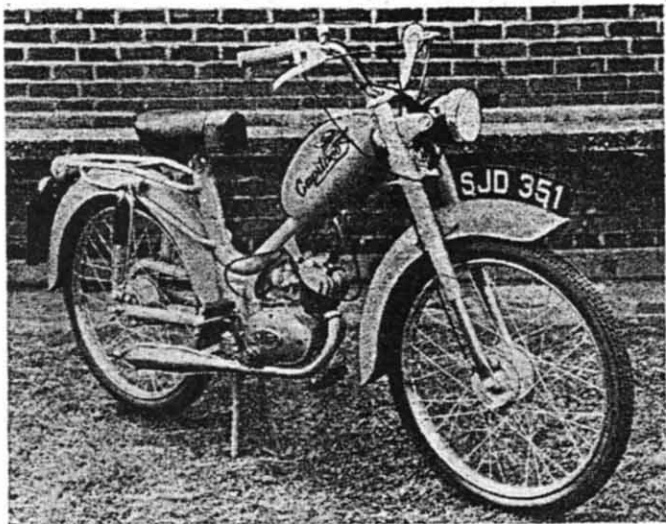


Moped Matters . . . by Centaur



Two views of the new Italian moped which Kerrys of Stratford are soon to put on the market. On the left, the Capitano, as it is named, is seen in standard trim. On the right it is shown wearing its full range of extras. The wide one-piece leg shield and overlapping wind-screen affords complete weather protection, while the child seat - cum - basket carrier should appeal to women with a youngster.



New Italian Moped

COMING from the country which first popularized the scooter, Italy, the Kerry Capitano is about to make its debut on the British market.

It is the first venture of the East London concern, Kerry's of Stratford, into the moped market in this country, and they certainly seem to have started off on the right foot, or rather, pedal. The Capitano was designed to their own specifications, and it incorporates all the latest improvements.

Suspension consists of telescopic forks and a rear swinging-arm the spring units of which have oiled external guides. The frame, as can be seen in the illustrations, is of the single-tube type and is finished in near-sapphire.

The engine, which is fitted with a Dell'Orto carburetter, has a capacity of 47.6 c.c. and develops 1.8 b.h.p. at 1,500 r.p.m., giving a claimed maximum speed of 42 m.p.h. Primary drive is through a three-plate clutch to a two-speed gearbox incorporating the pedalling gear.

Extras available for the Capitano include legshields and windscreen, which will be appreciated by those who do not approve of the English weather. A combined childseat and basket carrier will appeal to mopedists of the opposite sex.

At the basic price of £67 14s. 6d., this moped should be a formidable rival to similar machines already on the market.

Importing Mopeds

ONE way to import large numbers of mopeds safely and quickly from abroad, overcoming the usual problems encountered, has been devised by the manufacturers of the Dot Vivi moped.

A specially designed articulated truck capable of carrying 220 fully assembled mopeds, together with spare parts, leg-shields and so on, and complete workshop tool kits, arrived at Tilbury docks recently, having travelled direct from Turin, bound for Manchester.

For the duration of the journey, the crew of two lived in this monster vehicle, so sleeping accommodation and other home comforts were provided. At Tilbury, the drivers were met by representatives of the concessionaires from Manchester who piloted them on the last stage of the journey and also acted as interpreters.

Normally driven on the right side of the road on the continent, the vehicle was nevertheless fitted with right-hand drive. This was not for the last hundred miles in England, but to position the driver on the inside of the road when negotiating the Alpine passes.

A.A. Guide Book

ARE you a member of the A.A. and possibly intend to go north of the border? If so, you will be interested to hear that the A.A. has recently published a companion to its extremely popular Illustrated Road Book of England and Wales, which was published in 1958.

This, the latest of the A.A.'s touring guides, is entitled the Illustrated Road Book of Scotland, and is probably the most comprehensive and authoritative touring guide to that country ever to appear.

An A.A. spokesman said: "The Scottish Illustrated Road Book contains much that is new and is so complete that any traveller setting out on an extensive tour north of the border need carry no other book of reference. The pre-publication demand for the edition, which has taken more than two years to prepare, has been extremely heavy."

In the 322 pages of this attractively bound volume there are over 1,000 line drawings, the majority of them based on photographs taken by members of the A.A. staff, depicting places of historical and archaeological interest in every county and on many islands.

The 173-page gazetteer section listing alphabetically over 2,000 towns and villages, has been brought completely up-to-date. Map references, populations, early closing days, market days and nearby places of interest are all included under each entry.

Also contained are many easy-to-follow town plans and some 270 route itineraries to simplify the detailed planning of journeys.

The 32 pages of touring maps, in colour, show areas of National Forest, car ferries, airports, county boundaries and the location of A.A. view-point plaques erected at well-known beauty spots. A specially drawn map of the Western Isles shows at a glance the car and passenger shipping services among the islands and from the mainland.

The comprehensiveness of the new publication is indicated by the mass of information on such subjects as golf, angling, shooting,

ski-ing, mountaineering, walking, pony trekking, sailing and cruising.

For those touring in the extreme north, advice is given about driving on Highland roads, where conditions are often difficult.

The Illustrated Road Book of Scotland, available to A.A. members only, may be bought or ordered from any A.A. office price £1.

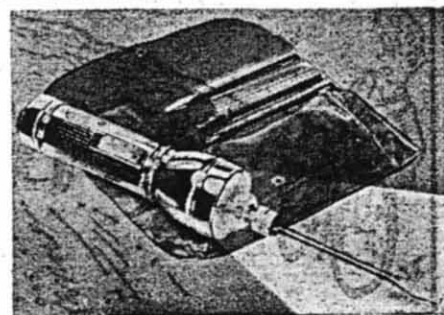
The Light-driver

AN ingenious device which will be welcomed by all who have tried to screw (or unscrew) a screw in a dark corner is the "Sunrise light-driver." (Not to be confused with an early-morning underweight motorist).

It is such an obvious necessity for the mechanic or handyman that it is a wonder that it has not been popularized before. It is a screwdriver with a light in its handle which illuminates whatever is being adjusted. A chuck in the centre of the reinforced plastic base of the chromium plated handle securely holds any one of the four sizes of screwdrivers which are supplied with the light-driver. You simply switch on and use it as an ordinary screwdriver.

Moped riders who have tried making an adjustment to their machine when out on the open road on a pitch-black night, particularly when it is pouring with rain, will be quick to realize the advantages of the "Sunrise."

It is manufactured by G.B.C. Electronics of London, and is supplied in a plastic case which houses the light-driver together with four different sizes of screwdrivers. The price is 10s., excluding battery (illustration below).



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