

Bringing our section's year to an end just a couple of things have happened. Firstly our guest speaker on the 5 Dec took us all by surprise. John and Jackie Lippiett who a few members might recall joined the club back in 1984 and became the Southeast's Section Secretary in 1985 and continued through to 1992 also taking on the role of National Regalia Secretary from 1989 which they looked after for quite a few years. Their talk was about the F.I.M (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904. They began their talk with a little history about the F.I.M . This was then followed by what was a jaw dropping account of the 15 or so F.I.M International Rallies they have attended over the past 25 or so years the miles travelled to reach them and the Countries visited which included Finland, Denmark, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia Sardinia, Hungary, Czech Republic Croatia Germany, Switzerland, Italy across to Spain, Greece Tunisia and many more in between in addition to these there were the 7 or so European Motor Camps and many Meritum Rallies they had attended and supported as well. They must have spent many hours collating pictures information and brochures about their past travels for us all to look at and details about their future plans for 2013 and on attending F.I.M events. I think a few of those present might be joining them on the next one in Germany. I've never been in the club room for 45 minutes where it's been so quite! A big thank you to John and Jackie for such an enthusiastic talk.

Date: Sunday 9 Dec

The Place: Poult wood golf club. The reason: our section's Christmas lunch and award Ceremony. This venue has been our home for many years for this seasonal event. 12 noon, our members start to arrive each arranging with others who's picking who up you drink I'll drive or I'll drive you drink. It's a great time of the year as our ladies and even some gents have a chance to be seen in something other than a bike riding suit and I must say they really do scrub up well !!! 60 of us were then seated for our Christmas Lunch. Many a bottle of wine were opened in the spirit of Christmas. At this point we must say a big thank you to Mike the Golf club proprietor and Jan the head chef for the quality and presentation of our meal, also to Holly who heads up their front of house staff for the attentive way they looked after us all.

The Awards:

Each year there are members who really stand out as people who have embraced the spirit of the club and in a small way it's the sections chance to say thank you. We have an award which we call Clubman and Club lady which has been running for many years. Each time you support a section event, ride out, club night, social event, points are awarded then tallied up at the end of the year. We also like to thank and give recognition to members who help at and support all our events. And finally we have an acknowledgment of outstanding service to our section this was started back in the late 80's by the late Colin Mearns who was our section Chairman for many many years.

Shaun Mulligan our Section Secretary presented the awards.

Clubman and Club lady Keith and Debbie Morris.

Runner up Clubman (The Run master) Ron Rugman.

Runner up Club Lady Paula Duff .

Chairman's Shield Elaine Bronger (our sections treasurer for the past 13 or so years) .

Finally gifts of appreciation go to:

Mattie Climpson for allowing us the unrestricted use of his home and land for our Barbeques ,Harvest supper, and bonfire events through the year.

Dave Deacon who stores and transports our sections 2 large marquees to all our events and then manages the erection and dismantling with his band of helpers with military expertise.

Mr John (the Hawk) Hawker who keeps us all on our toes each January by looking after section members renewals and processing our new members applications .

A bouquet was presented to Rosemary Warner for all the hard work that she had put into the section as Social Secretary with Husband Lou over the last couple of years.

Our final award of a bouquet went to Brenda Gibson who for so many years has been taking charge of chasing us all round the club room collecting our raffle ticket monies which pays for the hire of our club room and those unbelievable prizes every club night.

A big big thank you also went to all the section members who arranged all the great events and ride outs in 2012.

Our final thanks goes out to all the members and family's of the Southeast Section for all the support and enthusiasm you bring to all the BMW club events.

Coopers 12Dec

The temperature in the minus zone but still five members braved this to turn up for a ride out. The decision was to head to Wessons cafe in Horam, Sussex which is a well known Bikers meeting place which serves proper grub . Keith and Debbie leading Shaun, Ron and David, who had already travelled up from Eastbourne. Keith choosing a scenic but gentle route through the back lanes of Kent and Sussex . After a warming lunch and with the weather getting worse they decided to head home from there.

The Bull 19 Dec

This our last meeting at the Bull for 2012 we always try to bring a little festive spirit by way of allowing the ladies to spoil us with a lovely selection of seasonal treats like mince pies and chocolate cakes etc. which always go down a treat a big thank you to all those involved.

Brookside 30 Dec

Our Sunday lunch meetings are still being very well supported with fourteen of us sitting down for a bite to eat and a good old fashioned natter. Being a gardening centre a few of the ladies wandered off to check out the bargains. It was decided that we would head down to the Coast Guard café at Fairlight near Hastings. We visit this little café over looking the Firehills, which get their name from the gorse which grows on them, several times a year. We are always very welcome here and they probably do the best afternoon tea and homemade cakes for miles. If you've never been there check it out. Tim and Sara offered to lead as this is an area that they both know well. As we were heading to the bikes in walk Andy and Jo who had ridden up from the New Forest where they live. They had given themselves the day off from decorating their new home, Andy saying that their GS Adventure fancied a run out!

Our run to Fairlight took in many a great road with plenty of twists and turns to keep us on our toes. As we are now in late winter the countryside was showing us a different side to its personality. After our afternoon tea and cakes it was a steady ride home. Thanks to Tim and Sara for a great afternoon.

Poultwood 5 Jan

Our New Year party.

7.00 Music playing members start arriving the reason of the evening to have a good time. Fifty plus of us gather for our new year party. The music is low allowing us all to say Hi to friends that we might not of seen for a while. There is a Buffet being prepared for us. Glasses of wine, Pints of

beer start to be consumed. The noise level increases and it's amazing how much noise people make when enjoying themselves . Our Buffet is ready and there is a different sound, it's a sound of people enjoying the food prepared for us by the staff at Poultwood. There is more than enough for many to have seconds even thirds. We also use the new year party as a time to give out the awards for our Best Bike and photographic competitions. Awards and Raffle completed the music starts and the Party begins. Dancing and happy times take over for the next couple of hours we're all strutting our best moves to some great music. A lovely evening great fun and a big thank you to everyone.

Finally we should all now have received the sections 2013 Events Diary. Please have a read through as a lot of our members and friends are putting a lot of effort into their events. Please support them when you can.

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