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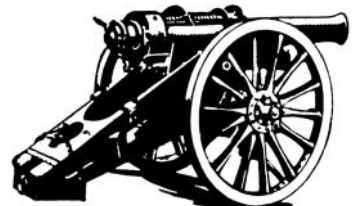
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello All,

August has certainly been a busy month. As the weather has been so good, I have been getting out on the Enfield thundering through the glens and frightening the sheep. Well after all, when you've had your 3rd anniversary on the 29th of going into hospital with cancer and coming out without it, it's something to celebrate! In between rides Paula and I have managed a wee trip up to the Isle of Skye plus of course working on the Gun magazine as well as this Newsletter.



In this issue we have a few branch reports. As you know, branches have more meetings in the summer months and this could mean that some branches can have more than one report. As the Gun is bi-monthly we unfortunately do not have the space for two reports. If that is the case, the earlier one will go in the newsletter and the latest one in the magazine. That way branch members can read all about their ride-outs etc. so please keep them coming.

Just a reminder that unlike the Gun, if you have a "For Sale" advert, you can have a photograph included.

Editors Paula and Doug



Our new machine badges

For details see page 18



All contributions for next issue of
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By the **1st November 2025**



The Kiwi Bulletin Snippets
September 2024 No. 140
Thanks to Lew Martin



Stunning Black & Chrome Classic 500



Simarjeet Singh Super Meteor 650 Enjoying every moment when I go on a ride even though it is a short ride. I have a classic 350 2004 back in India, the Super Meteor gives me a similar feeling but with more power which is awesome.



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20/10/24 Mark Bellringer's Annual Curry Run to Taumarunui



A little gravel rash on Marks Himmy



Kururau Road



Is my bike bent ??



Three wise men .. Hugh Gardiner photo.

It was great weather to be out on our bikes.

Some mention was made of who is interested in a trip to India next year with some rides around Leh in the north....

Will the stars align to make the trip happen?

Great 800 km weekend. Mark "Crash" Bellringer showed us how to lay a Himmy down on a goat track scenic diversion off the Forgotten highway..... 🌟

Hugh Gardiner 😊😂

Branch Report—South Lancashire

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month, 7.30 - 10.00pm

Pack Horse Inn, Birtle Road, Heywood, BL9 7TU

Email:- sheila.heywood@gmail.com



Yes, it's all change at South Lancashire! The Birch Hotel has gone.

We are still meeting at 7.30, on the first Tuesday of the month. The new place is the Pack Horse Inn, Birtle. They give their postcode as BL9 7TU. Some people disagree with this!!! But I'm only copying their website's information. I think anyway it's about 200 yds. away, so folk should see it!

Is there in fact a Branch contact at the moment? I've seen it saying position vacant. So I've notified Graham Scarth. I hope this all helps but please do contact me if there's anything else you need to know, or that I should be doing.

Here's just one of the recent events for South Lancashire people, a visit to the Lancashire Mining Museum at Astley Green. A wonderful day out with some of the machinery still turning, so not just old exhibits standing still. And a miner's cottage. And bacon sandwiches. A grand day out.



Chris Robinson (MNS) Email:- chris.robinson1956@gmail.com



**Club Merchandise
baseball caps
(see page 18 for details)**



Suffolk Branch. Meet 1st Saturday each month at The White Horse, Tattingstone IP9 2N. Contact Stephen. Email :- Stephenjbackhouse@hotmail.com
Tel :- 07939351740 Or Leo. Tel :- 07397172447 Email :- leonelson111@yahoo.com.

There are many things that can impact on the attendance for a branch meeting. Weather, be it cold and wet or hot and dry. Holidays, other hobbies, health, family commitments or even if the bike will start, but I think the biggest impact on the Suffolk Branch July meeting was roadworks. With essential work to the Orwell Bridge causing chaos on the surround roads and along with a indecisive weather forecast, this may have reduced our July attendance. However, eleven members attended the White Horse with nine motorcycles in the car park and, for once, all were Royal Enfields. Well, except for one, my 1990 Enfield Bullet 350.

We also had a new member, Alan who is our first member with the new Super Meteor 650. Due to the afore mentioned roadworks, only three members attended the Breakfast Club at the Farmhouse. All reported an excellent, reasonably priced breakfast. So, if you live in the East Anglia region, are at a loss on what to do on the first Saturday and fancy a good breakfast and better company, why not pop along for a chat with like-minded enthusiasts. Finally, I have to report the support between the Norfolk and Suffolk Branches is as strong as ever.

Safe travels.

Leonard Nelson (MNS)

“Snippets” REOC UK Welsh International Rally August 2025 “Snippets”



West Riding Branch Meets at the Travellers Rest, 252 Hopton Lane, Mirfield, WF14 8EJ, 1st Thursday of every month 2000hrs. Contact: Kevin Moore 07736775211, Email: Seitenwagen72@gmail.com

WEST RIDING REOC JULY 2025

The West Riding Branch IS alive and well. We needed a new “home” after 15 years at the Reindeer Pub as it was permanently closing (March). We found a suitable replacement (the Travellers Rest), which has a good size car park, beer garden and is large inside for poor weather. Our first 4 meetings here were well attended and the July



meeting was probably our best attended for years with a high proportion of new RE bikes. On 5th July, Kevin, Dudley, Ian T, John H and Linda rode to Squires Cafe to join the Demo Ride to Olivers Mount, Scarborough, as part of MAG’s National Riders Resistance Weekend. The focus was highlighting that ICE motorcycles still have a transport role, (current government transport policy completely ignores motorcycles) and that the govt. should pause its proposed bans (no more RE’s as we know them) in 2030/2035. The Demo ride was fun, riding with around 100 others. At the end we listened to speeches by MAG Chairman, Neil Liversedge and local Councillor (and keen biker) Richard Maw. We rode back on better back roads in good weather, via another biker cafe (Seaways). See picture of the group at Squires.

At least 8 of us are booked to attend the International Rally, report to follow.

Kevin Moore (MNS)



Club Merchandise
Sew on patch
For details see
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AGENDA FOR THE 47th AGM
THE ROYAL ENFIELD OWNERS CLUB
Saturday 20th September 2025

The Drum & Monkey, Newbridge Green, Upton on Severn WR8 0QP

11:00 hrs Prompt (See Club Calendar).

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the previous 2024 AGM, and acceptance of the MOM.
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Address
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Acceptance of Accounts
7. Officer's Reports
8. Proposals.

R Murdoch (MNS). On-line Membership Joining/ Renewal.

I propose that the one-year trial period of the new Online Membership which commenced at the 2024 AGM, is adopted as the preferred method of joining/ renewal. This rolling-year permits new members to join at any time of the year instead of the previous August fixed renewal date.

Seconded by Graham Scarth.

9. Any other business (no motions accepted on the day)
10. Election of Officers and Committee Members.

Chairman.

Two Committee members.

Two new co-opted Committee members.

Vacant – General Secretary.

10a. Vacant Officer Positions:

Branch co-ordinator.

11. Presentation of Trophies.

12. Close of meeting. Tea/coffee and a lunch will be provided free to club attendees, followed by a planned ride of around 40 miles.

September 2025

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After many very successful rallies, John Hamer has decided to step down and hand the baton over to the South Lancashire branch.

Full details of the Rally in the *Gun* magazine, the E-newsletter and on the REOC website.

Lancashire Red Rose Rally Friday 5 Sept to Sunday 7 Sept

Ocarber Farm Caravan and Campsite Austwick, Settle LA2 8AE

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Tent with electric/1 person £24 per night

Camper-van with electric / 1 person £24 per night

Additional occupants tent or van £6 per night

Dogs £1.50 per night

Members wishing to attend should contact the site directly to book and email me so I have an idea of numbers. Hope this is OK, if not let me know. Thanks,

John Barnard john@jbhm.co.uk

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!

September 2025

The AGM Rally 19th to 21st September Drum and Monkey, Newbridge ,Green Upton on Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0QP

Tel:- 01684 592758 for direct bookings

Rally organiser Bob Murdoch reoc.archive34@gmail.com

October 2025

REOC October Fest , 10th to 12th October 2025.

Island Meadow Caravan and Camping Park, Aston Cantlow ,
Henly in Arden , Warwickshire B95 6JP .

<http://www.islandmeadowcaravan> email: holiday@islandmeadowcaravanpar

Phone Katherine 01789 488273 with your eta. Agreed rally fees , for 1 person tent £7 per night , and for 2 people tent £12 per night. Camper vans and caravans with power .1 person £22 per van . 2 people £25 per van . Rally rates apply for early arrivals and those who stay over..

MARSHAL-Michael Sliwowski (MNS) Tel:- 0773 0110 158 Email:-
poloenfield700@googlemail.com

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



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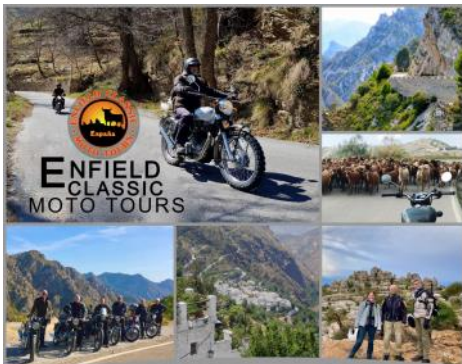
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Trade Advert Metal Polishing

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- ◆ Flat vs. 'true flat' - they aren't the same thing - one looks great, one doesn't.

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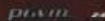


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“The South Midlands Branch has been given a stand at the NEC Classic car and bike show in November, You can scan the QR code or go on line and quote “CCBNOV5115” And get a £4 discount off the cost of a ticket .
The web site is NECLASSICMOTORSHOW.COM”

Market place For sale

For Sale 2004 Classic 500 Bullet R/H gear change model, good condition, low mileage. Lovely appearance, Black/Chrome. Not used for the past two years. Now too heavy for an elderly owner. £800. John Palmer (MNS) [Tel:- 01702 295745](tel:01702295745)

For Sale - MZ ETZ 251 1993 Full Burwin's engine refurb', rebore, piston, recon crank, seals, bearing replacement where needed. NEW - tyres, tubes, vape electronic ignition & rev' counter, brake line, approximately 2000 miles since rebuild, £1500 patina retained !!! Kent - more information Roger Brown (MNS) [Tel:-07473-789-550](tel:07473789550)

For Sale Due to recent illness. Private collection of thirty Motorcycles in showroom condition, collected over many years. Classic British Manufacturers including AJS, BSA, Matchless, Norton, Triumph and Royal Enfield. All with V5c. Photos can be posted, offered individually. Phil Royston (MNS) Yorkshire. [Tel:- 01723 372219](tel:01723372219)

For Sale Crusader Sports 1964 250cc, V5, on SORN (Engine believed to be from Continental GT) Many new parts Complete but needs some work to get back on road Bargain at £1,400 No offers please Contact Iain 07564 979284 Cornwall

For Sale Compact Engine Guards Silver for Super Meteor, Shotgun 650, Classic 650. Hitchcock's Part No.93361. Unused in original packing. £95 inc. P&P. (Hitchcock's delivered price £140) John Western (MNS) Gillingham Kent 01634 364459
Email:-johnwestern@blueyonder.co.uk

For Sale 1964 RE 250 Turbo Twin 2 stroke, very good older dealer restoration chrome, paint and mechanics all V/good. Villiers engine and gearbox recently overhauled, starts easily and runs well. £3500 ONO Michael Falkner (MNS)
Tel No 07582825431 Email:- michaelfalkner947@btinternet.com



For Sale 22 plate interceptor new MOT 1.437 miles , looking for £3.600 or offers . It's got plenty of extras , rectifier moved , new silencers, foot pegs and adjustable levers. Would consider swap for a 350 meteor or similar. Simon Dickinson (MNS) 07837925047. Email simon-dickinson@hotmail.co.uk

Market Place**For Sale**

For Sale 1954 Redditch 350cc Bullet. I'm returning it to Redditch spec with original mudguards, dual seat, correctly jetted Amal 376 Monobloc carb, original spec forks and front wheel. It is insured in my name and Taxed as a Historic Vehicle class and is on an Age Related Registration plate. £1800 Dick Hodge (MNS) Tel: - 07713552296 Email:-

daillyboy44@gmail.com

For Sale Crusader 1959 Built by Bill Saltau, RIP. As purchased from him in 2005 (The Gun issue 291). Sympathetically modified. c. 310cc Had little use since purchase. Dry stored and periodically started. For sale due to the owner's passing. The family would like an avid RE enthusiast to enjoy it. Looking for around £3200. Nick Smith (MNS) Tel:- 07966594783 Email:-ellynickoz@hotmail.com

**Market Place****For Sale**

For Sale. 2015 535GT Red. Only 12 miles from new. Stood ten years, needs recommissioning. New battery but non-runner. £2750 No offers. Alex Taylor (MNS) Abingdon Tel:- 07818668166 Email:- alexrtaylor574@gmail.com

For Sale 1957 Royal Enfield Bullet, 500cc single. Restored in 2021 to high standard with £5000+ receipts. Needs a good home, asking £2750. Brecon area Brian Woods (MNS) Tel. 07984130425 Email:- powysrider@gmail.com

Market place For Sale

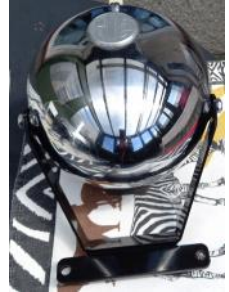
For Sale 2002 Royal Enfield 535 Lightning, Grey and Black. MOT, Less than 4000 miles, excellent original condition. Good running order, Rare in UK £2300 or near offer. Simon Cook, (MNS) Sittingbourne Kent. Tel:- 01795 422562.

Email:- scook48@live.co.uk

For Sale Hitchcock's chrome headlight shell with mounting bracket £30. Also Hitchcock's alloy fork top with screen £30 Doug Young (MNS)

Tel:- 07521221131 or Email:-

scottiedoug@gmail.com



Market place Wanted

Wanted a cylinder head for a Big Head Bullet. Any condition considered but it must be "repairable" Eddie Brant, (MNS), Crowthorne, Berkshire. RG45 6RL, Mobile 07836333710, Email:- eddiebrant@aol.com.

Wanted for 1958 500 Bullet, dual seat, petrol tank front and rear mudguards, Amal 389 carb etc. and w.h.y. for that year please to help get machine something like original. Robert Clarke (MNS) Cheshire Tel: 07503 607868

Email:- robertclarke558@btinternet.com

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- 2) Front mudguard and stays.
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Paul Thomas. (MNS) Tel:- 07743542353 Email:- steelbankworks@gmail.com

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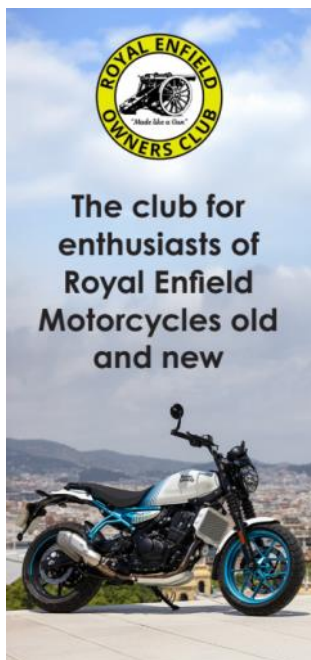
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New Promotional Leaflet



The club has had some quality promotional leaflets printed. The idea is that they will be sent to branches who can then distribute them at shows, to motorcycle friendly cafes, local dealers or to Enfield riders they meet.

There is a space for a sticker with local branch details.

Please could local branch contacts email me with: How many copies you would like, what you would like printed on the sticker, what address you would like them sent to? Thank you.

Jak Lemon reoc.pro@gmail.com

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Branch coordinator - Vacant

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The Crossword answers



Answers to the crossword
in Electronic newsletter No.20



“Snippets” REOC UK Welsh International Rally August 2025 “Snippets”



Some photos from the
Welsh International
Rally 2025 which did not
make it into the Gun .

Full report in issue 309