

# DENNIS BATES

Treasurer 1983-2010, President 2010



Dennis was born in Stoke Newington, London on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1926. His father was an actor and made 13 full length silent films in the 1920's; his mother a musical comedy soprano.

Dennis grew up in Cheshire. He volunteered for the Royal Air Force and was accepted but later discharged suffering from a kidney disease. Some months later he joined the Royal Observer Corps and served until 1961 being awarded the Long Service Medal and retired in the rank of Leading Observer has since become a recognised authority and historian on the ROC, particularly 19 Group and its thirty-eight posts that protected London. Has appeared in TV documentaries including Granada's *Battlefield Detectives* and ITV's *David Jason's Battle of Britain*.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

<b>1947</b>	Process engraving order clerk
<b>1951</b>	Junior account executive with Samson Clark Limited
<b>1955</b>	Account Executive with Tilbury Advertising Limited
<b>1963</b>	Account Executive and director Bonner Hodgson & Partners Limited
<b>1983</b>	Director Westminster Communications (MD Michael Evans) including campaign manager for the Institute of Motorcycling (funded by industry and major Japanese brands) with annual six-figure budget 1985-1993. Also headed press relations and publicity for the Motorcycle Show, and with Michael raising attendance to record 202,000
<b>1993</b>	Retired Consultant to Westminster Communications re-Motorcycle Show

## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- Secretary of Meeting at the Talmag trial 1950-52
- Sunbeam MCC Committee member. Founded and ran the Ramsgate Sprint 1956 (11 years)
- Committee member then director British Motorcycle Racing Club 1950-1972 (Results officer Chief Marshal Clerk of the Course)
- 1972 Organised the last race meeting at Crystal Palace
- Wrote the first race circuit marshalling manual
- Author of many features on classic motorcycling and the trials riders of the 1950s
- Owns and rides ten vintage motorcycles. President of the West Kent Section VMCC 2010-12.