

► Nine-time TT winner Charlie Williams and his gorgeous Works Manx in pre-season testing at Mallory



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Join us trackside in 2014 as *Classic Bike* and Works Racing tackle the most evocative classic races on the planet

Works Racing, the Manx Norton specialists run by engineer Patrick Walker, are stepping up their racing activities in 2014, and *Classic Bike* will be following the team's exploits as they race across Europe, from Lansdowne short circuit meetings in the UK through Belgian and Irish road races to the Isle of Man Classic TT.

"This season is a natural and exciting step up for us," says Patrick, who's built 37 of his own Manx engines since forming Works with business partner and lifelong Norton enthusiast Miles Robinson in 2008. "We ran in the Lansdowne Classic Series for the first time in 2010 and won our first six races. Since then, we've been regulars in the Lansdowne, while also having a crack at the Goodwood Revival Barry Sheene Memorial Races.

"This year we're doing Tandragee in Northern Ireland, which I'm hugely excited about, and the Isle of Man Classic TT, where I've got a score to settle. I raced there myself, before Works Racing was born, and crashed in practice, qualified and then broke down on the last lap... In effect, engineering and building my own Manx Nortons has been a slightly over-the-top reaction to that DNF..."

You'll be able to read about Works Racing's workshop labours and on-track adventures in the *Our Classics* pages over the course of the summer, but we're hoping you'll come and support the team on race weekends, too. The calendar of events stretches from the Tandragee 100 road races in the first weekend of May (see far right for the full calendar) to the big one in late August – the Classic TT.

Charlie Williams and John Leigh-Pemberton will be riding Manxes for the Lansdowne meetings, backed up by Patrick himself on an International, and classic race ace Bill Swallow will join the squad for the Classic TT.

► Patrick Walker (third left), Charlie Williams (second left) and the Works team. Get behind them with us



► The *Classic Bike* team will endeavour to attend most of the meetings. In fact, we're so excited we've even produced a tour T-shirt. They look great and cost only £15 a pop – to order yours, call Sally in the *Classic Bike* stores on 01733 468099 and tell her what size you require.



CALENDAR

APRIL 19-20

Pembrey, Lansdowne Classic Series

MAY 3

Tandragee Road Races, Northern Ireland

MAY 10-11

Silverstone, Lansdowne Classic Series

MAY 24-26

Oulton Park, Lansdowne Classic Series & CRMC

JUNE 21-AUGUST 2

Castle Combe, Lansdowne Classic Series

JULY 18-20

Grand Prix des Frontières, Chimay, Belgium

AUGUST 8-10

Donington Park, Lansdowne Classic Series

AUGUST 23-25

Isle of Man Classic TT

SEPTEMBER 12-14

Barry Sheene Memorial Races, Goodwood Revival

OCTOBER 4-5

Brands Hatch Indy, Lansdowne Classic Series