

# THE CLUB

FOUNDED 1963



A club formed to stimulate discussion and a closer understanding between manufacturers and importers of motor cycles, scooters, mopeds, side cars and three-wheelers by meeting and riding together socially. Membership is restricted to Senior Executives of manufacturing and importing firms in the Industry including both the Manufacturers and Importers of complete machines together with components, accessories etc.

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### AUTUMN RUN 1977

The Club held its "Jubilee" Autumn Club Run at the Dormy Hotel, Ferndown, near Bournemouth over the weekend of 30th September/1st & 2nd October, 1977.

In attendance were:-

Messrs. Davies, Green, Hall, Hele, Jones,  
Mitchenall, Nelson, Palin, Perrigo,  
Riley, Smith, Sheen, Trigg, Warner,  
Wassell, Wood (D).

Guests made up the total to 24.

Apologies were received from:-

Messrs. Aubury, Bolton, Brockway, Greeves, Manns, Ralling,  
Tye, Wilson, Wood (Phil), Blair and Davison.

The weekend commenced with members attending a reception given for the Club by the Mayor of Bournemouth in the Town Hall. The Mayor was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress and the Town Clerk and his wife. The reception was a very informal affair and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A short trip back to the hotel for dinner, and for some of us a quick swim in the outdoor heated swimming pool!

Saturday found nearly everyone mounted on machines which they had either ridden to the meeting or had been kindly loaned to the Club by Messrs. Honda, Kawasaki, Vespa and Puch. In attendance as chase vehicles was an impressive umpteen-wheeled Puch Army vehicle, plus Frank Hall in his car complete with a trailer and spare machines!

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The morning run took in some 60 miles of by-lanes and fast undulating roads in Dorset, culminating with lunch at Wareham at the Black Bear pub. A short run then took us to the Army Tank Museum at Bovington where members enjoyed inspecting the many tanks displayed both indoors and out. There then followed a fast return back to the hotel interrupted by a short 1-mile trip up an unmade road found by your Chairman which proved to be very interesting .....

During the course of the weekend everybody rode and so fulfilled the objects of the Club whereas we all met and rode together socially. The day's total mileage came to almost 100 - one of the longest Club Runs yet.

In the evening after dinner, a raffle was held with prizes kindly donated by Puch and Shell which raised the magnificent sum of £23 for Club Funds. The first prize was an engraved tankard presented by Puch which was one of the very restricted production run for the Ben Fund.

A number of important items were discussed at the General Meeting held on the Sunday morning and this too broke records, inasmuch as the meeting took over 1½ hours. Without going into too much detail I would like to give you all an outline of the meeting and the contents thereof as follows:-

1. It was resolved that the Saturday night raffle should be a regular event from henceforth, and that non participating members, i.e. members who are unable to join in a Club Run should be invited to participate in the Raffle by donating £1 for a ticket. The reason for the Raffle is to enable Club Funds to reach a figure which will enable the Club to subsidise a special Club Run somewhere, at a future date.
2. A member was reported to have expressed in writing the opinion that the cost of the Jubilee Weekend had been too high at £25, and requested that the Committee give earnest consideration to maintaining weekend costs at a minimum, pro rata to the facilities available and the area of the run. It was explained that the cost of the Jubilee Run had been caused to some degree by late booking but mainly by the fact that it was held in one of the most expensive areas in the country and that for the Jubilee Run, a rather special hotel had been selected.
3. The financial state of the Club is at a much healthier level now, with £100 showing to the Club's credit.
4. Three new members were elected - Mike Paul of McBain & Paul Associates (Advertising Agents), David Valentine, Managing Director of Britax and Dennis Upton of Puch whom we welcome and wish them all many enjoyable Club events and runs in the future.
5. The dates for the next Club Run were agreed, and I would ask members to note them in their diaries now, so that they

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can plan their Spring activity so as to ensure participation!

THE SPRING RUN 1978 WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THE 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD APRIL, 1978.

With regard to the venue, a number of ideas were put forward including pony trekking, a visit to West Wales, a visit to Dartmoor, the Lake District and a return visit to a stud farm (food for thought for your Committee!).

6. Members directed the Committee to produce new Club ties more in keeping with current fashion and also a small lapel badge depicting the Club motor cycle emblem.

Finally, a word or two of thanks:-

To - Doug Mitchenall for his planning of the excellent route travelled by members over the weekend, and to Gerald Davison of Honda, John Norman and Nick Jefferies of Kawasaki, Eric Brockway of Vespa Douglas and to Peter Bolton and Fred Green of Puch for their most generous loan of machines which helped to make the weekend such a success.



P R T SHEEN,  
Chairman.