha for our Essex Police Motorcycle Rally in 1996.

Engine: four stroke, three cylinder

Capacity: 892cc

Maximum Power: 89bhp

Transmission: 5 speed, shaft final

Wheelbase: 1505mm Weight: 596lb (271kg)

Speed: N/A

FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Full fairing, solo or dual seat, panniers, rear radio rack, blue halogen warning lights, Rear blue pole light, electric two tone horns

Current - Suzuki Burgman Hydrogen Police Scooter



The Suzuki Burgman Hydrogen was introduced to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in London in 2017 as part of an 18 month trial to assess the suitability of hydrogen fuel cell scooters for police work. Based on the Burgman 125, the MPS is the only organization outside of Japan to operate these scooters with the aim of how clean technology could be added to the fleet in the future.

Engine: AC synchronous motor

Fuel Cell Technology: Air-cooled Proton Exchange

Membrane fuel cell **Battery**: Li-ion

Weight: approx 170kg

Range: approx 120km (75 miles)







New Honda Police Motorcycles - Mixed Fleet



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VFR1200XA-P Crosstourer

VFR800FA-P

VFR800XA Crossrunner

For those operational roles where long days in the saddle are an everyday duty, Honda is the obvious partner and perfect choice, with praise for their ergonomic design and in-built comfort rider, and the essential requirements of reliability, performance and ease of maintenance.

Information and pictures kindly supplied by Honda Motorcycles UK

Events 2019

7th April - Spring Gathering

London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey. All preserved emergency vehicles are welcome. Contact Paul H e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

27th/28th April - International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire Contact Gerry Scott e-mail: gerry.scott@btinternet.com

12th May - Brooklands Emergency Services Day

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN If you wish to join us, please Contact Donna Marshall events@brooklandsmuseum.com

??nd June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

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

22nd June - 999 Emergency Services Day

Sandtoft Airfield, Sandtoft Road, Belton,
North Lincolnshire DN9 1PN
All current & preserved emergency vehicles are welcome.
e-mail: sandtoftevents@gmail.com

22nd/23rd June - Emergency Services Weekend

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

23rd June - On the Buses

London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey.
All preserved emergency vehicles are welcome.
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

29th/30th June - Fire Engine & Vintage Vehicle Rally

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

29th/30th June - Ton Up Day

Jack's Hill Cafe, Watling Street, Towcester NN12 8ET All preserved Police motorcycles are welcome Contact Douglas Smith e-mail: douglas.vegas59@gmail.com

6th/7th July - Emergency Services Display

4 Kingdoms Adventure Play & Family Farm Newbury Road, Headley, Hampshire RG19 8JY All current & preserved emergency vehicles are welcome. Contact Paul H 07767 651971 e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

6th/7th July - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western Lawns, Eastbourne, Sussex
All current & preserved emergency vehicles are welcome.
Website for details_www.999display.co.uk

14th July - Emergency Vehicle Day

Dundee Museum of Transport, 10 Market Mews, Market Street , Dundee, DD1 3LA All current & preserved Emergency vehicles are welcome www.dmoft.co.uk see events listing

20th July - Surrey Fire & Rescue Open Day

Emergency Services vehicles are welcome Surrey Fire & Rescue HQ, 70 Wray Park Road, Reigate Surrey RH2 0EJ Contact keith.nicholas@surreycc.gov.uk

21st July - Durham Police Bikewise

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

21st July - Alton Bus Rally & Running Day

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

27th/28th July - Classic Vehicle Show

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

17th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

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

17th August - Classic Police Vehicles at the Ace Cafe

North Circular, London. Static show.
For motorcycles only, contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

18th August - 999 Emergency Services Day

East Anglia Transport Museum Chapel Road, Carlton Colville, Lowestoff, Suffolk NR33 8BL Contact admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk

???? September - Emergency Services Show

Cotswold Airport, Cirencester GL7 6BQ
All preserved emergency vehicles welcome.
www.emergencyservicesshow.com

29th September - Sand and Motorcycles

Leighton Buzzard Railway, Pages Park,
Billington Road LU7 4TN

www.buzzrail.co.uk e-mail: n.cairns650@btinternet.com

19th/20th October - Motorcycle Mechanics Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire. Contact Gerry Scott e-mail: gerry.scott@btinternet.com

20th October - Transportfest 2016

London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey.
All preserved emergency vehicles are welcome.
Contact Paul H 07767 651971
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

If you have any more shows or events that might be of interest, can you send the details to e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk
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