

# TT Riders



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## NEWSLETTER 79

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Dear Members and Friends.

To open my newsletter I would like to celebrate with you the joining of one of our latest recruits. He has not exactly rushed into it but has reached the young age of 103 early this year and said it is about time he joined. George Sibley. We are delighted to welcome him into the fold with our very best wishes and continued good health.

Our other great member Llewellyn Ranson is running in 2<sup>nd</sup> presently at 99, with his next birthday in November, we are hoping he will be at the Luncheon as always.

Stan Dibben who is now a young 92ish and is a great supporter of the TTRA and continues to come to the IOM giving great pleasure to many of the members who sit talking and listening to his many stories over a cuppa and biscuit, not always about racing motorcycles either. He has had a varied life. We are always very proud to give a mention to these wonderful members who raced in what would have been difficult times, the roads not being anything like we have now and all the safety barriers around the course. If you should know of any other great aged ex riders please do inform me.

We have now finished with the 2017 racing weeks on the IOM and again this year we have seen many of the famous named riders back on the Island, some making a return to celebrate their own special memories. The great thing we have of course is the 38<sup>th</sup> where it is amazing all the members hone into there and know they will meet up with someone they have not seen for many years, but also mix with the young enthusiastic newer members of this very different era.

I know you will all have watched the TV reports Channel 4, so I do not need to refer to all the exciting speeds and new lap records, it was just fantastic wasn't it. Presented by Steve Parrish one of our TTRA members of course and team. We have had some sad losses under the chequered flag and some members who are not in the best of health, but are still able to enjoy the news and the TV coverage.

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This year our Patron Alex George has been a great ambassador continually outing and abouting wearing his Presidential Chain with pride, thank you Alex for that. After the restoration of this very historical chain which was certainly well done and looked remarkable. Of course it goes right back to the first Presidents ever from 1951, up to date. Many have been astounded when they realise how far we go back and all the names that are on the chain. The full 65 years. After this restoration we have had no option only to have the future Presidents names engraved exactly the same but on the reverse side.

This next Luncheon, we will be enrobing the new President with this fantastic chain and he will wear it for the day and for photographs.

After the Lunch he will then receive a brand new Pendant with Collaret which he will keep for the 12 months. For the security and safety of the original chain it will be in safe keeping and used for the Annual Luncheon and special events.

We thank all of you members through the 65 years who have assisted to keep the TTRA going from strength to strength and keep reminding the young members coming up the ranks, the TTRA must continue for the next 65 years and hopefully they may be the Officers in charge of what is a tremendous institution and an attribute to the history of the Association and all the members in it.

Clearing out some files this winter I have found an interesting small little book " THE FIRST 100 MEMBERS " The Founder's Meeting was held at the RAC - London. For you members of senior years will remember the following names the likes of H. Reuben Harveyson, Norman Scott, J. H.Simpson, Stanley Woods, Freddie Frith OBE. Graham Walker ( Murray's Father) Ken Bills, Harold Daniell, Rex Judd ( father and grandfather of Peter and Paul Judd who attend our luncheon) just to name a few.

Coming up to date, there was a nice article in the Manx Independent Newspaper 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with a photograph of two of our TT members Terry Grotefield and Martin Carney with George Lawrence FoTTRA member and ex mechanic for Terry celebrating 60 years coming to the Island, well done boys.

Welcome to our new members who have joined this year and hope you will enjoy being a part and learning what the TTRA is about and be proud to be a member. It is an exclusive club for very brave and courageous riders.

Now the Autumn has arrived overnight, we all look forward to the HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR.

**TT RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM – SOLIHULL  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

PLEASE COULD YOU ASSIST ME BY GETTING YOUR APPLICATIONS IN EARLY AS I HAVE TO GO OFF THE ISLAND FOR A FEW DAYS LEADING UP TO TABLE PLANNING BIT, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CO-OPERATION.

IF YOU REQUIRE VEGETARIAN, A SPECIAL COLOURED TICKET WILL BE SUPPLIED AND **YOU MUST** BRING THAT WITH YOU PLEASE.

The usual format will take place this year only that the new President will not need to worry about his speech, the Compere will do an interview with him.

**Regalia** will be available for **Members only** and you will be identified by wearing the Association Tie. We do have the Ties in the original Maroon and now we have a very attractive Blue. Still £12. each. Bow Ties are also available £12. We do take orders at the Sales Table and will post onwards for you with a postal cost.

Embroidered Blazer Badges are being requested and if you are interested please let me know as I can only order with a quantity of 20 to keep the price down. I have 6 ordered to date.

**The renovation of the 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone known as the "HUT"...**

As you know the 38<sup>th</sup> had a restoration in the Centennial year 2007 but although hard to believe, that is 10 years ago. This spring we had some internal work carried out and were very pleased to find a true joiner of the old school who was thrilled to be able to use his expertise on a worthwhile venue. Thank you Ian. The exterior of the 38<sup>th</sup> also had a face lift and was sparkling in the sunshine amongst all the festivities and a very noticeable venue for the members to find. Thank you Paul.

We did have offers from 2 committee members, thank you very much and you are still on the call list for the future.

The Energy Drinks were again well received by the competitors and they are convinced it does assist with their concentration etc., These are professional drinks which actually come from the manufacturer. It is always nice to hear their comments of appreciation. Thank you to Mick Chatterton for his continued assistance in the 38<sup>th</sup> with various duties which he helps me with.

Donation money boxes and donations from a great number of generous families and friends and in general, Fundraising events. These donations are for the benefit of members of the Association and accumulate into our benevolent account which is heavily called upon throughout the year.

Thank you to all concerned who are involved in the distribution and collections and counting (which of course is a challenging task) but we are very grateful to you for your time and effort given to this great cause.

Under the chequered flag is always a sad item but you insist you want me to inform you. Apologies if any are missed but please don't hesitate to let me know, preferably in writing.

**Brian Kaye** sadly passed away June 2016 aged 82, born in Douglas. Raced 125cc Honda machines gaining good results. He raced the S100 and various UK circuits.

**Glen Henderson** sadly passed away in May 2017. aged 84. He competed in the TT in the late 50's before concentrating on preparing and providing machines for many top riders.

He later became one of Scotland's most successful motor dealers.

**Steve Spencer** sadly passed away May 2017. He competed in the TT from 1967 to 1970 after 3 years at the MGP. Remarkably, Steve finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first TT the famous 1967 Senior, following Mike Hailwood and Peter Williams home on his Lancefield Norton.

**Ray Flack** from Rhodesia competed in TT 1965-1966. Ray with his friend Tom Gill were a well known duo on the European and British racing circuits in the 60's.

**Tony Anderson** a Cheshire man competed in TT 1971-1977 starting on British singles and moving to Japanese 2 strokes.

**Keith Draper started on Gold Star at Brands Hatch and raced several tracks. He raced a 500cc Manx Norton in the MGP and 1958 TT but retired.**

**Louis Carreira** – tragically lost his life at Macau GP 2 yr

**Ian Cannell CBE**. A true Manx gentleman and always seen around the Grandstand, a tremendous supporter, He is sadly missed. He wore many caps in his distinguished life here on Island.

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Hello Friends of the TTRA,

How nice to be thinking back on a year of racing and “get togethers” with like minded people all with a common interest of racing and following riders progress through the ranks, many of you having been and some of you still are sponsors hoping you are in with a chance in the racing seasons.

There have been many new members this year who are very keen to be a part of the Association with a mutual interest in caring for any of our members who may be in need of some assistance, not always through a racing accident, but life can throw nasty's up at any time and in different ways. Thank you to you all for your support.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone is a great place, we have such a nice mix of such different people who sometimes are amazed when they find they have crossed paths with someone, somewhere, in their lifetime, not involved with the racing scene.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> Manx Practice week. This was held at the usual Mount Murray Golf Club at Santon. which is a very comfortable venue and lends itself to our members and friends requirements. We had a lovely three course Lunch, followed by a presentation of a cheque for £600 from a special member and his wife, Robin and Helen Smith. They open their garden on the TT course every race week and have the collection box moving round all the time.  
Thank you again to you both.

New Fotra members joining the Association is pleasing and there are many who are holding fundraising events, chat shows, birthday bashes with donations to Fotra instead of presents which is really generous.

Quite a good number of members attend the TTRA Luncheon at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham and really enjoy the event and are amongst the great bidders at the Auction, of course it is the highlight of anyone's calendar.  
Remember we do a hotel accommodation if required, make it a couple of days break.

Being a part of the TTRA and involved with our commitment to riders is such a worthwhile charity and you know that for whatever reason, there are many who do need our help sometimes along the way, especially in latter years.

Friends are very much a big part of the Association and if you have any friends or family who are interested enough in our purpose they are always welcome to join  
1<sup>st</sup> payment £40 and 4 years x £40 then you become a Full Life member.  
Or 1 payment of £200 and become a Full Life member immediately.

**AGM. Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. National Motorcycle Museum 11am – 11-30am  
Birmingham.**

On behalf of the President and Committee members thank you for your support.

## FRIENDS OF THE TT RIDERS ASSOCIATION

### Lunch in the Isle of man

August 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 during the Manx Practice week the Friends of the TTRA enjoyed their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon which was held at the Mount Murray Golf Club. This is the start of the Festival and brings in many of the past Classic riders to attend a very enjoyable lunch.

Charlie Williams kindly ran the proceedings and brought in some of the highlights of his Charity ride with his friend Zac, riding on Triumphs from Lands End to John O'Groats. The TTRA benefited from a generous donation collected on route and this was kindly split between TT Riders Association and the Fire Services. Thank you both so much.

There was a Tombola which raised £475, there were three prizes which were very well accepted. Following on from that was a presentation for £600 from FOTTRA members Robin and Helen Smith, who very generously open their gardens up race fortnights and over the past years have raised many thousands of pounds for the Friends of the TTRA together with the help of their friend John Brown. There were many photographs taken of Robin and Helen. Following this they were given a small token of thanks to open when they got home.

Our other fundraiser Jeanette Fearn who raised nearly £2000 with her friend Lea Marshbank who was unable to attend the Lunch, she was off Island. TT week they held a sponsored head shave, the barbers were the TT 2017 Sidecar winners the Birchall brothers who are also TTRA members.

Thanks to you all who support the "Friends" even today, the feeling of friendship is very clear on these occasions. If you want to have any kind of small fundraising event, do ask and we will supply you with the money drums or even have one at home and put your odd coins in, they mount up. We received a donation cheque for £100 after the event from a member in lieu of not being able to attend, thank you for your kindness and generous thought.

Our 5year direct debit subscription payment is proving very successful, ask if you are interested.

Regalia is also available and can be posted to you. FOTTRA Logo on all items. Fleeces, Polo shirts, Ties, Badges and Windscreen labels for your car or bike.

If you are available to come to the Annual Luncheon – Birmingham October 25<sup>th</sup> at the National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull. Book tickets straight away. A great day.

Our AGM Agenda and abridged version of Accounts are included herewith, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either our Treasurer, Judith Alcock or myself and we will post to you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a good Healthy 2018.

*Sincerely*

*Frances*