

# Darvill Racing

2010 Season

## Fifty Years of Racing... and still going strong....!!

### A Brief History...



1974 Spondon Honda 812cc

Peter Darvill began racing in the late forties, based deep in the Chiltern Hills he honed his skills breaking onto the scene in the early fifties with dramatic effect.

He designed his own motorbikes, taking the technologies of the day and amalgamating them into capable machines designed for one purpose... 'To Win'.....!!

He went onto win numerous local events at tracks around the country, entering into what ever race he could fund. It was at one of these events that he had an opportunity to enter into an endurance race and it was this that 'sparked' something within him.....

Peter began to design machines to cope with the endeavors of prolonged stresses of racing, he developed and patented his PJD Vincent which took the capable Norton Featherbed frame and coupled this with the 'monstrous' Vincent twin 1000cc 'Shadow' engine. Peter had some great wins on this machine, eventually selling the patent to fund Darvill Racing (with himself as the main rider).

In the 1950's Peter's success grew, and his attention turned to the Isle of Man. His first race at the Manx Grand Prix on board the PJD Vincent in the 1957 Newcomers race he managed a respectable 17th. Peter's talent drew

the attention of MLG Racing Team, MLG were a BMW dealership in London and had entered a R69s into the 24hr Endurance race in Barcelona in 1959, they asked Peter to ride for them.

Peter was to partner Bruce Daniels and as was the setup back then, they only had each other for the entire 24hr race. Peter had never ridden either this bike or a BMW, however they went onto win the race...!

This gave Peter and Darvill racing their 'Big Break'. Peter returned to the Isle of Man and it took a further 4 years before he was able to lift the winners trophy whilst riding for the 'King' of tuning Francis Beart..

From '64 through until '75 Peter was a regular on the 'Mountain Course' competing with the Legends of the day, Redman, Agostini, Read, Ivy (but



Peter Darvill 24hr Barcelona Champion

to name a few), his best result here was a 7th place, which given the competition was remarkable.

Darvill Racing moved to Endurance Racing throughout the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's with successes in the World Endurance Championships, with an overall win in '71.

Darvill Racing is heading back to Endurance Racing after a break to resume where we left off...!



'Jock' Copeland aboard one of Darvill Racing's machines in the '70's

## Darvill Racing Today



Darvill Racing with an Aprilia

In the 1990's Darvill Racing diversified and moved into Race Management and Sponsorships eventually in 1999 Peter took a break (for the first time since 1952) to concentrate on his business and retirement.

However, spending that many years in and around the race community leaves a lasting impression, and in the autumn of 1993, just four years after 'Retiring' Peter was persuaded to assist Classic Endurance Racing by supplying a couple of machines for them to campaign (under the Sponsorship of Darvill Racing). Darvill Racing bikes had been entered into various road-race events, Bike Meetings, Bike shows (including invitations from the NEC and Staffordshire Bike Show), and Sprint events such as the Thundersprint.

This continued until February 2009 when we were approached to sponsor a rider in the TT. This was the

signal that Darvill Racing was to return and we began preparations to race again under the Darvill Banner.

The 2009 season was harder than most, plagued by 'racing luck' we had some good wins but not at the 'Blue Ribbon' events. This was compounded by the global credit crunch which meant that we lost some key sponsorship.

However we had endured decades of 'tough-times' and we gritted our teeth and made it through.

We have been very fortunate to keep our current sponsors, without whom this would be impossible, it is their support that allows us to compete. We

are looking forward to working with them in the 2010 season.

We have expanded our Team machines for the 2010 season, this reflects our plan to diversify for the season. Below are some of the machines we will be campaigning, however there are some 'Special' machines on the way, more of these soon...

- Spondon Honda 820cc GP Special
- Spondon Honda 812 Endurance
- Honda CB750 Endurance—1969
- Spondon Honda Formula 1— 1978
- Yamaha TZ250— 1979
- Honda CR750—1969
- Laverda MontJuich — 1978 500cc
- Ducati 900ss bevel—1976
- Sealy-Honda— 1972 750cc
- Francis Beart Manx Norton 350cc
- 748 Ducati
- Honda VFR750
- Manx Norton—500cc
- 3x Harris Honda's all Joey Dunlop ridden machines...!

So what is Darvill Racing in the 21st Century..

We are a Team still owned by Peter Darvill. We have relocated to the Isle of Man and continue to support both individual riders and our own Team members.

We will be entering into a number of British Championships and select one-off rides, whilst also competing in the TT and Manx GP (including the Southern 100), in addition to all of these we will be returning to European endurance racing for the first time since the early nineties..

In addition to the race calendar we have a very busy social line-up planned. We will be at the Thundersprint again in 2010, the Festival of 1000 Bikes, the Festival of Jurbly (on the Isle of Man), Reims Road-Race event later in the year and a plethora of other social engagements yet to be formalised.



Mallory Park 2009



## Sponsorship and Social Events

We have a variety of sponsorship packages available, these range from as little as the fuel for practice days to the complete season.

### The Benefits

Logo opportunities on the bike (Various sizes and positions are available)

Hospitality at events we attend (frequency and quantity depending on sponsorship deal taken)

Your company leaflets and banner in the paddock and at shows, where many race fans (and their families) will visit. The demographic of the public is truly a complete representation of the whole spectrum of the motorcycle world, this is achieved because we not only race but also attend a significant number of social events across the UK and Europe

Links to sponsors website from many popular bike forums.

Team attire is worn at all the events we attend. With your company name/logo at all bike events and any other press opportunities, for which there are many...

### What is the Sponsorship used for?

- Entry fees
- Travel
- Tyres
- Service Consumables
- Fuel
- Fairings and repairs

### Sponsorship Packages Available

- Fuel cost sponsorship
- Single race tyre sponsorship
- Full season tyre sponsorship
- Service consumables sponsorship
- Single entry sponsorship
- Full season entry sponsorship
- Vehicle hire

**We are willing to consider any offer of assistance, please contact us (details on the back page) for further information.**



Thundersprint 2007



Just for fun.....'09



Early TT efforts...



Thundersprint 2009



# Race Diary 2010

## January

Season preparation – No racing

## February

DECCLA Endurance Race in Cartagena

## March

Various races in our Championship endeavours

## April

'70's Cycle Run Croix in France

## May

Thundersprint, Northwich in Cheshire

Jurby Road South (Isle of Man)

Pre-TT Classic on the Isle of Man

Isle of Man TT races

## June

Various races in our Championship endeavours

## July

Bikers Classic – Spa Francorchamps

Pageant Of Power at Cholmondelley Castle in Cheshire

Southern 100 Road Races, IOM

Festival of 1000 Bikes at Mallory Park

Jurby Road South (National Races, Isle of Man)

## August

Manx Grand Prix

## September

Various races in our Championship endeavours

Reims Road Race event

## October

DECCLA Endurance Race in Cartagena

The 4hr Endurance Race, Jurby Circuit (Isle of Man)

## November

Sponsor meetings, season debrief – REST.....!

## December

Season preparation – No racing

In addition to the above we will be participating in:  
The British Super Mono Championship  
ThunderBikeUK Championship  
Various Rounds of UK Championships (BMCRC Circuit practice and signatures)



Peter Darvill and Francis Beart 1963



The Famous Bol d'Or in the 80's

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**FORCEFIELD  
BODY ARMOUR**



**THE THUNDERSPRINT**



24hr Endurance Racing at MontJuich Park