



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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THE CLUB

SPRING RUN - 1978

The Club held its Spring Run based at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern over the weekend of Friday, 21st April, 1978 to Sunday, 23rd April.

In attendance were Messrs. B. Jones, D. Upton, D. Wood, D. Hele, T. Wassell, J. Nelson, M. Riley, B. Greaves, D. Norton, P. Sheen, M. Jackson, B. Perrigo, R. Boss, P. Wood, B. Smith, N. Aubury, I. Davies, M. Paul and B. Trigg.

Guests were - N. Jeffries, C. McCormick and F. Perris.

Apologies were received from P. Bolton, F. Green, F. Hall, P. Mitchenall, E. Wilson, H. Palin, K. Blair and E. Brockway, G. Davidson (Verbal).

The weekend commenced as usual with a "get-together" in the bar on Friday evening which set the pattern for the weekend - i.e. the beer was very good!

The run on Saturday totalled some 90 miles or so and it was conducted in the Malvern area over a mixed route consisting of by-lanes and minor roads, plus some "agricultural" going due to the heavy rain that fell on Thursday/Friday in that week. The route had been planned to provide the most scenic effect but unfortunately, due to low cloud, this plan came somewhat unstuck.

The morning's run included a visit to the National Trust 15th century house and grounds at Lower Brockhampton, just off the A.44 between Worcester and Bromyard. A most interesting visit. Lunch was taken at Ashburton on the A.417 where members were treated to some real beer. One member who shall be nameless but who was thoroughly enjoying the ride, went past the lunch stop at such a rate of knots that he failed to see the parked bikes and went off into the blue, not to be seen again for 45 minutes. He claimed that his navigation back to the lunch venue had been accomplished only by sampling the beer at every pub along the road

back! In the afternoon members were treated to a fascinating hour and a half at the (claimed) only Falconry in the U.K. which is located near Newent just off the A.4216. Members were treated to an amazing flying display including a superb exhibition of flying by an eagle with a 6 ft. wing span.

The run back was via 'May Hill' which normally affords magnificent views over the Severn and surrounding countryside, but unfortunately that day, provided nothing more than an interesting ride. From there, the return route back to the hotel was via the undulating A.4208 and some very fast motoring was observed by some members not familiar with the red band on rev counter dials

That evening and at great expense, the Committee had laid on an Army Drum Tattoo in the car park of the hotel. (Sceptic members thought that it had something to do with the fact that the local T.A. Regiment was dining in the hotel that night

Machines were kindly provided by courtesy of Nick Jeffries of Kawasaki and the two Denis's from Puch. Grateful thanks to both companies - both for the machines and their immaculate presentation.

The Saturday evening dinner was a very enjoyable affair and was followed by a raffle which raised £22 for Club funds plus a film show by Phil Wood which evoked much nostalgia.

Sunday morning's A.G.M. found the Committee and officers re-elected with the addition of Mike Riley as Committee member.

The financial state of the Club was reported as improving steadily with the Bank credit level of now over £150 - £170.

Following examination of designs and discussions on costs etc. it is hoped that both ties and small lapel badges will now be available in time for the next Club run.

Mr Nick Jeffries was elected as a member and was welcomed by the Chairman.

The dates for the next Club Run were agreed, and provisionally this was set for the weekend commencing September 29th/30th and 1st October, 1978. It was left to the Committee to finally decide the venue but suggestions were made that it should take place in either the Lake District or in the South Eastern area (combined with a visit to the R.A.F. Museum and Police Training School), Dartmoor, West Wales and to support a motor cycle competition meeting.

Would all members please make a note now of the proposed Autumn Run dates when we look forward to having a maximum turnout and perhaps a little better weather than that enjoyed on the Spring Run.

Finally, to enable us to update our membership lists and cards, etc., a

form is attached for members to complete and return to Norman as quickly as possible so as to ensure that their recorded details and addresses, etc. are accurate and up-to-date. Members co-operation in getting these back to Norman by return would be much appreciated.

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Chairman, THE CLUB.
12.5.78.

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Please ✓ in box to which address
'Club' letters should be directed.

Signed