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Vintage Viewpoint Marlborough



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EVENTS : February

Sunday 15th February: Leave the park at 11am for a ride to the Linkwater Tavern.

Friday 28th February: Natter & Noggin. Pot luck salad night. (you supply salad, we supply the meat.)



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Front Cover:

Kevin Millar enjoys the Veteran Rally

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Chairman's Report



Hi Team.

Forty days have past in a flash since the beginning of 2025, who knows where they have gone but I know for us it been busy.

Christmas, New year, school holidays, child minding, holiday camping, haymaking and our Heritage day and Veteran Rally - just to name a few.

To all those who attended Heritage day and the Veteran rally and put in a big effort to help, cleaning, gardening lawns and grounds, vehicle displays and helping on the entrance gates. The Marshall's in the park or on the rally routes, catering team on open day or meals for rally entrants, planning the rally routes and all the organising and also all those generous wives / partners who supplied cakes and food for the kitchen team. A huge Thankyou to you all .Well done.

A huge amount of work goes into Heritage day and organising a National Rally behind the scenes and Chris and his team have been the driving force behind the rally. We have received great feedback from visitors and no complaints and so I think we can rest assured that once again our club has succeeded in a job well done.

I can only assume the other park societies enjoyed a great turnout also as there seemed to be a lot of people supporting the Heritage day event.

The National Veteran Rally was I am told in its 50th year since the first rally in Christchurch. We had 30 entrants and beautifully presented cars. Ray and John have worked hard to get their Oldsmobile's to the day and these cars looked fantastic and drew much interest while on display. A little more fine tuning wof, rego etc and they will be on the road with them. Again a long job but well done.

The Model A team will be preparing and packing for there rally event in Masterton in a couple of weeks time, we are hoping for good weather good fun and no breakdowns.

That's all I have for this report, Look after yourselves and Happy Motoring

Cheers Rob.

Club Captain's Report



It has been a busy month working to get the place looking good for both Heritage Day and VCC Veteran Rally. (Which will be over by the time you read this.)

Our new edging around the garden area is looking wonderful. Jim, John and John have put in many hours of hard work. We are very lucky to have John Simmons and his little digger from Farm Machinery.

There was a good turnout to the Vines Village Market. Thanks for coming along and putting your car or bike on display. Shame it got a bit cool.

Our January noggin and natter saw about forty members enjoying the comforts of Harris Glade on a beautiful Blenheim afternoon enjoying a scrumptious BBQ.

I have arranged a visit to a cut flower garden business for March and a museum and garage visit for the men that aren't into flowers! Followed by lunch at Karaka, Westwood.

It is nice to see new members joining our recent events.

Keep an eye on the Events page for outings.

Cheers Cath.

Secretary's Scribblings



It is hard to believe that we are in month 2 of 2025, only 10 months till Christmas!!!

I have finally got my Model A on the road, after, as I said last month, the radiator was not fit for purpose. Tony Flood had a new modern sports core made in Christchurch and fitted it to the original frame and tanks and it is a beauty. And very reasonably priced, so if you need a new radiator, Tony is your man.

As we have the Veteran Rally this week, which will be done by the time you read this, we decided to have our Committee Meeting last Monday.

From the meeting.

A couple of items of correspondence from the National office, the first was that a new building has been bought in Christchurch to replace the old one which was damaged in the Christchurch Earthquake. It is described in the latest Beaded Wheels, and I had a look a couple of weeks ago when I was down there, and it looks good.

The second item, also in Beaded Wheels, was the passing of Patron and founding member, Andrew Anderson. A good article about him and his life for your information in BW.

There are still about 10 members who have not renewed their membership, and I have gotten a bit sick of chasing these people up, so if you do not have the new membership card for the 24/25 year you are not financial, and you will be struck off the membership in March.

The new curbing has been completed around Harris Glade and looks great. Many thanks to the very small team of helpers who completed this project.

A list of tidy up jobs has been created by the committee to keep our assets in good shape so there could be a call for volunteers to help with some of these jobs, although a few will need professional help to complete. If you see anything around the grounds which you think could do with a bit of TLC, please tell one of the committee.

A few of us are heading to Masterton for a week of Model A rallying in the last week of February. This is held every 2 years, and it should be great seeing the sights of the Wairarapa from the driver's seat of a Vintage Car.

Have a great month of Heritage Motoring. I know I will be.

New members

John Croall, 1929 Dodge DA sedan

Murray Lewis, 1947 AJS MC ,1969 Triumph Tiger MC, 1969 Triumph Bonneville, MC.

Welcome to the Marlborough Branch and good to see you both at our events.

Chris Bird

Thank you

Linda Laing

for the selection of
photos on the
following pages

Veteran Rally

Heritage Day

Vine Village Market

Picton Picnic



National Veteran Rally - Marlborough February 2025



Veteran
Rally
2025



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and entrants.

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enjoyed their time in Marlborough

- see you next time!





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Motorcycle display Heritage Day 2025





Well attended Picnic in Picton - a great outing, enjoyed by all.



Vines Village Market



Update from Your Kitchen Custodian



Wow its hard to believe we have had the first month of 2025 already and it's nearly heritage day which will be over by the time this news letter will be printed.

January was a very quite month with only our Natter and Noggin and we used the nice summer weather and had a BBQ on Harris Glade, a good turn out with forty-two people attending. A very enjoyable evening.

As you know the beginning of February was busy with Heritage day and this year we have hosted the National Veteran Rally.

February's natter and noggin will be a pot luck salad night. You bring the salad and we will supply the meat.

We hope you had a great day at the park on Thursday the 6th and enjoyed seeing the veteran cars on display.

Enjoy your month.

From the ladies in the kitchen.

Blockes in the Shed...

A Salute to the Major. After 25 years of dedicated service in the Spare Parts Sheds, Earl has made the decision to pass his role and responsibilities on.

We, as a Club, have benefitted immensely from the contribution he has made over the years. His wealth of knowledge and experience, together with his cheerful and welcoming manner have been hugely appreciated. He tells us he has just loved working in the Spares Department with the blokes over the years and has vowed to continue working with us if we'll have him.

Meanwhile, the sorting, identifying, labelling and locating of our stock is progressing nicely. Thanks to Mac, Gerry, Roger, Gary and Grant, along with others when they can make it, we now have a comprehensive record of part numbers and reference codes for; all our filters (air, oil and fuel), brake master and wheel cylinders, brake kits, cups, seals, boots etc, engine bearing shells, fuel brake kits, cups, seals, boots etc, engine bearing shells, fuel pump kits, carburettor repair kits, flywheel ring gears, universal joint kits and cylinder heads. This work will continue ad infinitum, I'm sure.

The motors, now on pallets, have largely been identified by make, with engine numbers, casting numbers and degree of completeness, although we do have six motors of unknown pedigree. If you would like to cast your eye over these, you would be most welcome.

Peter and Dale in the workshop have turned what once resembled a Steptoe and Son's "miscellaneous and better keep that just in case" collection into an orderly and well organised workspace of the highest standard. John has adapted and fitted an awning over the Shed door, along with an internal roller blind to mitigate the bleaching effect of the sun on our written records. It is now a year since the Trevor May Shed rose from the ashes - I'm sure he would approve the final product.

We intend to make the focus of the next phase to be "The Compound" which has acquired a "Smash Palace"

vibe and definitely needs Gerry's delicate touch and a large skip. So while there has been a Changing of the Guard with the Major taking a well deserved step aside, the Guarding of the Change (\$) still rests with Tris.

Speaking of T.W.,

the relatively alert but very focused gentleman was observed negotiating the Battys Road / Middle Renwick Road roundabout in a distinctly veteran manner. The Brush had just obtained its first WoF in years and while the hint of a faint but clearly satisfied grin was still etched on said face, the complexities of left hand drive, gear changes, hand signals, lack of power steering and dubious brakes were all mastered with precision and a successful crossing was achieved without any need to close State Highway 6.

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Last month the grapevine featured a rare branch car.

This month we feature two rare branch motorcycles. On display in our museum there is a 1905 Vindec-special. The current owner of the Vindec-special has written a history of the motorcycle which is with it, available for anyone to read. I have used some of the owner's information and used some more from motorcycle encyclopaedias for this article.

The Vindec-special we have on display was purchased new at the 1905 Christchurch exhibition by a Dunsandle man who used it regularly in the course of his work until 1940 when it was sold to a young lady who eventually sold it to well known and respected VCC member Ivan Happer. Ivan owned a garage in Dunsandle so the Vindec-special had spent all it's life in Dunsandle. Ivan entered the motorcycle in at least one of the VCC National rallies. The current owner is Ivan's daughter who lives locally. Over the years the Vindec-special has needed very little in the way of major repairs. That's a brief history of the Vindec-special in our museum but what about its origin's.

In 1901 the Allright Co in Cologne Germany produced a motorcycle they not surprisingly called Allright. In 1905 the South British Trading Co began importing Allright motorcycles. For whatever reason they sold the Allright's as Vindec-specials.

That was a bit naughty as Brown Bros. Ltd a major supplier of parts and accessories had been selling motorcycled called Vindec 1902. Pinching the name

Vindec was rude enough but adding special to it sort of insinuated the Allright Vindec was better than the Brown Bros. one, it may have been. It certainly gave a better ride owing to the Truf fault Belgium designed front forks. Knowledgeable branch motorcyclists have looked at the forks on the one in the museum, scratched their heads and butts and said "how do they work". Think swinging arm. I have found nothing to suggest Brown Bros. took any legal action against Allright for using the Vindec name but after 1909 Allright dropped the name Vindec special and marketed the motorcycle as V.S. Allright motorcycle sold in other countries under the names Roland and Tiger. The V.S. continued to be sold in England until 1914 when it became 'not all right' to sell German motorcycles in England regardless of what you liked to call them.

The second two-wheel rarity to fall into the hands of a local member recently is the basic remains a Marsh. Marsh motorcycles were built in Brockton Massachusetts between 1900 and 1906 by the American motorcycle company. Unusual for the era the motor formed part of the frame, even more unusual the seat post was incorporated into the cylinder. The Co. merged with the Charles Metz Co and for a brief period Marsh-Metz motorcycles were made. Some restoration has begun with the Marsh but it is going to be a big project. We look forward to watching the progress.

Trev



EASTER AIR SHOW 2025.

We need around forty pre 1975 Vehicles to display for the Saturday and Sunday of the Air Show, as usual you will be supplied with 2 pass's for the 2 days.

I will have a sheet at the Club Rooms from Wednesday 15th other wise please give me a call on the number shown below.

In particular we require around six 1930's era cars to be involved in the Show as in the past.

Patrick Pascoe : Contact me on 0274421786 .



Vindec 5 h.p. Twin 1905



1907 Marsh-Metz 500 cc motorcycle

Motorcycle Report

Eleven bikes and a backup carrying several others did a short run to Ward. Gile's dad Peter visiting from the UK bolstered the numbers and Mindy debuted her 1931 BSA that her and Steve have been beavering away on to get ready for the National rally in Palmerston North, Giles and Wendy kept the Triumph numbers up riding in from Havelock.

The next big event was the National motorcycle rally in Palmerston North. Ten riders and support crew headed up on Friday with five riding all the way, unfortunately Mindy's BSA had a meltdown half way there resulting in it being relegated to the trailer for the duration of the rally, undeterred Mindy carried on doing the rally on the back of the Matchless with Steve. Friday night was the traditional meet and greet at the Manawatu clubrooms, one hundred and thirty bikes were entered with Marlborough the fourth largest having ten members entered plus partners.

Rally day Saturday saw us all heading off on one of the three routes hopefully to all arrive at the Cheltenham pub for lunch, at one stage by chance five Marlborough riders ended up sitting at the side of an intersection discussing the vagaries of the next instructions that had resulted in a couple of us doing explorations in different directions, to make sense of it, a general consensus of charge straight ahead and hope for the best resulted in us all reaching lunch albeit miles apart. With one hundred and thirty plus people to feed by BBQ there was the possibility of a long wait but it went off without a hitch and we were all back on the road in good time. With ideal motorcycling roads everyone spread out fairly quickly and while the backups were kept busy all team Marlborough made it back under their own steam.

Sunday was a ride out to the field events that were being held at the Black Barn, a double story barn filled with motoring memorabilia from oil cans, hundreds of number plates, cars and everything in between. With the events done and the rain setting in everyone made a bolt for home. Prize giving Sunday night produced a well-deserved and popular win for Wendy on the M20 taking out the best performance by a lady rider, a good effort by her. At the end of the of the evening the rally organiser made some interesting comparisons between this rally and the one they ran in 1975.

The oldest bike in 1975 was a 1904 FN, that was 71 years old, this rally the oldest was a 1913 LMC at 112 years old.

In 1975 the most modern bike was a 1952 Ducati at 23 years old, this time around a 1992 BMW at 33 years old took that honour, 1975 had no Japanese or German makes, 2025 had 16 Japanese and 14 BMWs.

Monday was the start of the after-rally tour with a visit to the Thompson motorcycle museum containing dozens of veteran and vintage motorcycles in original condition, Zenith, Dayton, Militare, Mead Flyer and

Bradbury along with early and racing Harleys, Triumphs and Nortons. Lunch was at Fielding with a leisurely ride back to the motel. This was the last night for half the team with Steve, Mindy, Giles, Wendy and Peter heading home on Tuesday, but not before we all celebrated Steves birthday that night.

The after-rally tour continued through the week with trips to Wanganui, Dannevirke, Waipukurau and Taihape all using backroads and scenic routes well done to those that completed all the runs amounting to hundreds of miles.

At the conclusion of the rally most headed for home apart for Zig, Paula and Glenn along with honorary Marlborough member for the weekend Paul who stayed on for the classic bike festival and racing at Mansfield where we got to watch bikes from the twenties including Nortons, a Brough Superior and Ridges right through to 1990s superbikes being thrashed within an inch of their life and in some cases an inch too far. The lunch time break consisted of some of New Zealand's iconic race bikes including the Britten doing not so sedate "parade" laps at times on their back wheels, their insurance companies would have had a fit but it was bloody good entertainment!

The next National rally is scheduled for Timaru in 2027 so time to start saving or finish off a project and let's see if we can get a team together and enjoy the riding South Canterbury has to offer.

Glenn



Sunday 15th February

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Make no mistake folks this is going to be a BIG day; the rally route alone will be 160ish miles. Make sure you are carrying extra fuel!!

We have two farms to go through and the Puketoi Range to cross twice, you will be traveling through some very rugged country with lunch at Akitio Station which is just up the road from Akitio Beach.

Sunday we will start from the Coach House Museum in Feilding, Drivers briefing will be at 7:45am first car away 8am. We will be heading north towards Rangiwahia, I am currently waiting for the ground to dry out to go and explore three big farms and a forestry block. Lunch will be either in Rangiwahia or Apiti, then we still have some unexplored back roads to use to get back to Feilding via our favourite ford (the only usable one in the area), to have you back in Feilding approximately 4pm.

Final dinner and prize giving will be back at the Feilding Civic Centre with the usual haggis ceremony to start along with a buffet dinner to follow with a revised menu from last year.

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On down the road....

Sun 9 March Hospice Car Show

Fri 7 March – 9.45am meet at Clubrooms for Visit to Cut flower business \$5pp. Or museum garage visit . We will all then meet at Karaka, Westwood for lunch. Names please

Fri 11 April – Ward - Flaxbourne Heritage Centre opening. More details later.