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## Panther Since 1950

Steve Wilson

**NEW BOOKS**

Panther were one of those legendary British makes of motorcycle who produced limited numbers of surprisingly good machines. They outlasted many of the better known bikes of their day, finally ceasing to trade in 1966. Their history is perhaps surprisingly little known to some, as it is replete with innovation and a strong reputation for reliability, durability and comfort. Few bikes are as untroubled by a long day on the road as a big Panther; and even fewer are as economical as the Panther lightweights. The book starts with a short but comprehensive history of the company from its inception in the early 1900s, describing the business challenges and successes experienced by P&M. This small Yorkshire company grew to being a well known manufacturer of high speed touring machines and small commuter bikes in the pre-war years, to a company that perhaps has now become best known for its sidecar machines, although post-war Panthers also make excellent solo machines. The book describes in detail all the post-1950 models from the less well known and increasingly sought after lightweights, to the more familiar single cylinder heavyweights. Full information is given on specifications through the years, engine and frame numbers, and colour schemes. (*Panther since 1950* is reprinted, with permission, from an earlier work by Steve Wilson, *British Motorcycles since 1950* first published in 1992 by Patrick Stephens Ltd an imprint of Haynes Publishing Company, and now out of print.)

**Contents:** Phelon and Moore Ltd; Panther Model 65 and Model 75 including dates and specifications; Panther models 35, 35 sports, 45, 45 Sports, 50 Grand Sports, Model 35 Sports and ES Sports including dates and specifications; Panther Model 100R, 100S, Model 100S De Luxe and Model 120S including dates and specifications.

### PANTHER SINCE 1950

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# Lost Motorcycles of the 1920s

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**Description** The 1920s were an amazing decade in motorcycle development. New companies and motorcycle designs began springing up throughout the country – from under-powered three wheelers to the sports motorcycle, the 1920s had them all! This book describes the lesser known manufacturers and their motorcycles providing a wealth of information on makes from Abbotsford to Wiseman and Alecto to Verus and Zenith, not forgetting the many transient but more famous marques such as ABC, Radco and Raleigh for example. Each model and make is described in some detail and accompanied by period illustrations from advertisements and show catalogues to be sure of authenticity. Together with this wealth of information on some 80 or more little known makes, there are also some fascinating and helpful insights into the many facets of motorcycling during the is period – the roads and garages, suspension, clothing and even the wireless! Absolutely invaluable to restorers and historians of early British motorcycles.

**Contents** Introduction; The British motorcycle industry in the 1920s; Motorcycles A-Z; Roads and Garages; Clothing; Lighting; Belts; Steering Dampers; Forks, Tools; Tyres.

**Author** Roger Fogge has edited the vast collection of information assembled by Jack Bacon who used to write a column for the Vintage Motor Cycle Club Journal for many years entitled Of Ships and Shoes and Sealing Wax about early motorcycles and motorcycling. Jack Bacon had an encyclopaedic knowledge of 1920s bikes and con-

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