

The Coaster



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Another Great Weekend in Wales

Dare Country Park, Aberdare - 15th to 17th. August 2003.

The Gods smiled on us this year at Aberdare. For the first time on one of our rallies, it did not rain all weekend. Great!!!

The turn out was good, some 20 to 25 bikes attending, sadly not all PC800's but as we have always said if you have a bike you are always welcome. Some with, some without partners, in all approximately 25 to 35 people attended. Ireland was well represented with 3 of their members making the journey. Others had made the journey from all over the UK including Scotland. A big 'thank you' from all of the Committee to those who made the effort.

Some members had travelled down on Friday and took the opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Saturday morning the clubs A.G.M. was held. Topics discussed included alliance to the B.M.F., future rally locations, the election of committee members, club logo and Irish club affiliation/membership among many other things. Full details will appear later.

After the A.G.M. we had a ride out to 'The Big Pit' which is a coal mine, now turned into a museum. Those brave enough went down to the old workings for an insight into what it must have been like for coal miners in the past. Most were amazed at just how dark it was down in the pit when the lights were turned off. SPOOKY!!!!!!

Afterwards the convoy of bikes took a ride back to Aberdare through some of the great Welsh countryside. My wife and I decided to visit Aberfan, the site of a disaster back in 1966 when a school was engulfed in a landslide caused when a slagheap collapsed. A moving experience for both of us to see all of the graves but even more so for my wife as her father was one of the many people who came to the town to try and rescue those trapped.

Saturday evening saw us all get together again for a chat and a buffet, followed by a 'highway code' quiz, raffle and auction of items donated by various people. It was great to see Gary his old self again, standing at the back of the room enjoying watching Mike and myself attempting to put some sort of organisation into the evening. By the way for those who attended, I am still missing 1 pencil, property of Staffordshire Police. You can all expect a knock on your doors from the boys in blue in the near future. (*Only joking*).

Sunday morning was the gathering of all attending for a group photograph before setting off for home... **I hope you all had a safe journey home.**

New Coaster Editor Required.

It is with some regret that I have to announce that I am no longer able to continue as Editor of 'The Coaster'. I have agreed to complete the editions for September and December, but after that some one else will have to take on the role. There was no interest at Aberdare so I ask if anyone is interested in taking on the role please contact me at the addresses provided.

Annual Rally 2004

Arrangements for the annual rally for 2004 are making good progress. Paul Turner from Cumbria informed members at Aberdare that arrangements are ongoing. Provisional dates are 13th to 15th August 2004, at Whitehaven in Cumbria. Definite venue to be confirmed. Watch this space.

Irish Rally 2003 CD ROM Picture Show

If you have a PC (computer that is) Ted Foulger has compiled the Irish Rally weekend's pictures on a CD that will automatically open and play as a slideshow. This is a great souvenir as you can actually extract any of the photos from the disk and print them off yourself as required. The cost of this will be £3.00. Payment will be to Ted direct. Contact him for details at T2tedtina@aol.com or contact me on any of my contact numbers and I will forward your requirements onto Ted.

Test your Knowledge.

See if you can answer these simple questions?

1. How long did the 'Hundred Years War' last?
2. Which country makes 'Panama hats'?
3. From which animal do we get 'catgut'?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the 'October Revolution'?
5. What is a 'camels hair brush' made of?
6. The 'Canary Islands' in the Pacific are named after which animal?
7. What was 'King George VI's' first name?
8. What colour is a 'purple finch'?
9. Where are 'Chinese gooseberries' from?
10. How long did the 'Thirty Years War' last?

Answers later - no cheating now!!!!

Get well soon wishes.

I am informed that following members of the group are not well at this time.

Ted Foulger,
Brian Milman and
Doug Frampton

I am sure I can speak on behalf of the club and wish them all a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with you and your families

Possible Irish Rally 2004

Ian Whithorn informs me that he and the Irish Club members are considering a rally over in Ireland for 2004. No definite dates or arrangements yet, when I know more I will let you know.

Bikes and bits for sale/wanted.

1998 Red, 11,000 miles, taxed and tested, topbox, new screen, new tyres, utraseal tyres, immobiliser, alarm, power socket and clock, datatagged and HPI clear £3995.00. Contact Adrian LOCKEY on 01623 750554. (Mansfield)

3x PC800's no other details known, advertised in Jampot magazine April 2003 (AJS owners club magazine)
Contact Doug on 01536 515573 (evenings Northants).

1988 (F) White, 22,00 miles, new silencer, in good condition but passenger seat needs repair. £1,600
Contact Andy Beeston on 01752 309408 or Bestonboxer@aol.com (Cornwall)

1992 (K) Candy Red, 26,000 miles, taxed and tested, radio cassette fitted, can be towed on purpose built trailer included in sale price £2,500
Contact Martin Lang on 01226 383274, 07711583294 or k.lang@whsmith.net (Barnsley)

1992 (K) 22,500 miles, not used much, wheels need cleaning, has radio, heated grips, new tyres 2 years ago and Givi box fitted. Included in sale will be handbook and workshop manual. £3,500

Contact Josh Feingold on 0161 833 4422 (day), 0161 792 1257 (eve) or josh@feingold.co.uk (Salford)

1994 Black, unregistered in UK, 12250 miles, some plastics missing but otherwise OK. Will break if no buyers as is. £750.

Contact Phil Lund on 01530 261055 or 07747 775946 (Leics).

WANTED. PC800 Back rest. If anyone has a grey passenger backrest for sale.

Please reply to

info@pc800club.freemove.co.uk (N.Ireland)

Useful contacts.

Ian Whithorn tells me of some useful contacts he has been made aware of. Details as follows; -

RS Motorbike Paint.

Stockists of over 17,000 original colours of motorcycle paints. Aerosol and touch up on request. Contact them at.

20a Racecommon Road,
Barnsley,
South Yorkshire.

S70 1BH

Tel. 01226 241126.

www.rsbikepaint.co.uk or
sales@rsbikepaint.co.uk

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Genuine Honda parts direct from Europe's largest Honda stockist. Next day delivery. Contact them at.

P F K LING
Mendham Lane,
Harleston,
Norfolk.

IP20 9DW

Tel. 01379 853213

Fax. 01379 854373 or

Parts@lings.com

Gazelle Exhausts.

One we have heard of before. I have to say that at Aberdare we were shown their latest offering of a stainless steel exhaust for the PC800. A much better design and no problems when removing the back wheel. Has someone been talking to them? A price of £550.00 is quoted but I assume you will still have to go to their premises to have it fitted etc. (see the June 2003 edition for an article on them). Contact them at.

Wenfo,
Rhoshill,
West Wales,
SA43 2TU

Tel. 01239 841715

Fax 01239 841326

Info@gazbike.demon.co.uk or

www.gazbike.demon.co.uk

Colin Appleyard

Specialises in Goldwing accessories, can supply the clutch/brake master cylinder switch box assembly for the PC800. Only contact details known is that he is based in Yorkshire.

Moto-flex Modular Brakeline Systems.

They specialise in stainless steel brake hoses. They can supply a kit for the PC800, which Ian has fitted to his bike. Normal price is about £98.00.

Contact them on.

www.bsr-aerotek.com or
sales@bsr-aerotek.com

Ian also tells me that he did have a stock of PC800 tie pin/lapel badges. Ian can be contacted on.

info@pc800club.freemove.co.uk

As did Eric Rawding who can be contacted on.

Shamrock999@jun.com Picture below...



Ultraseal tyre sealant.

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Quiz answers..

1. 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
2. Ecuador.
3. From sheep and horses
4. November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
5. Squirrel fur.
6. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the **DOGS**.
7. Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future King should ever be called Albert.
8. Distinctively Crimson.
9. New Zealand.
10. Thirty years of course. From 1618 to 1648.