

Restless 2012

I thought some readers may be interested in a little escapade I had in August this year.....

It started with an e-mail from a man that had seen my suzukigriders website ..

“Hi my name is Daniel and I am looking for a GT750. I’ve seen your photos and got your e-mail address from there. I work for MGM cars who provide vehicles for use in films. Do you know of anyone who would be prepared to hire their GT750 for use in a film?”.

My immediate thought was “which one of my joker friends is having me on?”. But, I did a little bit of research about MGM cars and found that they were a legitimate company based in London, so I e-mailed him back and said that I may know someone. After a bit of correspondence, we came to an agreement that I would provide my bike, but, rather than hire it out for use and have it picked up and brought back, I would bring it to and from the film set. I was then asked if I would like to ride the bike and appear in the film – Oooooooooooh heck what have I let myself in for? After a bit of encouragement from my wife, Debbie, I said yes. Debbie was also allowed to accompany me on set, so that she could take photo’s and assist in writing this article.

The film is called Restless, and is a two-part drama serial for the BBC and is to be released on 27th and 28th December 2012. It is set in 2 eras, 1940s and 1970s. The 1970s is where the kettle comes into it. The wardrobe department was having a bit of trouble locating a helmet for that period, like the old style Bell, so they asked to send pictures of the bike gear that I had – this was not suitable, but I contacted some good friends in the VJMC club and the Kettle club who came up with several styles, makes and models and eventually Jimmy Welch dug out a really old, smelly lid from the depths of his garage, but which was from the right-ish era.

