



Editorially Speaking...

"Sod the Corona virus; it's still the Kettle Club's 25th Anniversary!"

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I hope that you were all pleasantly surprised by the little gifts that have been included with this edition of the Flier? With all that is occurring around us; with all the plans that we had for this seminal year in the Club's history just consigned to the bin; your Committee thought that we all deserved a little something to bring a smile to our faces. I'm particularly pleased with the Service Booklet as it was designed to mimic the original booklets issued by Heron GB, through dealerships back in the day. For those of you requiring more, they'll be available through Regalia soon. The stickers by the way are sized to fit tax disc holders (remember them?) Anyway, as is obvious from the front and rear covers; we are not forgetting that this is still a special year.

Now traditionally, the 'summer' edition of the Flier is a precursor to the annual Rally and would normally be full of details regarding that event. However, although the plug has been yanked on the Rally, the AGM will still be happening on the appointed date as you should all know by now and you'll find everything you need to know in that regard, on pages 16 thru 21. Oh and don't forget to look at the anniversary items on page 38!

"Variety" they say "is the spice of life" and that's what we've got in abundance in this volume. Nick Lowe is still wittering on about water pumps (poor old dear). Bill Harrison gives a very alternative take on carb juggling... I mean balancing, you'll read the story behind Hammie's, Stafford Show winning special on page 22 and if that wasn't enough; even Jason Sugden's missus has decided to put her 2 peneth's worth in to the mix! Of course it goes without saying, that we have yet another Kettle road test from yester-year, which I think you're going to enjoy – just check out the dude's kit!

So what happened to the screening of the Motorbikeshow featured in #97? The Corona virus, that's what. Fret not however my friends, we've been informed that the show has been re-scheduled for the Autumn and we'll keep you updated as soon as we know more. Some of you may also recall from the last Flier, that I opened up the option of the online version of the Flier to our UK members. This has proven to be quite popular, with 28 members switching over since December and the brand new 'virtual' format is sure to draw more over to this version in the future. Fear not however dear readers; the good old paper version will be staying with us. It's just that now, we've got more choice and that's always a good thing. And whilst I'm on the subject of change; the T shirt for articles scheme will now become an 'Editor's Choice' award, granted to the originator of 1 article selected from each Flier.

I like to finish on a high note and I am very pleased to announce the return of Discount Bike Spares! Now trading under the name 'SuzyTwo', Dean the proprietor has told me that he intends to eventually concentrate on supplying GT750 related parts which I'm sure that we all agree, is fantastic news! See their advert on page 31.

So thanks to each and every one of you for your contributions to Flier 98 and I will be notifying the lucky T shirt winner in due course.

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