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## David's Page

Welcome everyone to 2013.

Hopefully this year will be a little bit drier than last year's downpours. We had a quiet year in 2012 because there was the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June followed by the Olympic Games which meant a lot of people were either involved operationally or as spectators. This being our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Historic Police Motorcycle Group (HPMG) was started in March 1993 with the first ever run from Richmond Park to Box Hill in Surrey. Some 50+ bikes turned up for the ride out under police escort, which considering it was just an idea I had was fantastic. Over the last 20 years we have done and attended a awful lot of shows and events. When you look back at the old newsletters, you appreciate the range of things we have done. This year can I urge you all to attempt to bring out your old police motorcycles and show them off. People still love to see them, love to chat about them. A lot of people will never have seen an older Triumph or an LE Velocette, let alone a police one. Whether they are in police trim or have been civilianised, it matters not. What's important is the fact that they were working machines and they have their own history.

See our full events diary on the back page for 2013.

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

*David Bragg*

### From the archive - 20 years of the HPMG



**Harry Harris, Fred Baker & Robin Arnold at the very first HPMG Motorcycle Rally at Richmond Park Police Station in March 1993**



From the archive - 20 years of the HPMG



**Motor 2000 - Utrecht, The Netherlands**



**International Police Association Rally  
The Netherlands - August 2000**



**Stafford Bike Show in conjunction with Stafford Police - October 2000**



**Southern Bike Show - May 2001**



**Kent Police Motorcycle Run - 1994**



From the archive - 20 years of the HPMG



**Southern Bike Show - May 2006**



**Cheshire Police - September 2008**



**The Best Beach Police Station  
The Netherlands - August 2000**



**Beaulieu Motorcycle Show - August 2008**



**Isle of Wright and the inshore lifeboat - July 2000**



From the archive - 20 years of the HPMG



Buckingham Palace photoshoot - 1999



Chatham Dockyard Show - April 2007



Capel Transport Show - August 2008



Chatham Dockyard Show - April 2007



Hampshire Police Open Day - June 2011



## Chatham Dockyard Transport Show - 8th April 2012





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On Easter Sunday, we had our annual trip down to the Chatham Dockyards for their Steam Transport Show. Based opposite the Kent Police Museum, we displayed 9 bikes including 2 LE Velocettes', one Honda ex City of London Deauville, and a Honda CBX750P from Gifo in Japan. We were joined by our friends from Police Car UK and other Emergency Services Groups. The weather wasn't kind to us as it rained more or less all day. However, it did stay dry for the cavalcade of motorcycles around the dockyard. Despite the conditions, it was well attended by the general public and to add to the variety of the show, they now included lots of people dressed in Steam Punk costumes, a form of attire based on Jules Verne but brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



## Brooklands Emergency Services Show - 7th May 2012



May 7<sup>th</sup> - Brooklands Museum Emergency Service Day , May Day. Once again we visited Brooklands for their annual show. As always, it was well attended by all the Emergency Services, including Police, Fire and Ambulance. Unfortunately, the weather yet again was against us with showers all day but it didn't put off the public attending. We were joined by PC-UK with their preserved vehicles along with the Metropolitan Police and their cars and bike from their historic fleet. One of the motorcycles put on display was a brand new never used Honda CBX750P from Greg Holliday. Originally brought into the UK by David Silver Spares, it is in as new condition complete with all of it's police equipment. See page 17 for further information. In the afternoon they held the usual cavalcade of vehicles which circumnavigates the Brooklands circuit. As ever a very colourful sight of Police, Ambulances, Fire Engines and other assorted vehicles with all their lights blazing.



## Brooklands Emergency Services Show - 7th May 2012



## Southern Bike Show, Kempton Park - 19th May 2012





## Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - 2nd June 2012



Saturday 2nd June - Hampshire Police Families Open Day at Netley Police headquarters. I expected the show to be a little bit quieter the normal with bikes on display because of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and the forthcoming Olympic Games. We managed to display 8 bikes including Anthony's ever popular Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group BMW K100, Nick's retired Honda CD250 finally back in it's police livery, David's ex Metropolitan Police BMW R75/7 and Ron & George's LE Velocettes which always add a little colour and spectacle. As always, Eric our old fashioned 'Copper' kept an eye on everything (see top picture), he's always popular for photo shoots. Police Car UK laid on a large display of police cars and vans and all of the Emergency Services in Hampshire were represented. Weather was kind to us and there was a very large turnout of families and friends all day. As ever lot's of questions were asked and lot's of photographs taken.



## Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - 2nd June 2012



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## Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show - 22nd July 2012



We attended the Chiltern Open Air Museum Transport Show on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Feared the worst, because it had been raining the week before heavily. However, the sun shone all day and the show had it's best attendance of vehicle ever, perhaps because it was the first show of the year that it actually stayed dry. We have been coming to this event for a few years now and is well represented by other car and bike clubs. The museum is devoted to restoring and rebuilding old buildings and they range from the iron age right through to the fifties. Show is on again this year and it would be nice to get some more bikes to attend. If you want to come along, please see the events page for details and contact.





## Capel Classic Vehicle Show - 18th August 2012



## London Bus Museum Open Day - 21st October 2012





From the archive - 20 years of the HPMG



Hampshire Police Families Day - June 2008



Cobham Bus Museum - April 2011



Oostende Docks, Belgium - 1998



Essex Police Weekend Run - 1995



Surrey Police Open Day - May 2001



## Current Police Motorcycle - Kawasaki 1400GTR



Introduced to the world in 2007, the Kawasaki 1400GTR is the newest police model. With a powerful 1352cc engine producing 157 bhp, it is easily one of the fastest police bikes on the road today. The model pictured is the 2013 Kawasaki 999 special. The UK conversion is undertaken by Woodway Engineering and uses Whelen LED's, light heads and siren. In America it is called the Enforcer and is in use with the Los Angeles Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. Their colour schemes are black & white.





## Retired Police Motorcycle - Norton Commando Interpol

**Norton Interpol, Hampshire Constabulary, UK**

The Norton Commando Interpol was built by the NVT (Norton Villiers Triumph) Group in the early 1970's at the Norton factory in Andover, England. They produced a 750 version based on the civilian model and then later upgraded it to 850. The bike was provided with all the police accessories. It was fitted the famous Isolastic system for damping the engine vibration. The later models were fitted with a front disc brake and an electric start.

**Norton Interpol, Lancashire Constabulary, UK**



## New Police Motorcycle - Honda CBX750P



First produced in 1984, the Honda CBX750P was based on the civilian version of the 650 Nighthawk model, then upgraded to 750. In production for many years and only sold to police departments, it has seen active service in such countries as Jamaica, Japan, Ireland, Malaysia and Hong Kong. This particular model pictured was originally imported into the UK by David Silver Spares and is now owned by Greg Holliday. The CBX750P is brand new and has no miles on it.





## Events 2013

31st March/1st April - Medway Festival of Transport  
Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.  
Contact 01634 823816 for booking forms.  
[www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

21st April - Spring Bus & Coach Gathering  
London Bus Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.  
Contact Paul H 07767 651971  
e-mail: [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

27th/28th April - International Classic Bike Show  
Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire  
Contact Gerry S on 07808177719  
e-mail: [gerry@policebikes.org.uk](mailto:gerry@policebikes.org.uk)

6th 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)

25th May - Southern Bike Show  
Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.  
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.  
Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

1st 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)

2nd June - Ride it Right  
Haslemere Fire Station, West Street,  
Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2AP  
Contact Paul H 07767 651971  
e-mail: [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

15th/16th June - Derby Emergency Services Show  
Markeaton Park, Derby. Contact the website for details.  
[www.derbyfireshow.co.uk](http://www.derbyfireshow.co.uk)

6th/7th July - 999 Emergency Services Display  
Western lawns. Eastbourne, Sussex  
For entry details, please contact [Bill.Pike@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:Bill.Pike@secamb.nhs.uk)  
[www.999display.co.uk](http://www.999display.co.uk)

17th/21st July - War and Peace Revival Show  
RAF Westenhanger, Folkestone Racecourse, Westhanger,  
Hythe, Kent CT21 4HX  
Contact the organisers 01304 813945  
[www.thewarandpeacerevival.co.uk](http://www.thewarandpeacerevival.co.uk)

20th/21st 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](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

20 to 27 July - UK wide  
Blues & Greens Charity Ride to every Police HQ  
<http://www.blueknightsengland5.co.uk/charity/>  
Contact Paul on [BluesandGreenscharityride@gmail.com](mailto:BluesandGreenscharityride@gmail.com)

27th July - Worthing Festival  
Steyne Gardens, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 3DU  
Contact Mal Green e-mail: [malgreen701@btinternet.com](mailto:malgreen701@btinternet.com)

28th July - Durham Police Bikewise  
Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT  
Contact details [www.bikewise.org.uk](http://www.bikewise.org.uk)

4th 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)

10th/11th August - Blues & Twos Weekend  
The Trolleybus Museum, Belton Road,  
Sandtoft, Doncaster DN8 5SX  
e-mail: [trolleybusmuseum@sandtoft.org](mailto:trolleybusmuseum@sandtoft.org)  
[www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

11th August - Emergency Services Day  
North West Museum of Road Transport  
The Old Bus Depot, Hall St, St. Helens, Merseyside.  
[www.nwmot.co.uk](http://www.nwmot.co.uk)

17th August - Capel Classic Vehicle Show  
Capel Recreation Ground, Capel, Surrey RH5 5LD  
e-mail: [andrewforsyth@talk21.com](mailto:andrewforsyth@talk21.com)  
[www.capelcarshow.com](http://www.capelcarshow.com)

To be announced - Emergency Services & Military Show  
Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum,  
Halland, East Sussex BN8 5AF  
Phil Stevens, 44 West Beeches Road,  
Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2AG

8th September - Resilience Roadshow  
North Weald Airfield, Essex  
Contact Paul H 07767 651971  
e-mail: [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

8th September - Wiltshire Emergency Services Show  
Hullavington Airfield, Wiltshire.  
For contact and details, please go to the website  
[www.theemergencyservicesshow.com](http://www.theemergencyservicesshow.com)

5th October - Policing Through the Ages  
Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3TZ  
Static show in conjunction with Hampshire Police and PC UK  
Contact Paul H 07767 651971  
e-mail: [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

20th October - Transportfest 2013  
London Bus Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.  
Contact Paul H 07767 651971  
e-mail: [policebike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:policebike@hotmail.co.uk)

19th/20th October - Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show  
Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire.  
Contact Gerry 07808177719  
e-mail: [gerry@policebikes.org.uk](mailto:gerry@policebikes.org.uk)

If you have any more shows or events  
that might be of interest, can you send details to HPMG

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