# The Cotswold Section

## of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club



## Newsletter









Dave Bovenizer KOBI thanks you all for your support on his charity ride Image courtesy of Mark Fairhurst

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#### From the B190

Well done Dave on his charity ride raising funds for the Acorns Trust. A brief report is included in this issue so that he has some time to compile a full report for the next issue.

Reg Eyre KOBI

**Daneway Mid-week Rally** 



It was pleasing to see so many girder fork machines at this event

## **KOBI Writings**

Tim Penn KOBI, (current VMCC President), suggested I include some writings from Geoff Preece KOBI. Geoff was amazed to see Geoff Hayes words about the ISDT, reproduced from the Ariel Club, and said he enjoyed the August edition. The result is that he agreed to scribe some up-to-date words for our Newsletter. "The Jubilee 'do' was a most splendid affair. Good to meet founder member Fred Smith senior and to also meet much younger members who perhaps will be at the 120th yearly meeting. I probably will have to send apologies for absence. In the Newsletter was mention of Geoff Hayes KOBI. A marvellous character! I remember one KOBI meeting at Felix's when I was in the Middle East and booked a telephone call for that evening. Geoff answered the phone and we spent the first couple of minutes trying to converse in Arabic. Another meeting at Burke Towers I remember, (well remember is perhaps not the correct word), I failed to leave for home and awoke next morning in the spare bedroom. Felix was very generous with the Gin. At the first KOBI investiture Peter Moffat announced that I deserved a bar to my KOBI. Peter used to say that the order was introduced because some

members were taking things too seriously. (Once I get started there will be no stopping me...) On the way to the TT one year my '29 TT Rep Scott had a rear wheel malfunction. Removed it, got a lift on the back of a ton-up cowboy, (not his bike? – Ed), to the nearest town. Got it sorted. Hitched a lift back, fitted it OK. By now it was dusk and no lights. Heard a couple of motorcycles approaching. Turned out to be Bob and David Main, booked on the same boat as me. Searched in their luggage, found a lamp, stuck some red tape on and fixed it to my haversack. Tucked in between them we continued to Liverpool. Getting through the Mersey Tunnel was a bit tricky but we made it in time for the Ferry. They were camping and I was lording it at the Railway Hotel. They were on free drinks for the rest of the trip. I had bought the Scott from a Bank Manager in Ramsey the year before. So how do you get it home when you only have a Vincent for transport? Another story. Sold the Scott on to Les Hurrell with the proviso that I could use it from time to time. Worked well until his tragic accident. *Geoff KOBI* 

#### Requests received by the editor

I am trying to piece together a Veteran Motosacoche, and although I understand that the club's marque specialists are not parts suppliers I am emailing in the hope you may be able to point me in the right direction or offer advice!

Parts I need include:

Frame, Carb, Controls, correct Magneto Any thoughts would be much appreciated.



He sent the following image - i.e. an incomplete engine, which is where he is starting from!

Kind regards

Morris Wright – A New Zealander living and working in Northleach for two years." The second request is from a Spanish rider living in France.

"I have obtained an MT model Motosacoche, (1909-1912), 3 years ago and a lot of parts were missing. Really, I had got only the original frame, wheels, an incomplete engine and the seat. Last year I got some replica parts and I found some original ones, such as the magneto, carburetor, or an incomplete tank. Now I need some little parts to finish to complete it. My

dream is to finish it in the most original condition as possible. Here are the parts that I need:

- For the tank, I am looking for the 3 caps marked "Huile", "Petrol", and "Essence", the 2 electrical contacts, the rear brake Dufaux. It may be possible to put a "Bowden" or "C-Jeay" bicycle rear brake.
- The little top that is put on the cylinder, which is connected to the petrol pump,
- The front badge and the ones placed on the side iron covers,
- The side steel covers,
- The shock absorber.



And, finally, the both pumps (oil and petrol) with their brackets that have been cut from the petrol tank. These pumps are fixed to the both sides of the tank. Regards, Javier

From Richard, "I have just bought a reasonable complete 1927 500 Enfield but ...... whilst the frame is complete it is very pitted with some parts a bit too far gone to use. Do you, or any of your fellow Cotswold Section members, know of a firm who can repair frames. It needs some tubes replaced and some new parts made. Thanks Richard"

And finally, how about finding an Invicta! Charles Wright asks for any useful information or parts.

If you can offer any spares or advice, please let me know and I will forward any replies.

### Reg

The following images show what he has and a complete four-stroke Invicta of about 1921.





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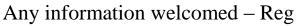


Ariel VH, 1954 but registered on a D plate, built for 5000 mile charity ride in South Africa. Offers around £3600 Reg



## **Photos from a bookshop** – A Thank You to my mate Alf







## **COTSWOLD SECTION CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2014 to DECEBER 2014**

## October

1st	Film Show	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
4th	31st Cotswold Night Trial	The Aviator Inn, Staverton, Cheltenham
5th	20th Belt and Braces Run	The Cottage, Hartlands Hill, Minsterworth
8th	Section Library - Viewing Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
15th	Confessions of a photographer with a one track mind - Peter Berry	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
19th	Winter Wandering	The Woolpack Inn, Slad, Stroud
19th	Social Run to Engine Society Open Day at Sevenhampton	The Woolpack Inn, Slad, Stroud
22nd	Club Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
28th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
29th	Club Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
		November
5th	AGM / Bring and Buy Sale	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
12th	Club Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
16th	Winter Wandering	The Gardeners Arms Inn, Alderton, Tewkesbury
19th	Guest Speaker	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
20th <b>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER</b>		
25th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
26th	Club Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
December		
3rd	Guest Speaker	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
10th	Club Night	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
16th	Committee Meeting	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
17th	Christmas Party	Churchdown Club, Church Rd., Churchdown
21st	Winter Wandering	The Greyhound Inn, Littledean, Cinderford
26th	Boxing Day Gathering	The Watersmeet Hotel, Hartpury, Gloucester

Graham Rowcliffe sent in the following images. The same set of questions is asked as to machine or rider recognition, dates, venues or occasions.





The one legged lady won a 27mile race in Denmark, but who is she? The two army guys appear to be on a ship, who, why, where, etc.

#### **David Bovenizer KOBI**

In the last issue we learned that Dave was about to embark on one of his fantasy rides – 'let the miles roll – what have I got that has a small over-stressed engine – who needs support back-up – etc.' I am happy to report that he covered 301miles riding around the border of Gloucestershire, during which time he collected £921.01 of the £500.00 expected for the Children's Trust, Acorns. He reports that he spent 15.5 hours in the small saddle and used 9 litres of fuel. This includes a run up Fish Hill at Broadway while pushing the 98cc 1959 Excelsior Consort machine pictured on the front cover. Dave would like to thank all donors and we would like to congratulate him for his efforts and hope he will recuperate during the winter.

Reporter Reg



I cannot remember who sent me this image but I am sufficiently impressed by the number of beards, paunches and girder forks to include it here. (Will the sender please remind me of the place and event?)



This is another image sent to me but with no details. It is yet another of those covetable machines that needs the editorial ride. I might even include a report in a future Newsletter. Go ahead – make my day! Request – If you have an image of your bike, then why not send it to the newsletter for publication? I would like some words to accompany the image.

### For Example

Colin Rouse of St. Albans sent me a picture of his BSA 350 OHV which he uses a lot and writes that it goes extremely well now he's been through it, (looks can be deceiving).



Colin also sent me an image of the Torquay Cycling Club in 1900, which clearly shows an early Singer. The proud owner looks very familiar. Anyone know who he is?





**Remember** – Please send the editor any pictures and text related to VMCC eligible events, machinery. These can be yours, your friends, your relatives, or just items you have found interesting.

Reg – the editor