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## David's Page

Welcome everyone to 2010. We hope to see you out and about with you ex-police bike at venues shown in our events calender. If you are involved in local shows and fete's, can you let us know if you need any help for a display. Contact details are on the back page.

2009 was a busy year for the HPMG, with many events visited around the country, with much interest in our motorcycles and displays. This has resulted in new members and people interested in restoring their bikes to former police glory.

Please visit our website at [www.policebike.org.uk](http://www.policebike.org.uk), it has come on in leaps and bounds with many thanks to Gerry Scott who looks after it for us.

On yours travels, if you happen to be going through West London, call in and see Paul's police motorcycles and picture gallery at HGB Motorcycles, 79 Park Way Ruislip Manor, Middlesex HA4 8NS.

See you at the events through the year - Remember, Enjoy Yourselves. Best Wishes.

*David Bragg*

### **A selection of some of the retired motorcycles in our group**



Honda CB750P 1969 Tokyo Police



LE Velocette 1966 Metropolitan Police





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Honda CB200 1976 Kent Constabulary



BMW R60/7 1977 French Gendarmerie



Honda ST1100P RAF Police



BMW R80RT 1981 Surrey Police



Kawasaki Z900 mid 1970's California Highway Patrol





## Destination Triumph - March 2009



We were once again invited by Destination Triumph to the opening of their new dealership in Surrey. Despite a very wet ride down, the weather stayed dry for the evenings events. We were joined by Sussex Police and their Honda ST1100 as well as the Sussex Police and Fire Brigade Bikesafe teams on their rather splendid Triumph Sprints' in livery. A busy and pleasant evening was had by all





## Cobham Bus Museum Open Day - April 2009



A rather unusual event to be invited to, the Cobham Bus Museum Open Day took place at Wisley Airfield on a somewhat dry day. It's not our normal event or show to attend, but we are keen to mix in with other vehicle shows. Thanks to Geoff Reid for bringing the van, we were able to lay on a bike and picture display for the general public. The number of buses and coaches both old and new attending was astonishing. Over 300+ I believe, and as for the visiting public, it never stopped all day. There was a constant queue of people coming in to view all the vehicles. Most popular has to be the original Routmaster when it made it's entrance. It was swamped by enthusiasts wanting to see and photograph it. A recommended event.





# Chatham Dockyard - April 2009



The annual Transport Show at Chatham Dockyards took place over the weekend of Easter. Some 14 bikes turned up together with the police cars to create an interesting display. As usual John Endicott of the Kent Police museum looked after us. A busy two days was had by all. The afternoon run around the dockyard escorting the other motorcycles always creates an interest with the public. As always, it is very well attended by both exhibitors and public alike. Our thanks go to Bill Fowler and his team at Chatham for inviting us.



## Bikers in Paradise Show - April 2009



On the 26th April, we were invited by the organisers of the Bikers in Paradise show to show off some of our ex police motorcycles at the Paradise Wildlife Park. This is run by Hertfordshire Road Safety and Hertfordshire Police Bikesafe. Geoff Reid again very kindly drove the 7.5 ton truck, inside which we had Terry's Honda CBX750, Kawasaki KZ1000, Moto Guzzi 850 California, Geoff's Suzuki GS250N, my Moto Guzzi 850T3PA and Honda's ST1300. The Inspector in charge of Bikesafe team borrowed our Dutch ST1100 for the day to add to their fleet of BMW's they were using for the Bikesafe ride outs. Our neighbours on the left were the Highways Agency and to our right, a chopper club. It was a very busy day, with lot's of trade stalls and action in the arena.





## Brooklands Emergency Services Day - May 2009



On May Day bank holiday, we attended the Brooklands Museums Emergency Services Day run by their own Fire Brigade. As usual, we teamed up with PC-UK and the Metropolitan Police who brought their vehicles from their museum collection at Hampton. The weather was a bit off, with showers all day. However it didn't put people off. The first highlight of the day has to be the hill climb. It's fun watching Surrey Police and their vehicles all queuing to go up the hill climb first and then for a drive around the famous racing banking. We are all big kids really. The second bit of fun has to be the cavalcade around Brooklands. What bemused drivers must make of this convoy of emergency vehicles coming at them, I don't know. The people attending love the spectacle. The event is on this year and I can't recommend it enough. Brooklands is a very nostalgic place of motoring and racing history.



## Southern Bike Show - May 2009



Saturday 9th May and the Southern Bike Show at Kempton Park racecourse beckoned. David and Nick had arranged our annual stand space. It was a little bit small but we managed to squeeze an awful lot on to it. We had the Police Honda ST1300, Polizia Stradale Moto Guzzi V50, Hertfordshire Police Suzuki GS250N, City of London Police BMW F650, Politie Honda ST1100, Hong Kong Police Honda CBX750 and a new police Wuyang 125 now owned by Greg Holliday. What with all our pictures and the police station lamp, we were pretty colourful. My own Moto Guzzi wouldn't fit so that went opposite the stand. As usual it was busy. A lot of clubs put a lot of effort into this show and it's nice to see the public appreciating their efforts.





# Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - June 2009





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PC-UK very kindly organised the annual pilgrimage to Hampshire for the Force Families Open Day at their Netley HQ. Blessed with good weather, some twenty plus bikes turned up together with a vast array of cars. What's very pleasing is the influx of smaller capacity ex police motorcycles such as the Police Honda CB200 and Honda CD250 mixing up with the LE Velocette's. It hasn't always been big bikes used for patrol and it's very important to remind people about their police vehicle heritage. Accommodation was in the training blocks as usual and what has become the annual barbeque was laid on by Steve and his wife Sheila. Always a special event in itself. This year can we ask as many of you turn up to support this event as we have been attending for many years, firstly at Port Solent in the 1990's and now at Netley. It's a fun day out and fun for all the families that come to visit.



## Thames Valley Police Open Day - August 2009



One of PC-UK's members, Mark who is also a serving officer with Thames Valley Police, and has a retired TVP car, organised the display for us at the open day at the training centre in Sulhamstead. Robin Arnold brought along his ex Metropolitan Police SEG BMW K100, , David his BMW R75/7 ex Metropolitan and me on the old Politie Honda ST1100. We were joined by a display on vintage police cars. The day was glorious hot sunshine, we couldn't have asked for better. Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Sara Thornton came to say hello. What a busy day, you can tell from the pictures that the general public turned up on masse with their families with them. You couldn't ask for better PR. Popular s ever, the Force helicopter had a constant queue of people waiting to have a look. All the other departments showing including the force museum were busy with visitors looking and asking questions. I think the open day is on this year. If you are interested in attending, can you e-mail me at [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)





## Military & Emergency Vehicle Show - August 2009



Having had a glorious ride on the Dutch Politie ST1100 down to East Sussex in fabulous sunshine, we attended the Emergency Services & Military Show at the Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum. Nick Carter very kindly brought his Triumph TRW and Greg brought along his beautifully restored police 1969 Honda CB750. The organisers had laid on arena events, as you can see, even a early horse drawn fire tender was in attendance. They must have been boiling in their heavy uniforms and brass helmets. Having access to the museum, it gave me a chance to go and look at my ex Rome police Moto Morini 500sei which has been on display at the museum for some nine years. Gave a little polish and renewed the information about it. The event is being organised this year and I would ask as many of you to attend please, because it's new event in a super part of the country with some excellent biking roads. See the events list for contact details.



## LMM Breakfast - August 2009



Fancy an all day big breakfast. The London Motorcycle Museum at Greenford had theirs in August 2009. Again, we were lucky with the weather. The museum lent us their collection of ex police motorcycles and together with ours we made a nice colourful display, complete with a mannequin in uniform. If you haven't been to the museum before, it houses a 150+ British bikes of all sizes together with a nice collection of police models in the Big Barn. Open most weekends of the year, they are having their Big Breakfast again this year.

Contact the museum at their website [www.london-motorcycle-museum.org](http://www.london-motorcycle-museum.org)



## Wiltshire Emergency Services Show - September 2009



Wiltshire Emergency Services Show was held on Sunday 13th September 2009. It is a combined services event and is very well attended with vehicles from the police, fire brigade, ambulance and other agencies. The bit I enjoy is the ride up the A4 going through such historic market towns such as Marlborough. On arrival, we once again teamed up with PC-UK with their ex police cars. I think the Wiltshire Chief Constable was impressed with the turnout and especially keen on the police Jaguar in our group. Nick turned up with his Triumph TRW and Andy came down from the Midlands on his Harley. The show is on this year, please see the events back page for further details.





## Northolt Community Open Day - September 2009



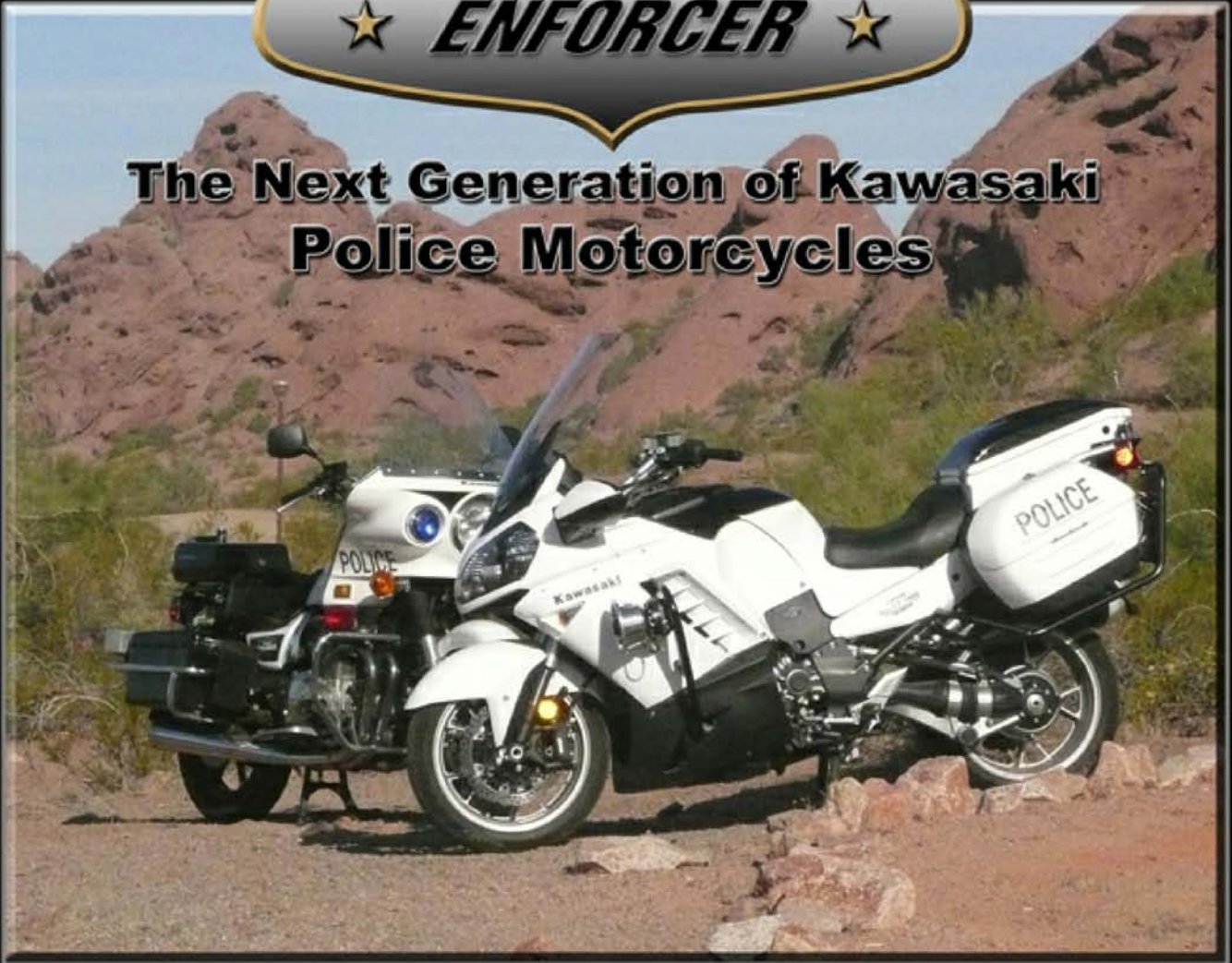
On Sunday 27th September, we went to Northolt Park in London to display at a community open day run by the local Metropolitan Police community team. On what was probably the last beautiful warm sunny day of the year, we showed ex police bikes from the 1960's to the present day. The London Motorcycle Museum at Greenford lent two Triumphs, both originally in service with the Metropolitan Police traffic. There were lot's of community police officers and PCSOs' on the ground together with lot's of people and their families coming to have a look and talk. Various side shows were arranged to help explain what community policing is all about. Even the force helicopter managed to visit and show the kid's some of the hardware. One of the police officers I knew was on board the helicopter, but she was swamped with children asking questions. A very enjoyable day was spent with excellent weather.



**Current Police Motorcycle - Kawasaki 1400 Enforcer**

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## Retired Police Motorcycle - Moto Morini 500sei



The Company was originally started by Alfredo Morini in 1937. Production of the above 500 started in 1979 and ended in 1988. Only 20 bikes were produced as a police model. It was used by the Polizia Municipale, Rome, Italy. Only a few survive in police livery. The bike in the pictures is a 1982 model and is currently on show at the Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum, East Sussex



**Engine:** four stroke, V twin  
**Capacity:** 478cc  
**Maximum Power:** 46bhp  
**Transmission:** 6 speed, chain final  
**Wheelbase:** 1540mm  
**Weight:** 368lb (167kg)  
**Speed:** 100mph (160kph)

### FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Handlebar mounted fairing,  
leg shields, crash bars,  
solo seat, panniers,  
blue halogen warning lights,  
electric two tone horns,  
radio system



## Current Police Motorcycle - Honda GL1800 Goldwing



The Honda GL1800 Goldwing came into the showrooms in 2001. Replacing the aging GL1500, it was lighter and faster, new frame, better brakes with ABS, it was now a genuine sports tourer as opposed to just a tourer. With it's super smooth six cylinder engine together with all the extras including the AM/FM radio system, cruise control and an electronic reverse gear, it was now the ultimate touring bike. Police agencies in the USA took the GL1800 onboard their fleets straight away with San Antonio PD, Texas being one of the first to replace their fleet of aging GL1500s'. Goldwings are fitted up with a huge array of police accessories such as can be seen from the pictures of one of the San Antonio traffic units. Perhaps this might be the ideal police motorcycle to work all-day long on with it's superior comfort as well as excellent handling.



**Engine:** four stroke, opposed six  
**Capacity:** 1832cc  
**Maximum Power:** 116bhp  
**Transmission:** 5 speed, shaft final  
**Wheelbase:** 1690mm  
**Weight:** 798lb (363kg)  
**Speed:** 130mph (208kph)

### FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Full fairing, crash bars,  
solo / dual seat, panniers,  
blue / red strobe warning lights,  
electronic siren,  
optional modulating headlight,  
rear blue / red light bar,  
radio system



## Stafford Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show - Oct 2009

Two days. Ten bikes - four of which were first timers to Stafford and only completed their restorations this year. They are the Norton Atlas, Honda CB750, Norton Dominator and the BSA Bantam Major.



1963 500cc Norton Dominator 88, 921 MOO makes its first appearance at Stafford. Owner Rob Bradley got a big surprise when its true origins were revealed earlier in the year. The bike was ridden here from Sheffield and didn't drip any oil.

This 1957 150cc BSA Bantam Major owned by Bill Hollis. It carries a Huntingdonshire C.C. Registration. Bill specialises in lightweights, and tried to bring a new acquisition to each show.



Norton Atlas, Honda CB750, Norton Interpol, Triumph Saint, Norton Dominator 88, Triumph 5TA, BSA Bantam Major, Velocette LE, Kawasaki K1000P and BSA A10



## Events 2010

### 4th/5th April - Medway Festival of Transport

Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.  
Contact Bill Fowler 01634 823821 for booking  
forms and information. [www.chdt.org.uk](http://www.chdt.org.uk)

### 11th April - Cobham Bus Museum Open Day

Wisley Airfield, Elm Lane, Elm Corner, Surrey.  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 18th April - Ready to Ride

Haslemere Fire Station, West Street,  
Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2AP  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 24th/25th April - International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire  
Contact Gerry Scott 07808177719  
e-mail: [gerry.scott@btinternet.com](mailto:gerry.scott@btinternet.com)

### 25th April - Essex Police Bikesafe Launch

Millfields, Burnham, Essex.  
Contact Adam Jenkins 07812 522993  
[harleywolf@bluyonder.co.uk](mailto:harleywolf@bluyonder.co.uk)

### 2nd/3rd May - North West Emergency Vehicle Show

Rawcliffe Hall, Wyreside, Preston, Lancashire PR3 6TQ  
[www.classicemergencyvehicleshow.co.uk](http://www.classicemergencyvehicleshow.co.uk)

### 3rd May - Brooklands Emergency Services 'May Day'

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.  
Contact Brooklands Museum Fire Service 01932 353189  
[brooklandsfire@aol.com](mailto:brooklandsfire@aol.com) [www.brooklandsmuseum.com](http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com)

### 15th May - Southern Bike Show

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.  
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.  
Contact David Bragg via Paul at HGB (*below*)

### 28th until 31st May - Cops & Robbers Show

Metropolitan Police Sports Ground,  
Aldenharn Road, Bushey Hertfordshire WD23 2TR  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 5th June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

Police HQ, Netley, Hampshire. Static show.  
e-mail: [steve@policecaruk.com](mailto:steve@policecaruk.com)  
[www.policecaruk.com](http://www.policecaruk.com)

### 19th/20th June - Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Show

Markeaton Park, Derby. Contact the web site for details.  
[www.derbyfireshow.co.uk](http://www.derbyfireshow.co.uk)

### 20th June - Emergency Services Show

Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum, Coal Park Lane  
Swanick, Southampton SO31 7GW  
Contact 01489 573918 [www.bursledonbrickworks.co.uk](http://www.bursledonbrickworks.co.uk)

### 26th/27th June - Fire Engine & Historic Vehicle Rally

Preston Farm, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees TS18 3RH  
Contact [events@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:events@stockton.gov.uk)

### 27th June - The Motorcycle Muster Ride-in-Day

National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 3rd/4th July - Uttoxeter Classic Bike Show

Uttoxeter Race Course - NEW EVENT for us  
Names to Gerry Scott [w15mc-hpmg@btinternet.com](mailto:w15mc-hpmg@btinternet.com)

### 3rd/4th July - Emergency Services Weekend

Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, nr Arundal,  
West Sussex BN18 9LT  
Contact 01798 831370 [www.amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk)

### 10th/11th July - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western lawns. Eastbourne, Sussex.  
Contact Ff D. Stoneham, 01323 488095  
Fire Station, Whitley Road, Eastbourne BN22 8LA  
[thestoneham@btinternet.com](mailto:thestoneham@btinternet.com)

### 21st until 25th July - War and Peace Show

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 6PY  
Military show. Contact the organisers 01304 813445  
[www.thewarandpeaceshow.com](http://www.thewarandpeaceshow.com)

### 24th/25th July - Classic Vehicle Show

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newlands Park, Gorelands Lane,  
Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 25th July - Durham Police Bike Wise

Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT  
Contact Bikesafe organiser Sgt Bob Brown 0191 3752136  
[durham.police@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:durham.police@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 1st August - Emergency Vehicles Day

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

### 21st August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

Capel Recreation Ground, Capel, Surrey RH5 5LD  
Contact [andrewforsyth@talk21.com](mailto:andrewforsyth@talk21.com)  
[www.capelcarshow.com](http://www.capelcarshow.com)

### 21st/22nd August - Emergency Services & Military Show

Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Halland, E. Sussex BN8 5AF  
Phil Stevens, 44 West Beeches Road,  
Crowborough, East Sussex TN33 0QX

### 29th August - LMM All Day Breakfast

Ravenor Farm, 29 Oldfield Lane, Greenford UB6 9LB  
[www.london-motorcycle-museum.org](http://www.london-motorcycle-museum.org)

### 12th September - Wiltshire Emergency Services Show

Hullavington Airfield, Wiltshire.  
[www.theemergencyservicesshow.com](http://www.theemergencyservicesshow.com)

### 19th September - Ride it Right

Haslemere Fire Station, West Street,  
Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2AP  
Contact Paul H 01895 630442 [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

### 16th/17th 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 07808177719  
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If you have any more shows or events  
that might be of interest, can you send details to  
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