

So there you have it. Despite rumours to the contrary the angle grinder and Myford stay in the shed, the selection of nuts and bolts carried are not that many and are mainly BSF and BSC up to about 1/2" diameter. The best 'tool' you can have however will not fit into the toolbox as it is an intimate knowledge of the bike you are riding so that in the event of a problem you know how to deal with it.

One final point to bear in mind, when doing the routine maintenance in the 'workshop' don't rely on the socket set and two foot long tommy bar to tighten all those nuts as you may have to subsequently loosen them by the roadside using only what's in the toolbox. Slide carefully.



*French Frank Chatokhine on a special Venom - another flyer ! - and his father Roland; the Chatokhine are the last Velocette "dealer" in France, near Chartres, a bit like your Nick Payton ?*