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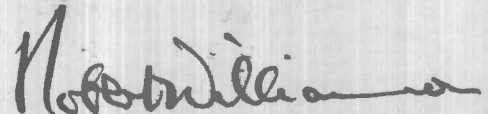
Dear Mr. Partington,

Cycle and Motor Cycle Show.

Give me a ring and tell me how many tickets you would like. There are quite a number of odd exhibits which I think will appeal to you: a cycle with one wheel; a tandem triplet; the message boy's pip-squeak on which an ex-Commando, who is available, has just got back from 13,000 miles round the world; a tricycle built for two; and so on.

I am, as ever, at your service whenever you feel like looking in at Earl's Court. I am not quite sure whether you want to get Anthony Eden opening the Show. He is being presented with a child's bicycle for his godson, which might brighten up what would pictorially otherwise be a somewhat sombre event.

Sincerely,



Press Officer.

F.J. Partington Esq.,
Paramount Film Services Ltd.,
School Road,
N.W.10.



This bicycle is plated with 18ct. gold—even to the wheel spokes. It will be seen at the Cycle and Motor-cycle Show at Earls Court. Admiring it are Mr. Jamindar Das Nundy and his wife, from India, who had it made as a gift for their son. (See "Bicycle-of Gold.")

at Park-mansions, Knightsbridge, but is too busy looking after her baby daughters to do much flying.

Bicycle-of Gold

A GOLDEN bicycle, made by a London firm to the order of an Indian merchant as a gift for his son, will be the "Docker Daimler" of the Cycle and Motor-cycle Show, which opens at Earls Court on Saturday.

The bicycle will cost Mr. Jamindar Das Nundy just over £200 by the time it reaches his son in Calcutta. Yesterday he called at the factory of Claud Butler Bicycles at Clapham to inspect his purchase (ordered through an agent) and paid in notes. The machine will be sent to India after the show.

The frame is actually made of steel, but the whole machine, even to the wheel spokes and the chain, is plated with 18ct. gold costing £13 an ounce.

Mr. Nundy, who represented Bengal in the All-India Olympics in 1929, conceived the idea of a gold bicycle as a present for his 18-year-old son, the fourth generation of a line of racing cyclists. He stipulated it should be made in eight weeks in readiness for his son's birthday.

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The Evening News, Monday, November 9, 1953

TWO-WHEELED 'BABIES'

START A PRICE WAR

Economy Models at Show

"Evening News" Motoring Reporter

THE two-wheeled "babies" are having a war of their own, and the result will be seen in the cut prices of the motor-cycles at the Cycle and Motor-Cycle Show at Earls Court on Saturday.

Latest in the lightweight market is the 200 c.c. (2 h.p.) Triumph Tiger Cub, which is being marketed at £127 including tax. It has a four-speed engine, telescopic front forks and is similar in appearance to the 150 c.c. Triumph Terrier, which is now in full production and sells at £10 less.

Francis-Barnett are marketing a 225 c.c. Cruiser model at £156 tax paid. It has pivoted fork rear springing—a feature on most of the new models this year—and the seat is on a pressed steel box section, which also houses the battery.

A TWIN SEAT Pillion is Free

This gives a solid look to the machine, and the welded steel construction makes it exceptionally strong.

Incidentally a twin seat is fitted as standard, so that it costs nothing extra for the pillion passenger.

A new ultra-lightweight is the Excelsior Condor of 122 c.c., which sells for £80 with tax. This is of conventional design with a tubular link-action fork and its chief appeal is its economy.

Ariels have a new 200 c.c. Colt, the overhead valve engine of which develops 10 brake horse-

power. Selling for £132 complete, it is expected to be one of the fastest machines in its class.

On the bigger machines greater attention is being given to brakes, and several machines have brake drums of 8in. or more in diameter to give better cooling.

The Triumph "110" indicates that a still faster Thunderbird has arrived, and with it the new pivoted fork rear suspension with adjustable hydraulic damping.

The Speed Twin, used by 70 police forces, including the Metropolitan radio patrols, continues unchanged, as does the Tiger "100."

Nortons have a new high-efficiency front brake, proved in the Daytona races in U.S.A. The actual winning machines of the Senior and Junior T.T. will be on this stand.

One of the big sidecar machines is the Ariel Huntmaster, which will be exhibited after completing a 1,700 miles drive through seven European countries in six days.

The Show, which covers 145,000 square feet, will be opened by Mr. Eden, and will remain open until the following Saturday night.

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PETER LEE-WARNER.

Mr. Peter Lee-Warner has travelled completely round the world on a bicycle powered by a British motor, and is due back in this country tonight, Monday, 19th Oct.

Tomorrow morning we can have facilities to film him in a typical bivouac *on Hampstead Heath.* preparing himself for a Press reception. We can show him 'brewing up' his tea by boiling the water on the exhaust of his motor. The motor also supplies the power for his electric shaver. Many more ingenious touches like this. Then ~~around~~ *at 30* 11am. there is a Press reception for him outside Australia House. This is the point he left exactly 7 months ago to the hour. Here he will be met by Vivian Blane, the actress, and duly decorated with a laurel wreath.

*Will also be on view at
Cycle Show. 14/11/53.*