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## David's Page

Welcome to 2007

A big thank you to all that attended shows last year in 2006. Over the last year we have made many new friends, with lot's of interest in the old police motorcycles. It looks to be a busy year with lot's more police shows than ever before. A couple worth mentioning are the usual gathering at Hampshire in June of the Hampshire Police Families Day run by our old friend Steve Woodward and the PC-UK club. Last years display was excellent with many bikes on show and we would like to do the same again. The other big event for us is the Motorcycle World Show at Beaulieu in July. This promises to be another excellent show, and we are being promoted as a major display together with the French CRS and their old police motorcycles. We ask as many of you to attend, the show runs over the weekend and literally just turn up and say that you are on the police stand to gain access.

The National Law Ride is on again this year in July and the Blue Knights and Staffordshire Police have invited us up to join the run. This is open to both serving and retired officers and also to our group members and their old police bikes. Please support this worthy event. Thames Valley Police are running an open day in August and have requested that as many bikes as possible please turn up for a display. Another new show is the Emergency Services Show in September being run by Wiltshire Police on the airfield at Hullavington. Please see the events list on the back page for further details and contacts about all the shows.

Expect to see many of you over the year, keep up the good work on the old 'job' bikes.



*David Bragg*

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### Current Operational Motorcycles



Triumph T100P - Metropolitan Police, London, UK  
Perhaps the last Triumph still operational.





BMW R1200RT - BMW Demonstrator



Honda ST1100 - Bomb Disposal, RAF Northolt



Yamaha FJR1300 - City of London Police



Wuyang 125 - Chinese Police Model



Honda Fireblade - Sussex Police Bikesafe



Harley Davidson FLHT - Sussex Police Bikesafe







## Chatham Dockyard – April 2006



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. John Endicott, the Police Museum Curator and his colleagues worked hard with many visitors admiring their collection. Once again we 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. Other fun things to do are visiting and climbing over all the ships in the dockyard, together with looking at all the naval displays. This event is on again this year, please see listing.



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### PC-UK

PC-UK is a club run 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](http://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 2006





## Southern Bike Show - May 2006



David Smith took over the reins for this show and dedicated the stand to the Kawasaki KZ1000 police model which has been in use, primarily in the USA, since 1978 and Kawasaki has finally ceased production of this long standing model. On show were various models, starting with the early KZ1000C with the clear windshield which everyone remembers from the TV series 'CHiPs' of which these models were made famous. Also on show was the KZ1000P, in the shape of David's super LAPD model with the full fairing, production of which started in 1982 and was and is the regular 'Job' bike for many traffic departments. David provided a stunning backdrop of some pictures that he took while in America, had them blown up to large images and provide both colour and impact to the stand. Everyone was in the appropriate uniform for their machines and looked very smart. Please see the the back pages for more details about the Kawasaki's.





Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - June 2006





## Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - June 2006



On Saturday 3rd 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. The weather was kind to us with fantastic sunshine. Turnout was excellent with over twenty motorcycles on show, together with a large number of cars and vans. Lunch was provided, but I think the highlight again must be the annual barbeque provided by Steve and his wife back at the accommodation blocks. The event is scheduled for this year, please see the listings on the back page for details.



## Beaulieu Motorcycle World - July 2006



The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu invited us for the weekend to join in with the club stands at the Motorcycle World show. Setting up was Friday afternoon and upon arrival, the organisers gave us as much space as we wanted. So I decided that it would be good to open up the tent to allow for a display both in and outside. Honda very kindly delivered their demo ST1300 together with a display stand. I borrowed two Triumph's which were originally from The Metropolitan Police training school at Hendon and now reside under the care of the London Motorcycle Museum in Greenford, one of which I think is special and unique because it is a 1955 Speedtwin with cut out sections to show budding traffic officers how the internals work. We also had with us a BSA C15, a Kawasaki KZ1000P (LAPD), a Triumph TRW side valve (RAF Police), a Harley Davidson FXRP (CHP) and a Moto Guzzi 850T3PA (Carabinieri).

Saturday morning was bathed in glorious sunshine, and just as we opened up, the French CRS popped over to invite us to breakfast in their huge self contained artic. Offers of wine and sausage were gratefully received, whilst we were shown around their bikes by their commanding officer Ann Marie. They had on display several models of which one was a serving Yamaha FJR1300, together with some retired models, a GR, a Terrot and a Ratier of which I have to admit have never heard of or seen before. Super.

The crowds flocked in over the weekend, some 30,000+ visitors, and we had many visitors to the stand. A few of our members turned up with an assortment of bikes, such as a Triumph Saint (Metropolitan Police), a BMW R75, a Honda CB200 (Hampshire Police) and another BSA C15. We also had the privilege of showing off around the arena in the company of the French CRS, resplendent in their period uniforms. We 'chased' one of the marshal's on a mini R6, of course we didn't catch him, but it was fun with the crowds cheering and clapping. Such a lot of fun. The event is on for 2007.

Thanks go to the National Motor Museum, Honda UK, HGB Motorcycles and to our group members.





Beaulieu Motorcycle World - July 2006





## London Motorcycle Museum Open Day - July 2006



The London Motorcycle Museum (LMM) in Greenford has its annual open day and we were invited to have a stand by Bill and his family who own and run the museum. They supplied for display some of their collection of police models including the Triumph Speedmaster that was sectioned for police motorcycle trainees to look at the internals, to see how a bike works, together with Geoff Reid's BSA. Robin Arnold supplied his excellent Special Escort BMW K100. The weather was fabulous sunshine and very hot. The museum houses some 150 motorcycles, all British and is well worth a visit if you are in the area.

The London Motorcycle Museum  
Ravenor Farm, Oldfield Lane South,  
Greenford, Middlesex UB6 9LD  
020 8575 6644





## Festival of a Thousand Bikes - July 2006



We were invited up to Mallory Park for the Festival of a Thousand Bikes which has transferred from Brands Hatch. Although the weather was windy and overcast, lot's of clubs set up shop to show of their models. The highlight of the show must be the track sections, with bikes from the golden days competing with fairly modern examples. The noise and the smells of both four stroke and two stroke screamers running around the track at high speed was fun. Our friend, Ian Kerr even managed to blagg a ride around on something old for a few laps. Honda very kindly supplied us with a ST1300 to show and it was a very pleasant weekend despite the weather. The event is planned for this year, so can you let David Bragg know if you wish to be involved.





## Wiltshire Emergency Services Show - September 2006



Wiltshire Police invited us to Hullavington Airfield for a combined Emergency Services Show on the runway. After the thick fog had cleared it was a beautiful sunny day, and was well attended by the general public. PC-UK were in attendance with a large turnout of classic police vehicles, together with their display of police vehicle models, all beautifully made.





## Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show - October 2006



Our final show of the season took place at the Stafford County Showground over the weekend of 21st/22nd October. The organisers had given us a huge stand, and we were able to actually show the bikes in all their glory. We changed the format a little by building a bigger picture display of old and new 'Job' bikes. In all we had eight bikes, from the familiar Triumph (Liverpool & Bootle Police) of the Sixties right up to the present day with the Honda's. Business was busy as always, and despite the wet weather, the attendance at the show ran into 25,000+. As usual, many retired and serving officers visited, with offers of help and encouragement. But, the star of the show on our stand had to be the wall of pictures, a constant queue of people looking at them. We have found over the years that people love to look at pictures and the bikes. Quite a few of our visitors recognized familiar faces from the past in the early images from the 1960's and 1970's and could put a name to a face. A big thank you to our sponsors, HGB Motorcycles and to Mervyn Smith of Honda UK for their loan bike as well as their support throughout the year.





## Retired Police Motorcycle - Kawasaki KZ1000C



**Engine:** four stroke, four cylinder  
**Capacity:** 1015cc  
**Maximum Power:** 83bhp  
**Transmission:** 5 speed, chain final  
**Wheelbase:** 1517mm  
**Weight:** 616lb (280kg)  
**Speed:** n/a



The Kawasaki KZ1000C Police Specials were built at the Kawasaki factory in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA between the period of 1978-1981. Based on the original KZ900, it was the first motorcycle built from scratch and designed purely for police work. The engine was taken from the A series. It came equipped with pursuit lights and siren, everything a motor officer needed. The rear radio rack is pivoted, has a damper and is designed to move with the rider through corners, just like a passenger. The solo sprung saddles are extremely comfortable and the 'sit up and beg' riding position allows the officers to put in long hours without strain. All the lights and sirens can be operated without removing your hands from the handlebars, a safety plus. You probably all remember these bikes from the TV show 'CHiPs'. From 1981, the bikes were fitted with a new fairing.

### FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Windshield (1978) / full fairing (1981)  
crash bars, footboards, sprung solo seat, panniers,  
red / blue halogen warning lights, electronic siren,  
radio system, optional red / blue pole lamp



### Current Police Motorcycle - Kawasaki KZ1000P



**Engine:** four stroke, four cylinder  
**Capacity:** 998cc  
**Maximum Power:** 92bhp  
**Transmission:** 5 speed, chain final  
**Wheelbase:** 1535mm  
**Weight:** 677lb (308kg)  
**Speed:** n/a

The Kawasaki KZ1000P was introduced into service in 1982 as a direct replacement for the original C series. Everything had been either redesigned or upgraded. The engine was now the more powerful J series. Although it retained features of the old C model, it is a much superior bike. This model has been for many years the standard police issue model for the American market. KZ1000s' are run for 50,000 miles or 3 years before being replaced, a truly reliable workhorse. Kawasaki have stopped production of this model from 2005 although many are still being run in fleets.

#### FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Fairing, crash bars, footboards, sprung solo seat, panniers, red / blue halogen / strobe warning lights, electronic siren, radio system, optional red / blue pole lamp





## Events - 2007

**8th/9th April - Medway Festival of Transport**

Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.  
Static show. Contact Bill Fowler 01634 823821

**28th/29th April - 25th International Classic Bike Show**

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire  
Static show. Contact Gerry Scott 0151 2294472  
e-mail: gerry.scott@btinternet.com

**6th May - Motorcycle Show**

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

**7th May - Brooklands Emergency Services 'May Day'**

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

**12th May - Southern Bike Show**

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.  
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

**13th May - Chestnut Sunday**

Bushey Park, Surrey. Parade & static show.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

**20th May - Lincolnshire Police Open Day**

Force HQ, Nettleham, nr Lincoln. Static show.  
Contact Tim Smith (PCUK) 01278 459790  
e-mail: tim@policecaruk.com

**2nd 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: steve@policecaruk.com

**16th/17th June - Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Show**

Markeaton Park, Derby. Static show.  
Contact Tim Smith (PCUK) 01278 459790  
e-mail: tim@policecaruk.com

**23th/24th June - Motorcycle World Show**

Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire  
We are having a large stand. Can you let me know if  
you are coming. Contact Paul H 01895 630442  
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

**24th June - Gwent Police Open Day**

Force HQ. Static show.  
Contact Tim Smith (PCUK) 01278 459790  
e-mail: tim@policecaruk.com

**30th June/1st 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

**7th July - RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day**

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

**14th/15th July - Festival of a Thousand Bikes**

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

**15th July - Warwickshire Police Open Day**

Leek Wooton HQ, Warwick. Static show.  
Contact Tim Smith (PCUK) 01278 459790  
e-mail: tim@policecaruk.com

**18th - 22nd July - War and Peace Show**

Hop Farm, Kent. Static show.  
Contact e-mail: phil.wr@btopenworld.com

**29th July - National Law Ride**

National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.  
Run in honour of fallen Officers organised by the  
Blue Knights and Staffordshire Police. Bikes only event.  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442  
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

**4th August - Police Day at the Ace Cafe**

North Circular, London. Static show.  
Contact Steve Woodward (PCUK) 07879 888891  
e-mail: steve@policecaruk.com

**5th August - West Kent Run**

British Two Stroke Club. Static show.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

**11th August - Thames Valley Police Open Day**

Sulhamstead Training Centre, Reading, Berkshire.  
Static show. Contact Mark Droy (PCUK) 07968 542777

**18th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show**

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

**2nd September - Services Day**

London Motorcycle Museum, Greenford. Static show.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

**9th September - Wiltshire Emergency Services Show**

Hullavington Airfield, Wiltshire. Static show.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

**9th September - Cheshire Police Open Day**

Police HQ, Oakmere Road, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2UA  
150th Anniversary of Cheshire Police. Static show.  
Contact David Crowther 07899 901458  
e-mail: davidcrowther@hotmail.com

**7th October - Emergency Vehicles Day**

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

**20th/21st 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  
e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk**