



October 2017 Supplement



Just to add to your reading

Something that technology slipped through the net:

Ladies in Blood Bikes UK and Ireland. (From Karen Carton)

12th August 2017, the nearest Saturday to National Blood Bike Day (This year 11th August) and so the chosen day for the first official day Celebrating Ladies in Blood Bikes UK and Ireland.

A day chosen to celebrate ALL ladies involved (Controllers, Fundraisers, Committee Members, Riders and Supporters) within the many Blood Bike charities across the UK and Ireland.

The idea behind it, to raise money for NABB (although we're not members we still have a connection) and also to raise awareness of the work we all do for the NHS.

Initially, 100 places were allocated for the ladies for a guided tour around the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull, however, given that it was Summer Holiday time it was a pretty big ask.

35 places were taken up and then places were opened up to the menfolk.

On the day Colm and I set off and met up with Christine Jones (Central). Grateful thanks to the Committee again for allowing me to take Amelia along. With numbers being so low, having a couple of liveried bikes made all the difference.



On arrival at the National Motorcycle Museum, it was introductions all round and then onto the guided tour.

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The museum hosts, probably the greatest collection of British motorcycles dating from the late 1800's to fairly recent Triumphs. Great for motorcycle enthusiasts but also a good place to see our wonderful motorcycle heritage. Approximately 90% of the motorcycles in the museum are runners yet one of the most amazing bikes for me, was the *non-running* Brough Superior Golden Dream worth in the region of 1 million pounds!

After the tour it, there was a nice ride out to Lynn's Ravens Café in Whitchurch. Well worth a visit, this bike friendly transport cafe has full English Breakfasts served on plates the size of dustbin lids. Not a bad word to be heard about the food and the staff were really friendly too.



All in all a very good day out, new friends made and awareness raised, along with just under £300 for NABB. I know we are no longer affiliated, but for me, that was never really an issue.

Media coverage was mentioned in the planning stages, with possible articles in women's magazines and aybe even a slot on "Loose Women" but sadly nothing came of it.

Only 16 ladies managed to attend on the day and of those, only 4 were riders. However, there were ladies there from Lancashire, Nottingham, Northumbria, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Shropshire and Wales.

Hopefully next year will be better attended.

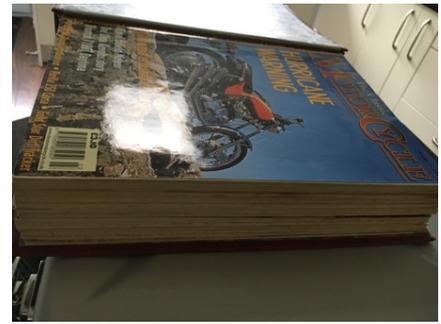
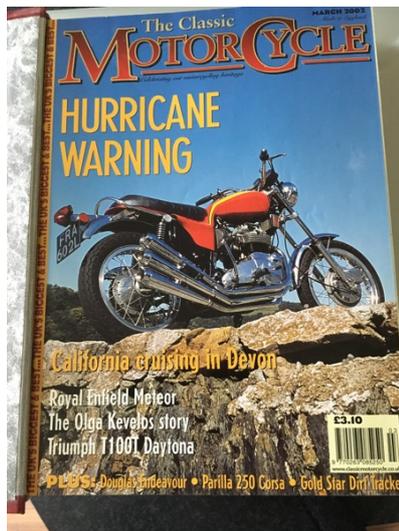
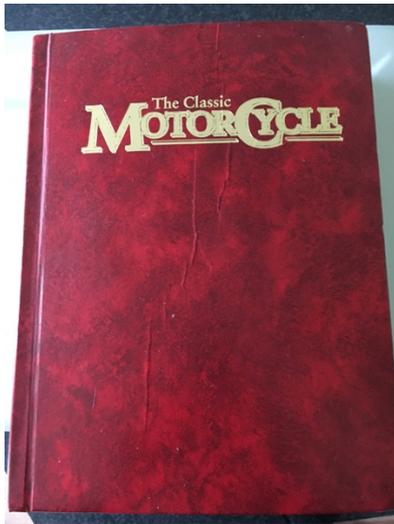
As they say, from little acorns.....

On that note:

I have recently been given a stack of Classic Motorcycle magazines all in 5 official binders. If there are any Classic bike nuts out there, or you know someone who is, they can have them, providing of course a donation is made to NWBB Lancs & Lakes ☺ Each binder contains 12 magazines.

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Paul (Founder, Chairman & Trustee)

If I've missed or forgotten something, forgive me, (but let me know, I can always do another supplement) also, if you want something including in the next newsletter? Feel free to Email your copy (text and images PLEASE) directly to me, chairman@nwbb-lancs.org

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