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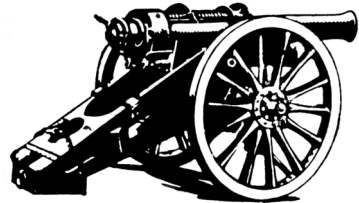
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The next Electronic Newsletter will be for
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Contributions for publication

ALL articles, letters, statements etc. submitted should end with your name, membership number, telephone number, email address.

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EDITORIAL

Hello All,

As with any publication it will not work if there is no input. I have to say that since the Electronic Newsletter has been started last May, I have not had one item from any member to say good or bad. Is it because it is only Electronic i.e. not in print? Is it not required as 95% is already on our website? Let us know your thoughts



Paula (and Doug)

STOP PRESS ——— STOP PRESS ——— STOP PRESS ———

The Magazine Distribution Officer is doing the job of the Membership Secretary on a Temporary basis for the moment.

GUNS FOR CANCER

I undertook this project of scanning all the Guns from number 1 to present day for "Cancer ", I have lost a few of my closest friends to this disease and I am sure that you too will have been touched by losing someone you know to this dreadful illness. Being a Bowel Cancer survivor I am thankful for the treatment I received. As it is near Christmas perhaps you would like to have all the older GUNS to look through while sitting by the fire sipping your Wee Dram, here is your chance. Send me an email and I will send the GUNS in pdf format to you. All I ask is that the next time you go down your town and see a Cancer charity shop give a donation of your choosing

.....WHYbecause **Cancer has no boundaries!**

All contributions for next issue of
the **Electronic Newsletter** to reach the Editors
By the **1st February 2025**

Branch Report—Devon

**The branch meets at the Swans Nest, Exminster, near Exeter, the third Thursday of the month, 7.30 for 8pm start. Andy Lobb, (MNS),
Mobile no. 07866696381 Email:- andylobb57@gmail.com**

Our last branch meeting (19/09/24) was attended by 11 members and a variety of different matters were discussed. Our planned Christmas Meal:- It will be held on the normal branch evening in December, Thursday 19th. So you have a date for your diaries.

Royal Enfield Europe, was also discussed. We really have to acknowledge there are other clubs that share our passion, which we do, especially as the Europe wing is supported by the manufacturer's and dealers who are probably torn in a similar manner as ourselves.

WhatsApp group:- Our group has taken off. For ages now I have pleaded for information and articles for submission to the Gun. Since the organisers have included myself in the group I am party to the discussions, photos or whatever else appears..

If you want to be included within our group, email me and I will pass your details on for an invite to be sent. Finally our member John Griffiths attended the Club's AGM recently and will be giving us a briefing on it at our next meeting. Thanks.

Andy Lobb (MNS)



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Bajaj has built the world's first motorcycle powered by compressed natural gas. It can help cut down operational costs by 50%. Cars running on alternative fuels such as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) aren't new. For motorcycles, however, it's mostly been just petrol over the years. Bajaj, however, has finally changed that, as it has now created a motorcycle that runs not on LPG but on compressed natural gas (CNG). The Bajaj Freedom 125, the world's first CNG-powered motorcycle, has just debuted in India and it's got the industry buzzing. Bajaj Freedom 125 specs PHOTO BY Bajaj.

The Bajaj Freedom packs a 125cc air-cooled engine that's powered by a 12.5-litre/2kg CNG tank housed inside the protective trellis frame. The bike also gets an auxiliary 2-litre petrol tank. The former promises a range of around 200km (101km/L) while the latter 130km (65km/L), resulting in a total maximum range of 330km when both tanks are full. The engine puts out 9.37hp at 8,000rpm and 9.7Nm of torque at 5,000rpm when running on CNG, and it has a top speed of 90.5kph. Flat-out figures for petrol, meanwhile, top out at 93.4kph. In terms of design, it's a pretty decent-looking bike. There's a round headlamp up front to go along with covered front forks. The fairings are nothing to write home about, but they don't look abysmal either. The trellis frame is exposed to add a bit of style, and there's a body-colour grab bar at the rear.

The bike also gets a quilted leather seat and 17-inch front and 16-inch rear wheels as standard. The Freedom also gets a fully digital instrument cluster that supports Bluetooth connectivity. Five colours are available, namely: Caribbean Blue, Ebony Black, Cyber White, Racing Red, and Pewter Grey. Bajaj Freedom 125 prices Bajaj claims operational costs can be cut by a whopping 50% with this bike. But the icing on top of all these? The SRP. In India, the Bajaj Freedom 125 starts at 110,000 Indian rupees. For what the bike's capable of, that's a darn good price tag

by Leandre Grecia Jul 10, 2024



Hello Doug and Paula

Please forgive an unsolicited mail from a non-member, my friend Gordon lets me read the Gun as he knows I'm interested in looking at other club's magazines. I was most interested to read two articles:

The Electric start Interceptor:

I'd been looking at plan for a Triumph engine which is similar in this area. I'm also building a 2T engined bike and considered a SIBA Dyna start. The Interceptor plan is even easier on the 2T, so thanks.

The other item of interest is the 350cc Side valve Twin article for two reasons:

I'd recently been writing the post war history of Cotton Motorcycles and discovered a one-off Cotton with a JAP 500cc sidevalve twin engine. They only made one in the late 40's although AJW actually built 70 (the Grey Fox). So with the TRW I thought there were only two of this unusual configuration. The JAP engine even had the forward facing carb. At 22 bhp it was quite powerful for the day. For unusual-ness, the RE has them all surpassed! The other interesting part was the reference to H.J Hatch. Harry (or Ike) Hatch is a particular interest of mine as I got to know a bit about him whilst writing a paper on the Parallel Pushrod Blackburne racing engines a couple of years ago.

I think I found out about as much about him as there is, He was an engine designer with some quite major achievements, like designing the OHV Blackburne engines that won TT races for Cotton and Rex-Acme. He also designed the Mechanical Marvel and Manxman for Excelsior. He is described as doing technical War work during WW2 and then he went to AMC and worked on the 7R and G45 racers. I didn't know he did work for RE, particularly a whole bike. I hope this is of general interest and if you're interested I can give you some more to pad the above out with.

Regards and a really good magazine

Chris Sawyer Editor, Cotton Owners Club Magazine.

Club Calendar 2025 Official Rallies—advanced notice



2025 REOC National Rally Greece Friday May 30th - Monday June 2nd Chryso, Delphi 330 54 Greece. Chrysa Camping Rooms & Bungalows (www.chrissacamping.gr) Tents or rooms inside the campsite Info & bookings: reocgreece@gmail.com

Contact: Andreas Papadakis +30 6974805700

Club Calendar 2025 Official Rallies

Wiltshire Moonrakers Rally 4—6th July 2025

Venue - The Coopers Arms, Ball Road, Pewsey, SN9 5BL.

Register at Email:- enfieldwilts@gmail.com Details to follow

Do you want to share information, seek technical advice or make contact with other Club members? **Royal Enfield Owners Club Est. 1977** is our own growing and successful “closed” Facebook group for Club members only, policed by Club Committee Members.
We look forward to hearing from you!



The next REOC International Rally will take place over three days, August 15th/16th/17th 2025, based at Baskerville Hall, near Hay-on-Wye, Wales.

Baskerville Hall is a stately home converted to a hotel with private rooms, dormitories, a restaurant, a pool and an extensive camping area, surrounded by over 100 acres of forests and fields, and has a lot to offer. Set in the Brecon Beacons National Park, it's a great location for some of the best riding roads in the UK. More details will be available as we get activities organised, but please see your website for brochure pages, and photographs taken during a recent visit, or go to the Baskerville Hall website. Single, twin and shared rooms are not reserved for REOC, so book early! When booking accommodation or camping, please mention the REOC event.

All Event Organisers please note

Dates and details of all club events must be authorised by Neil Davis, our new Social Secretary or they will not be published in The Gun or on our website. Contact Neil by email:-
socialsecretary@royalenfield.org.uk
or send him a message via "Contact Us" on the website

Market Place

For Sale

For Sale Royal Enfield Flying Flea. Restored machine in v.g.c. with many new parts. Good running order (any trial welcome) with full V5 in my name. Will send pics/view on Ebay £2400 o.n.o. Mick (MNS). 07850 687700.

E:- reoc.kent@talktalk.net

For Sale Royal Enfield Model C 350cc Side Valve 1938/40. Owned for many years and fully restored. REOC Dating Cert. Good runner and very good condition throughout. £2,950. Ian Hiscutt (MNS). Tel:-07794 953251 Sandhurst, Berks.

For Sale Nicely run-in Green "Classic 350" 1,494 miles, £3,375. One old slow owner from new. Full service history balance of warranty and road side assistance applicable. Nice personal plate and extras. Mobility scooter now required sadly.

Don Glover (MNS) gloverdonaldalfred@gmail.com

Tel:- 05148 26558

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For Sale 1959 Royal Enfield Constellation red and chrome tank. Nice condition, starts and runs well. MOT till March 2025. Contact for more details and photos.

£3750. Peter Salter (MNS) Hertfordshire Tel:-07827 323 055

Email:- peterfaafo@gmail.com

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Let's talk about insurance...

September sees the launch of a new and exciting insurance proposition for club members. The club have teamed up with Peter James Insurance to design and launch a brand-new insurance offering packed with lots of great benefits that we think club members will enjoy. 'Royal Enfield Owners Club Insurance' is only available to club members, and we hope that you'll give it a try when your own policy is due.

The Royal Enfield marque presents a rather marque-specific challenge to many insurers given that the vehicles require all the protection and added benefits of classic bike insurance, even though many bikes are new. Peter James Insurance has worked closely with both the members and the volunteers at the Royal Enfield Owners Club to design a bespoke insurance package that truly reflects the needs of Royal Enfield enthusiasts, whatever their vehicle age.

The team at Peter James Insurance live and breathe the historic vehicle world, just like you do. That's important, because when you call looking for insurance cover to protect your cherished classics, they really do understand how much it means to you and the huge amount of time, money, and effort you may have invested in it. Moreover, they also understand that your bike is likely to be a well-loved extra member of the family!

The new 'Royal Enfield Owners Club Insurance' product has been designed by enthusiasts for enthusiasts and gives you, as a member, access to a range of benefits that you are likely to be unable to find elsewhere. This hopefully offers even more reasons to renew your club membership each year. These can include:

- Exclusive rates for Royal Enfield Owners Club members.
- Spare Parts Cover – Up to £3,000 cover for spare parts and tools.
- UK and European Breakdown Cover included.
- Legal Expenses cover included.
- Helmet and Leathers cover included.

Multi-bike policies can bring classics and moderns together under one policy. We understand that many of you will have more than one motorcycle so a multi-bike policy can offer the convenience of single renewal date.

Why not give the scheme a try when your insurance is next due. Peter James Insurance doesn't operate a call-centre, they have a small and friendly team who are ready to speak to you. When your policy is due for renewal why not give the dedicated Royal Enfield Owners Club team a call on 0121 506 6023.

®EOC Trademark ownership

It will be a surprise to many members that our club owns two historic Royal Enfield trademarks, which we pay for.

In 1995 Ian Parry set up a sub-committee of the REOC with the aim of safeguarding the use of the name Royal Enfield and the *made like a gun* logo. Ian successfully secured them in two trademarks: -

UK00002024203 ROYAL ENFIELD and **UK00002027094 made like a gun + cannon device** for use on items of clothing, headgear, printed matter and club services. We get most value from the second trademark which is located centrally in our unique club badge.

As a matter of interest, at around the same time, Eicher Group in India acquired Enfield India Ltd, and also the trademark *Royal Enfield* for use on their motorcycles, whose 350 and 500 Bullets had previously displayed just *Enfield* on their petrol tanks.

Every five years we pay a fee to safeguard our two trademarks, which are due for renewal in 2025 at a cost of approximately £1500, so we need to get our money's worth. It's important to understand that the club didn't want to prevent our trademarks being used by other parties, we wanted to ensure that we can use them without any legal challenges from others.

We recently commissioned a professional designer to produce (restore) a nice sharp master artwork of our club badge to standardise what had become a mix of poor copies of previous copies of the club badge over the years. On our website you'll find two design variants in three different colours, which can be downloaded and enlarged or reduced for any decorative purpose. One has a simplified gun image more suitable for embroidered garments and some specific printing techniques. Please use our unique club identifier, incorporating a trademark, which you're paying for!

You'll find them under the heading *Members Area* on our website www.royalenfield.org.uk. You'll also find Ian Parry's more detailed explanation of our trademarks.

