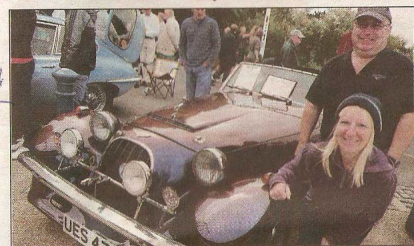




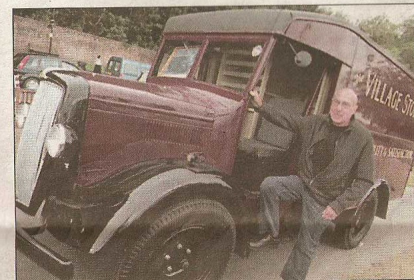
Best car winner Peter Hodgson receives his award from Wightlink marketing manager Kerry Jackson for his 1967 Austin Healey 300 Mark III. 0912-L48043



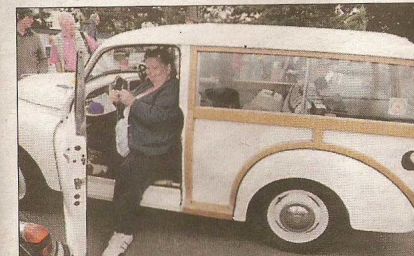
Kay Wood and Tim Wood, from Bath, with their 1978 Panther Lima, which won Saturday's competition. 0912-L48053



Gary Ockenden with his Panhard PL17. 0912-L48022



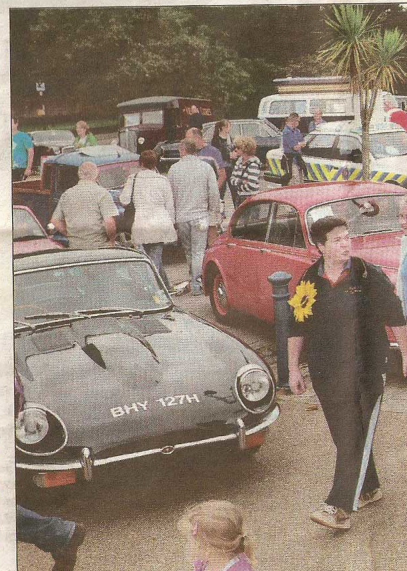
Paul Long with his 1951 Morris LT3. 0912-L48048



Joanne Tuck doing a spot of knitting in her 1971 Morris Minor Traveller. 0912-L48021



A line-up of Rovers. 0912-L48037



An E-Type Jaguar on the Esplanade. 0912-L48047

Return of the golden age

CLASSIC bikes from the golden age of motorcycling graced St Thomas's Square, Newport, on Saturday for the IW Vintage Motorcycle Club's annual September scurry.

The lovingly restored machines dating from the last century glittered in the sunshine as visitors had the chance to view the bikes and owners had the opportunity to chat about their classic Nortons, Triumphs and BSAs.

Among the stars of the show were a three-wheeled Morgan car and a beautifully restored Norton International bike, one of the fastest racing machines of its era.

The oldest machine on show was a 1914 Douglas, which was among around 65

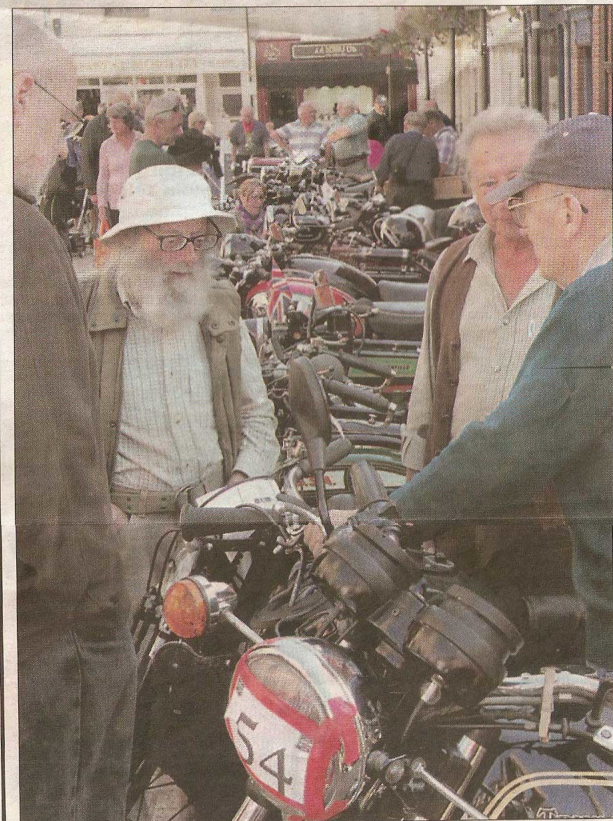
classic bikes and three-wheelers on display in the square on Saturday morning.

The show was part of a series of events held by the club between last Saturday and Tuesday.

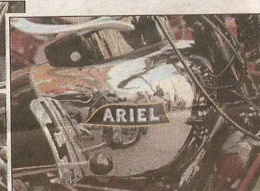
On Saturday afternoon, club members joined classic car owners for a joint show at Newport Quay. Then, on Sunday, members of the club took a navigated tour around the island, taking in villages and towns such as Benbridge, Freshwater Bay, Shorwell and Coves.

The four days culminated with a ride on Tuesday to the IW Steam Railway, Havenstreet.

Ron Wallis, secretary of the IW Vintage Motorcycle Club, said: "It has been brilliant. We have been blessed with good weather."



From left, Trevor Rayment, Mike Hillier, his brother, Ken Hillier, and Paul March discuss the merits of various bikes. 0912-C27277



Above, a sparkling, lovingly restored bike. 0912-C27282

Above, editor of the *Morgan Club Magazine*, John Chatwin, of Alverstone Garden Village, with his 1933 Morgan Supersport.

0912-C27283

Right, Dave Gibson arrives on his 1935 Norton International 350.

Pictures: CHRIS THWAITES 0912-C27280

