

This "issue" of Desmo is primarily to inform you of changes in the running of the club and to inform you of future developments. I would like to start by introducing myself as your new Secretary. I sincerely thank Steve for getting the club off the ground in such a good way and I hope I can carry on in an even better fashion.

A few details about myself. I am twenty years old and have been riding since I was sweet 16. At that time I lived on the Isle of Wight and the classiest machine to have was a Lambretta. I bought one. I moved to Ashford in Middlesex, blew it up, rebuilt it, crashed it and bought a 160 Ducati. Just before moving to my present address, I sold the 160 and put all my bread into a 250 24 Hours. This went pretty well (not including electrics) for quite a while but recently I've had a fair amount of trouble with bevel gears breaking up. Now I've got that sorted out, the rotor has broken. Anyway, once that's fixed I'm taking it along to Mick Walker and trading it in for a 750 G.T.

I've got more than just a wee bit of mechanical knowledge (but not much more) and can offer some limited advice on general engine work. Anyone who is prepared to help with a mechanical advice service and who has a fairly extensive knowledge of Ducatis, please let me know.

I am at present investigating the possibility of getting a discount on spare parts from some of the dealers and will let you know of any progress.

Something that I would like to see is Desmo progressing from a newsletter to a magazine. The first thing I need is a great pile of letters. So get your pens out and write. Experiences of road or racing, amusing stories, views on how you'd like to see the club run, anything so long as it is printable.

If anyone is lunatic enough to lend a bike for a road test, I'd be interested to hear from them as I would like to be able to give views on a wide variety of bikes in the intended mag. Anyone who wouldn't mind this would be quite welcome to stay at my place for a weekend in return for the test on the bike. (Swinfen Hall is a nick about 2 miles from the nearest town, with one redeeming feature, cheap booze!)

I am trying to find a site available for holding a rally, so that we can all get together for the first time, somewhere around Lichfield, Staffs. Again, I will let you know of progress.

On closing, I would be extremely grateful (amazed even!) if everyone would take the trouble to fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to me. I know postage is getting a bit expensive these days but this is a serious effort to find out what you want, and to provide it, so please send them back.

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Please answer and return to:-

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1. If they were made available to club members, would you buy the following Ducati Owners Club badges:-

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| a. Enamel | b. Vinyl stick-on |
| c. Machine badge | d. Cloth badges |

Please tick those you are interested in.

2. Any ideas for a badge design would be appreciated.
3. Would you be interested in running a branch in your area if there is sufficient support. Yes/No
4. Have you sufficient mechanical/electrical knowledge and time/inclination to assist with a technical advice service. Yes/No
5. Have you any home-made/unwanted/re-conditionable 'workshop' tools which you would be prepared to give/sell to the club with the idea of setting up a lending service for these items. Please send details if answer is yes.
6. Contributions to Desmo are sadly lacking, please write. (I have one letter for print so far.)
7. Can you offer a "discount" service on any useful parts or services, e.g., I can provide all bearings necessary for a Ducati at a very reasonable price. Please give details.

Your correct membership number is _____, please ensure that this is correctly entered on your club card.

Thank you.