

FORTY FIRST RUN
6/8 May 1983
The Post House, Chester

Hills, sensational passes, cascading water in swollen rivers and Welsh villages and towns on a day marred by persistent rain. It was our first experience of the Norton rotary brought by Tony Denniss which Peter Sheen (centre) is about to take over for a test run.



FORTY SECOND RUN
7/9 October 1983
The George Hotel, Solihull

Tim Wassell laid on a splendid tour of the West Midlands (7/9 October) and a visit to Warwick Castle; ideal subjects for amateur photographers. The contact sheet shows the evenings festivities.



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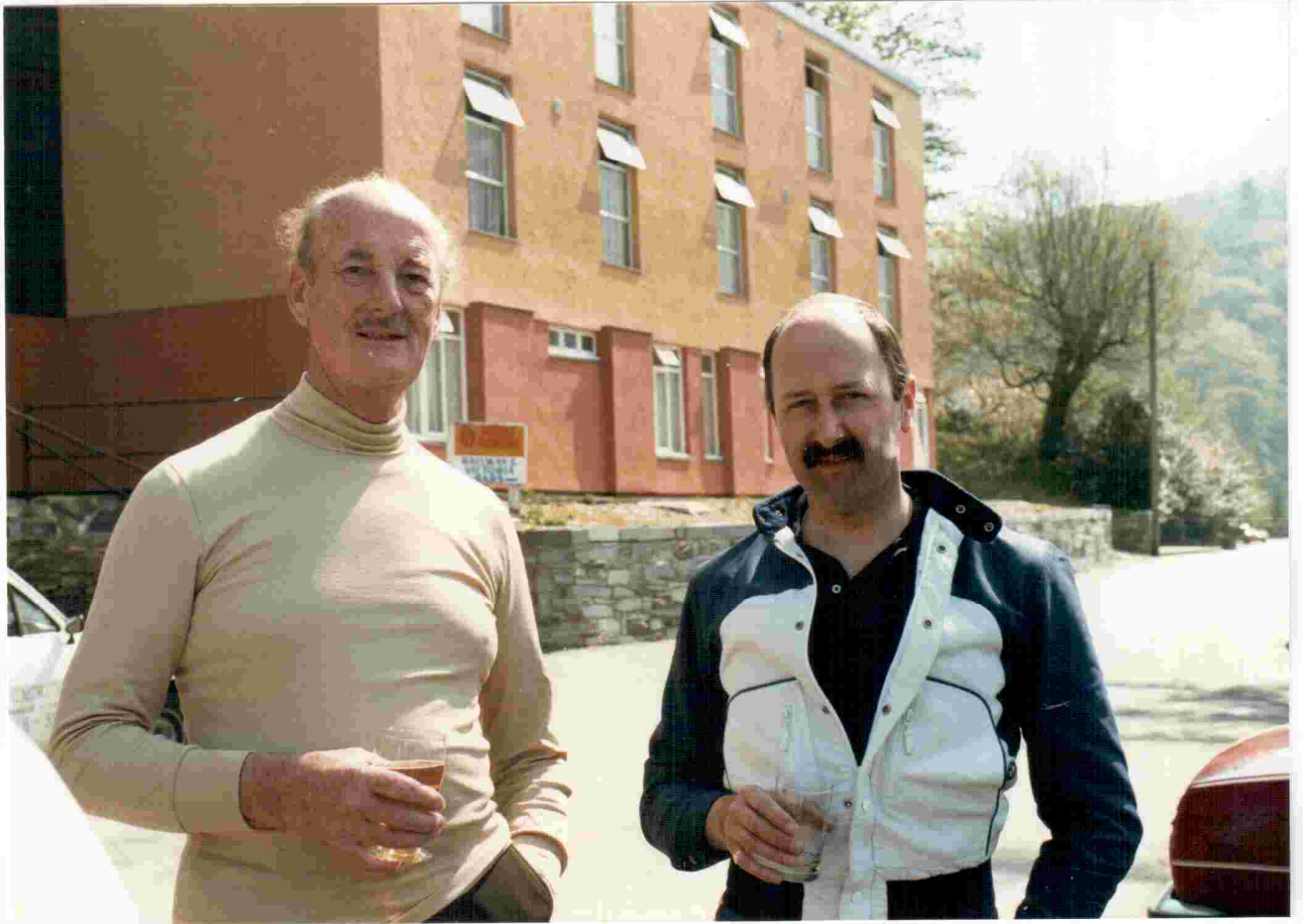
The photograph to bear all photographs. From the left: Tony Dammis, Al Cave (Production Manager at BSA), John Surtess, Mike Jackson, Norman Hyde, Keith Blair (bearded), below him Arthur Dalziel (BMW) and Bert Perrigo, Peter Britain, Ted Pink, Graham Pearce (BMW), Pat Myers, Doug Mitchenall (helmet), Bob Reynolds, Nick Rogers (Beard), Peter Sheen, Peter Bolton, Jeff Clew (Hlaynes), Mike Paul, Bob McMillan (Florida), Maurice Knight(on bike), bearded Roger Hicell (Florida), Tom Warner, Gerald Davison, Brian Jones (Triumph), Hugh Palin, Fred Green (foreground, Secretary of The Club, Dennis Wood (whiskers), bearded Ken Craven in background, next to Ivor Davies and Doug Hele. Michael Evans in helmet behind Derek Norton, Mike Riley between shirt sleeve Harry Louis and Bob Norton (arms folded). Possibly Tom Warburton in helmet then Arthur Wheeler and rear, Bob Trigg next to Wilf Harrison behind Stuart Wyss (Dunlop) in helmet. Frank Nursall (Florida), Dennis Bates (rear) and Mike Vickers (Britax) (foreground with coat). Peter Agg, hand in pocket, has behind him Nick Harvey and Tim Wassell with, extreme right, John Nelson. The weekend was recorded on video by courtesy of Shell.



Treasurer Ivor Davies (holding the money, naturally) receives help with the raffle from Bert.

John Surtees at the coffee break with Stuart Wyss.





Hugh Palin and Michael Evans--is the talk of the two-part test?

Jeff Clew aboard the flat-twin Douglas with Ken Craven in the background



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Idyllic weather for a trip of a lifetime to Snowden, over the mountain passes, and around the beauty of Lake Vymwy. Dinner entertainment included a Welsh Male Voice Choir, speeches by honorary members Harry Louis (Former editor of The Motor Cycle) and John Surtees, MBE. John's quote goes down in history "If somebody had told me I would be riding a Norton this weekend after 29 years, and following a guy called Sheen for 150 miles, I wouldn't have believed him".
That guy was Peter Sheen, organiser of the run and chairman of The Club for six years.



Doug Mitchenall and Ken Craven. A lifetime on two wheels and sometimes the weather is sheer joy.

Others treasure the moment in a wonderful day: Maurice Knight, Peter Sheen, Peter Agg and Tim Wassell.





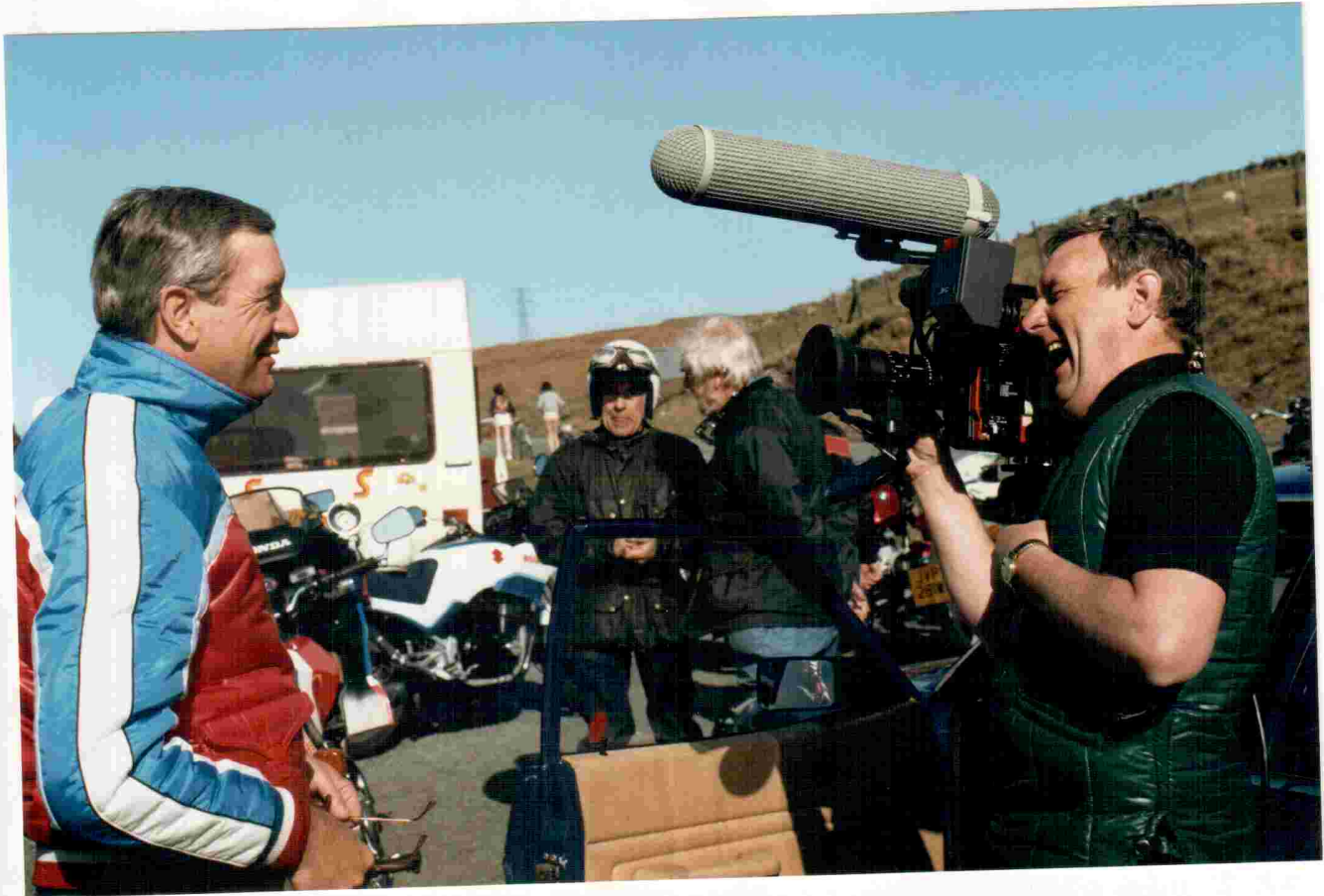
Nick Jeffery was one of those who chose British. "Never missed a beat all day!"

Dennis Wood and Peter Bolton. "No, not riding today, just came for the scenery".



The forty-fourth run based on Blandford Forum (5/7 October) included a visit to the tank museum at Blandford and a trip around part of the old road race circuit contained within the museum grounds. For the forty fifth run (26/28 April) the theme was riding trikes and quads on the hilly countryside of Wiltshire with disastrous results for those used to a lifetime of solo motorcycles.

A trip north to beautiful Richmond in Yorkshire and the second highest pub in England took place in October. After the pub followed a descent into a pothole, then cream tea and a ride along splendidly traffic-free roads back to base at The Kings Head



Smile please and say something, asks producer Martin Lester of Gerald Davison. Doug Mitchenall and Ken Craven await the call.

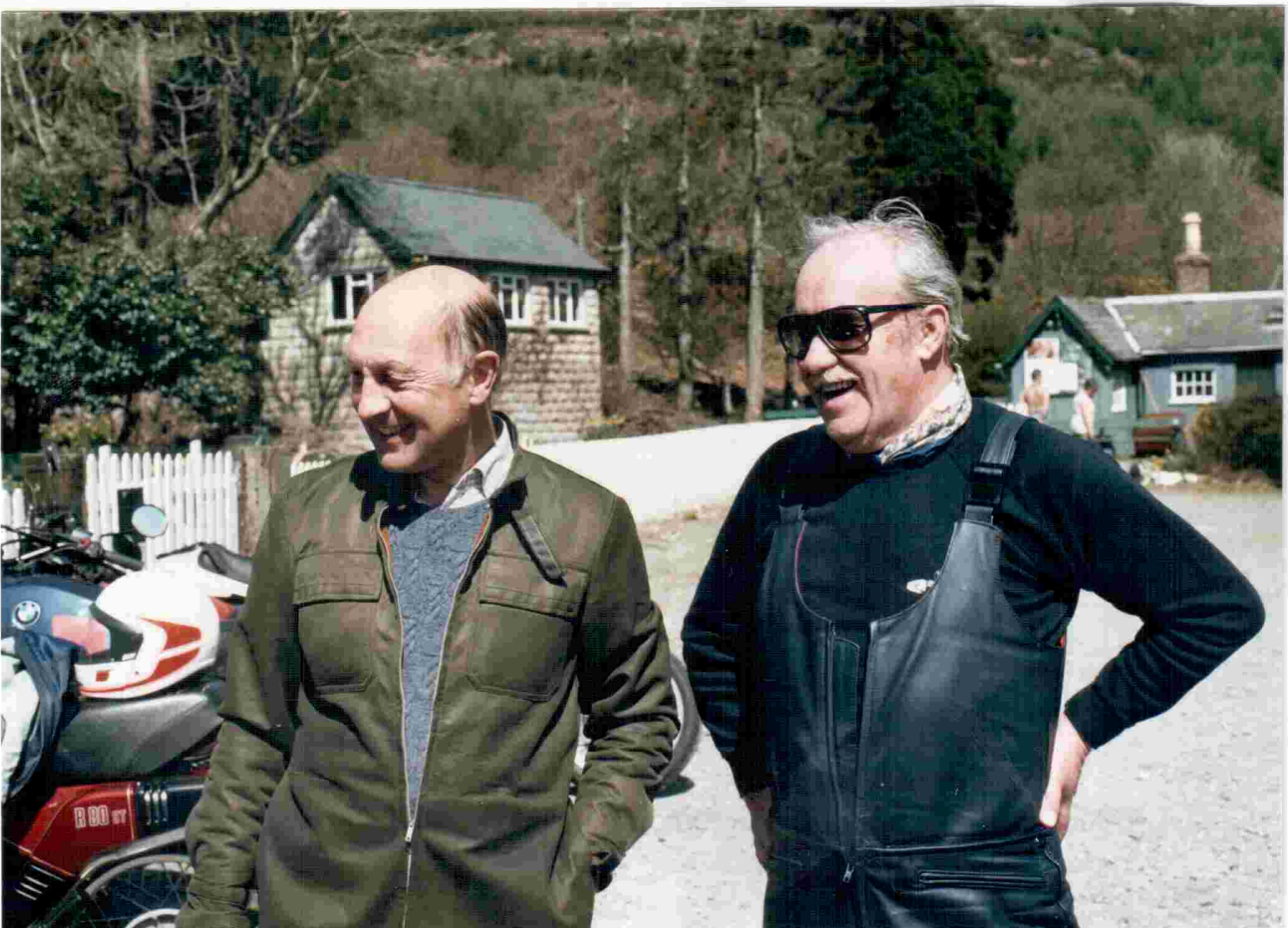
Coffee break. Many magnificent Japanese and German machines but no less than 17 British motorcycles for all that.





A likely story: Maurice Knight reacts to Arthur Wheeler's tale while Peter Agg snatches 40 winks.

Dennis Bates (Institute of Motor Cycling) and Pat Myers (BMW).





Doug Hele (Norton) and Norman Hyde
discuss—as always—technicalities

Tony Denniss (Norton) heads a group
along a stone-laced valley track.





Twenty nine years between a Manx and riding Norton again: Norton Production Manager, Tony Denniss provided the machine for John to ride.

Some of the sixty members and guests: Peter Bolton (Steyr Daimler Puch), Tony Denniss, Pat Myers (BMW) kneeling, John Surtees, Gerald Davison (Honda), Peter Agg founder of the Suzuki dynasty in the UK.





Secretary Fred Green shows some of the pictures held in The Club archives. Tom Waterer stares at the camera, Michael Evans listens attentively!

A moment frozen: Bob Reynolds (left) looks at the glass holding technique of Mike Jackson (centre) who is flanked by Maurice Knight and Derek Norton. Bob Norton casts a quizzical eye at the camera, and Harry Louis shuts his eyes.





It's not the sight of Bill Smith shorn of day attire so much as the reaction of Derek Norton to the cameraman. Are they up to no good at some ungodly hour?

A likely tale: with suitable backcloth of fishing triumphs Peter Sheen, Bertie Goodman and Mike Jackson swap experiences.



Time for a chat as the members gather for the weekend. Derek and Bob Norton exchange news with pipe-smoking Bill Smith, while Peter Sheen and Tim Wassell do likewise.

Stuart Wyss (Dunlop), Graham Goodman (Vespa) and Pat Myers (BMW). The battered car was not part of the event.

