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## David's Page

Welcome everyone to 2011.

Yet another year has gone by and we seem to be as busy as ever. Despite the weather being up and down in 2010, we attended quite a few shows and events. We were invited to some new one's such as Surrey Police Family Day which is back on the calendar after a long gap. See our full events diary on the back page for 2011. What is interesting was seeing lot's of new models appearing, most notably smaller capacity motorcycles which used to be the norm for general beat duties. What's also great is that they are being restored to how they were in service. It's nice for the general public to see something different and sometimes rare and I am sure it makes a great impression.

Please visit our website at [www.policebike.org.uk](http://www.policebike.org.uk) with many thanks to Gerry Scott who looks after it for us.

Hope to see you at the events through the year - Remember, Enjoy Yourselves. Best Wishes.

*David Bragg*

### Selection of some of the retired motorcycles in our Group



**BMW R80 Greater Manchester Police**



**1962 Velocette LE Hampshire Constabulary**



**1957 Triumph TRW RAF Police**



**1986 Honda CBX750 Japanese Police**



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2006 Honda ST1300A Royal Logistics Corps



1994 Kawasaki KZ1000P LAPD



1976 BMW R75/7 Metropolitan Police



Honda CD250 Gloucestershire Constabulary



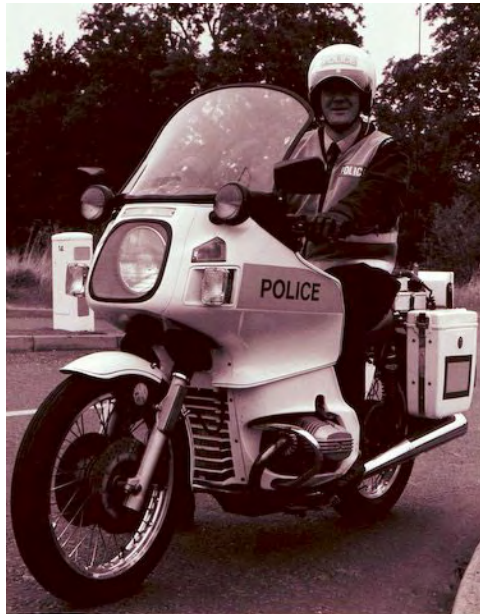
1988 BMW K100 Special Escort Group



1966 Honda CB450 Police Special



Surry Police Motorcycle Archive Pictures





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## Ally Pally Bike Show - 26th/27th February 2010



## Chatham Dockyard Transport Show - 4th April 2010

Chatham Dockyard held their annual transport show over the Easter weekend. As usual we based ourselves by the Kent Police Museum. Turnout wasn't so good because it rained heavily on and off most of the day. However, when we came to escort the other classic motorcycles around the dockyard, it remained dry. Good for us and good for all the public who had turned up to watch. In the afternoon, we all took tea in the Commodores residence.





Cobham Bus Museum Open Day - 11th April 2010





# Brooklands Emergency Services Day - 3rd May 2010



Once again, Brooklands Museum had their Emergency Services Day on the May bank holiday. This event gets bigger and bigger every year. A far cry from when we first attended back in 1998. On arrival, we joined up with our friends from PC-UK and their cars and also by the Metropolitan Police vehicle collection from Hampton. Every service was well attended by all sorts of transport for the general public to admire and ask questions. In the afternoon, we had the now customary cavalcade of emergency vehicles. It is still a sight to behold all these vehicles with all the different markings and lights as they parade around the outside roads surrounding the museum. Very colourful and spectacular. Thanks to Surrey Police for looking after the traffic. This event is on again this year and we do recommend it.



## Cops &amp; Robbers - 30th May 2010



On Sunday, 30th May we were invited to attend a motorcycle rally run by the VSOC Club at the Metropolitan Police sports ground at Bushey. We had eight bikes on display together with our picture boards. This event has to be probably the best we have attended in years because we spent most of the day eating in the canteen. We all had a fully cooked breakfast, followed by a full roast lunch and then full afternoon tea. What can I say?. Also, the weather held for the day. A good time was had by all in attendance.









## Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - 5th June 2010



Our annual pilgrimage to Hampshire Police for their Families Open Day was on Saturday 5th June 2010. After an uneventful but pleasant ride down to Nettle on Friday afternoon, it was nice to meet up with the 'Gang' from PC-UK and their vehicles. Saturday morning beckoned and we were blessed with good weather. Despite the fact that the event is only open to police and their families, it gets very very busy. We had an excellent turnout of motorcycles of all sizes. As usual, our resident Sergeant Eric, seated on a Velocette LE kept people captivated for hours. Picture board displays kept interest together with helmet corner, where you could try on a police crash helmet through the ages. PC-UK had a large turnout of cars of all ages and it all adds up to adding colour and style. It's just so nice to see so many different Emergency Service vehicles, both young and old in one place at the same time. Our thanks go to Steve Woodward and his family for the organisation and to PC-UK members also. It's on again on June 4th, please come along.



## Surrey Police Dog Trials & Family Day - 20th June 2010



Surrey Police invited us their HQ at Mount Browne for a new event, a Dog Trials and Family Day. They haven't had a vehicle show for some years and it was nice to be back. David very kindly showed his LAPD Kawasaki KZ000P, Geoff his Suzuki GN250, Nick's Triumph TRW and Robin with his new marked car. A pleasant day was had by all. The show is on for this year on Sunday 19th June 2011 and we do ask you to attend if possible. Details are on the back page

## Surrey Police Box Hill Day - 4th July 2010





## The Grange Transport Show - 10th July 2010



## Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show - 25th July 2010





## Military & Emergency Vehicle Show - 21st August 2010



On Sunday 22nd August, we attended the Bells 'n' Bugles Show at Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum in East Sussex. Unfortunately for the organisers, it didn't stop raining, in fact it got worse as the day progressed. We managed to show a few bikes and some of the police cars were there. However, the public didn't come to see us, unlike last year when it was gloriously sunny. The event is on again this year, and when the roads are dry, there are some lovely biking roads nearby. Details are on the back Events page.

## Police Day at Gunwharf Quays - 9th October 2010





## Wiltshire Emergency Services Show - 12th September 2010



Wiltshire Emergency Services annual show is a combined services event and is very well attended with vehicles from the police, fire brigade, ambulance and other agencies. On arrival, we once again teamed up with PC-UK with their ex police cars and motorcycles and fortunately the sun shone down on us. Nick even managed to sell his Honda NT650 to one of the Ambulance Charities and it will be pressed again into Blue Light use. The show is on this year, please see the events back page for further details.



## Los Angeles Police Department Current Models





## Retired Police Motorcycle - Honda CB750P



Honda's CB750 was first shown to the public in October 1968 at the Tokyo Motor Show. It had, for the period, the luxury of a front disc brake, flashing indicators, four silencers, electric start and reliability. The CB750 was the first Superbike and the first four cylinder to go into mass production. It was taken up by the police almost immediately and has served all over the world.





## Current Police Motorcycle - Yamaha FJR1300P



Yamaha have entered the large capacity police motorcycle field with this sports tourer, the FJR1300P. With it's full fairing, ABS brakes, electrically adjustable screen, single seat, radio hump and panniers as standard and with a top speed around 145mph, this model now comes into direct competition with BMW and Honda. Although still relatively new to the UK, the police model has found favour for many years with other forces in Europe.





## Events 2011

### 10th April - Cobham Bus Museum Open Day

Dunsfold Aerodrome, Dunsfold, Surrey.

Contact Paul H 01895 630442 e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

### 17th April - Ready to Ride

Haslemere Fire Station, West Street,

Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2AP

Contact Paul H 01895 630442 e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

### 23rd/24th April - International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire

Contact Gerry Scott 07808177719

e-mail: gerry@policebikes.org.uk

### 24th/25th April - Medway Festival of Transport

Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.

Contact Bill Fowler 01634 823816 for booking forms.

www.thedockyard.co.uk

### 1st/2nd May - North West Emergency Vehicle Show

Rawcliffe Hall, Wyreside, Preston, Lancashire PR3 6TQ

www.classicemergencyvehicleshow.co.uk

### 2nd May - Brooklands Emergency Services 'May Day'

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.

Contact Brooklands Museum Fire Service 01932 353189

brooklandsfire@aol.com

www.brooklandsmuseum.com

### 10th May - The Cardiff Motorcycle Show

Whitchurch High School, Manor Way, Cardiff CF14 1RF

e-mail: barryalexander@hotmail.co.uk

### 21st May - Southern Bike Show

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.

Static bike show. We are having a stand again.

Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

### 4th June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

Police HQ, Netley, Hampshire. Static show.

e-mail: steve@policecaruk.com

www.policecaruk.com

### 18th/19th June - Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Show

Markeaton Park, Derby. Contact the web site for details.

www.derbyfireshow.co.uk

### 18th June - The Midsummer Event

Heathervale Recreation Ground, New Haw, Surrey

Contact Robin Arnold 01932 857381

e-mail: rob4283@hotmail.co.uk

### 19th June - Surrey Police Open Day

Police HQ, Mount Browne,

Sandy Lane, Guildford GU3 1HG

Contact Paul H 01895 630442

e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

### 25th June - Fire Engine & Vintage Vehicle Rally

Preston Farm, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees TS18 3RH

e-mail: events@stockton.gov.uk

www.stockton.gov.uk/events

### 25th/26th June - Emergency Services Weekend

Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, nr Arundal,

West Sussex BN18 9LT

Contact 01798 831370

www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

### 2nd/3rd July - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western lawns. Eastbourne, Sussex.

Contact Ff D. Stoneham, 01323 488095

Fire Station, Whitley Road, Eastbourne BN22 8LA

e-mail: thestoneham@btinternet.com

### 20th until 24th July - War and Peace Show

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 6PY

Contact the organisers 01304 813445

www.warandpeaceshow.com

### 23rd/24th July - Classic Vehicle Show

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newlands Park,

Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB

Contact Paul H 01895 630442

e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

### 24th July - Durham Police Bikewise

Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT

Contact www.bikewise.org.uk

### 7th August - Emergency Vehicles Day

Crich Tramway Village, Crich, Matlock,

Derbyshire DE4 5DP

Contact the organisers office 01773 854321

e-mail: enquiry@tramway.co.uk

### 13th/14th August - Blues & Twos Weekend

The Trolleybus Museum, Belton Road,

Sandtoft, Doncaster DN8 5SX

e-mail: trolleybusmuseum@sandtoft.org

www.sandtoft.org.uk

### 20th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show

Capel Recreation Ground, Capel, Surrey RH5 5LD

e-mail: andrewforsyth@talk21.com

www.capelcarshow.com

### 20th/21st August - Emergency Services & Military Show

Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum,

Halland, East Sussex BN8 5AF

Phil Stevens, 44 West Beeches Road,

Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2AG

### 11th September - Wiltshire Emergency Services Show

Hullavington Airfield, Wiltshire.

For contact and details, please go to the website

www.theemergencyshow.co.uk

### 18th September - Ride it Right

Haslemere Fire Station, West Street,

Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2AP

Contact Paul H 01895 630442

e-mail: policebike@hotmail.co.uk

### 15th/16th 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

e-mail: gerry@policebikes.org.uk

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

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