



.....Issue 39 – September 2019.....  
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**PAST EVENTS**

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> – HJ Pugh’s auction – Ledbury – the Private dispersal sale of the late Noel Clark.**

The star lot was indeed the rare and beautiful 1929 500cc James V-Twin speedway bike.



A packed Hazel Meadows watched two determined bidders slug it out “toe to toe”, before collector John O’Neill became its new owner for a mere £38,850!



This may well be a record price for a speedway bike. It made more than double the £18,400 paid for Ivan Mauger’s Jawa-engined 1969 World Championship bike back in October 2017 and almost double the £19,550 paid at Bonhams for this 1928 Douglas 498cc DT5 in April 2018.

Winning bidder John O’Neill bought another 6 machines at the auction. He is one of an emerging breed of collectors who focus on Speedway machines – a sector of the market believed by many to have been too cheap.....Perhaps not any more!



There were a couple of happy endings. Local Grass-track hero Ron Taylor was re-united with his Hagon Jap grass bike for just £4,410 and Julian Wigg was able to buy his brother Simon’s JAWA speedway/longtrack bike for a bargain £5,250 and

winning, in the process, a sympathetic round of applause from the bidders.



As you might expect there was an array of JAP engines and parts and no shortage of enthusiasm, with strong prices across the board in this highly specialized market.

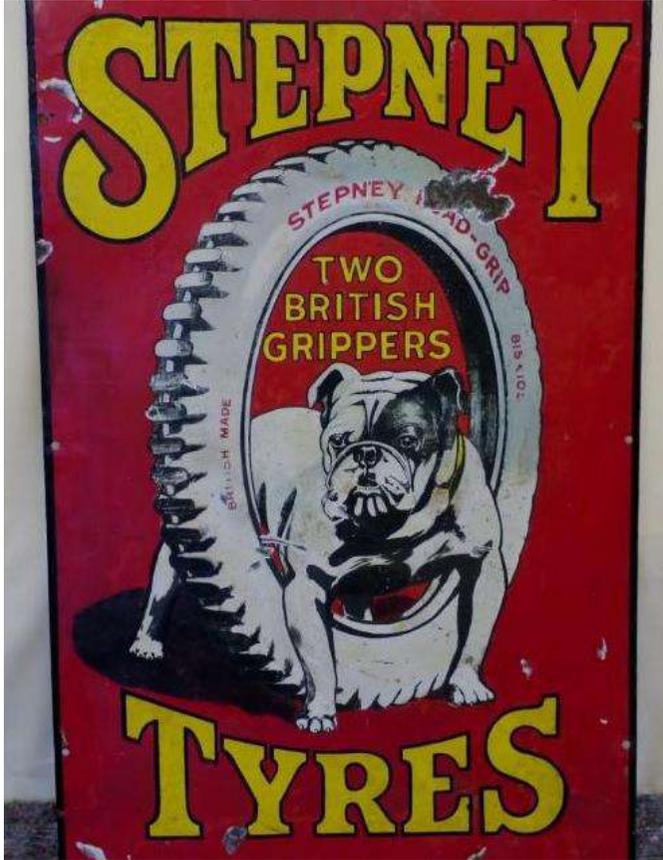


Prices were robust right across the catalogue, but no more so than for “Petroliana”, which was auctioned off in a second ring.



Nothing remarkable about this shell petrol can making £44, but it didn’t prepare us for the bruising

fight to take home this B.V.&Co can for a bargain £1,760. Yes! You read that correctly - £1,760! Signage prices were very strong too with this rare 29" x 19" Stepney Tyres enamel sign grabbed the attention by selling for an eye watering £4,620.



You would have to have a sense of humour by-pass

not to have made a bid on the tractor seat by R Soles! Just £88 for an eternally funny story – bargain! All the above prices include buyer's commission. For the full results, just follow this link.

<http://www.hjpugh.com/cyclesales/170819photos.pdf>

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Club night at Moon, Mordiford

A sunny evening, some nice bikes and good company – what is there not to like? Mike England's smart 1969 350cc Kawasaki Avenger twin was greatly admired. Is it really 50 years since these beautiful rotary-valve 2 stroke twins hit the market place? Weighing in at less than 160kg and putting out 40+ BHP, they are an ideal bike for our part of the world.



#### Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> – Off-road Training day. **Cancelled**

Apologies to all those who were looking forward to this event, but it had to be cancelled. Holidays and availability made it impossible to make the detailed arrangements necessary for this event. **It will be in the calendar for next year!**

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July – H&H Motor Cycle Auction - National Motor Cycle Museum

We were unable to update you on the machines we featured in issue 37, but the H&H website glitch

seems to have been fixed, so we can tell you that the 1975 ISDT 350cc Jawa Enduro made a respectable £8,663 whilst the rare Husky powered 1977 Laverda LH3 and the 1955 500cc Moto Guzzi Astore failed to sell. The 1950 Bown made a lowly £585 – surely a bargain for this little bit of Welsh history. The top price of £118,125 was paid for a highly original 1932 Brough Superior 680 Black Alpine. The most remarkable price was the £9,900 paid for this very low mileage 1975 XT 500. Yamaha. **The future is here and it's Japanese!** All prices include commission.



#### FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday and Sunday Sep 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Heath Hill Farm, Longdon, Worcs. WR8 0RQ – Classic Grass Track Weekend.**

This "double-header" features the ACU Pre-'75 Championship rounds on the Saturday and the Longdon Lazer event on the Sunday. Section supporter Neil Copestake will be a front runner on his newly built 350cc Seiger. Why not treat yourself to a day out.

Prolific grass-track bike builder Neil tells us that he has just finished a Hagon LTR (below) – this one has a 1950s 350 JAP engine, making it a very a rare bike. It all started earlier this year when Neil picked up a set of rear engine plates for 50 quid. The rest has been begged, borrowed or stolen from anyone who

could help him to complete it. It looks like a very tidy job.



**Sunday September 8th September - Lacon Childe School - Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire DY14 8PE - THE BORDER CLASSIC BIKE SHOW: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This small but well respected show is well worth a visit. In addition to an excellent display of vintage bikes, there is a good autojumble and the cakes are to die for! It isn't too late to enter a bike in the show, or book a last minute autojumble stand. If you need one, this is a great excuse for a nice ride out. For more details [bordersclassicbikeshow@gmail.com](mailto:bordersclassicbikeshow@gmail.com)

**Thursday Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Bringsty Common Cafe WR6 5UJ alongside the A44 starting at 1:30 p.m. – “There will be Dragons”.**

A gentle couple of hours around the beautiful lanes of NE Herefordshire. For those who like to potter, but beware - There will be Dragons! Starting at the Bringsty Cafe - why not take lunch there before the ride.

**Thursday Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – Club night - The Moon Mordiford - HR1 4LW from 7:00 p.m.** An opportunity to get together and swap stories and look at each other's bikes. For those who fancy turning a wheel, there will be a short ride (1 hour max) starting at 7:00 – this will be the last evening ride of the year.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Café racer ride - CHANGE OF VENUE – THIS WILL NOW START AT Dom's Bike Stop, Stoke Prior Rd, Leominster HR6 0QJ.** There is adequate parking for vans and trailers and it is possible to camp overnight if you need to.



The run will feature several stops and in deference to those riding a real “**head down-arse up**” café

racer, it will be 60 miles maximum. This sticker will be presented to all who start the event. Don't fret if you don't have a café racer, all bikes are welcome.

**Saturday and Sunday Sep 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Staffordshire Show Ground ST18 OBD– The International Dirt Bike Show**

Not to be confused with the “Classic” Dirt Bike Show. For modern off-road enthusiasts, this show is an absolute must. It has found a new home at the Staffordshire Show Ground – let's hope it prospers there.

**Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> – Sale of Vintage and Classic motor cycles, spares, projects and memorabilia - HJ Pugh, Hazel Meadows Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LP**

This auction will also include classic and vintage cars. Full details will be found in due course on the Pugh's website, but there are already some interesting machines in the catalogue. This 1950 1000cc Vincent Rapide looks in very tidy condition and will attract strong interest.



Scotts always have a loyal following and whilst the later bikes don't make the highest prices, this 1949

600cc Flying Squirrel, one of the later Shipley built bike, will be popular with bidders.



**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Wales Classic bike show - Pantydwr Community Hall LD6 5LL**

## MID-WALES CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

PANT-Y-DWR HALL

LLANIDLOES - RHAYADER



**Sunday, 6th October 2019**

*Guest: Arthur Browning*

FOOD  
AVAILABLE

£4  
ENTRY

Classic motorcycles wall to wall. **“Start-ups”** so that it’s noisy. Simple food, bacon and sausage baps and cake, tea and coffee. There is a pub 100 yards away. £3 to get in. A bulk of what is collected goes to St Johns Ambulance. For info on how to enter, call Roger Mason on 01597 870241

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> – Across the roof of Wales - starting at Dom’s Bike Stop Stoke Prior Rd, Leominster HR6 0QJ at 10:00 for 10:30**

A full day’s ride on some of the best roads that Mid-Wales has to offer, skirting the Elan valley Dams and then following the superb Nant-y-Moch reservoir road. On to Machynlleth for lunch and then back to Leominster via Staylitttle, Llyn Clywedog, Llanidloes, Llanbister and Presteigne. 165 miles in all – our longest of the year.

**Sat & Sun October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Staffordshire Show Ground ST18 – The Carole Nash International Classic Motorcycle Show. Gates open both days at 9:00 a.m.**

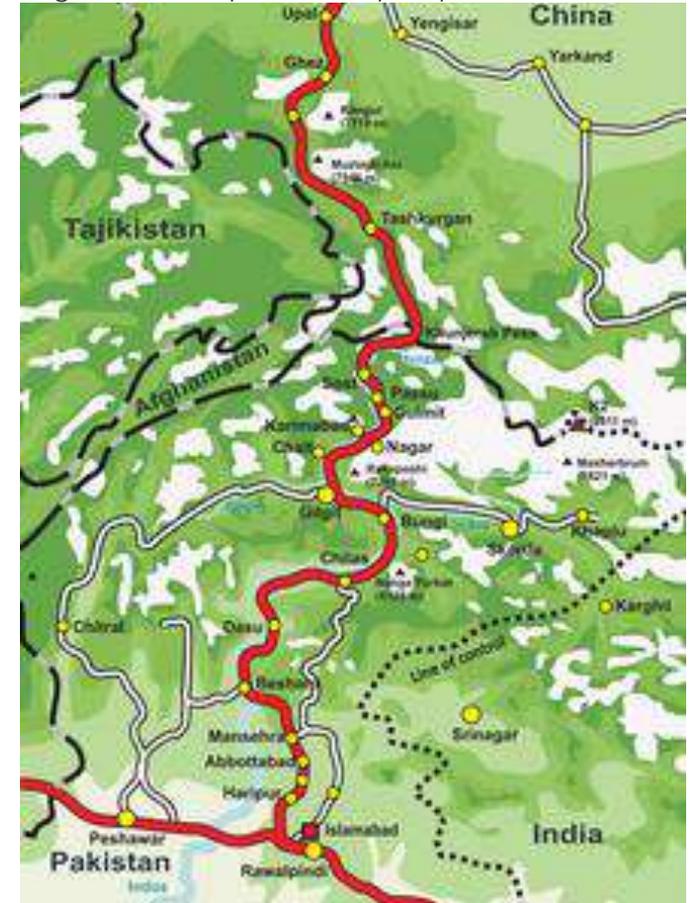
The **“BIG ONE”**. These spring and autumn shows are one of the cornerstones of the classic motor cycling movement. With their eclectic mix of autojumble, trade and club stands and of course, the famous Bonham’s auction, these shows attract upwards of 20,000 visitors. A great place to buy or sell parts and machines, you can get early bookers discounted tickets by following this link.

<https://www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com/april/>

### TRAVELLING MAN

Section member and compulsive traveller Tony Page, is just a couple of weeks away from starting his latest trip. He plans to ride a big chunk of the famous Karakorum Highway starting from Islamabad continuing on into China. The KKH is one of the highest paved roads in the world. It passes through the Karakoram mountain range, reaching a maximum altitude of 4,714 metres (15,466ft) The difficulties surrounding the construction of this road were immense, due not just to the elevation but to the extremes of climate encountered along the way. For these reasons it is often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World. Tony hopes to tackle

this most famous of all roads on a 155cc Chinese single. We will report on Tony’s trip in future issues.



### ROYAL ENFIELD HIMALAYA

This retro-styled machine seems to have hit the spot for a lot of riders. The raw numbers (apart from the price) are unimpressive. Heavy and underpowered it may be, but it is building a great reputation as a traveller’s bike. If you want to see what it is capable of and also marvel at the exploits of the amazing Noraly Schoenmaker aka **“Itchy Boots”** Take a look at her **You tube** blog. (or should that be vlog?)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeIs9nkveW9WmYtsOcJBwTg>

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