



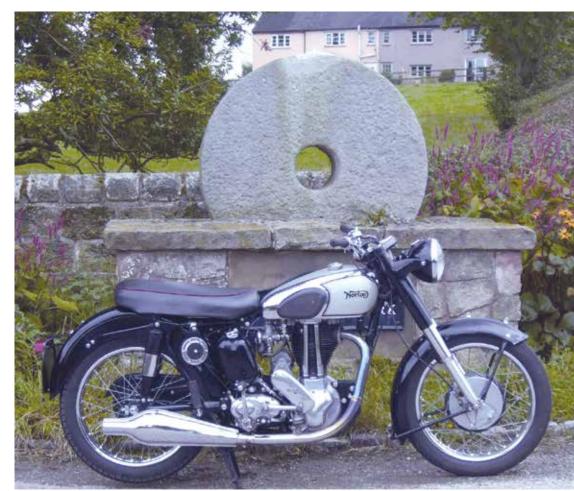


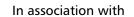






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About us

The Vintage Motor Cycle Club Limited was formed in 1946 by a band of 38 enthusiasts and membership today stands at over 17,000 – but this has been achieved without losing any of the camaraderie or helpfulness which is usually associated with smaller clubs.

Don't let our name fool you! Most of our members ride post-war classics. Everyone is welcome regardless of the age, the make, the size or the country of origin of their machine.

Background

On 28th April 1946, a band of 38 enthusiasts assembled at the Lounge Café, Hog's Back, Guildford, Surrey, with the object of forming a Motor Cycle Club for owners of machines manufactured prior to December 1930.

The majority of those who attended that meeting over fifty years ago had ridden there on Vintage machines and, despite very bad weather conditions, came from as far afield as Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire and Leicestershire. The Press also attended and excellent photographs were obtained of the event. The Police and the AA also assisted in regulating the traffic and the parking of machines.

After lunch, 'Titch' Allen, who had been the promoter of this meeting, took the chair and outlined his ideas. His main object was to promote the use and preservation of 'Vintage' machines and from his vision the Vintage Motor Cycle Club was formed.

Initially membership was restricted to owners of motorcycles manufactured prior to 1st

You do not have to own a historic motorcycle or three-wheeler in order to join the VMCC, just an interest in these machines.

We cater for all levels and ages of enthusiasts and provide a wide range of benefits to meet individual member's needs.

You are unlikely to be very far away from a local section and each section organizes numerous events.

You can get advice from us on almost any aspect of owning and running a motorcycle.

January 1931, solos or sidecars, but not three-wheelers. The idea that someone without a motorcycle should be able to join providing that they acquired a suitable motorcycle within six months was firmly rejected. Everyone with an interest in our machines was and is welcome. It was hoped that the Club's activities would include Rallies, Hill Climbs, Trials, a Workshop and Museum, a Library, a Sales and Wants system for spares and motorcycles, Insurance for difficult cases, a free of charge Bulletin and an Annual Dinner. The pre 1931 rule was eventually changed to include any 2 or 3 wheeler over 25 years of age.

As the years have passed by, many of the activities envisaged on that day in 1946 have materialized and are now accepted as the 'norm' by VMCC members. Without the vision of those Founder Members of the Club, motorcycling history would not have been preserved.

The VMCC is affiliated to the A.C.U, AMCA, F.B.H.V.C and MAG. Also affiliated to the VMCC are over 50 historic vehicle clubs from all over the world.

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General Information Cost of Owning/running an older machine

The initial investment may be higher than a secondhand modern machine but the running costs are often much less. Road tax is free for vehicles which pre-date 1/1/74 with machines pre-dating 1960 now being exempt from M.O.T.

A lot of the repairs can be undertaken by anyone with some competence. There are many companies offering specialist parts and services at reasonable cost. It is worth noting that many specialist companies advertising in the Clubs Journal offer discounts to VMCC members.

Insurance is often much cheaper than a modern machine and as a bonus your modern machine can often be added to the policy and provide more substantial savings.

David Bond, MD of Footman James Insurance Brokers states

"Our relationship with the VMCC dates back many years and has been an especially productive one for Club members who have benefited from the provision of quality, competitive insurance products and expert advice. Going forward we are offering VMCC Club members discounted rates on modern motorcycles. modern and classic cars and home & contents insurance."

Age Categories

The VMCC uses the following classifications: Veteran >>> Manufactured before 1/1/15 Early Vintage > Manufactured between 1/1/15 & 31/12/24Late Vintage > Manufactured between 1/1/25 & 31/12/30Post Vintage > Manufactured between 1/1/31 & 31/12/45Post War >>> Manufactured between 1/1/46 & 31/12/60Post 1960 >> Manufactured from 1/01/61 & more than 25yrs old A "classic" is whatever you want it to be! The definition of a classic has never officially been laid down but a useful rule of thumb is the one given in Classic Motorcycles by Garry Johnstone.

"A classic motorcycle is often taken to be machine of outstanding design and engineering merit which has stood the test of public scrutiny and time".

Frequently Used terms or the 6 stages of ownership

Basket Case. A machine which has been more or less completely dismantled and is offered for sale in a number of boxes (or baskets). It is often almost impossible to tell whether it is all there or not.

Rolling Chassis. Anything from a complete machine minus the engine to just the frame and wheels.

Oily Rag. A usually up and running machine that has not been restored to concours but makes a usable bike.

Tidy. A machine that has been restored to ride. It usually appears to be in reasonably good condition but may not have the original fittings of engine or frame! This is often the best bet for a beginner who wants to get on and ride a bike rather than learn the art of restoration as it represents a good balance between price and work needed.

Original. This is a machine that has not been restored but has equipment fitted by the factory or by the earliest owner(s). A genuinely original machine is highly sought after.

Concours. The full term is Concours d'elegance and this represents the high price bracket end of motorcycle owning. These machines can be in a better condition than when they left the factory. A huge amount of effort & pride can go into these and a speck of dirt can make the difference between winning and losing.

Services & Benefits

Listed on the following pages are just some of the benefits that VMCC membership can bring.

Benefits our members receive:

Sections

86 local and Non Territorial sections throughout the UK with a full programme of activities to suit all tastes. The non-territorial sections are Cyclemotor, Flat tank, Touring, Grasstrack & Speedway, Racing and Sprint.

Club Journal

A 100 page plus monthly colour magazine packed with news, views and advice. VMCC members can also advertise items 'for sale' and 'wanted' which relate to motorcycle

and three-wheelers over 25 years old. These adverts will appear in the Club Magazine absolutely free of charge to members, so whether you are buying, selling or exchanging, you can get your message through to an audience

of over 17,000 fellow enthusiasts.

Regalia and Gifts

A wide range of VMCC branded regalia is available to members. These quality items include clothing, badges, stationery, gift items and greetings cards.

Marque Specialists

The club has over 130 very experienced specialists who are available to assist with specific technical and historical aspects of most vintage motor cycle marques and engines such as JAP.



A varied selection of colour transparencies (also available on CD Rom) are available on loan to members in sets of 100 at a time. Photographs available for research purposes and sale via head office. Members are welcome to hire videos and these can be enjoyed at home or shown at club nights. The range of films is huge from original footage of early 20th Century motorcycling to the present day.

Isle of Man Ferry Offer

Members can enjoy preferential rates with the Steam Packet Ferry Company for trips and holidays on the Isle of Man throughout most of the year. (conditions apply*).



(*offer excludes TT, Southern 100 and Festival of Motorcycling periods)





Insurance Schemes

In partnership with Footman James, insurance available for motorcycles over 15 years old (From 1998) with specialist rates from just \pounds 74* by quoting your membership details. Each policy can be tailored to suit your needs with over 20 cover options including Agreed Value, Ride to Work and Breakdown, this allowing you to make savings. Insurance is also available to young members (18+) and multi bike cover (including modern bikes*). *T&C's apply

Calendar of Events

Over 1100 events to take part in annually, ranging from section social events to the World famous Banbury Run™.

All members receive a comprehensive calendar of events at the beginning of each year. The calendar is also available via the website www.vmcc.net







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Motorcycles were made to be ridden

<u>Members</u> are entitled to attend any of the huge range of events and runs tailored to suit all types of vintage and classic motorcycles.

As a member, you will be welcome to attend as many of the meetings held by the 86 Sections as you wish. Most Sections have at least one Club night each month. Club nights consist of talks when you can learn a new skill. Bring-and-Buys which could be the place you find that missing part, a film or slide night using items loaned free from the Club's libraries, a leisurely run or a simple meeting of like minded friends. You may even meet a famous motorcycling celebrity giving a lecture at club night!

The majority of VMCC events are noncompetitive although some Sections organize ACU permitted timed road trials. As long as your machine is over 25 years old you can enter the Club's runs and events all over the country.

With over 1100 Section organised runs and events annually you can be sure that there will be one near you!

Typically a club run follows a pre set route through some of the most beautiful countryside around. There are usually stops for refreshments and sometimes visits to places of interest.

To contact your local section, a complete list of sections/meeting places is included in the Member's Handbook you will receive upon joining.

Competition is catered for by:-British Historic Racing

The Racing Section of the VMCC has attained an enviable reputation for its

efficient organization and the friendly atmosphere always found at race meetings, which are held on circuits throughout the UK.

The Grasstrack and Speedway Section

organizes a series of grasstrack and grass hill climb events together with the occasional outing on a professional speedway track.

Sprint Section

The Club's Sprint Section caters for all forms of "straight line action" at venues throughout the UK.

Off-Road Trials are organized by numerous sections, giving a full season's 'mud plugging'.

Shows:-

These vary between small local events, which illustrate the pleasure of ownership to well known national events.

There are also many international events to take part in through VMCC affiliated organisations both in Europe and beyond.

We hold a number of major annual events. The usual periods for the event are given below but check with Allen House for specific dates.

- Founders Relay Rally early May (every 2 years)
- TT Rally last week of May/first week of June
- Vintage Training Day
- Banbury Early June
- Scarborough Vintage Festival (in conjunction with Bike Week) late June
- Founders Day 3rd Sunday in July
- West Kent International 1st weekend in August
- Classic TT Rally 3rd to 4th weeks in August

Re-registering a Historic Vehicle

The first step to re-registering a historic vehicle should always be the V62 scheme. Simply send the completed V62 form to the DVLA along with a cheque for £25.00 and, if they have any records of the machine on their system, they will send you a new log book. If, however, this does not work, please take a look at the flowchart to see which process is most suited to your situation.

Most vehicles manufactured or first registered over 40 years ago will, as of the 20th May 2018, be exempt from periodic testing unless they have been substantially changed. A vehicle which has been substantially changed within the previous 30 years will have to be submitted for annual MOT testing and may require re-registration. A vehicle will be considered substantially changed if the technical characteristics of the main components have changed, for example, where the frame is concerned, a replacement of the same pattern as the original is not considered a substantial change, and neither is a change of engine if the cubic capacity remains the same, however, alteration of the type and or method of suspension or steering does constitute a substantial change.

Changes will be accepted if they are made to preserve the vehicle, which in all cases must be when original type parts are no longer reasonable available, or if, in respect of axles and running gear they are made to improve efficiency, safety or environmental performance.

Please be aware that if the make and model of the motorcycle is still in production then it is not exempt from periodic testing.

Shhhhh... Did you know...

The VMCC now has custody of all the original Motorcycle Factory records that have been held by the Science Museum in London since the early 1980s. This collection contains the surviving records of a very large part of the once mighty British motorcycle industry.

Already the worlds foremost motorcycling library, whether you're buying, repairing, restoring, researching or registering; Try us first! If you're sourcing parts or even learning to ride your bike, this is where you'll find the answers to virtually all your questions.

DVLA recognised body for assistance in retaining original registration numbers or gaining an age related one.

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The VMCC Transfer Service has one of the widest ranges and largest stocks of transfers (decals) for British, American, Japanese, Italian and other vintage and classic motorcycles from all over the world.

The Transfer Service allows VMCC members to purchase 'original' decals for almost every make of vintage and classic machine. Most of the transfers are waterslide and therefore easy to apply.

The VMCC Transfer Service is available for enquiries from Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please telephone or fax on 01283 495107. Transfers can also be viewed and purchased on-line at www.vmccshop.com.



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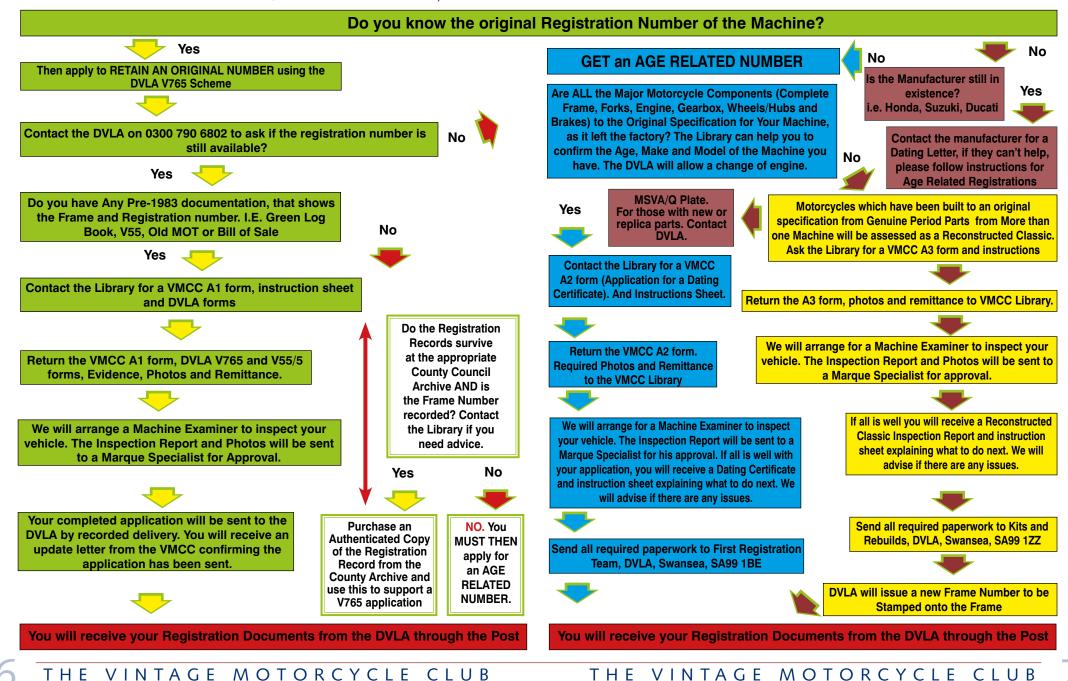
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models to others on particular subjects, such as racing. The reference books also include a selection of biographies and books on maintenance and restoration.

The Library holds a collection of different motorcycle related magazine titles with virtually complete sets of Motor Cycle, Motor Cycling, Motorcycle News and Classic Motorcycle. We also have a selection of technical drawings, particularly relating to Scotts, as well as photographic collections and a number of unique archive collections, such as the collection of one of our founder members Titch Allen. In addition to these we have a collection of programmes for various auctions and events, such as trials, rallies and races, dating from 1905 to the present day.

The Library collections are always growing and we welcome new donations.

Visiting Us

The Library is run by a full time team of staff, supported by volunteers, and is open five days a week. If you would like to visit the Library then please telephone prior to your visit to ensure we have space and the resources you require available. If you are unable to visit us in person then the Library team are able to answer enquiries remotely by post, telephone, fax or email.

Services

The Library team can help with all aspects of research of motorcycles from the earliest days right up to the present date. We are also able to supply copies of most of the items in our collections for a fee. As well as general enquiries, we are able to offer searches of the original factory records. The basic search can confirm if the frame and engine numbers are matching, the model and the despatch date and destination. A more detailed typed factory record can also be requested which includes all of the information in the factory records on your particular machine presented on a certificate with an embossed club seal.

Members

Members are entitled to two free factory record searches a year and two free hours of general research. They also receive discounted rates on copying, typed factory records and other Library services.

Volunteering

The Library staff are supported by a small team of volunteers who help with research, sorting records, cataloguing and digitisation. If you are interested in becoming involved with the work of the Library then please contact us about volunteering opportunities.

DVLA

As an authorised organisation the VMCC works closely with the DVLA, and last year alone supported over 650 applicants.

We also work closely with other vintage and classic clubs through the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in order to ensure consistency as well as promoting the preservation movement across the country.

We can support you through the process of

- Reclaiming an original number
- Allocation of an age related number
- Allocation of a number to a classic constructed from original parts from
- different sources

DVLA letters for:

- Claiming Historic Tax
- Change of Engine
- Correcting V5C Errors

Have a look at the club's website <u>www.vmcc.net/library</u> for detailed information and 'flow charts'.



Members Handbook

All new members receive an informative 12 page full colour handbook which is a comprehensive guide to all the Club's services.

Mail Order Catalogue

The VMCC has a fantastic mail order catalogue called "The VMCC Vintage Selection". This 48 page full colour catalogue contains a much expanded range of goods that were already sold by the VMCC plus a whole new range of items and services related to Vintage Motorcycling. The catalogue also features various VMCC services and adverts from some of the partners that Club is proud to be associated with including Morton's Media, Morris Lubricants and Footman James Insurance Brokers. Not only will the catalogue serve as a great store of Christmas gift ideas, but also as a year round source of gifts and essentials. "The Vintage Selection" is distributed free to every member of the VMCC with extra copies available on request.

Raffle

The Club operates three raffles annually with some fantastic classic motorcycles as prizes. Tickets are distributed in January and July with the Club's Journal. They are also distributed to the general public via popular motorcycle magazines, sold at shows and are available via the Club's website www.vmcc.net

Tyres & Wheel Rims

As part of our specialist retail operation the Club can help you track down those elusive and hard-to-source tyres and rims.

Belts, Belt Rims and Brake Blocks

The VMCC can supply Brake Blocks and Belts/Belt Rims for your veteran machine. These difficult to source consumables can often be supplied "off the shelf".

Website: www.vmcc.net

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Library

The Library was started in the 1960's and was originally run as a service from the Librarian's own home. In 1991 it was relocated to Allen House. The collection has grown enormously since its inception and is now one of the largest motorcycle related collections in the world. The Library is open to both members and non-members and is an invaluable source of information for motorcycle enthusiasts.

Our Collections

The Library is home to a wide range of library and archive collections covering a variety of different formats. We hold the original factory records for Ariel, BSA, Norton, Royal Enfield, Scott and Triumph, formerly held by the Science Museum. We also have copies of the Levis and Velocette factory records and guarantee registration cards for Douglas Vespa and Gilera. The information contained in these records varies between the different marques but all prove an invaluable resource for research.

A significant part of our holdings consists of a large collection of literature relating to a variety of different British and foreign marques. This collection numbers over 27,000 items and includes things such as advertising catalogues, workshop manuals, instruction books, wiring diagrams and spare parts lists. In addition to this we hold around 2,000 reference books ranging from publications on individual marques and

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Membership Application

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⁽¹⁾ Cannot include a family member with this category.
⁽²⁾ Family Members do not receive a copy of the Club Journal

I hereby apply to become a member of the above named company which is Limited by Guarantee. I hereby undertake to contribute to it's assets in the event of the Company being wound up whilst I am a member thereof or within twelve months of my ceasing to be a member. My liability will be limited to the sum of one pound (£1.00) in accordance with the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. I wish to pay by cash, cheque or postal order (payable to 'VMCC Ltd'), Debit Card (Maestro or Solo) or Credit Card - Delete as appropriate. (Please do not send cash by post.)

Card No:
Start Date:
Expiry Date:
Maestro Issue No:
CVC No:
Amount (see rates) £
Signed:
Date:///

How did you hear about the VMCC? (Please tick the appropriate box)

Signed: Dated:

You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming news, offers and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Main Office at Allen House, Wetmore Road, Burton on Trent. Staffs. DE14 1TR. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.