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NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM TROPHIES STOLEN DURING BURGLARY-REWARD OFFERED

At around 11.00pm on the evening of $27^{\rm th}$ August the inner foyer of the National Motorcycle Museum was broken into and a large amount of the Museum's trophies & TT replicas stolen.

Each of the Museums trophy cabinets was smashed causing substantial damage to the displays.

Many of the trophies and TT replicas have little "scrap" value but are unique and irreplaceable as part of this countries Motorcycling Heritage.

Because of the historical importance of these trophies the National Motorcycle Museum will be offering a substantial award of £20,000 for information which leads to the safe recovery of these important artefacts.

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PEDRO'S PATTER

The Southend club ran their **L** annual 'donut' grass track in conjunction with Vintage club at Latchingdon on Sunday 3rd August. What a cracker, very well executed, all classes were on the pace on this show ground type track. I thought the 'juniors' were excellent giving it their all in the age groups great to see some talent in the wings a wide variety of machinery spanning 9 decades, a good afternoon's entertainment, no injuries. Another great speed presentation the Pre -65 classic scramble at Maylandsea on the 24th a great entry a very quick grippy track (in the main) and dust was tolerable our members had varying fortunes Andy Tym was the clubman ace his starting and overtaking Whow!! Very very impressive also was Greg Radley (Greeves) in the 250 racing class, the weeks of work really have paid off for this smooth on the right line every lap rider well worth the admission charge!! The sponsored 440 BSA sadly couldn't keep pace with him and almost fell apart!! Dave Godley turned in up front stolid performance in his smooth un-flurried manner on the lovely Mabsa's, Richard Wreathall unfortunately didn't make the start experiencing trailer problems en route. Sam Appleton still stokes the C15 along no wonder it smokes a bit! He's a racer! Julien Smith would benefit by chatting with Andy Tyms on Stormer set up then he'll be up sharp end,? Maybe! Philip Evans was last seen looking

shell shocked muttering it was too fast for him. I admire him for his honesty. Luke Fitz-john has made the right decision in sticking with the 500 and is seen to be progressing and enjoying. The battles twixt father/son John & Will Bateup had to be seen to be believed, first and second 'team' riding every outing, also running inch perfect up the front thro' the programme with skill I've been fortunate to witness among our national stars in the 50 -70's on the like machinery were Aaron Graves, Gary Smith, Richard Hayward, Gene Womack to name a few. The overall reliability of machinery is impressive especially two strokes, there is/was nothing more depressing than seeing 'dead' machinery being pushed back! Eastall & Vant won all 4 chair races some brave mixing and dicing among the other 7 or so 'chasers', I would like to think the meeting was enjoyed by participants and spectators 'cos it was great! We missed Terry on the mike but he was obligated to his retail outlet. I also missed the ice cream wagon!

Quiet on the trials scene hopefully some enthusiasts are upgrading their current mounts or changing them or maybe it'll be the usual last minute scurry when your mate phones to ask what time to meet up! The third of summer series Aug. 9th had 25 enthusiasts pitting their skills on Raydon's slopes and hillocks, sections

schemed by Kevin & Gary assisted by Bob & son Ben plus two (sorry names forgotten!) however there efforts were seemingly appreciated by all, an award ceremony concluded the day and series. Oliver (Big Hair) Weaver was a worthy winner for effort/improvement overall, he also put it across Mr Weebe the other Greeves pilot on the day big time. Participation by the Weaver dynasty in the off road scene is increasing with two sidecar scramble drivers, also competitive! This meeting also concludes Gary, Kevin & Traceys management of the series. Many thanks for their 3 years tenure, if you wish it to continue please come forth (or fifth). Results; hard route Gary Eaves (Fantic) 13, Greg Radley (Greeves) 18.50/50 Nick Dyble (BSA rigid) 13 (result), Ray Buck (TY Yam) a new name! great. Easy route; fast starter!! Andy Tym (Ty Yam) 6. David Carter, (Montesa) new name! great. (12). A not so new name now hopefully recovered from health problems Eddie Hood buzzing around on Fanny 'B'. 16. £500 was the total forwarded to Essex Air Ambulance a very worthy result, if you participated, thanks! Gary and cousin Stephen took their ladies and bikes off to Arbercy France again for their annual foreign 'fling' mid August, when assembling Fantic prior to signing on Gary found fork clamp had broken, with some luck and French assistance/English ingenuity he made the start of what became a very water cooled first day ending not only on the floor, damaged

hand but a very respectable score of 2. The second day good weather ,hand responded to treatment finished with total 11 beaten by last year's winner a Belgium 10 and a young Italian 'modern' ace 9. Hey ho! Stephen (Greeves) finished the first day on 80 easy route? but ran out of 'puff' on second. Again Tracey and Jim Woodmason travelled to back them up and help with the drinking!! Then off they went to Spain they just won't lay down! Hope they remembered the sun cream! Several members are off to the Beamish this month a very popular event in the north east, hopefully we'll have feedback, Chris our ed. is always eagerly awaiting! (every little bit is always appreciated, nothing is too small) Willing hands are always wanted/needed and appreciated at all happenings, be there please! Use those mirrors, cheers!



WUTHERING HEIGHTS

allaugh Bridge, Agos' Leap, the Dback straight at Cadwell Park, and Paddock Bend at Brands. all iconic names associated with British motorsport. So my blood was pumping when, sat astride the Velo MkV111, clutch in, visor down, flag raised, and the test hill at Brooklands before me! Ivan Rhodes had just exited stage right at the top, and then it was my turn. For a split second every early memory of Castrol R and Thames vans, Lewis Leathers and megaphones seemed to intertwine in my head. My last thought, though, was not to stick my tongue out, a terrible habit of mine! As I opened up the Velo the front wheel went light, my head went down, and elbows tucked in I tried for a few seconds to be Stanley Woods, Freddie Frith or Bob Foster ha ha. The top arrived in a flash, so I reverted back to John Daly, AJS trials rider and shut off and grabbed the front brake, but no need as the top levels out sharply and there's lots of room to peel off to the right, then through the wooded bit and back to the famous banking and round for another go. I had four goes, and it was Brilliant! It's not just a case of reliving a once popular Sunday afternoon event, it's more than that, you're at bloody Brooklands, mate!, where it all began, and if you close your eyes for a few seconds, breathe in and listen, you could be there in it's heyday. All the little tuner's and mechanic's sheds are still there, as is a good deal of the

banking and the wonderful clubhouse, alongside a Concorde, the Wellington bomber from Loch Ness, all manner of biplanes, radial engines and racing car exotica etc, plus the enormous wind tunnel, so if you haven't been......GO! The dinners there are good too.

A couple of months later it was Norton Owners Club day, so another trip to Brookie, this time with the Inter and the Green Lane Special. We arrived at 9am and got unloaded, the Inter was put on it's stand, and the Special had to lean against the wall. The paddock began to fill up, and much 'waffling' took place, then after dinner it was test hill time. I quickly took aim at the special so as to be near the front of the queue, and so whilst surrounded by all manner of Inters, CS1s, Commandos and Rotarys etc we received a few inquisitive looks, however it was my turn on what I've nicknamed the 'pocket rocket'. I wasn't hesitant or nervous this time, as soon as the flag went down I was off, and with a large 'andfull' the front wheel came up, and it bloody flew up there!, right to the top (didn't even shut off much). Dad, or Evel Kneivel, as the starting lady calls him, followed up on the Inter, then once back in the queue, we swapped over, how good is that! 'Be a bit careful with this one son, she can lift her skirts'. I heeded the advice, the Inter, although feeling 'soft', and ticking over like a clock, is the proverbial 'wolf in sheeps clothing. It opens up

like a gun, then tries to wrestle you off the seat and test your arms elasticity, but quite controllable and safe, if you want more, it'll give you more, as long as you think you can handle it. Great Fun! Back at home, showered, fed, and testing my settee's long-term durability, I pondered recent events as Foyles War quietly went about his methodical detecting in the background, Monty Python had just sold out in 44 seconds or so. Kate Bush has decided to pop her head up (from behind a bush) and sold out in similar fashion, there's a new musical about the Kinks, vintage clothing is the new vogue. Mary Berry is showing Jamie Oliver how it is done in the kitchen, and Dad's Army is still being shown on Saturday evenings and pulling in more viewers than Eastenders (alright not that many), but do you see the pattern here? It cannot be just an older generational thing, it's not possible, most of the cast members have shrugged off this mortal coil, the middle and younger generations, whilst Xboxed up and wearing their jeans around their ankles, do indeed have more than a passing interest in what has gone on in the past, look at Glastonbury, Dolly Parton and Goodwood.....sold out every year. The Olympic opening ceremony was a celebration of all things rich, inventive and cultural. We need our steam railways, homemade cheese producers, Rolling Stones concerts, Del and Rodney, black and white Ealing comedies and much much more. There is no such thing as the generation gap, generations maybe, but a gap can

be bridged. Pre-65 trials iron, Montesas, 2 strokes, 4 strokes or whatever are all about fun, skill is secondary, financially maybe, but what is the use of having a collection if you don't start them up and use them now and again. It's a bit like being a legendary pop star, you have to stick up your head now and then, to show that you've still 'got it'!!

John Daly

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WE GREYBEARDS HAVE DESTROYED THE PLANET OH, THE SHAME!

Checking out at the supermarket, the young cashier suggested to the much older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young cashier responded,"That's our problem to-day - your generation did not care enough to save the environment for future generations."

Back then, we returned milk, lemonade and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could be use the same bottle over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery shops bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we re-used for numerous things. Most memorable besides household bags for rubbish was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school), was not defaced by our scribbling's. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bag cover.

But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have a lift in every supermarket, shop and office building. We walked to the local shop and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time we had to go half a mile.

But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's Terry Towel nappies because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 3 kilowatts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids had hand-me-downs clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then, we had one radio or T. V. in the house not a T. V. in every room and the T. V. had a small screen the size of a big hand-kerchief, not a screen the size of Scotland.

In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we wadded up old newspapers to cushion it not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol to

cut the lawn. We pushed the mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then' people took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their Mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's £25,000 People Carrier which cost the same as a whole house did before the "green thing". We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances and we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23, 000 miles out in

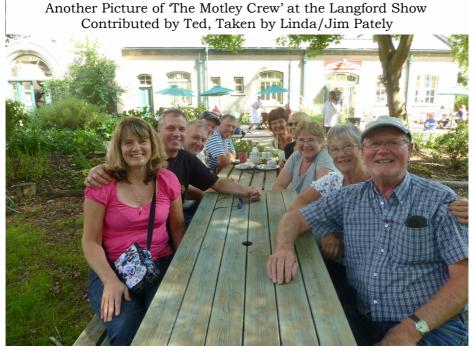
space in order to find the nearest pub!

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

So let this be a lesson in conversation to any smart arsed young person! We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to annoy us, especially from a tattooed, multi-pierced smart arse who can't work out the change without the cash register telling them how much it is!

Here endeth the bloody lesson!

Contributed by Trevor Andrews



SO WHAT'S NEW

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

John Adams

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself.

Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

P.J. O'Rourke

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

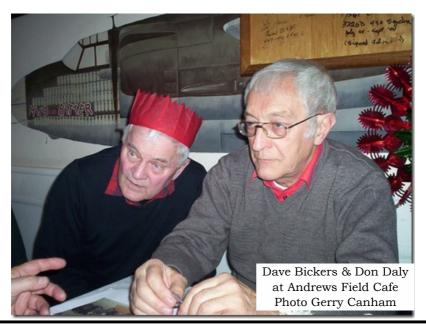
Pericles (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

Mark Twain (1866)

Thank you all for your participation and support for the Raydon Charity Trothy Trial. We hope you all enjoyed the past three years but unfortunatly all good things must 19 24 50 51 53 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 5 0 5 0 0 0 0 A special thanks goes to all the observers who all gave up their days to help and to all the guys for helping to lay out the trials!!! 0 0 0 0 The good news however, is that we managed to raise just over £500 which has been donated to the Essex Air Ambulance!!! 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 က 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 03000530 0 0 က 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 5 1 0 0 0 1 0 7 0 0 0 0 P.S. Hope to see you all at Raydon Practice on 13 September 2014 at noon. 0 0 0 2 come to an end - unless someone would like to pick it up !!!! 0 0 2 2 0 5 0 က 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 2 0 7 Kind Regards, Gary & Kevin 5 က 3 5 0 3 0 0 1 1 2 က 1 0 0 0 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 5 2 2 1 0 5 2 2 2 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 5 2 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 က 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 5 5 0 353003 2 0 3 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 0 0 2 က 0 2 Yamaha TY 175 Yamaha TY 175 Yamaha TY 175 TLR Honda 250 Montesa 125 Montesa 200 Honda 125 **Graham Cross** Peter Legrove Mark Cornwell 49 Nick Hodgets Nigel Bentley Mark Pitcher lan ????? 51 34 47 32 52 39

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MORE WHAT'S NEW

Talk is cheap...except when government does it.

Anonymous

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Ronald Reagan

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

Mark Twain

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save government.

Mark Twain

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

Thomas Jefferson

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Aesop

KEEPING TRACK!

September 2014

Fixture list of Classic Trials in East Anglia & some further afield

Date	Club	Authority	Venue & Event
Sep-07	Salisbury MC & LCC	ACU	Arbuthnot Trial, Dorset / Wiltshire Border
Sep-21	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Scramble, Maylandsea.
Sep-21	VMCC Sth. Durham	AMCA	Beamish Trial, Weardale, Co Durham.
Oct-04	West of England MC	ACU	SMP West of England Trial, Ipplepen, Devon
Oct-05	South Midland Classic	ACU	Classic Trial, Plashes Fm. Colliers End. *
Oct. 12 (T.B.C.)	ACTC	AMCA	Wrabness Trial
Oct-12	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Scramble, Marks Tey.
Oct-19 (T.B.C.)	EFA	ACU	Snaque Pit, Trial
Oct-19	Sth. Birmingham MC	ACU	SMP Greensmith Memorial Trial, Bridgenorth.
Oct-26	Clocks Go Back		
Nov-02	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	Rendlesham, Trial P70 'C' Champ's Rnd 3
Nov-02	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Christmas Cracker Scramble, Marks Tey.
Nov-15	Ringwood MC&LCC	ACU	SMP Perce Simon Trial, Ringwood. Hants.
Nov-16	North Berks. MCC	ACU	SMP Downland Trophy Trial, W. Hagbourne.
Nov-23	EFA	ACU	Eastern Thumpers National Trial, Thorrington.

^{*} South Midland Classic Bike Championship.

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