

October 2012 S/E. Section news

I sit and write this with the 1200GS packed for the Hippo, always a sign it's near the end of year. After our AGM I find myself still your Sec. working with a few new faces. I give heartfelt thanks to Rose and Lou who helped us through these two years doing a sterling job. Thanks must go to George Barlow, also Graham and Cheryl who stand down from the Social Committee who have all done their part in planning and making things work.

The last month as usual has been busy with some successful activities. The Sunday Lunchtime meet again had a good turnout. George led 9 bikes to Weymouth for the Beach races. It turned into a sunny day in the end. We also enjoyed Fish and Chips there. I managed to form an alternative group on the way back but happily we met up again later.

We set out our stall at the Coopers Open Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> where we had some keen interest and gained some members. Always good to support each other especially when we pitch up next to their BBQ.

Kevin Goldfinch was blessed with a slightly damp start to his Autumn Leaves run, hence only 7 bikes. He led us through some very pretty villages and found some challenging roads with a good lunch at Dymchurch.

I attended our National Secs. Meet on 20<sup>th</sup> where I fed back our feelings about the Nat Rally and also that we had decided not to host 2014. Thankfully the Northern Section have stepped up.

We have some movement with our website at last thanks to work and help from Nick Fearn, Jim Lepley and Dick Boyd. [thebmwclubsoutheast.com](http://thebmwclubsoutheast.com) Webmaster will be Lou Warner and by the time you read this it should be "developing".

We welcome new Social Sec. Kelvin Duff & Paula to our team so I will now hand over these notes for him to continue.

Thank you Shaun.

What can I say but a big thank you to Lou and Rosemary for all their efforts and hard work over the last 2 years. I'm hoping that Paula and myself will be able to do the job with the same enthusiasm and dedication. Lou will now be our section's new

Web site co-ordinator which I'm sure will help keep our current and prospective members up to date and informed with relevant news about our section. The social team will be introducing several great new events to our 2013 calendar. We want to encourage members who have supported runs and events in the past to have a bit of fun and have a go themselves. Ron Rugman (The Run Master) has joined the new committee and will be happy to give advice and support if needed in setting up runs.

Keith and Debbie Morris have also signed up to the new committee to help at Club nights, Events, BBQs etc. Rosemary, our master Patissier, is staying with us too so we'll all eat well in 2013! We must also say thanks to Elaine, our Treasurer, Mr Deacon, our Logistics Manager, Ian Campbell, our Liason officer, John Hawker, our Membership Secretary and John Smith for their continued support. Also a big thanks to the South East members who support club nights and events as without you we wouldn't have a section!

Riding our bikes and having a good time socially is what we're good at in the South East Section!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

So looking forward to a fun 2013!

Kelvin

September has been a busy month for club runs and events. We kicked off with the harvest supper held at Matty's field. Once again we were very lucky with the weather and had a lovely evening with good food and friends. Club nights have been well attended at the Bull where we welcomed "New" members Peter and Denise and another Peter to their first clubnight.

The National at Ellesmere was attended by a smaller group than normal although John Cornel managed to get from there to The Manx GP to join Shaun for a "varied week" I expect we will

discuss the National at our AGM as it seems we need to suggest what we would like to see in the future?

John Smith's coastal run to Pett Levels near Rye was a beautiful day out, thank you John, he took a large group on his coastal run, he knows all the good roads and made best use of them. Again planning good food and weather. We ended at Headcorn where some sat in the sunshine.

The Coopers Run led by Keith and Debbie was supported by a dozen bikes to Birling Gap with another nice run by the coast, ending at Wessons for tea and cakes.

Ron Rugman's run to the vintage car rally and Museum of Rural Life was also a successful day out, thanks to Ron. (Although a "blip" occurred on the corner marking system, need to look at how to reduce big gaps in runs?)

The "Bring your GS" Clubnight, enticed some fine bikes although it was too dark to talk and kick tyres, we decided to award the oldest GS an award which went to Bill Hallers very well kept R80GS.

Four of us in tents and John Burton in his Camper enjoyed good weather and White Hart hospitality with great food and beer at The Rother Valley campsite. We even had day visitors in Tony Simpson and Ian Campbell. John planned some scenic rides both Friday and Saturday. The weekend was an enjoyable relaxed break but could do with more support from further afield, maybe publicise more next year.

Congratulations are in order for Paula Duff having passed her CBT this month, just as well Kelvin has two bikes as they could soon be fighting over the K or R.

A Big Thank You to all who helped make the Section a (hopefully) enjoyable place to be.

Your new committee will have made itself known by now and all the best to them all.

Over the last year we have tried to introduce new activities, BSB's at Oulton Park and Snetterton Trackdays only inspired two of us and camping is supported by only a few diehards but the day trip to France and the Red Kite weekend were very well supported. Lets look forward to new plans for 2013.

We are painfully aware the website has been out of action all year, as nobody is able to work our current one I asked the National Webmaster to build one attached to our national site which we will be able to use, I am told this is near completion so watch this "webspaces".

Coming up

November showers ?

Allan & Linda Thomas's Ride Out. 18<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> photo competition so start looking for your BMW bike related, amusing, action, and scenic shots.

Christmas lunch on is 9<sup>th</sup>. Dec. so please book with Social Secretary ASAP.