

Most men say they ride motorcycles for the sheer fun of it, to escape and enjoy time on their own but paradoxically most find themselves joining likeminded groups riding in challenging conditions and returning to the places they know and love.



The Club

Autumn Run 2018



So are Club members any different? well I hope not and this Autumn Club run goes some way to prove it, as we start to arrive at the Melbreak Hotel in Cumbria for what is forecast to be a weekend of very mixed and changing weather.

But what is it that brings thirty one men from around the country and further afield to this place at the far edge of the lakes and westerly coast of Cumbria, is it:

The only place to have fun?

The only place you can escape to?

The only place you can be on your own?



Definitely not but it's a great place to ride a motorcycle and escape from monotonous roads but most importantly it's where our run leader (David O'Neill) and co-host (Geoff Selvidge) have organised the Autumn 2018 Club Run



*As is the norm
our run
organisers
start by
making sure
we are made to
feel most
welcome*



*Every little detail is
meticulously planned by
David and Geoff even
where to park is made
idiot proof for the weary
(although it seems like
someone managed to
collide with the sign)*



*Roy explains to
Ian "sorry I just
didn't see it
officer "*



*Once we have parked
our steeds and drop our
luggage in our rooms,*

*its time to slip into something a little more comfortable and
join our colleagues for the traditional Friday night noggin and
natter*



*Richard Burgess didn't
seem too impressed with
Greg's choice of trousers
but it seemed to amuse
Martyn Roberts*



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As is customary our Chairman stands and delivers with his usual Sartorial eloquence the official welcome to members and guests before introducing our run leaders, meanwhile Martin Google's the impending weather with trepidation



Next our run leader David O'Neill takes us through the joys that we can expect to encounter on Saturdays run. Having grown up in this amazing part of the world he's well qualified not only to lead but ensure we take in the very best of the roads and scenery on offer from the lakes (it's a far cry from the equally famous flat lands of the Nederland's



Nick Campolucci struggled to recognise the guy in the mirror having spent best part of the day riding up from the deep south while Norman Hyde was desperate to show Tony Dawson what an accomplished magician he was by producing a pound coin from behind Tony's ear, needless to say the mirror cracked and Norman pocketed the money.



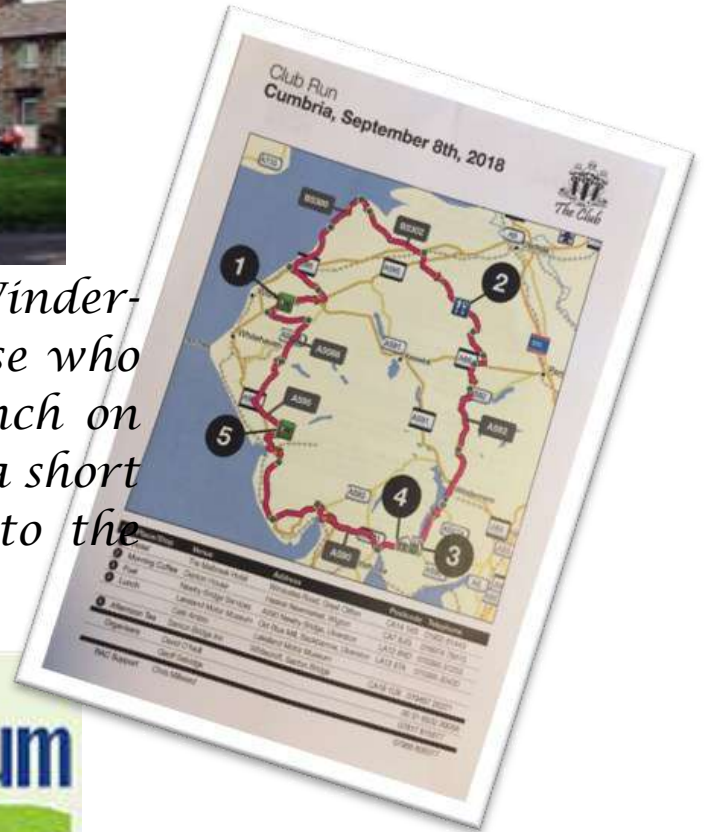
Martin Lambert - Being so grateful his discreet Sergeant at Arms note taking hadn't been spotted by anyone, or so he thought ! Greg Elson asking how to stop his visor steaming up despite having a perfectly good Pinlock installed (there's a fine to come as the SA looks on)



9am we are to set off from the Melbreak Hotel North along the coast before heading East to our morning tea stop at Hesket Newmarket .



Then we head south past Windermere, fuel at 90 miles for those who need it will be just before lunch on the A590. Lunch itself will be a short hop away at the Café next to the Lakeland Motor Museum



After a leisurely stroll around the artefacts we head west to pick up the coast again before stopping for afternoon tea at the Stanton Bridge Inn From here it's a free flowing blast on the A5086 and back to the Melbreak Hotel





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Bob McMillan told Neil to be a little more discreet with the scooter if he wanted to pass it off as a motorcycle



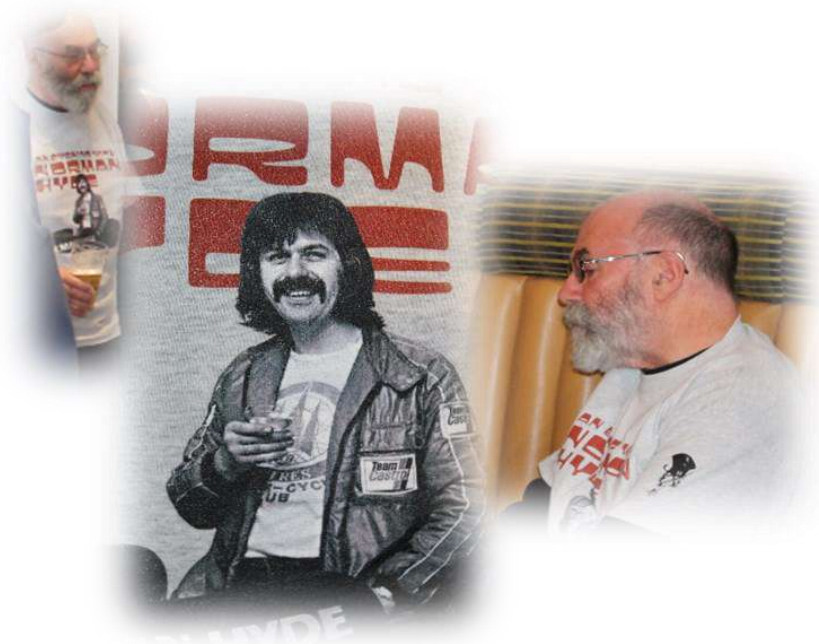
Nigel Bosworth extolling the virtues of Dainese to anyone who will listen whilst Andrew asks Jonathan if he's found any small socks (fine to come)



Kevin Howells thought hard about how to make himself more approachable



Neil Tuxworth was very determined to convince us it was a motorcycle and not a bloody scooter (as he slaps his hand down on the table)



Norman has not changed "much" as we could all see from his self publicising t-shirt

The guys like to stand out and be different - well apart from following the fashion for matt paint



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Ian Kerr's Super Ten blending in to the background

The Diavel of Nigel Bosworth, who later elected not to wear a tie on Saturday so as to stand out from the crowd but picked up a fine from the SA instead



Bob Mac's Africa Twin trying to break cover with some silver crash bars

Then there are those who really dare to stand out and show their true colours

Norman's T120 making a dignified statement



Martyn Roberts NC 750X with a little more of a statement



And Tim Maccabee's Multistrada with a brazen use of colour to hide its unmistakable resemblance to a duck



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Motorcycling is all about a life style. John Wakefield is obviously going through a change with the "Loud and Proud" 883 and swinging chrome chains hanging from his Trousers

(Fined a pound for both naturally by The SA)



So confident was the scribe that nobody else would want his choice of stead (BMW S1000) he chose to show off he hadn't locked it



Tigers aren't slow but Dan Sager set off a 9.30 and still arrived fashionably late at 7pm (there's a fine) despite this our Chairman remains unruffled and opens our meeting with his usual calm composure, I guess it all seems so quick after the Royal Enfield's



Tony Dawson's Tracer helped him speed pass the Hotel more than once with no idea where he was going but he didn't care (there's another Fine)



Somewhere beneath these enormous boxes Jonathan Martin was hiding his DL1000



Rick Parish has been flirting between the BM's and Trophy's for year's We're still not sure if its to suit the advanced riding or years



There is no getting away from the practicality of Stephen Burgess's K1600, but is that really what he wants people to think of his choice of bike?



Somewhere on his 900 Tracer Andrew Smith was hiding his socks that he wasn't going to be wearing at dinner (Fine)



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It may be a badass hooligan machine, but they say you can judge a man by his shoes, lets hope for Kevin Howells sake its not by the wheels on his MT10SP



Nick Jeffery was keen to hide the K75 among other fading relics



Somehow Richard Burgess's attempt to distract from the awkward features of his GS by adding some equally ugly tin cans to the back seem to pass the SA by on this occasion



No need to add any Hi-Vis Gimmicks on Martin Lambert's Versys you can't miss it! But hold on it could be Geoff's



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650cc Suzuki's seems to be the way to go with some of our senior members. Alan Halford opting for the four cylinder variant



And Graham Goodman opting for the two cylinder 650 Vstrom

Greg Elson - still worrying about his visor steaming up has elected now to ride a Transalp for a little extra height and perfect vision (First one we have ever seen anyone bothering to chain up)



Despite Roy Pinto's best effort to elevate himself on the super tall Tiger he did manage to get sandwiched between two cars just before lunch, Dutifully fined by Martin later



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*It wasn't long before the
seat of Nick Hopkins
Norton would be off for the
usual rewire
But nobody imagined it
would be before Breakfast
(fine)*



*The big question, and the one on
everyone's lips, was Neil's Tuxworth's
XADV a scooter or not - Neil was in
denial for sure*

*With the Norton Running we set off
on a damp B5300 grateful that some
progress had been made to the
Cumbrian roads over recent years*



*A comfort stop allowed someone to
capture the majestic B5302 for us*



*But there can't be many roads in
the UK that claim a vista such
as that, from this route through
the park*



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Coincidentally Hesket Newmarket is a regular venue for the vintage motorcycle club, not to mention that Clarissa Dickson Wright and Jennifer Paterson (AKA the Fat ladies) also did a TV episode here .

Strange, but when Thirty Nine men go out for a run despite a long drunken evening at the bar when they stop for morning tea there always seems to be a tavern in shot - note the trusting nature of our members with expensive lids placed caringly upon their motorcycles



There was no mistaking our run leader David O'Neil on his Hi-vis GS, although after tea Nigel Bosworth and John Wakefield did manage to get to the first corner ahead of him somehow. (fined accordingly later by the SA)

David had done his best so show off the capability of his modern GS and to break a few old bikes and riders by taking us down a mile of cobbled street for what seemed no bloody good reason other than pain





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Nigel Bosworth was priding himself on numerous crude attempts to promote his dubious choice of Dainese clothing and his strange attempt to fit leaf springs to his again dubious choice of Ducati, the Diavel



*Ian Kerr
MBE
quizzing
Tim
Maccabee
about the
new leaf
springs on
Nigel's
Diavel*

*The **Lakeland Motor Museum** genuinely had something for everyone both Maurice Knight and Graham Goodman lingered so long some visitors even mistook them for exhibits at one point*





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The sign at lunch that said it all really



1956 BSA M21
600cc
and Watsonian Sidecar

Ben Matthews wasn't on the run but he would have felt so proud



Fond memories of youth, for so many



*But this mischievous trio would go on to wreak havoc among the exhibits
Rearranging mannequin for their amusement (Fine)*



Whilst it's wet outside at lunch we fear not, we have our own trusty RAC van with us so won't need the on site services of the AA



Neil tests his story once again on Nigel with Bob looking on wondering if Neil should just concede it's a scooter



Jonathan holds court at lunch as Andrew and Maurice listen intently and the Sergeant waits for a slip that could lead a to a fine later in the weekends proceedings

Despite the experience and wisdom of *The Club* we continue to discuss the **impending weather** conditions at great length before setting off as if we might influence it.

Then when we stop we discuss the current weather and of course a post mortem of the days weather at the end as if we were surprised by it.

The truth being we are always grateful for any dry bits and really quite enjoy the adventure the variety brings.

Needless to say the lakes did their best to meet our expectations



The Club

Start



Morning tea



Lunch



Afternoon tea



Finish



At the afternoon tea stop at Stanton Bridge Inn Nick wonders where everyone else is

Meanwhile Richard Burgess threatens to poke "Tail End Charlie" in the eye for abandoning him before tea



Others huddle for warmth
While Ian grills Tim about Italian exotica some more

Look like a few of us foolishly chose to park in an abandoned travellers site



Being such experienced road users! most members breezed (ha) through the excellent Club Quiz set by Ian Kerr



The Club



1. What year was the first Highway Code published?
2. When was the first motoring conviction?
3. When was the Driving Licence introduced?
4. In what year was motor insurance introduced?
5. When was the first Road Tax introduced?
6. What year was the Driving Test introduced?
7. When did the first 'broken line' road markings appear on our roads?
8. What year did the first traffic light signal appear?
9. What year did the first pedestrian crossing appear?
10. What year did the 30 mph speed limit appear?
11. What year did the 70 mph motorway speed limit come into force?
12. When did the first conviction take place for a radar trap in the UK?
13. When was the first photographic Speed trap?
14. What year did the breathalyser first appear?
15. What is the breath alcohol level for 100 millilitres of breath?
16. Do Highways Traffic Officers have the legal power to stop you?
17. What is the distance that you must be able to read a number plate in good daylight?
18. When is it illegal to sound your horn?
19. The minimum tread depth for a motorcycle is?
20. The speed limit for a motorcycle on a single carriageway road where the national speed limit applies is?
21. What must a Dual Carriageway have to be legally classed as one with the higher speed limit applying?
22. According to the Highway Code what is the minimum braking distance on a dry road of a vehicle travelling at 70 mph?
23. The Highway Code states the Flashing of Headlights means?
24. When is it permitted to be stationary in Yellow Box Junction?
25. When visibility drops below what distance are you legally required to put your headlights on?
26. How many different coloured 'cats eyes' are there on a motorway?
27. You may enter an area of white hatched diagonal stripes or chevrons not surrounded by a solid white line to overtake. True/false?
28. A driver/rider may cross a solid white line to overtake a horse. True/False
29. What year were Crash Helmets made compulsory?
30. What year were '50cc Mopeds' limited to 30 mph by legislation?

And the Results - Less than half even managed to get half right

1. **14th April 1931**
 2. **1895** when John Henry Knight of Farnham Surrey was convicted of using his three wheeled motor carriage on the Public Highway.
 3. **The Motor Car Act of 1903** introduced them in August and it came into force on 1st January 1904 when they cost 5/-.
 4. **November 1896** issued by the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Company. Insurance became **compulsory with the Road Traffic Act of 1930**
 5. **1637 by Charles I** on private carriages and Hackney Cabs. Tolls roads started in 1706 with the last public one being abolished in 1896 when the last Turnpike Act expired.
 6. The British Ministry of Transport introduced them in **May 1935** and also L plates for learners.
 7. **1935** on a 70 mile stretch of the A30/A38 in Devon, However, white lines started appearing in 1914
 8. Manually red, amber green lights appeared in **Piccadilly Circus in 1926**. However, the first electric traffic lights had gone into operation in Cleveland Ohio in 1914
 9. Pedestrian Crossings marked by dotted lines and Belisha beacons were first seen in **1934**. (Named after Transport Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha)
 10. **1935**
 11. **Introduced in 1965** made compulsory by Barbara Castle in 1967
 12. **19th August 1959** in Lancashire. The offender was fined £3! The first person to be convicted of speeding is believed to be Walter Arnold of East Peckham, Kent, who on 28 January 1896 was fined for speeding at 8 mph (13 km/h). He was fined 1 shilling plus costs
 13. **1900** when a camera took a sequence of pictures 'to prove the pace of 'Autocars' and this was given to the Parisian Prefect for Police!
 14. **1967** but the first arrest for Drunk driving took place in 1897!
 15. **35 microgrammes per 100 millilitres of breath** or 80mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood.
 16. **Yes** under the Traffic Management Act 2004, Traffic Officers have the power to stop and direct traffic, close lanes and carriageways, manage traffic. You must obey directions from a Traffic Officer. Failure to do so is an offence and carries a fine of up to £1,000 along with possible driving licence endorsement or disqualification.
 17. **20 metres new 20.5 old style**
 18. **When stationary** in except in times of danger or **between 11.30 pm and 7.00 am in BUA's**
 19. For a motorcycle tyre to be legal in the UK it needs at least **1.0mm tread** depth around the circumference of the tyre for 75% of the central width and the remainder of the original pattern must be visible.
 20. **60 mph**
 21. **A physical centre reservation**
 22. **75 metres** plus 21 metres thinking – 96 total 24 car lengths
 23. **To let another road user know you are there**
 24. **When turning right** and only prevented from doing so by oncoming traffic
 25. **100 metres**
 26. **4 red hard shoulder green at exit white lane marking and amber centre reservation**
 27. **True**
 28. **True** any vehicle moving at less than 10mph.
 29. **1973** Sikh exempted 1976
 30. The legal definition of a Moped in the United Kingdom was revised in **1977** to include a maximum design speed of 30 mph (48 km/h). This was further revised to 50 km/h (31 mph) in the 1990s, then 45 km/h (28 mph) in the late 2000s to fall in line with unified European Union licensing regulations. **Tie breaker**
- When was the first Motoring fatality? 25th February 1899** when the rear wheels of a Daimler under test by the Army and Navy stores failed under braking on Grove Hill, Harrow. The driver was a Daimler employee and he was killed instantly while a passenger subsequently died!

Sergeant at Arms
Aka Martin Lambert
appointed Andrew Smith his
"Bucketman" for the evening
Then proceeded to fine us all for
our indiscretions and alleged
offences with great delight



The Club

- Missing gears on arrival twice Nick Hopkins
- Tony Dawson passed the Hotel no idea where he was going
- Andrew Smith with bandaged thumb claiming but I'm an ex butcher
- Graham Goodman who says he loves listening to John Timpson on radio 4 today programme, strange because he departed nearly 15 years ago
- Norman Hyde Hello Bob what are you doing here you booked after the closing date
- Norman Hyde for accusing others for advertising while wearing a Norman Hyde t-shirt himself
- Dan Sager set off a 9.30 but still arrived fashionably late at 7pm
- Maurice Knight I'm driving and have a spare window seat if anyone wants to buy it from me
- Alan Halford checked the weather to see if he wanted to buy a seat in Morris's car
- Nick Jeffery email a note of thanks praising the wrong run organisers
- Norman Couldn't be bothered to look after his guest Neil Tuxworth
- Nigel Bosworth Numerous crude attempts to promote the Dainese clothing
- David O'Neill the voice of doom and gloom stories of danger and wows throughout the run route
- Rick Parish apologise for submitting the accounts late and then turning up last
- Nigel Bosworth neglecting to wear a tie on Saturday
- Nick Hopkins Seat of Norton off for wiring repairs even before the run commenced
- Tim Maccabee wearing back protector at breakfast
- Nigel Bosworth trousers not reaching his boots
- Andrew Smith not wearing any socks
- Steve Callahan suddenly overtaking the longest line of cars ever

"The Bucketman"
Aka Andrew Smith
An apology from the SA "I treat you
all with the same contempt"

- Greg Elson how do I stop my visor steaming up despite having a perfectly good Pinlock being in place
- Tim Maccabee and John Wakefield running Mono-panniers
- John Wakefield Loudest exhaust and Rocker chain
- Nick, Bob and Steve all marking one corner
- David O'Neil tried his best to break a few old bikes and riders by taking us down a mile of cobbled street for no good reason other than pain
- Graham Goodman half way down a 2mile straight with no turns decided to marshal us straight on
- Norman's revolutionary "tank Nav"
- Roy Pinto getting sandwiched between cars just before lunch
- Graham Goodman forcing a tractor off road as his bike seem to require more room than the tractors trailer
- Andrew Smith and Martin Lambert placing manikins PC's hand on the WPC's knee in the Lakeland motor museum
- Before afternoon coffee break Roy Pinto and John Wakefield overtaking on double white lines
- At coffee stop Jonathan Martin announcing the stickers his company put on his bike were dog poo
- Nigel Bosworth and John Wakefield making the first corner after tea ahead of the run leader
- Martin Robbers looking like a gardener wearing an anorak on a high-tech motorcycle
- Roy pinto dragging his legs on the ground soon after we left in the morning
- David Taylor tired at the end so deciding to ride no more than 30 miles an hour for the last 20 miles
- Norman Hyde Goggleing the quiz
- Nick Campolucci wearing Red trousers
- Neil Tuxworth denying he's riding a Honda Scooter

It has to be said at the end of the day David O'Neil and Geoff Selvidge had done a fantastic job of organising and escorting Club members and guests through David's beloved and beautiful Lake district. Not only was it very pleasant memories for the leader it was a marvellous combination of Sweeping roads, breath-taking scenery and Cumbrian weather too



The Club



Another great Club run Autumn 2018



But as with all things wonderful there comes a time to say au revoir and look forward to the next adventure.



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Those attending the Autumn Club run 2018 Lake District



*Stephen Burgess
Steve Callahan
Nick Campolucci
Tony Dawson
Greg Elson
Graham Goodman
Alan Halford
Nick Hopkins
Norman Hyde
Nick Jeffery
Ian Kerr MBE
Maurice Knight
Martin Lambert
Tim Maccabee
Jonathan Martin*

*David O'Neill
Rick Parish
Roy Pinto
Martyn Roberts
Dan Sager
Geoff Selvidge
Andrew Smith
David Taylor
John Wakefield
Bob McMillan
Nigel Bosworth - Guest of Andrew Smith
Richard Burgess - Guest of Stephen Burgess
Neil Tuxworth - Guest of Hyde
Kevin Howells - Guest of Geoff Selvidge*

Run organisers David O'Neill and Geoff Selvidge