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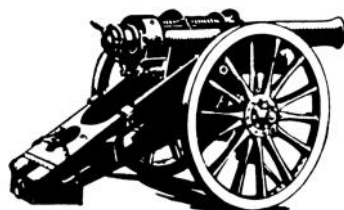
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello All,

"A Guid New Year Tae Ane And A" from the two of us here in Bonnie Scotland. Apparently snow is on the way so that'll postpone the first ride of 2026 for a wee while!



This is the first Newsletter of the year but The Gun itself will be winging its way to the printers today

(after the New Year holiday) so those of you who have been a "bit tardy" will find their report/advert here rather than have to wait for April's issue.

Some of the information here is duplicated in the Gun such as Club Vacancies, Club Calendar etc., but this gives those of you who read the newsletter more time to pass on information (and get yourselves organised) for what's happening.

Keep healthy and Ride safely!

Editors Paula and Doug.

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the **Electronic Newsletter** to reach the Editors

By the **1st March 2026**

REOC needs your involvement!

Treasurer

To manage the club funds in our online bank accounts. You don't need to have financial experience.

Club Merchandise/ Sales Officer.

Our comprehensive and efficient club 'shop' needs a new keeper to manage sales of clothing directly to the manufacturer and to post small items to members.

Branch Co-ordinator.

You help members to get in touch with other local members or their nearest Branch. New branches form themselves in this way in the UK and sometimes overseas.

If you'd like to know more about the above vacancies, contact the above titles, or the Chairman via 'contact us' on the website – royalenfield.org.uk.



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The Kiwi Bulletin Snippets No. 152 Sept 2025 Thanks to Lew Martin



Trevor Foster
With his new
Himalayan

Hey Lew, Thanks for the quick turnaround, some interesting things in the Bulletin. Here is a photo taken today, I was taking the bear through the woods, where it belongs, to the Waimakariri river. You might see that I have added a top box, crash bars, bash plate and some nifty Union Jack tank pads. Andrew Baker



Flash back—January 2018—Motorad Lower Hutt



L—R Triumph? Leon's Classic 350. Jeff Taylor 58 Meteor Minor Deluxe. 59 Lew Martin Meteor Minor Sport. Shorty Clement 2006 Bullet 500.

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

Hello, all.

Hope everyone is well.

For some time, now, I have been finding things a little difficult. My accident 5 years ago has restricted my mobility, and the head injury is especially challenging due to poor memory. Recognition of places is difficult, but on a positive note, I've never been to so many new places. LOL. So where does that leave me?

I've taken the decision to stand down from the Enfield Devon branch. I will no longer be the 'scribe', or the branch contact. Jez is taking on that role, a role he did before and is still doing via the WhatsApp group. Facebook, I set up our group, 4 or more years ago. Rose Wood, John Antrobus and Andy Browning have taken up administration, and I will gradually withdraw, leaving it up to them, or others, if they come forward. I am not going anywhere, but need a break. I am not leaving the club, just the administrative side.

In a previous life, I used to write weekly newspaper articles, but of late the move in technology has overtaken me, 20+ years is a long time. So it's not something I will miss, plus it's always difficult to write when you weren't there!. So I will remain a silent member of the club, able to help when needed, attending meetings occasionally, but leaving the organisation to others. We have yet to sort out an email address for contact, so any experts out there who can help, assistance will be gratefully received. Meanwhile I'll forward anything to the appropriate person.

It has been fun, getting the branch running with decent, interested, active participants. It has not been all down to me, but I leave it at a high point, with a good future. As the wife will be having her knee done around the time of our Christmas do, we won't have been there, so I hope everyone had a happy Christmas.

Kind regards Andy Lobb. (MNS)

Branch Report—South Lancashire

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm

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

Email:- sheila.heywood@gmail.com



A selection of photos from the South Lancs. Branch Xmas get together



Branch Report—Norfolk branch, Blackham Station Cafe the fourth Saturday of the month NR10 4LJ, 12 noon

contact Paul on 07951837737 Email:-paulscarff.reoc@gmail.com

First of all I hope you all had a good and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Looking back I can't believe that the Norfolk Branch has been running in its current form for 18 months. Despite the inclement weather recently, the last two meetings have been well attended, with a dozen or so meeting up each month.

December saw four bikes in the car park, with others making it on foot or using the car, a sensible move for those coming from further afield.

All are most welcome to join us, on the fourth Saturday of each month at Blackham Station Cafe, NR10 4LJ, at 12 noon.

Paul Scarff (MNS)



WEST RIDING REOC December 2025

Contact: Kevin Moore 07736775211, Email: Seitenwagen72@gmail.com

Meets at the Travellers Rest, 252 Hopton Lane, Mirfield, WF14 8EJ, 1st Thursday of every month 20.00hrs



On December 4th, 15 of us met at the Travellers Rest for a Meal to celebrate our first Christmas in our new “home”. The food was great and it was good to catch up with some old and new faces. Many motorcycle and other discussions took place, as well as agreeing on the details for our now traditional New Year’s Day Ride.

On 1st January 2026, 10 of us met at the Travellers Rest for our 14th New Year’s Day Ride (See picture of us prior to setting off). Kevin led the group south to the Peak District on a mix of main and much less than main roads. There were great views and considering the low temperatures, the roads were thankfully ice free. We ended up at the Yonderman Cafe at Wardlow, where we got sufficient warm food and drink. We headed back North to West Yorkshire via some different roads including Snake pass. All made it home safely covering at least 100 miles. Now for a thorough bike clean to remove all that salt/grit! Finally, congratulations to branch member Dudley Martin on his British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year’s Honours list. This was well deserved for his work (thousands of volunteer hours) as Lead Chaplain for West Yorkshire Police, supporting officers, staff and other volunteers.

All are welcome at our meetings (details above).

Kevin Moore (MNS)

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Branch coordinator - Vacant

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!

**Branch Report—Greek Branch Contact Andreas Papadakis, Athens, Greece, Email:-
reocgreece@gmail.com**

We are very pleased to announce yet another rally in Greece. Specifically, the 2026 REOC Greek National Rally will take place from Friday, May 22nd to Monday, May 25th in Gytheio, Mani. Next year will mark the fourth season, following three successful events with over 120 participants each.

All of you are very important to us, and this gathering of nations is truly something unique. This year, the rally will be held at Camping Gytheio Bay a high-standard campsite located by the sea, which also features a swimming pool (*see photo below*), restaurant, bar, coffee shop, mini market and many other facilities. For more information check here: <https://gythiocamping.gr/>

Next to the campsite, there are rented rooms at very competitive prices for those who prefer not to stay in tents. These are already reserved for rally participants.

Once again, the four-day event will be filled with activities, travel presentations, group meals, visits to archaeological sites, live music, show & shine, and much more. Registrations are already open for the rally.

For those of you who prefer not to travel by road, there is also a fly-ride option, with Royal Enfield Super Meteors 650 available for rent in Athens by the GStraveler rental company. More info here: <https://gstraveler.com/>

The wider Mani region is truly unique, and we highly recommend staying a few extra days if you wish to explore more of the Peloponnese.

It will be our great pleasure and honour to welcome you once again and to have you participate in this celebration of Royal Enfield owners from all around the world!

If you have any questions please email to reocgreece@gmail.com

Best Regards

Andreas Papadakis (MNS)

See page 12 for Rally advert



Bristol Show Shepton Mallet 21—22 February 2026

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The Somerset & Dorset Branch have organised, and will operate a stand at this prestigious event. (for single cylinder) Enfields, Please call in and see us; a friendly face, and tea and coffee on the go all day..

Andy Sharp Email:- sharpa@btinternet.com

Club Calendar 2026 Official Rallies—

May 2026



2026 REOC Greek National Rally Friday, May 22nd-Monday, May 25th , 2026, Gythio-Mani, 23200 Greece Gythion Bay Camping (<https://gythiocamping.gr/>). Tents or rooms next to the campsite with very reasonable prices by the sea! For information and bookings Event Contact: Andreas Papadakis Tel:-+30 6974805700 Email:- reocgreece@gmail.com

Club Calendar 2026 Official Rallies

June 2026

Glorious Glevum Rally Date; Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June 2026 Location; Apple Orchard Campsite, Westbury-on-Severn. (Same location as last year) <https://appleorchardcampsite.co.uk/>

Please join us for a camping weekend at this excellent venue with camping, caravanning as well as deluxe camping pods available. Open fires and barbeques, bar on site with home pressed cider, fantastic food in their cafe and excellent amenities throughout We are also hoping to join up with the Severn Bore Scooter rally which is a fairly large event happening the same weekend, nearby. Email:- reocglos@hotmail.com

July 2026

The 2026 Yellow Belly will be held at the Rose and Crown, Holbeach Hurn, PE12 8JN on July 4th and 5th 2026. On Wednesday evening there will be a short ride to a local classic car and bike meet, On Thursday afternoon there will be a ride out to the Boston bike night On Friday evening there will be a fish and chip run On Saturday there will be a ride out with a visit For those staying on there will be a short ride on Sunday It would be really helpful if you could notify me if you are going to attend Thanks in advance Carl Lemon (MNS)

Tel:- 07939 724080 Email:- winchester.taxi@btinternet.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

www.royalenfield.org.uk

July 2026

REOC National Rally 2026 Running noon Friday 17th - 6pm Sunday 19th July Stanford Hall, Stanford Rd, Lutterworth LE17 6DH

This announcement is offered for initial information only

Our 2026 National Rally will be held adjacent to the Taverners Founder's Day event in 2026. For the first time that event is set to cater for two nights camping with food and drink available on site throughout the weekend. Our REOC activities will include a ride-out, a bike show and Saturday evening music. Sunday will see the usual Founder's Day displays and activities.

As soon as it is available we will offer a QR booking code with bookings to be made directly to the organisers at a cost of £30 for two nights camping plus Sunday entry.

Members wishing to bring auto-jumble sales items are asked to book a pitch with the VMCC Taverners in the main event area and not to layout items in the REOC field.



The poster features a central image of a Royal Enfield motorcycle. The text is arranged as follows: 'Royal Enfield Owners Club' in large red letters, 'National Rally 2026' in large white letters with a black outline, and a list of activities in red. The dates and location are in bold black text, followed by the website URL. There are three circular logos: one in the top right, one in the bottom left, and one in the bottom right, each containing a motorcycle and the text 'ROYAL ENFIELD OWNERS CLUB' and 'Made like a Gun'.

Royal Enfield Owners Club

National Rally 2026

- Camping
- Bar and Food
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- Presentations
- Bike Raffle!
- Bike Show
- Test Rides
- Guided Ride Out

July 17th, 18th, 19th
Stanford Hall, Leics, LE17 6DH
<https://www.royalfield.org.uk/>

£30 ticket price includes two night's camping plus admission to the VMCC Founder's Day event on the Sunday

September 2026

4th 5th 6th September 2026



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When phoning, please tell them that you are with the Royal Enfield Red Rose Rally, and if possible email Steve, to give us an idea of numbers. Thanks! Information also on the REOC Facebook.



Following the success of this year's **Red Rose Rally**, I have been asked to organise the event again in 2026. It is traditionally the first weekend in September. **Friday 4 to Sunday 6 September 2026** at the Orcaber Caravan Site. Contact Steve Curvis.

Email:- stephen.curvis@ntlworld.com

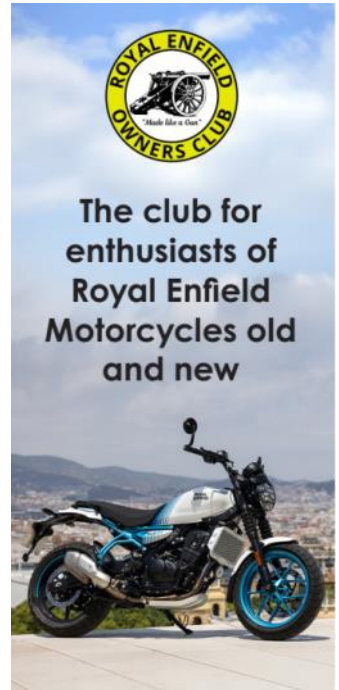
New Promotional Leaflet

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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Market place For sale

For Sale 2019 GT Continental Petrol tank in black no logos - will fit Interceptor as well. £150. David Price (19451) Tel:- 07801 904487 or Email:- davidprice347@btinternet.com for photos etc.

For Sale 22 plate RE Classic 350 in Halcyon Green. Fitted with RE screen, Luggage Rack and top box. VERY LOW mileage. Garage stored. £3250. Also: Ladies Jacket, size LM; Trousers size 16 Interphone bluetooth intercom with 2 headsets. Akito Leather jacket plus Akito gauntlet gloves Derek Baines (Non member paid) Tel: 01262 604240. Bridlington

For Sale 250 Continental GT, rebuilt engine, powder coated frame, many new parts fitted. Runs nice. £3995 ono. Paul Meads (MNS) Pick up Mansfield Notts. Tel:- 07548266196 for more info. Email:- paulmeads@hotmail.co.uk

For Sale 2013 Royal Enfield GT Continental 535 Frame/engine number 00050 with just under 2000mls £2500 Tom Bray (MNS) Email:- tom.bray3@icloud.com

For Sale: Continental GT original Bubble Nose Fairing, very good condition, all brackets including headstock mounting included, photos available, asking £225 + postage at cost. Will Corry (MNS) Ballymena , Tel:-07506940955, Email:- willcorry17@gmail.com

For Sale 1938 500cc Bullet , working order and original unrestored, original registration number transferable , plus lots of spares.£7000 or swap for WD/L side valve. I need something I can kickstart. Chris Brady (MNS) Tel- 01280 848491 or 07778 330108

Market place Wanted

Wanted Does anyone have a lower section of a speed flow fairing they would sell. Any condition considered. Mansfield area. Paul Meads (MNS) Tel:- 07548266196 for more info. paulmeads@hotmail.co.uk

Wanted Wanted small splined kickstart 5/8" for a 1958 Royal Enfield Clipper250cc contact Neville Goodman (MNS) Tel:- 07933277997 or Email:- goodmanville@gmail.com

Wanted Carb conversion kit or part kit to change a 2009 Enfield injection set up to normaly aspirated , Amal or mikuni acceptable Roger Dillon (MNS) Tel:- 07860531300 or Email:- rogerd@euromechstorage.co.uk .

Advertisements

These are free to all paid up (non trade) R.E.O.C. members. These adverts should be limited to 30 words or less. Send adverts directly to the Editor, quoting your full name, membership number, county or town, telephone number, email address. Non-members £5.

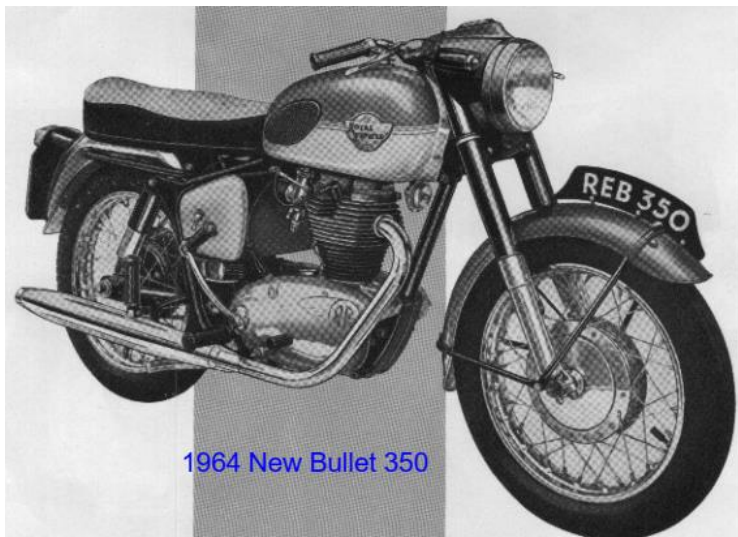
Trade advertisements rates as follows per issue .

—full page £120, 1/2 page £60.



Our new machine badges

For details see page 20



1964 New Bullet 350

Obituary
Anne Bradford remembered

I have to announce that Anne Margaret Bradford died on 30th November 2025. The South Midland Branch attended her funeral at Redditch Crematorium. She was a prolific writer about Redditch, but her book – Royal Enfield from the Bicycle to the Bullet 1851 – 1969 – for us, was her main achievement. She had the foresight to interview many of the people who worked at the Enfield Cycle Company over the years, celebrating their achievements, until the Enfield Company closed.

John Budgen (MNS)



Obituary

I was saddened to hear Sandra Pascall passed away late December 2025. I had been an 'Enfield Pillion Passenger' friend for over 30 years. Sadly Sandra didn't always have the best of health through her life but enjoyed rallies and holidays and the wonderful things riding pillion can bring. The laughter fun and friendship we have all shared with her is endless. Rallies turning to longer holidays...Scotland Devon Cornwall all over really. I know Sandra particularly enjoyed the rallies to Holland with the club.

Sandra was always the first to offer a cup of tea. In fact my first memory of her was making us tea when we arrived at a Telford rally from 'down south' Sandra was a kind and thoughtful friend. She was an accomplished needlewoman and knitter only too pleased to craft something for other people and made my granddaughter a cot blanket as a surprise. Sandra will be sorely missed for her easy company. Always a helpful friendly lady to chat to.

We will raise a glass of her favourite tipples RIP

Sue Watton (MNS)



Club Sales

Clothing

Polo Shirt (17 colours)	£22.99
Classic T-Shirt (7 colours)	£19.99
Overhead Hoodie (19 colours)	£33.99
Zippered Hoodie (12 colours)	£36.99
Classic Sweatshirt (14 colours)	£29.49
Baseball cap (black, grey, blue)	£18.00
Hi-Vis Exec Vest (orange, yellow, red)	£23.00
Cool T-Shirt (pretty much any colour you want !)	£20.00
Long Sleeved Cotton T-Shirt with “Made Like a Gun” on the sleeve and REOC breast logo	£33.00
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Merchandise

Lapel Badge * (red / blue / green)	£3.00
Cannon Pin Badge * (chrome)	£2.75
Sticker (silver)	£1.50
Screen Sticker * (silver)	£2.00
Key Fob * (red / yellow / blue / green)	£3.20
THE GUN Magazine binder (red / blue)	£12.00
NEW DESIGN Sew-On Patches 3” (75mm) diameter high quality woven cloth badges. Black and Gold or Green and Black	£3.50
Machine Badge (Green and Red) made of cast zinc alloy with enamel and resin coating. 70mm diameter. 95mm height including fixing plate	£25.00

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