



THE AYR CLASSIC NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

As the year draws to a close and my time as the Newsletter Editor comes to an end, I would like to thank all of the contributors over the last two years. Without the support of your articles and photographs there would have been no newsletter to edit. As I write this final “From the Editor” the position of Editor is still available. Since I decided to step down from my club activities, I have been informed by a number of members that the newsletter is greatly appreciated, as it keeps you in touch with the club and what has been happening or is still to occur. Therefore, it is imperative that somebody steps forward and carries on its circulation. I will provide assistance for the first couple of editions if this encourages a member to come forward.

As we approach Christmas it is not only a time to enjoy the festive season, but also an opportunity to take stock on the year that’s past. The riding season is all but over for many of us and therefore this is a good time to get on with the many tweaks and adjustments needed by our machines that have built up over the past year. It is also a time for some of us to plan the bigger tasks, such as rebuilds, and to start new projects. I look forward to seeing some of you on your completed restorations or new acquisitions on our runs next year.

Finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Wilkinson

(Front cover: Participants at the Club’s Christmas Dinner)

Club Christmas Dinner, 12th December – Brain Baillie

The Western House Hotel were our hosts this evening, 37 people attended.

The format of the evening was as follows: meal, prizes, quiz and raffle.

As everyone got seated Stuart was busy collecting money for the meal.

Nigel, Robin, and I were busy too, selling raffle tickets.

The evening started promptly, food was served just after 7.30 pm.

Ricky welcomed everyone and explained the format for the evening.

Prizes:

The rose bowl for most runs on a classic bike awarded to Owen Mc Geary.

The Willie McColm glass trophy for outstanding contribution to the club Paul Wilkinson.

Tea pot awarded to Niall Sommerville for newsletter articles.

The coal Norton, awarded to Gail Hunter for her contribution to the show catalogue.

Quiz:

After the prizes were given out I gave out pencils and paper and proceeded into the quiz.

The quiz was a lot of fun though a little challenging.

Raffle:

Nigel then went into action calling out the lucky numbers, Robert Mitchell and I were assisting him. Soon we were down to the last box of goodies kindly donated by Brad McMillan, it went to Stewart Miller.

Ricky gave a vote of thanks to all, very successful night.



Gail Hunter & Owen McGeary collect their trophies from Chairman Ricky







The members of the winning quiz team

Noticeboard

The committee have decided that in 2024 the club will not be attending the Scottish Motorcycle Show at Ingliston. This decision was taken because a) we struggle to attract both bikes to display and members to man the stand, b) the amount of paperwork, including risk assessments, club health & safety policy, club insurance documentation requested by the organisers has become excessive and c) despite communication with all the other vintage and classic clubs that attend, none of them, apart from the TR3OC support our show.

The coffee gatherings will continue next year and the first one is on the 24th January to the Burns Museum, Alloway.

Please remember that membership renewals (£20.00) are due and under the constitution you have until the 31st December to pay. Renewal can be paid in a number of ways. You can use the club website - <https://ayrclassicmc.com/> and click on the Join Membership tab. Follow the instructions and pay by PayPal. You can pay by BACS at the bank. The club account details are; sort code 80-09-88 and account number; 00105520. Finally, you can

pay by cheque made payable to Ayr Classic Motorcycle Club and post it to the Membership Secretary.

Club Membership – Paul Wilkinson

I thought I would provide a few figures about the club membership before I hand over to the new Membership Secretary.

2023 has been a good year for club membership with 30 new members and a total membership now standing at 134. This level of membership is back to the peak figures of the late 2000's.

So, where do our members live? Well, as to be expected, the majority, 31 are from Ayr. Girvan is next with 11, followed by Prestwick with 7 and Kilmarnock and Maybole having 6 each. The remaining members are spread across a number of towns having either 1 or 2 members only. In terms of counties Ayrshire has the largest number of members at 110, 6 live in the Glasgow/Lanarkshire region and 5 live in Renfrewshire. Again, the remainder are spread across UK counties in single figures.

The member who lives the furthest from Ayr in Scotland is Neil Cowan who resides in Pitlochry, Perthshire and the furthest in the UK is one of our founding members: Peter Macrorie who lives in Mackworth, Derbyshire.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

**Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting of Ayr Classic Motorcycle Club
Held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 in Glenburn Miners Club, Prestwick
Meeting opened at 19.45 with 31 members present.**

Ricky Leiper gave a warm welcome to the assembled company and opened the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from George Campbell, Gail Hunter, Steve Mostyn, Gordon McConnell, and Bob Young.

Robert spoke first to all and outlined some of the history of the club, speaking about the show and what profits went to supporting charity. He also spoke about the club dinner and how the diner's meals are subsidised, partly from the show and the sale of raffle tickets on the night. He also mentioned the importance of safety on the runs and how the format of the runs would change in the near future.

Ricky spoke about the success of the winter programme and also how important the coffee mornings have become. He also mentioned the show and that after a four-year gap how successful the show was. It takes a great deal of organising and that without many helpers on the day it would not be possible. Lastly, he spoke about the runs format to try and encourage as many classic bikes to take part, after all we are a classic club.

Ricky thanked the committee and especially those stepping down...George Campbell, Paul Wilkinson for the excellent newsletter, club membership secretary and the success of the morning coffee meetings, and David Rowell for organising club runs. He thanked Brian for his 10 years' service as club secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Stuart gave a thorough report on the finances of the club. Detailed Accounts were provided and the bank balance is healthy.

Stuart thanked Kevin Woods for auditing the accounts. The club fees would not be increasing.

Robert proposed the acceptance of accounts seconded by Brian B.

Club membership stands at 135 members.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee:

Chairman	Ricky Leiper	proposed by David A	seconded by Kevin W
Vice Chairman	Robert Mitchell	proposed by Niall S	seconded by Stuart M
Secretary	Niall Sommerville	proposed by Brian B	seconded by Ricky L
Treasurer	Stuart Miller	proposed by Brian B	seconded by Stuart D
Auditor	Kevin Woods		

Newsletter Editor to be confirmed

Show Co-ordinator	Brian Baillie	proposed by Kevin W	seconded by Robert M
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Membership Secretary	David Wilson	proposed by Ken R	seconded by Robert M
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Webmaster	External support	Nick Taylor	
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Runs Co-ordinator To be confirmed

Committee Members Stepping Down:

David Rowell, George Campbell, Paul Wilkinson

Office Bearers: Ricky Leiper (Chair), Robert Mitchell (Vice Chair), Niall Sommerville (Club Secretary), Stuart Miller (Treasurer)

Committee members:

Ricky Leiper, Robert Mitchell, Niall Sommerville, Stuart Millar, David Wilson, Kevin Woods, Nigel Wanless, Alan O' Pray, Iain Howie, David McLeman, Robin Burnside, Gail Hunter, Brian Baillie,

New committee member:

Ken Robson	proposed by Ricky L	seconded by Stuart M
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Neil Kershaw	proposed by Brian B	seconded by Stuart M
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Alan Johnson	proposed by Brian B	seconded by Ricky L
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Constitution

No changes made

Ricky talked about the show, Venue booked for next year on the 15th June 2024. A show committee will be formed and hopefully we will have more willing helpers to assist on the day.

Club Dinner 12th December 2023. The meal will be held in Western House Hotel and the cost of the meal will be subsidised by the club. 39 bookings to date.

Club /runs format

Club runs co-ordinator will be discussed at committee.

Coffee meetings:

Thanks to Paul for this very successful venture.

The first meeting of the new committee and show committee will be on Tuesday 28th November at 7:30pm in the Glenburn Club.

AOB

Security at the show may need to be reviewed.

Carbon footprint was mentioned

Newsletter two monthly or quarterly.

Vote of thanks to all by Ricky.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

Club Accounts 2022 -2023 – Stuart Miller

AYR CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

These are the accounts for Ayr Classic Motorcycle Club covering the 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023 accounting period. They include the costs of holding the Annual Dinner in 2022, the Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show in June 2023 and the deposits to Ayr Racecourse for the 2023 Annual Dinner and the 2024 Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show.

Summary of Club's Accounts for 2022-2023 (2021 - 2022 figures in brackets)

The Club accounts were checked by the Auditor and found to be correct.

The Club continues to have a healthy Bank Balance of £15,084.56 (£13,684.76) an increase of £1,399.80 (decrease of £681.57). In addition, the Club is holding cash in hand of £161.25 (£134.43).

The Surplus for the year was £1,426.62 (Deficit £655.88).

The Show Costs in this period were Income of £10,461.90 (£0) and Expenditure of £7,790.11 (£0) with a Surplus of £2,671.79 (£0).

We continue to show a healthy bank balance for a club, the committee has managed expenditure to best of their ability with outgoing in the main limited to required items and committed expenses while maintaining the support of membership activities.

A review of the Club accounts reveal the following:-

Club Income - £14,652.40 (£2,879.02).

1. Subscription income at £2,500.00 (£2,078.79) shows an increase due to increase in membership numbers, our Membership Secretary keeping the membership numbers accurate and stable year on year with a number of new members this year and the use of PayPal payments through the website accounting for 46 (37) members.
2. We again received £200 from the Motor Show for use of our barriers.
3. Show income has been reflected in the overall Club income and is detailed on the Show Accounts sheet.

Club Expenditure - £13,225.78 (£3,534.90).

1. Show costs are included in the overall Club Expenditure. Ayr Racecourse had been good enough to allow the transfer of the £300 deposit from 2020 to our 2023 show. The show expenditure is detailed on the Show Accounts sheet.
2. We made a total of £762.00 charity donations including the Blood Bikes, our chosen show charity, Erskine, Doon Valley Railway and the Ark Hub.
3. The Club Christmas Dinner was held in December 2022 with 49 attendees and at a cost to the club of £337.21 (£386.00)
4. BMF affiliation fees are due in December as normal.
5. Club merchandise purchases accounted for £393.60 (£444.87)
6. Club nights and meetings cost £502.50 (£413.18) with increased numbers attending and hall rental costs increasing
7. Our webpage and miscellaneous expenses increased to £1,378.08 (£1,167.45) this year and included £67.49 in fees (PayPal, SumUp, Post Office), £612.78 in website support costs, the purchase of additional club bibs for the show £240, Lockup Rental £240 and £30 for additional mugs for our club nights at Glenburn Miners Club.

Show Income - £10,461.90 (£0)

1. Ticket sale income increased over 2019 (the last show) due to increase in Entry Cost to £10.00 (£7.00). This made the handling of cash on the day far simpler for all those on the entry gates (and the Treasurer).
2. We had 850 (885) ticket sales on the day, a reduction which committee feel was due to many factors, including competitive local and national events as well as ongoing reluctance for public events.
3. Record income from both Trade Stands and Catalogue Advertising which covered the cost of the Catalogue printing.
4. Payment by credit card was accepted for the first time with 15% of ticket sales made this way. The club now owns 3 SumUp devices to accept card payments.

Show Expenditure - £7,790.11 (£0)

1. Hall rental includes the £300 deposit for the 2024 show as well as the food vouchers for all helpers on the day.
2. The £750.00 for the Stunt Rider also included the PA System rental used throughout the day for the Classic Parades.
3. Show advertising predominately focused on West FM radio and Facebook, both of which were deemed good value by the committee. Only one Classic Magazine advert taken this year, which committee feel did not deliver good value.

Prepared by Stuart Miller, Hon. Treasurer.

31st October 2023

AYR CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

BALANCE SHEET 2022 - 23 - AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
CARRIED FORWARD		
Bank Current Account	£ 14,366.33	£ 13,684.76
Cash in hand	£ 108.74	£ 134.43
TOTAL	£ 14,475.07	£ 13,819.19

INCOME		
Subscriptions	£ 2,078.79	£ 2,500.00
Dinner (incl Raffle)	£ 584.00	£ 991.00
Bank Interest	£ -	
Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show	£ -	£ 10,461.90
Merchandise	£ -	£ 358.50
Miscellaneous Income	£ 216.23	£ 341.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 2,879.02	£ 14,652.40
TOTAL	£ 17,354.09	£ 28,471.59

SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) -£ 655.88 1,426.62

Signed:  Date: 31 October 2023

Stuart Miller
Hon. Treasurer

I the undersigned have examined the books and receipts, etc. and to the best of my knowledge would agree that this is a true statement of the monies of the Club

Signed:  Date: 31 October 2023

Auditor
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The figures as shown on this sheet includes all payments made or received and all cheques issued up to 31st October 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Stationery & Postage	£ -	£ 135.19
Dinner (incl Raffle)	£ 970.00	£ 1,627.70
Newsletter publication		
Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show	£ -	£ 7,790.11
Club Merchandise	£ 444.87	£ 393.60
Equipment & Cartridges	£ -	£ 249.60
Club Nights & Meetings	£ 413.18	£ 502.50
Club Runs & Events	£ 52.40	
BMF & SVWF Affiliations etc	£ 387.00	£ 387.00
Donation to Charity	£ 100.00	£ 762.00
Miscellaneous & Website Expenditure	£ 1,167.45	£ 1,378.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 3,534.90	£ 13,225.78

CARRIED FORWARD	£ 14,475.07	£ 13,819.19
TOTAL INCOME	£ 2,879.02	£ 14,652.40
TOTAL	£ 17,354.09	£ 28,471.59

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 3,534.90 £ 13,225.78

Total Balance £ 13,819.19 £ 15,245.81
Cash on hand £ 134.43 £ 161.25
Bank of Scotland - Bank Account £ 13,684.76 £ 15,084.56

AYR CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

SCOTTISH CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE SHOW - June 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT


	Cancelled					
	2023	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Income	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trade Stands	600.00	0.00	450.00	550.00	535.00	390.00
Catalogue Advertisers	1340.00	0.00	1020.00	1190.00	1090.00	980.00
Ticket sales - Adults	8485.00	0.00	6226.00	8044.43	8602.07	6248.76
Club stands (excluding sales & subs)	36.90	0.00	88.35	75.45	190.65	155.24
Miscellaneous (raffle+donations)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.70
Total Income	<u>10461.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7784.35</u>	<u>9859.88</u>	<u>10417.72</u>	<u>7931.70</u>
Expenditure						
Hall Rental	2331.70	0	1884.00	2130.00	2200.00	2221.50
Security	480.00	0	630.00	580.50	700.00	720.00
Stunt Rider	750.00	0	500.00	500.00	0.00	600.00
Advertising	912.60	17.43	736.46	982.60	832.03	978.00
Catalogue & Ticket Printing	1399.68	0	1002.52	1001.04	1303.22	1195.56
Road signs	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food	328.19	0	280.06	34.88	27.84	25.26
Prizes & Certificates	201.87	0	377.84	290.85	349.84	375.05
Rosettes	98.10	0	122.25	116.85	101.65	86.15
Show Badges	261.00	0	228.60	225.00	288.00	199.32
Judges		0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage		201.3	194.87	196.00	243.00	219.80
Helmet Stand	Charity	0	Charity	Charity	Charity	Charity
Safety Fencing		0	0.00	0.00		33.74
Printing & Stationery	248.01	358.76	513.79	465.98	539.14	12.15
Wristbands		0	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.13
Band		0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First aid	0.00	0	0.00	216.00	132.00	192.00
Miscellaneous	778.96		348.71	267.80	681.18	159.31
Total Expenditure	<u>7790.11</u>	<u>577.49</u>	<u>6819.10</u>	<u>7007.50</u>	<u>7397.90</u>	<u>7024.97</u>
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	<u>2671.79</u>	<u>-577.49</u>	<u>965.25</u>	<u>2852.38</u>	<u>3019.82</u>	<u>906.73</u>

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31 October 2023

Club Regalia

The following items are available from Ricky Leiper (contact details on page 24).

	Hat	£10.00
	T Shirt	£10.00
	Polo Shirt	£15.00
	Stickers	£1.00

		<p>Enamel Pin Badge</p>	<p>£3.00</p>
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Coffee Run, 25th October – Paul Wilkinson

There was another good turn out at the Waterfront at Coyle Water Fishery, nr Coylton with 21 members being present. The decent weather also meant that there was a nice selection of bikes in the car park.



Nice run on the Benelli Tornado to the Coffee morning, which was well attended. First run on a bike for a while was getting withdrawal symptoms 🤢. Run on the Tornado instant cure.
- Owen McGeary



Coffee Run, 15th November – Paul Wilkinson

The coffee gathering this time was back to Gemmell's Garden Centre, Stair. The last time we had visited this venue 38 people were in attendance, which was the highest number since we introduced this activity. I had hoped that we might better the record this time, however, 30 was the number and it was still a very good turn out. As usual the service was excellent and there was constant chatter amongst the members present.





Coffee Run, 29th November – Brian Baillie

There were 17 folks in attendance on a cold winter morning at Boswells Coach House. The venue was quiet when Kenny and I arrived. The temperature outside was 1 degree.

After we had our roll and cuppa I went around each table and welcomed everyone. It was good to have a natter with everyone. Looking forward to the next one.



Kenny Brown, Scott Robertson and wife



Alan Johnson & Liz Stewart



For Sale

Matchless G3LS 350cc 1957

This classic is well known to the Club as it was the late Jim Corney's cherished machine. Selling it on behalf of his widow Pauline (a regular pillion in days gone by), who would prefer it to go to an ACMC member. Owned since 1976.

Good condition, strong reliable engine, easy starter, new battery. Use as is or easy winter project to bring to concours. Various parts and literature included, some of which are shown in photos. Price reduced to £2900 firm for quick sale. On behalf of the family, in first instance please contact Nigel Wanless on 07714182437.









Wanted

Urgently wanted a new Newsletter Editor! The post is now available and needs to be filled by someone who can carry on communicating on the club's activities to all the members. Help will be provided by the outgoing Editor.

Events Calendar

Date	Event
7 th January 2024	Braveheart Run. Venue and meeting place to be confirmed.
9 th January 2024	Bring & Buy Evening Glenburn Miners Welfare Club Meet at 7:30pm
16 th January 2024	Committee meeting Glenburn Miners Welfare Club Meet at 7:30pm
24 th January 2024	Coffee gathering 11:00am The Robert Burns Museum, Murdoch's Lone, Alloway KA7 4PQ
4 th February 2024*	Haggis Gathering Lawrie and Symington Agricultural Centre, Lanark From 10:00am
21 st February 2024	Inter Club Quiz Night Venue to be confirmed

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)

Contacts / Useful Links

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Newsletter Editor	Vacant
Runs Co-ordinator	Vacant
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Please note the new office bearers and contact details.

Club Website – <https://ayrclassicmc.com/>

Club Facebook Members and Friends Group –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClassicMCCMembersAndFriends>

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

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