

# Cycle Thread

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## “DIARY DATES”

### Next Club Night will be

Monday 20th October  
at the Ulverston Sports Club on  
Priory Road, Ulverston.  
And then..

Club Annual General  
Meeting  
Monday 3rd November.

### Next Veteran’s Section Lunchtime Meetings

at the Red Lion Lowick are  
9th October  
then 30th October.  
All Welcome.

### Polish your boots for ...

Next Black Tie meeting at Gilpin  
Bridge, Tues 9th Dec.

Sunday 19th October  
Garstang Autojumble  
Hamilton House on  
A586 off A6. Garstang.  
9am -1pm.

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## Hello Folks!

**By the time you read this our final evening run for the year will be just a memory and the dark nights will be truly upon us.**

Just like the club’s show which was held a few weeks ago, the last run heralds the onset of the end of another year for the club and its members and the prospect of a busy time for some, tucked away in cosy (hopefully) little sheds and garages, tinkering away to ready the bikes for next year. I wonder how many of you are planning to renovate and rebuilding something over the winter? There is still however, two more major club events to be held before the year is over and below are reminders of these.

**Book your places for the Christmas meal.** Gaz has booked the Old Mill at Bardsea for our Christmas dinner on 7th December, cost is £15 per head. I know it seems early, but believe me, some members have asked him in previous years in THE SUMMER about this. Ha ha. Please speak to Gary at club night to book (Book EARLY), and don’t forget to book an extra seat for your good lady/partner. [Menu TBC.](#)

**The coach trip** to the National Motorcycle museum has been confirmed as the 8th Nov and you are encouraged to book your seat and pay your £10 deposit ASAP. Please speak with Mark Newsome at club nights as soon as you can. This promises to be a good trip indeed !

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**Product review. By Dave Foreman.** I was looking for a new satnav after my holiday as my old one seemed to be slowing down and indicating a turning too late. I saw one on EBay, new for £31 including postage, this looked like it should come from a lock up in Peckham. However reading the description it looked good, including a headphone socket so I could listen to the instructions on the bike. (This is the only one I found with this apart from very expensive bike units.) So I decided to take a chance and buy it.

**So what’s it like?** I could not believe how good it was, although the instructions are very vague and if you want comprehensive ones you need to download them. It comes complete with maps for all of Europe, Australia, New Zealand and speed camera locations, although not a spoken warning. It does have a spoken warning if you exceed the speed limit anywhere and an icon to display the limit. The maps and the camera warnings are updateable online free. I have used it to navigate to the Czech Republic (by car) where my son’s expensive unit ran out at the German border and to Scotland direct to the hotel. It also has an MP3 player, video player and picture viewer. When not navigating music or other entertainment (my favourite is audio books downloaded from the library), via the FM transmitter which allows you to play the sound through your car radio. I have managed to find a waterproof case for it and that cost £30 as well. Only problem left is some sort of sun shade to make it easier to see in bright sunlight. (This was a problem I never solved with my old one). So if you are looking for a satnav this could well be worth a look, Oh but don’t look for a makers name on it.

**I have added a link directly to it on the links and services page of the club website. Regards, Dave.**

**Club Show 2014.** The sun shone, the sky was blue with warm autumn air which stayed with us all through the day and we were pleased as punch with the turnout of bikes and visitors. Can't be bad! The main hall played host to a splendid display of finely presented machines of many makes and styles. Outside in the rear car park was an array of cars and commercial motors which gleamed and sparkled (one had more "Bling" than one of Barbara Cartland's necklaces, and it was a credit to modern customising, well done).

The main court area also gave us plenty to view and once again some very finely presented machines, ranging from British, European, Japanese and North American. Several clubs were there too, Harley Riders, The British Legion Riders branch, The Vintage Japanese Motorcycle club, and The Moto Guzzi club to name a few.

### Show results

**Oldest Motorcycle; AJS E6 1925, Roger Harrison.** (sponsors Phil and Barbara Kenny).

**Oldest Scooter; Moto Rumi 1958, Derek Stubbs.** (Sponsor, The Winning Line).

**Oldest Car; Ford 85 1939 (Commercial Vehicle) Peter Walker.** (Sponsor, The Winning Line).

**Best Japanese Motorcycle over 10 yrs old; Suzuki GS1000, David Woods.** (sponsor Crooks Motorcycles).

**Runner up Car; Morris Oxford, Kevin Wilson.** (Sponsor, The Winning Line).

**Best Car; Ford Escort, Ben Moore.** (Sponsor, The Winning Line).

**Runner up Scooter; Moto Rumi 1958, Derek Stubbs.** (Sponsor, John Maddison).

**Best Scooter; Vespa, Sid Omer.** (Sponsor, John Maddison).

**Best Paint Finish; Suzuki 800cc Trike, Tom Kissack.** (sponsor, Furness Automotive & Paint restorations).

**Runner up Motorcycle; Triumph T120, Pete Walker.** (sponsor Jack Halpin).

**Best Motorcycle; Ducati, Bill Dixon.** (sponsor, Brian & Karin Crossman).

**"Used" Motorcycle; BSA C11, Charlie O'Neill.** (Sponsor, Bill Hannah).

### Club Member Shields and awards.

**The FBMCC Veteran Section Shield; Honda Super Dream 400N, Arthur Lambert.**

**The FBMCC Shield for Best Pre 1980 British Motorcycle; Velocette Viper, Dave Leece.**

**The Phil & Barbara Shield for Best post 1980 British Motorcycle; Triumph Speedmaster, Phil Kenny.**

**Chairman's Award; Norton Commando, Tom Spencer.**

**Jim Coward Memorial Cup for best Motorcycle up to 250cc; New Imperial, Stan Hayes.**

**Jeff Walker Memorial Cup for Best Norton; Norton Commando, Tom Spencer.**

**FBMCC Award for Runner up Members Motorcycle; Matchless, Ray Moore.**

**And finally, a big well done to Bill Dixon for the following two Awards, both for his marvellous Ducati;**

**FBMCC Award for Best members Motorcycle, and FBMCC Shield for Best Motorcycle.**

As ever, the competition was a hard task for the judges to make decisions on which bike to choose and no doubt there were some pleasant surprises to those taking part and to the onlookers because once again the standards have improved year on year and the quality of workmanship and hard work polishing made for a wonderful display. A big thank you to all that helped on the day, and to those that exhibited, be it Bike, Trike, Car etc. I wonder what next year will bring for the show? Can't wait to find out. PS, thanks for the pies and home made cakes Etc !

### Other News

Well done to Ray Moore for winning two Prizes at the Egremont Crab Fair, and also to other prize winners who also represented the club at the show.

The Clubs AGM Takes place on Monday 3rd November. If you have any issues or items to Raise under the banner of "Any Other Business" please have these submitted to the Club Secretary IN WRITING PLEASE no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Air Ambulance 2015 Diaries will be on sale at tonights meeting for the affordable price of One Pound. Don't go home without one!

**Gran-father, he say;  
"Keep your bike in good  
repair: Motorcycle boots  
are NOT comfortable for  
walking!!!!".  
and:  
"When you're riding lead--  
don't spit".**

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