

Veteran and Tiddlers Run – Maraylya

4th February 2024

Expectations were high for a good days ride for Veterans and Tiddlers Run and although hot weather was expected for day, the morning conditions were comfortably mild for the start.

We had a good turnout of around 12 bikes mostly veterans and vintage including, among others, two Triumphs (veteran and vintage), Ian's Rudge Multi, a JD model Harley, two Indian Power Plus's, Laurie's 1911 Norton and a 'pseudo' tiddler in the form of a notable 1952 Malvern Star 98cc Autocycle. It was great to see Lee Wright turn up, who waved us off from the start and provided a marshalling function on the first tricky corners.

The ride left Maraylya towards Cattai via Pebbly Hill Rd, then onto Sth Maroota, Maroota, down towards Forrest Glen and then onto Glenorie. By this time the weather was starting to heat up and we stopped for some well needed fluid refreshments at the excellent Glenorie Bakery Cafe, together with some delicious pies and pastries.

The road conditions were mostly good and well suited to the veterans and vintage machines with a couple of climbing points along the way to challenge, but were manageable and helped by the limited traffic around on the day. The downhill run from Glenorie back to Maraylya along Cattai Ridge Rd however required careful navigation not only for the older bikes but also the later bikes including for myself on the WLA. Sil and Brian seemed to effortlessly lead the group on their JD and PowerPlus, resplendent in their shorts and T-shirts.

Impressively, the Autocycle 'tiddler' didn't skip a beat and powered through tirelessly cruising back to Maraylya as the heat set in. Unfortunately Ian's Rudge Multi and Phil's Triumph didn't make the distance on the day braking down along the way, with Hans providing backup support.

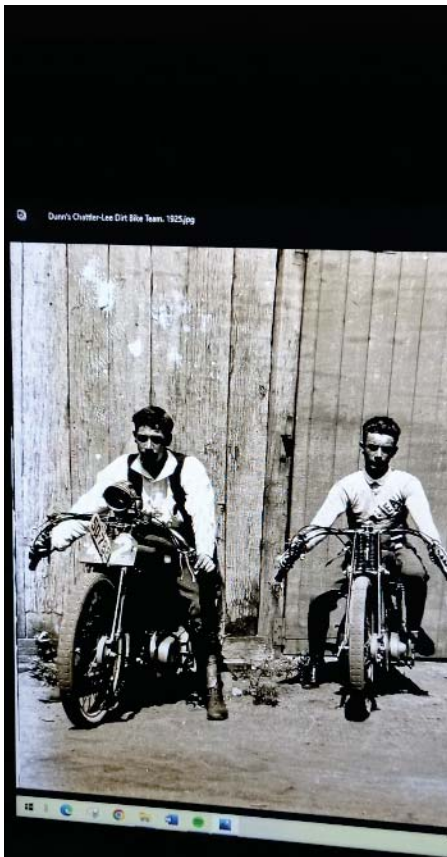
Nevertheless it was a good day had by all with the Maraylya runs being one of the few events around Sydney without the ever growing weekend traffic congestion – YET. Thanks to Hans for planning the run and the backup support.





Early 20's Chater Lea racing team. They raced at Maitland, Newcastle and Maroubra

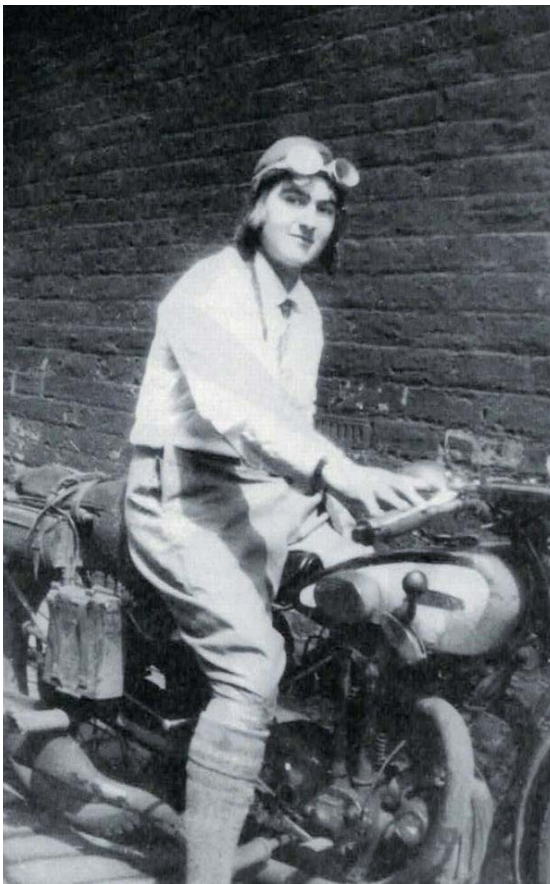




This International Women's Day , We celebrate

Beatrice Shilling OBE 8 March 1909 – 18 November 1990. She was a British aeronautical engineer, motorcycle and sports car racer. In 1949, Shilling was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

During the Second World War Shilling designed the RAE Restrictor (which became known as Miss Shilling's orifice), a simple device that overcame the problem of the Rolls-Royce Merlin aeroplane engines losing power during negative-g manoeuvres. After the war, Shilling also worked on the Blue Streak missile, researched the effect of a wet runway upon braking, and helped design and build a bobsled for the Royal Air Force's Olympic team.



As a motorcycle racer Shilling was one of only three women to receive the British Motorcycle Racing Club Gold Star for lapping the Brooklands circuit at over 100 miles per hour (160 km/h) on a motorcycle. In sports car racing, she scored several podium finishes at the Goodwood Circuit Members' Meetings.

Early life

Shilling was born at Waterlooville, Hampshire, the daughter of Henry Shilling (1852–1936), a butcher, and his wife Annie. As a child Shilling spent her pocket money on hand tools and won a prize in a national Meccano contest. [At 14 she bought herself a motorcycle, following which she taught herself how to disassemble and reassemble its two-stroke

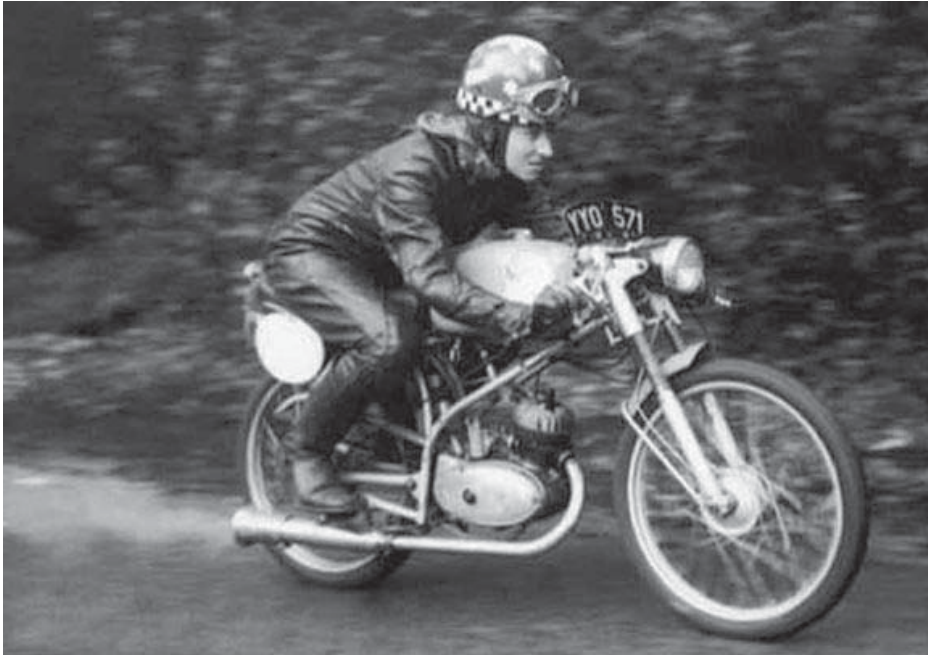
engine; she was already determined to become an engineer.

After completing secondary school she worked for an electrical engineering company for three years, installing wiring and generators. Her employer, Margaret Partridge, encouraged her to study electrical engineering at the Victoria University of Manchester; in 1932, alongside Sheila McGuffie, she received a bachelor's degree and then studied for a further year to get a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Jobs were hard to find in the Great Depression; she worked as a research assistant for Professor G. F. Mucklow at the University of Birmingham. In 1936 she was recruited as a scientific officer by the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE), the research and development agency of the Royal Air Force (RAF) in Farnborough, Hampshire. Her first position was as a technical author with the Air Ministry's technical publications department. She was allowed to transfer to doing work on aircraft engines. On 1 November 1939 she was promoted to become technical officer in charge of carburetor research and development and later promoted again to principal technical officer.

Even as a senior member of staff she was respected by the factory workers for her hands-on skills, such as brazing a copper butt-joint with the skills of a dedicated fitter.

Beatrice married George Naylor in September 1938. He also worked





at the RAE. According to anecdote, she declined to marry him until he also had been awarded the Brooklands Gold Star for lapping the circuit at over 100 mph. During the Second World War, he was a bomber pilot with No. 625 Squadron RAF, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). He volunteered for an extra tour of bombing missions, over and above what was expected of him. He suffered tinnitus and other health problems in later life as a result of his wartime activities.

Legacy

In 2011, the Wetherspoonchain of public houses opened a pub in Farnborough named the *Tilly Shilling* in her honour. In 2015, a collection of her racing badges and trophies was bought by the Brooklands Museum.

In September 2018, Shilling was included in Winchester Heritage Open Days 'Extraordinary Women of Hampshire' exhibition, which celebrated notable Hampshire women, past and present. On the 110th anniversary of Shilling's birth, 8 March 2019, the Mayor of Waterlooville unveiled a plaque at Waterlooville Library to commemorate her achievements.

On 27 March 2019, Royal Holloway University opened the Beatrice Shilling Building, home to its new department of Electronic Engineering.

In March 2020, Havant Borough Council announced the unveiling of a memorial plaque by The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Diana Patrick, at Shilling Place, Waterlooville on Monday 9 March – the day after Beatrice's birthday and International Women's Day.

Goulburn Motorcycle Grand Prix 100th Anniversary Rally 23 June 2024

I am pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the 100th Anniversary GP Motorcycle Rally to be held on 23 June 2024. To register, go to the Anniversary website -

https://www.goulburngp.com.au/register-for-rally_

Regards Dale Towell Secretary CRCG