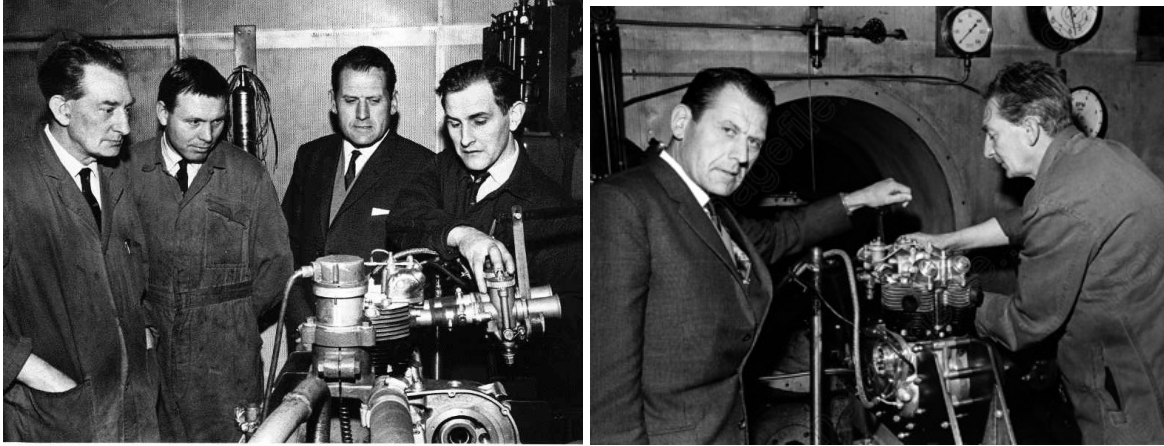


# DOUGLAS LIONEL HELE

President 1990 – 93



Doug was born in Longbridge Birmingham in 1919

He was a Chartered Engineer and a Member of Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

His business career was quite extensive and encompassed many different manufacturers.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

<b>1935</b>	Austin Motor Co. Engineering apprenticeship and Drawing Office
<b>1945</b>	Douglas Motorcycles (Kingswood Bristol)Ltd.. Design Draughtsman.
<b>1947</b>	Norton Motors Bracebridge St. Design Draughtsman
<b>1949</b>	BSA Armoury Road Design Draughtsman
<b>1954</b>	Norton Motors Bracebridge St. Chief Development Engineer
<b>1962</b>	Triumph Engineering Meriden Chief Development Engineer
<b>1973</b>	Norton/Triumph/International Kitts Green Chief Development Engineer
<b>1982</b>	British Seagull Poole Technical Director
<b>1991</b>	Norton Motors Shenstone Chief Development Engineer

During the 60's and early 70's Doug was responsible for many racing achievements. There were the 500 twins, which beat many of the Norton and AJS Singles, resulting in a famous 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Belgium GP ridden by Percy Tait. Later the 650 Bonneville Production Racers were a force to be reckoned with, particularly when Malcolm Uphill established the famous race record of 99.99mph around the Isle of Man TT Course in 1969. Then with the introduction of the famous 750 Triples, the marque continued to dominate, culminating with the most famous of all — Slippery Sam.

Doug rode his last run in Spring of 1991 based in Scole Norfolk. It was particularly memorable because its start followed an overnight snow storm.

Doug's last appearance on a run was 1996 Birdlip Glos. When Norman Hyde arranged the use of a motorcycle and sidecar and invited Doug to be his 'sack of spuds'. It was great fun to watch Norman hurtling the outfit around the roads and lanes of Gloucestershire, Norman leaning every which way while Doug sat unperturbed in the chair with a smile on his face. That was until a rod sought fresh air through the side of the crankcase. Thereafter Doug completed the Run in the RAC Van.

Doug lived in Northfield, Birmingham. Doug passed away in the Autumn of 2001