

Dear Editors,

During lockdown, a friend of mine was going through his drawers, as one might, and came across some original paperwork associated with a Silk 700S motorcycle, frame number 700S/1/29 and engine number S700/1/31. The documents were obtained about ten years ago when a Scott motorcycle, in bits, was purchased from an address in Cornwall and an attempt was made then through the SOC to reunite them with the machine. It was thought that the Silk existed at the time.

I would be grateful if the survival of these particulars could be advertised in the 'Letters' section of Yowl in an attempt to complete a history. Of interest to some members may be that the original purchase price of the above mentioned machine, with the options selected (including VAT) was £1560.60; this was in August 1976. The Silk which I ride, frame number 700S/2/130, engine number 700S/2/132, with the specifications as ordered was invoiced for £2,833.48 in July 1979. I do remember this period in time to be racked with high inflation and interest rates of 15%+ were common. However, the true cost of production of these machines may by then have been realised.

I can be contacted on 01225 334913 and look forward to achieving a positive result.

*Des Wilkey*

Dear Editors,

I'm trying to trace the history of my 1965 Birmingham Scott CNW 87C. The first name on the original logbook is Geoff Milnes, Scott Service Dept., Dewsbury Road, Leeds. I think from what I know the bike was built from spares in Leeds by Geoff and Harry Langman, as Geoff was having problems obtaining the bike from Matt Holder.

I bought the bike from a dealer, who received an email from the first owner, a Mr Michael Gilley of Leeds, who is still around. He asked the dealer if he could send him some photographs, that sadly didn't happen.

I would like to send Michael Gilley some photographs of the bike as it is now, as I gathered from his email that he is a real enthusiast. To talk to him about his experiences and ownership would really interest me and club members.

Any information would be of interest to his whereabouts. Many thanks.

[Please contact the Editors in the first instance if you can help in any way.]

*David Higgins*

Dear Editors,

All my Scotts are still in winter storage, I've made no restoration progress on my Scott projects and just a few Square 4 excursions, so I've absolutely nothing Scott related to contribute to this issue I'm afraid!

However, I am booked into the Reivers Rally and Bamburg Run with a 2 speeder, so will have a report ready for the August edition of Yowl.

*Richard Blackburn*