



# Newsletter

June 2014

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## **Last club night run "Nautical Adventure"**

A well-attended run to the Aberdeen Dry-dock and Ship Repair Yard.

For those who are interested in engineering this proved to be an ideal opportunity to see first-hand what goes on in the marine ship repair industry.

Appreciation goes to the management of Dales Engineering who kindly allowed us to view their workshop and repair facilities with a tour of the dry-dock even allowing us into the dry-dock bottom looking at the underwater area of a very large vessel called the Havila Mistral. It is quite something to be underneath a ship that weighs in excess of 7000 Tonnes.

## **Next club night run "Braving Buchan"**

Regrettably I will not be able to attend the next club run as I will be on holiday; hopefully with clear skies, a moderately calm and warm sea and sufficient wind to make sailing interesting.

The run scheduled for the next club night on the 1<sup>st</sup> July will be led by John Addison who advises that there will not be a meal stop and to arrive at the Oldmeldrum Legion 7 for 7:30 with a full tank of petrol, there will be opportunity during the run to top up as required.

## **Ullapool Camping Trip 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Attended by seven members (unfortunately owing to work commitments I was not one of them) the camping trip was reported to be a resounding success. Martin and Dan have provided their photos all of which are on the GCMCC website.

The group photo follows plus Martins trip report:

The camping trip to Ullapool started a bit later than intended due to me being delayed offshore and not landing into ABZ until 15.30 on the Friday. I had been in contact with Dan Peck and arranged a new meeting time in Oldmeldrum of 17.00hrs. We set off up to Huntly then cut across to Dufftown and Grantown then over to the A9 via Carrbridge. Once over the Kessock Bridge we stopped for a walk about to stretch our legs then back on the road - next stop Ullapool.

Next morning, we met up with Eddie and went for a run to Lochcarron. Unfortunately, when we stopped at Gruinard Bay for a break the Buell wouldn't start again. Once we actually got it started it was too late to get the route finished so a shorter one was done. Gairloch, Kinlochewe, Achnasheen for refreshment break then back to Ullapool via Garve.

That night the three of us met up with John, Barry and their wives. They had been for a ride north that day. Great weather all weekend.

Leaving the campsite Sunday morning Dan, Eddie and myself headed North out of Ullapool then across to Bonar Bridge and on to Tain for a stop, then on to Inverness for a refreshment stop. From there our next stop was Nairn for fuel. Here we said our goodbyes to Eddie as Dan and I headed off to the Fraserburgh show for a quick look round then home from there.

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### **The Shetland Classic Motor Show and Tours 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The show was attended by Alan Griggs and Nick Bryant who both travelled on the 5<sup>th</sup> June via the Northlink Aberdeen ferry, Martin Crosswell, myself and my wife Sandra travelled on the 6<sup>th</sup> June together with Martins pal called Mike.

Martin hired a van of sufficient size to accommodate 5 bikes, Alan, Nick, Mike and I rode our own bikes, altogether we took 9 bikes to Lerwick.

Martin made up wooden frames pinning the club banners to them providing an excellent backdrop to the four bikes on show in the main hall, outside we fixed the large banner to a handy railing, also outside were four of the nine bikes taken to the show.

The weather proved to be excellent, for those who have experience of the Shetland Isles they will know that the weather can be to say the least changeable, however we had glorious sunshine on the Saturday a little misty Sunday morning but very quickly the sun came out and once again we had a fantastic day.

Having never attended the show before I was amazed at the number and variety of cars, bikes, military vehicles, tractors, commercial vehicles and stationary engines on show, many of which had travelled considerable distances to attend. The organisation of such a large event was very impressive with numerous marshals on hand should assistance be required.

A number of photos are on the website, below are just two one showing the stand inside and the bikes outside:



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## FOR SALE SECTION

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## Club Website News

There has been some very minor changes to the club website with regard to the way that our photos can be viewed; a number of members advised that they found the use of photo bucket not to be user friendly and very slow mainly owing to all the adverts and pop up's.

We found that the website had ample space for keeping our photos in a more accessible place so you will now see:

**Photo gallery:** currently populated with the photos from the Ullapool camping trip and the Shetland trip

**Photo archive:** containing all of the photos taken of past club events.

Please note that the website has room for the archived photos but it will take a very long time to transfer them from photo bucket to the website, so leaving them where they are for the time being was considered the best option at this time.

Please take as many photos as possible of your motorcycling trips and adventures and pass them onto to me, I will arrange for them to be uploaded to the website photo gallery.

Safe Riding  
Tony

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