



# THE SILVER SPOKE

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Hi Folks,



Festive Greetings! It's been a while since the last newsletter and a while since I've been out on a bike. One or two hardy souls seem to grit their teeth and brave the salt, ice and freezing hands but as the years pass I'm more and more inclined to join the ranks of the fair-weather riders.

The Bimmer R65 used to regularly go out in winter but in deference to its and my advancing years it hasn't turned a wheel since October and now the MoT's run out. Now and again I creep out to the shed and just stand and look at the bike for no particular purpose; sometimes I might wipe some crud off it or maybe oil a lever. If I'm really generous I might spray a bit of ACF50 on some metal bits. It needs new flexible brake lines at the front and new pads, maybe calliper rebuilds, definitely an oil change...but looking at bikes for sale on Ebay is so much easier and what's the point anyway when it won't be ridden for months? Maintenance is just so dull.

Which brings me to my point in a roundabout sense, despite my seeming inability to pick up tools for mundane tasks - I could do with a project, something new to me see in the New Year. Something cheap. And cheerful. Yes, a cheap project, maybe a Morini 3 and a half, maybe a Kanguro; maybe a Brit or a Jap something - if it's cheap I might be interested! Did I say it needs to be cheap? A new project might even inspire me to pick up the spanners, it's got to be more interesting than maintenance, right? So if you've anything in the shed you're thinking of moving on, drop me an email...

Finally, please send me your contributions; articles, for sale ads, parts, wants, whatever - there's space for everything and anything. At the moment the cupboard is bare...

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dave the Editor

