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EDITORIAL.

Last month's front page featured old rebels without a pause.

This month we see another anti-hero! All very tongue in cheek and nothing like real life?



Well yes and no. Left-my Yamaha Dragstar, which I bought from my chum Alan's neighbour, Bob. Bob is a pillar of the community and had worked with police and insurance companies. Now, like a lot of us, an older gentleman, he felt that when he rode to places like his doctor's surgery, he was viewed as something of a bad boy! Perhaps the "roaring twenties" w.m.c.c. members were seen in this light. Especially with a skull and crossbones emblem!

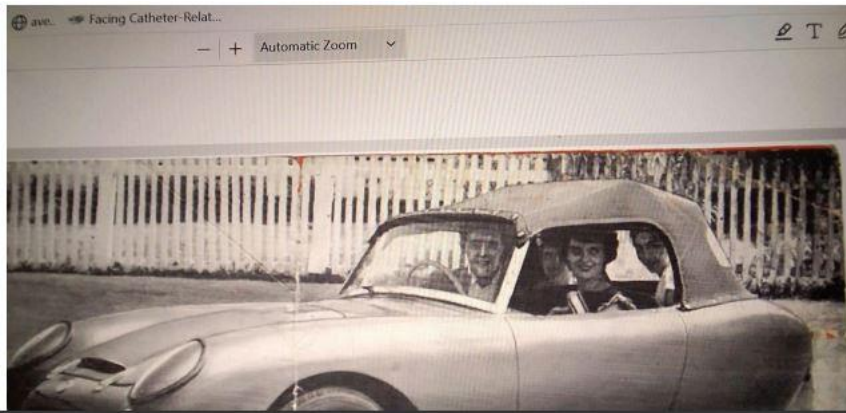
Perhaps the rot set in after the Hollister riot of July 1947. 90000 military WLA Harley Davidsons were used in W.W.2, many being brought home for civilian use. War veterans bought their service motorcycles, stripped off unnecessary items(a "bob" job therefore "bobbers")and formed motorcycle gangs,my favourite being "the p...d off ba...rds of Bloomington" OnThe 4th July , The American motorcycle association organised a rally and races at the small California town of Hollister. More than 4000 of these small club members descended on the town and after the AMA races decided to stage drunken impromptu races around the streets. The press gave this massive coverage and the Hollister images were on all front pages. Hollister stages M/C rallies to this day, hopefully a calmer affair(and quite profitable for bar and hospitality establishments). Now back to the nicest club .Next year is the 20th year of the fossils run and on the 20th July. Readers are invited to come up with ideas on the 20on 20 theme!! The club currently has 110 members, but soon to be 111 as the lovely Mike Bone has rejoined. Jon and David Brooks won the first race of the moto cross season(David's first win) and discussions are underway for another WMCC/international event. Saturday events for vintage bikes/riders continue (all bikes and riders welcome)on14 Sept. 12thOct.and 9th Nov.

Tea Break(now).

The Silversone Festival in August saw classic cars battling through downpours, and Good Revival fared no better. Classic race bikes were barely visible in the rain soaked circuit. Goodwood continues to support sustainable fuels at the event. Pity they couldn't arrange better weather! The historic and classic vehicles alliance held a meeting in August with sustainable fuel producers to lower the price of synthetic fuel which is carbon neutral and not reliant on fossil fuels. Back in the day(there I go again),I worked at a coachworks in Midhurst on a new industrial site. So new that we were the only unit surrounded by acres of waste land. Some write offs were driveable and we raced them round the estate using a mix of old thinners amongst other things. I suppose that would be classed as sustainable as we had gallons of old thinners! ***That's all Folks***. But seriously,let's have some more input from members.

Tea Break (then).

The Gazette from March 1980 saw a committee of over twenty and fifteen pages with lots of contributions therein. 21 new members,adverts,jokes, p.. Err mickey taking galore. Twenty years before that, the March edition of "motorcycling" magazine advertised new Berkeley T60s for£15.19.11d.Powered by a 328 c.c. Excelsior two stroke, I remember them looking like a mini E type. Bond minicar owners could get a special insurance deal with 3rd party only£4.10s. And Fire and theft-ten bob!The Isle of Wight M.C.C. had 76 entries for the Wight cup trial Shell unveiled their, previously secret, multigrade x100 oil.A non-ash product which will mix with oils currently being used by bike owners, and will "clean" old deposits. Happy days,as the young'uns say!



The Berkeley T60.

Four trendy young 'uns on a night out-perhaps a little optimistic- Especially up Portsdown hill!

Am I missing a trick??



Dates for the Diary

The info below is taken from the **Portsmouth Ride of Remembrance FB page**:

The annual Portsmouth Ride of Remembrance will be happening on **Sunday 10th November 2024**.

Leaving from Lakeside North Harbour at 10:00 sharp and will arrive at the Southsea Remembrance service approximately 1030 where you will be directed where to park.

This is a 50cc friendly ride and all forms of rides are welcome. Please obey all road laws. Ride in a staggered formation and do not overtake other riders.

Please abide by the road markings at Lakeside. Do not use the bus lanes on the route as you could receive a penalty notice.

This year's route is the same as previous years but please be aware that short notice changes may be required:- Lakeside North Harbour - Western road A27 - A3 - A3 Northern Parade - A3 Stamshaw road - A3 Mile End road - Church street - A2030 Holbrook road - B2151 Victoria road north - B2151 Victoria road south - B2151 Clarendon road - A288 South Parade then on to the Southsea Common via the eastern end (D Day museum end) of the Esplanade. Please follow the ride leaders.

You will be directed where to park by our marshalls. (volunteers are always required for this role)

The RNA Riders have kindly volunteered to lead the ride. They will start the ride at the correct time and will lead the route. They have volunteered for this role, please respect their position on the day and follow their directions. The Route will not be marshalled so you must stop at appropriate junctions, roundabouts and traffic signals.

Collections for the Poppy Appeal will be made on the day - please only give to our official RBL Riders collectors.

If anyone would like to lay a wreath on behalf of a club, group, organisation, association or individual please let us know in advance or approach the officials on the day.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Mary Rose Academy Christmas Toy Run December 7th

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Saturday December 7th is the date when motorcycles and scooters from all over the region get together for a charity ride to the Mary Rose Academy. This very worthy school for children with special needs has enjoyed the support of many bike clubs and individuals for

over 16 years.

Please bring a Crimbo pressie or two, each marked for a boy or girl and or make a donation on the day, hot drinks and mince pies are available at the school along with a very warm welcome from the staff, pupils and parents.

Meet up at Wickham Square PO17 5JT, we will leave Wickham Square at 12.30 for a marshalled ride via Southwick over Portsdown hill to the A27/A3(M) by the Rusty Cutter, west along the A27 and then south along Eastern Road. The entrance to the school is approx 500 yards from mini roundabout down Locksway Road.

Please do not arrive at Wickham Square before 12
and as always PLEASE SHARE and INVITE FRIENDS.