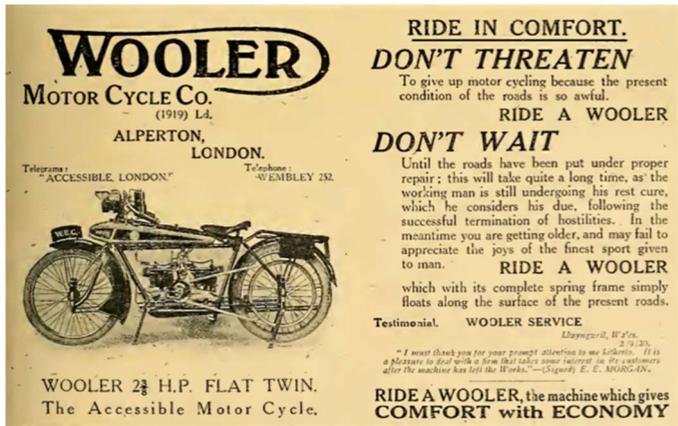


BRENTHAM LIVES

Charles Thomas Wooler 1885-1962



WOOLER
MOTOR CYCLE CO.
(1919) LD.
ALPERTON,
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WOOLER 2½ H.P. FLAT TWIN.
The Accessible Motor Cycle.

**RIDE IN COMFORT.
DON'T THREATEN**
To give up motor cycling because the present condition of the roads is so awful.
RIDE A WOOLER

DON'T WAIT
Until the roads have been put under proper repair; this will take quite a long time, as the working man is still undergoing his rest cure, which he considers his due, following the successful termination of hostilities. In the meantime you are getting older, and may fail to appreciate the joys of the finest sport given to man.
RIDE A WOOLER
which with its complete spring frame simply floats along the surface of the present roads.

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"I must thank you for your prompt attention to me lately. It is a pleasure to deal with a firm that takes some interest in its customers after the machine has left the Works."—(Signed) E. C. MURRAY-WALKER.

RIDE A WOOLER, the machine which gives COMFORT with ECONOMY



The Flying Banana

Family lived at **18 North View** - earliest and latest known dates **1921 - 1975**

One resident of North View in the Brentham Estate was at the forefront of an engineering revolution that gripped the UK. In the early 1900's a flurry of manufacturers were producing new, personalized transport in the form of motorcycles, and one such company had its roots in Ealing and nearby Alperton.

Charles Thomas Wooler was an engineer living at 18 North View and worked with his brother John, to design and build innovative motorcycles with the brand name 'Wooler'. The company was set up in 1909, and its first model was up and running in 1911. By all accounts the machines built at the factory in Alperton were cutting edge with innovative suspension, automatic gears and fitted with ingenious lubrication systems, all of which caught the eye of manufacturers and distributors across Europe.

Production resumed after the first world war and in 1921 one of their most iconic machines took part in the Isle of Man TT. Much to the disapproval of the Wooler family, their black and yellow 350cc motorcycle was nicknamed 'The Flying Banana' by a competitor - Graham Walker (father to the late motor racing commentator Murray Walker).

Their last attempt to take the motorcycle world by storm was a 500cc four-cylinder machine produced in 1952 which sold for £292 (in today's money around £7,400).

Sadly, sales did not materialize, and the company closed its doors in the 1950's.

The 'Wooler' motorcycle lives on in the annals of British motorcycling history and is regularly featured in the Vintage Motorcycle club magazine. A number of models are proudly displayed in transport museums up and down the country including the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull and the Sammy Miller Museum in Hampshire.