

East Berks December 2020 Section Notes

The socially distanced runs out have ground to a halt, not due to mechanical failure but worsening weather and now the latest lockdown.

As Rex noted last month, our club nights continue to be suspended and economic sustainability of the Cricket Club re-opening prior to the next cricket season looks bleak.

Time will tell.

Fettling continues and we were entertained by way of facepage or wheresapp, (I am not familiar with these modern means of communication), when Roger (Crashby) Ashby broadcast himself starting up John Tinley's V twin after a long and laborious rebuild. Knowing both of them, a glistening machine will shortly be ready to take part in the Phase 2 socially distanced runs.

From where do these bits of pre-war exotica keep appearing, I wish I could get on the list !

The USA is one source, as Richard Collins has recently obtained an imported early 1950's G80. Word is that its not going to be a Tinley glistening apparition, but an 'as found, obvious check, wipe over with a rag' restoration. At least it is unlikely that too many Vote for Trump stickers will be on it.

Wife and I had a non-motorcycling break in Shropshire a few weeks back and after returning from a walk round Bishops Castle, noticed an AJS parked in the High Street. As one does, one walks up to said machine (wife retires to nearest pub), which looked familiar. It became more familiar when I noticed an East Berks Section sticker on the back top box. Non other that Wot's On ? co-ordinator's Gary Jones machine, having made a break-out from deepest Wales. As Gary was nowhere to be seen, I assumed that he was ensconced in a different pub to the one wifey had discovered, and later was told that he had joined with the local VMCC (a regular thing apparently) for a run out round the district.

Gary also said that he has persuaded that VMCC group to rename themselves Hertfordshire and Mid Wales, so not only do they meet in Hereford, they do also in Builth Wells. (Covid restrictions allowing, naturally). As Section Notes Editor mentioned last month, there could soon be a Builth Wells Section of the AMOC.

Stay safe inside and try to keep out of trouble.

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