



JUNE NEWSLETTER

Frances has written up the notes for our June run as well being responsible for the great photography. She has done a great job.

VELOSOLEX RUN KYNETON TO MALMSBURY AND RETURN JUNE 18 2016

They say that “mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun” but in this case it was “mad Velosolexers who go out for a run in mid winter at Kyneton!”

We gathered at the Botanic Gardens in Kyneton on a cold grey morning that sent some into town looking for a warming coffee to fortify them for the run to Malmsbury. When all had rugged up with numerous layers, scarfs, gloves and beanies, we set off to the old Kyneton railway station to look at the fine bluestone buildings, signal box and water tower before a short ride to the old hospital, which sits proudly on a hill, waiting to be restored. Then via Piper Street and more bluestone buildings from the 1850s and 1860s – most of the bluestone used in these buildings was quarried locally in town.

Out along the highway before heading off on quieter roads to Malmsbury – a couple of small hills soon had the blood warming as we went past farms, over the railway line and stone bridges to arrive in Malmsbury and down to a magnificent, multi arched bluestone railway bridge over the river – a good spot for a photo of the slightly mad Velosolex riders.

The Moto Bean café was beckoning and before long we were ensconced in front of the fire with warming drinks and lunch. We were joined at lunch by Neville, David, Leon and Sue. There was much chatter around the table before it was time to head back to Kyneton and the end of another great ride in true Velosolex fashion.

The participants were Andrew on a 3800, Frances on a 5000, Geoff on a 1700, Peter on a 3800, Neil on a 45, Brian on a 5000, Don B on a 4600 and John on a Dutch Spartamet.

Frances

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PARTS WANTED.

Peter S would like to purchase a set of handlebars to suit a model 3800. He can be contacted on 0419553412.

JULY RUN

Our July event has not been established as yet but I hope to have established something very soon. Details to follow.

TECH TIP – DECOKING

On our Malmsbury run, some of the bikes were reported as lacking a bit of sparkle. One cannot establish the reason without further investigation but one reason as to why a VeloSolex can lose some sparkle is because there may be carbon deposits in the porting, manifolding or on the piston crown.

Brian from BrianSolex in New York and a UK friend- Paul Grogan have taken the Cyclomoteur 3800 Engine Guide and updated, corrected, edited and reformatted it . Brian has kindly let me use their wording (a big thank you to both Brian and Paul) as follows :

DECOKING

DECARBONIZING

After many miles, carbon deposits will obstruct the various ports in the engine and this will be detrimental to its proper running.

To remove these deposits, first proceed with the disassembly of:

1. Cylinder head, after removing the air cleaner body and the lift lever
2. Carburettor and manifold assembly .

Scrape the carbon deposits from the cylinder head and the top of the piston.

Properly clean the exhaust port, as well as the exhaust pipe, making sure there are no carbon obstructions at any point.

Pass a \emptyset 5.0 mm drill bit into the vertical channel of the decompressor in the cylinder barrel and a \emptyset 3.5 mm drill bit into the inclined channel in the cylinder head. Clean the decompressor seat and replace the valve and spring, if necessary. Adjustment of the decompressor valve opening is achieved by fully tightening the nut and then loosening off one and a half turns.

The exhaust silencer cannot be dismantled and a new one must be purchased. *(NB:search on the 'net for options to dismantle and rebuild)*

When reassembling:

Before fitting a new exhaust, insert a \emptyset 6.0 mm drill into the outlet pipe and make sure it is not blocked with paint.

BASTILLE DAY

It would be remiss if me not to mention Bastille day on July 14th. We can all celebrate all things French (especially our Solexes).

Brian has sent me some information regarding their Bastille day rendezvous in New York. It is a gathering and run including Solexes and various French car clubs .There will be Marquees selling French food, coffee and all things French. This sounds like an exciting event and I hope it all goes well and the weather to be great.