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A belated Happy New Year to members old and new. If only modern technology was as long-lived and robust as an old clunker. Take computers, for example, don't last long do they, and can't be fixed by an idiot with a manual. After just 8 years my trusty laptop died with a 'Phht' and took with it all the old GCMCC newsletters and much else besides so things have been a bit delayed while I got back up to speed again with a new machine. This is pretty much like the old one, only not as good and more expensive. I did try fixing the old one but found repeated blows with a copper-faced mallet and foul language didn't work the wonders I'd hoped for which was unwelcome if not a surprise. Mind you (and yes I did have a back up, just not a recent one) in a flash of brilliance I did salvage the hard drive—and here's a top tip if you find yourself with a dead computer; you can buy a £15 docking station you stuff your old hard drive into and plug in to your new computer's USB port and hey presto! Access is gained to all those files you thought were lost. Now AMC never fitted that to a Model 50 did it so maybe that's progress. Maybe not.

Moving on to bikes the winter has seen some shed action. The '55 AJS single suffered a catastrophic dynamo failure when the throttle stuck open. Failing miserably to rebuild it the talents of Dynamo Dunn were enlisted which was then refitted with little drama, chains adjusted and the bike ready to go. Around the same time the rear light, a Lucas item fitted with quite possibly non original extra large posidrive wood screws finally had to go. This went surprisingly smoothly although AMC's idea of wiring and mudguard construction entailed



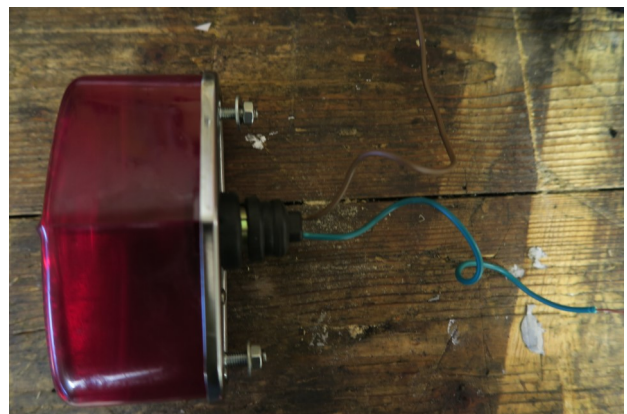
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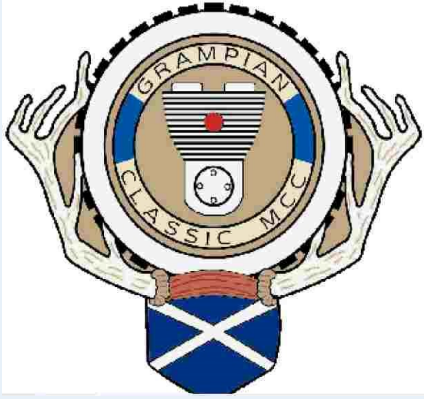
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a bit more disassembly and fiddling about than I'd anticipated and it took me an age to work out that both wires, that are of course different colours to the bikes, are live feeds, one to the stop light filament and one to the tail light filament of the single bulb therein. The earth connection is via the body of the mudguard, the rear section of which, as many will know, detaches from the rest. Now it's all fixed and even has the first ride of the season under its belt, pictured below on a recent balmy February evening.





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.FOR SALE/WANTED

1979 YAMAHA GS550E £2500 ono

Good honest bike restored to original specifications. Mot'd till September 2017. Lovely ride and a head turner.

New/Salvage parts fitted

Front Tyre (following MOT advisory note), Front Mud Guard, Handlebars, Grips, Brake lever, Front Brake Indicator Switch, Switch Decals, Coils, Condensers, Points, Plug Caps, Air Filter, Oil Filter, Carbs stripped, dressed, tuned and balanced, Front and Rear footrest rubbers, Kickstart rubber, Rear Shock Absorbers, Side panel and Tank Badges, Seat, Exhaust System (Original 4-2) Imported from USA, Exhaust Heat Shields (USA), Chain Guard, Tail Light Lens, Brake callipers stripped and rebuilt.

Tank, Side Panels, Rear Box professionally resprayed/lacquered to a beautiful finish.

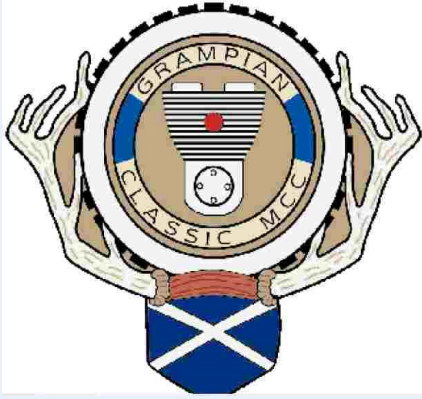
Wheels stripped, polished, resprayed and lacquered.

Engine panels polished and swing arm, side and centre stand stripped and resprayed.

Photos do not really do this bike justice, bike is available for viewing and recommended.

For more information or to arrange to view, please call Jim on 01651 851498.





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Bowling Report - Jan 2017 — Nick Wade

Well the weather was pretty awful on what is becoming our "Annual" Bowling Nite - so my expectations were not high as to numbers whilst driving to Inverurie. I guessed if there a dozen attendees that would be good. I was really pleased to find an excellent turn-out. Jacqui had already done the hard work of organising us in- just a matter of getting down to the evening. My were pretty dis- across the lanes though Robert of last year to Lanes" for another to be :) After a game Robert the rankings and tin who had a game came take the overall

Bowling - 3rd Jan 2017			
Name	1st Game	2nd Game	TOTAL
Joan	53	69	122
Mick	62	63	125
Janis	47	80	127
Andrew	58	70	128
Bob	68	68	136
Sandy	84	53	137
John	77	67	144
Mary	78	71	149
Nick	70	85	155
Barry	65	92	157
Lin	69	88	157
Tony	95	66	161
Robert	111	60	171
Alan	92	94	186
Gail	104	83	187
Jacqui	99	94	193
Vic	107	94	201
Martin	83	134	217

to our lanes - so it was changing shoes and the serious business of own personal efforts mal, but glancing it was looking as would reprise his role become "King of the er year - but it was not disappointing 2nd dropped way down the "dark horse" Mar- very respectable first charging through to King of the Lanes 2017

prize. Looking back over the evening it made a pleasant change to have a purely social evening - and it was good to see a few partners there - making the evening more of a family occasion.