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From the Editor

When I had first suggested to the committee that our members could enjoy coffee runs, the intention was that they would just be held during the summer months. However, they have proved to be such a success that I have been asked to continue them through the winter as well. Therefore, I am looking for new locations that provide a good service and can easily accommodate us all. (So far, the numbers have varied from 9 – 16). If you know of somewhere suitable please drop me an email and I can investigate.

Talk of winter reminds me that the last club run of the year to Clatteringshaws will soon be upon us (16th October). A calendar of winter events is currently being developed, but if you are aware of businesses or individuals that can offer to deliver interesting talks, either at their premises or at the Glenburn Miners Welfare club then, again, please let me know.

In addition, with the completion of the runs programme there may be a shortage of articles for the newsletter, unless you, the readers, have interesting articles to offer. Where have you been on your bike? What are you restoring? Who have you met?

Finally, there has been an interesting suggestion from one of our members regarding loaning books and DVD's. Please see the article later on and let me know what you think.

Many thanks to David Rowell, and Drew Robertson for their run reports and article this month.

Paul Wilkinson

(Front cover: David Anderson sitting on Willie McColm's memorial bench, Portpatrick)

Club Member of the Month

Name – **David Anderson** Club Position – **Member** Age - **78**

How old were you when you bought your first bike? **15 years old**

What was it? – **A 1939 Rudge Ulster with 4 valve cast iron head with exposed rockers and pushrods. This had previously been used in some form of motorsport as there was no kickstart, dynamo or silencers, and the engine plates and bolts were drilled to reduce weight.** Do you still have it? – **No**

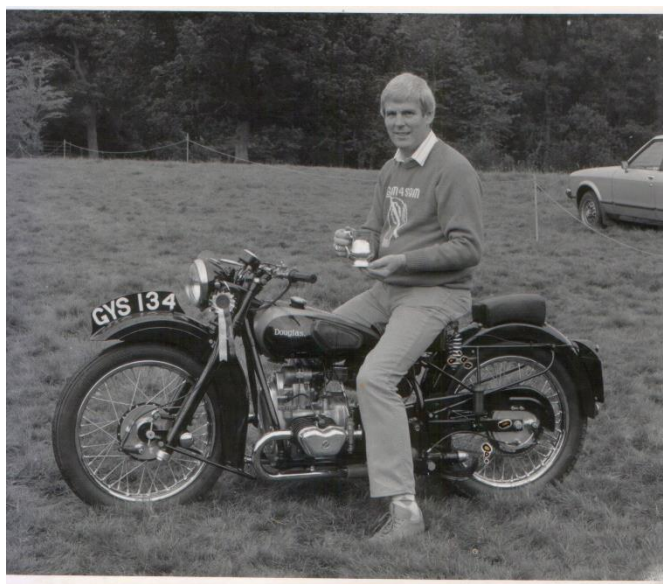
What do you currently ride? – **A 1997 Ducati ST2 and a 2020 BMW R1250GS Triple Black.**



How long have you been a club member? - **Since the start of the club with a short break early on due to work commitments.**

What is your favourite club event or memory? – **It was the first club show at the Dam Park Hall in Ayr, and if my memory serves me correctly I think it was in June 1989. All the entered bikes gathered in the Lynx car park in Prestwick in manufacturer model and year, then with a Police escort we proceeded in that order through Prestwick and Ayr to the delight of the watching crowds.**

It was great to hear the sounds of the machines as they went under the railway bridge.



What is your favourite motorcycling memory? – **One of my favourite motorcycling memories was when in my early teens I had just rebuilt my old Triumph T110 pre-unit with the Grand Prix engine internals and set off for Mallory Park in Leicester with a pillion passenger. The bike made the journey with no major mishaps.**

The only photo I have of this bike is poor due to the film spool being washed while in the pocket of my overalls.



Any other information – I have been riding motorcycles since passing my test when I was 16 years old till the present, with a couple of years break when my family were growing up. (Me? I never grew up).

I've had numerous bikes in my motorcycling career, too many to remember.

I was head judge for a while at Ayr Classic Club shows.



(Following page: two of the motorcycles David has owned)



Ad-Hoc Club Run 31st July – David Rowell

(As reported on Club's Facebook Site)

ACMC Sunday 31st July run report. Happy to see 9 bikes and 10 riders departing Monkton this morning. Jim, Janice, Quintin & Lisa, Graham, John, David, Daniel and Robin, I'm behind the camera.



Headed for the Erskine Bridge under clear skies, but dark clouds and rain found us on route. Graham mistakenly took the Loch Long road, so he says, I think he was looking for bends & bumps. We found sunshine again after Tarbet and it just got better on route to Inveraray.



After a quick stop we got back on the road to Tarbert, leaving Dave & Robin fighting off the seagulls. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch in Tarbert, before heading back the way we came, until we branched off for the Dunoon ferry.



Our final stop was by the seafront in Largs where we just managed to avoid Dave & Robin, as they went out the exit, we went in the exit. Headed home, with Janice going the extra miles back to Girvan, on top of 245 I recorded on the day! Next run 7th August Peebles & St Mary's Loch let's go ...

Thank you to Volunteers for a Potential Show in 2023

Brian Baillie would like to thank the 39 members who have volunteered, to date, to help with the organisation and running of a potential show in 2023. Any member who would still like to come forward will be very welcome. At present the committee are liaising with Ayr racecourse over possible dates. Once a decision is taken then the planning will commence.

In the past the show has generated enough income to subsidise the annual dinner, ferry tickets for club runs and a generous charity donation.

Peebles & St Mary's Loch Run 7th August – David Rowell



For the record we set off from Cumnock running speed low to high 50's but maintaining a brisk pace through the bends, until we got to B7078 turn (old A74) planning to go through Abington Services to take the A702 to Peebles, however ...

Although Danny & Gina held back after B7078 turn Colin cruised by taking Alistair, Dave and Robin with him. Danny headed back to try and find them, someone must have seen us on the hill, but they carried on and he didn't catch up.

We regrouped on B7078 and headed for A702 waiting in lay-by for 5 mins but no sign of them, so we carried on through Biggar. I'm still not sure if they passed us, or took A70, but we did pass them parked on the road into Peebles, together with Campbell and Gordon - see later.

We passed them with a wave, inviting them to re-join the group, since we were stopping for fuel before heading out of Peebles. Colin, Alistair and Girvan guys re-joined us there, while Dave and Robin carried onto St Mary's. I did ask Colin if he missed us and he said he was unfamiliar with route and was having an issue seeing through his visor in the light rain - he was more direct, saying he couldn't see.

We enjoyed a pleasant stop at St Mary's progressing to Girvan.



I think Colin was OK with pace after St Mary's, although we did have a couple of regroup stops along the way. Then Campbell took the lead after Moffat, because I missed my intended turn-off.



Coffee Morning Run 10th August – Paul Wilkinson

There was another good turnout when we visited the Rowan Tree café just north of Ardrossan on the A78. The Rowan Tree had been selected as one of our members had just retired and as he lived locally I wanted to break him in gently.

There were 16 members present, including two members who had not been to a previous gathering – Nigel Wanless and Daniel Gourlay. It was also good to see that both Alistar Bruce and John Brown had enjoyed the last one sufficiently that they came again. Thankfully, unlike at the Balkenna Tea Room we were able to sit as two large groups.





Our Chairman about to cause some mischief!

Present - David Anderson, Robin Campbell, John Stewart, Danny Gourlay, Alistar Bruce, David Wilson, George & Ellen Campbell, Nigel Wanless, Brian Baillie, Iain Howie, Ricky Leiper, Owen McGearry, John Brown, Colin McKellar and Paul Wilkinson.

Mull of Galloway Run 14th August – David Rowell

Fabulous group run to the Mull of Galloway ...

I had fond memories of this run last year and after picking up some late arrivals, we had 10 bikes ready to roll a wee bit later than planned. Then as we were leaving Dave & Robin arrived and although we saw them again at the Mull of Galloway, they followed a different schedule.

This was our 18th run this season with and 161 riders participating in runs, albeit many people have been on multiple runs. On average the distance covered has been 160 miles and the group size has been 9 riders.

The total distance of runs this year has been 3,475 miles and if we multiply the number of riders by the distance covered we have ridden a total distance of 28,276 miles between us. I'll not bore you with any more statistics, but I'm impressed!



We made good progress today until I was inspired to visit Port Logan, which everyone enjoyed - but that wasn't where we were meant to be, so we headed over the hill to Drummore and picked up Mull of Galloway signs on the way. Our destination did not disappoint, with glorious sunshine and clear blue skies. After a light lunch we set off again, stopping again at Clatteringshaws and despite dire warnings of severe weather and heavy rainfall, we stayed dry.

What a great day!



Ad-Hoc Club Run 21st August – David Rowell

In the morning we attended Allan Niven's Cars & Coffee event at his new venture in the old Galston Co-op building. Motorcycles were well represented on the day, with club members showing off both classics and modern equipment. Allan's Route 71 American Diner provided welcome sustenance and I suspect this won't be the last time we attend an event in Galston.





It was hard enough trying to extract club members to join a run under grey skies to Port Glasgow - but our getaway was made more difficult because most of our bikes were seriously boxed in. Under the circumstances, I wasn't disappointed to see 4 bikes behind me leaving Galston. Thereafter we made good progress, finding some interesting new roads and visiting a derelict industrial estate (twice) before descending on Port Glasgow.



We stayed dry and The Shipbuilders welcomed us in all of their highly reflective glory, enhanced by bright sunshine. These 10-metre-high giant figures dominate the skyline and are a fitting tribute to Glasgow's shipbuilding heritage and have become known as the

'Skelpies' locally. The sculptor John McKenna is a former member of our club and for a unique insight into this project David Wilson's July Newsletter article describes working on their final installation in Coronation Park, Port Glasgow.

Phil Brown was on his first club outing and despite the fact this was a home game for him, coming from this side of the Erskine Bridge, he enjoyed himself - as an added bonus he was able to coordinate with Daniel Gourlay on their participation in next week's Thunder in the Glens event. We parted company with Phil in Port Glasgow, before John Stewart, Davie Webster, Daniel and myself stopped in Largs to reflect on a great wee 104 miles run!

Coffee Morning Run 24th August – Paul Wilkinson

The day dawned wet and grey, but by 9:00am the rain had stopped and the sun was trying to shine through. Believing that it would get better the further south I travelled, I decided to attend the second coffee run of August on my Triumph. For most of the journey that proved to be the case apart from a slight drizzle while riding around Ayr bypass, but thankfully not sufficient to soak through my clothes.

Upon arriving at the Bacas café in Dalmellington I was able to park up outside with Jim Fulton and David Wilson. Alastair Bruce also came by bike, but he ended up in the car park. The remainder came by car. Having looked at the state of my bike when I got home I think they made the right choice!





Technical Article – Drew Robertson

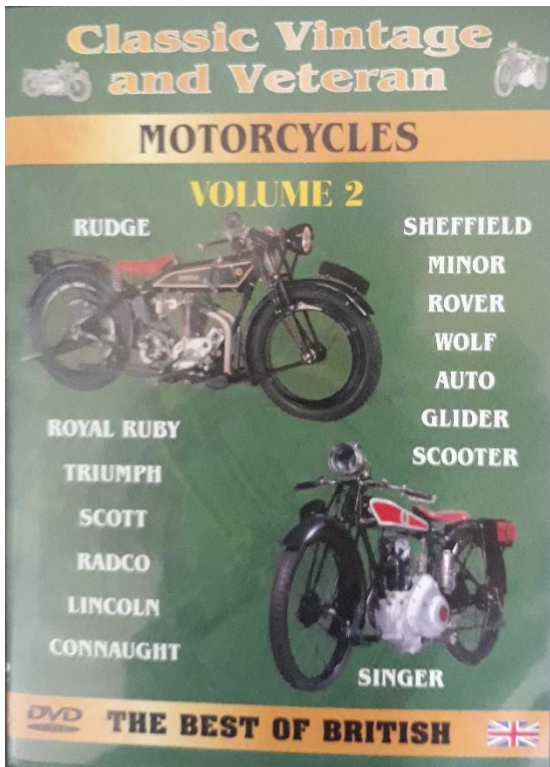
Recently, while doing some bike CAD work on my computer the damned thing froze. I uttered my customary curse "**Nigel**", as in Wanless. Let me explain.

In 1963, a certain Frank Wanlass (spelling variation of Wanless) co-invented CMOS (complementary metal oxide semiconductor). Although vastly developed since then, virtually all semiconductor logic is based upon CMOS. Albeit deferentially I scream "Nigel" on regular occasions. Nothing personal.

Lending Library

One of our members: Gordon "Taff" Bee has suggested that the club should have a lending library for books and DVD's. He recently bought a motorcycle DVD in a charity shop, watched it and then wondered what to do with it. His idea is that somebody else in the club might want to borrow it. Therefore, I am listing his items here along with his mobile number. If you are interested in borrowing either of them get in touch with him.

I am sure that we all have books and DVD's that we could do the same with. If you are interested send me your name and the details of what you have and I will list them in the next newsletter, but also place them in the Members Area of the club website.



Gordon Bee M: 07824 559 038

For Sale

1975 Triumph Trident T160 Asking: £11K
 12K miles. Has new battery, oil & air filters, fresh oil and two new inner tubes.
 The bike is in Leith, Edinburgh

If interested contact Laurie Cowan, T: 0131 554 0330 or M: 07944 270 694.
 Please mention John Montgomery posted the ad when calling.



Events Calendar

Date	Event
4 th September 2022*	Run to Kirkcudbright VMCC Clyde Valley Route 74 Truckstop. 10:00am start
4 th September 2022*	Sanquhar Vintage rally Cumnock Bus Station at 10:00
4th September 2022	Moffat & Kagyu Samye Ling Monastery Approx 150 miles Cumnock Bus Station at 10:00
10 th & 11 th September 2022*	Bo'ness Hill Climb Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness EH51 0PR
11th September 2022	Ad-hoc run to the Kelpies Approx 144 miles
14th September 2022	Coffee Run River Garden, Auchincruive at 11:00am
18th September 2022	Portpatrick & Port William Approx 140 miles Monkton at 09:00 & Girvan at 10:00
25 th September	Ad-hoc run Destination to be confirmed
1 st & 2 nd October 2022*	John MacMillan Early Motor Bicycle Run Lochside Caravan Park, Carlingwark Loch, Lochside Park, Castle Douglas DG6 1EZ. 10:00am start
2 nd October 2022*	Classic Autojumble Lothian & Borders Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Club. Peebles
2nd October 2022	New Lanark Heritage Village Approx 70 miles Cumnock Bus Station at 10:00
8 th & 9 th October	Galloway Motorcycle Club Classic 100 Mile Team Scramble Cumstone Farm. Lockerbie
16th October 2022	Clatteringshaws Closing Muster Approx 120 miles Dalmellington lay-by at 10:00

Items in **bold** are club events. * Alternative event, sometimes on club run days.

Club Tools

The club owns a selection of tools which are available for borrowing by club members.

To borrow tools, please contact Ian Howie (pictured)
M: 07792 827 835

In addition, some members may have specific workshop tools that are relevant to the marques they are interested in. Contact the specialist for more information.



Valve Lifter
Engine compression tester
Battery Charger
Oil Filter Wrench
3 Jaw Ratchet Wrench
Multimeter
Carb Balancer (4,3 or 2)
Impact Driver
Norton Clutch Tool
Tyre Bead Breaker
Motor Cycle Wheel balancer

Gudgeon Pin Remover
Torque Wrenches, Med& Large
Voltmeter Ohmmeter (self powered)
3 Prong Puller
Set of Circlip pliers
2 Micrometers
Timing Disc
Set of Taps
Norton Exhaust C Spanner
Chain Breaker and Riveter
Valve Grinders (suction cups with paste)

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Club Community Page - <https://www.facebook.com/AyrClassicMotorcycleClub>

Club Flickr Photo Stream – <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ayrclassic>