

Section News June 2013

Coopers 10th April

How nice it is when a certain day comes round each month and you know that a group of like minded and enthusiastic soles will meet up, have a coffee and a chat whilst looking forward to the ride ahead. Sometimes the final destination isn't that important as it's the ride that's fun. Well this is what happens on the 2nd Wednesday of the month be it winter or summer.

10th April, our fourth run of the year from Coopers BMW dealership in Tunbridge Wells. The weather is now getting more comfortable for those longer rides so the suggested destination was to be Littlehampton in West Sussex, about 60 plus miles away. We had a good turnout of bikes, 14 in all, so the drop off system was applied. Our route took us through Tunbridge Wells (always a bit of a bottleneck at the best of times) and on towards East Grinstead, Handcross, Cowfold, Storrington, Arundel, Ford and then onto Littlehampton Marina which lies on the west bank of the river where "The Boat House" restaurant is situated. One of our favourites in this area. A mixed menu is available so everyone has a nice choice for lunch. As the day went by numbers gradually diminished and when the last of us left it was a quick run back to Coopers via the A27, A24 and the A272. A good day was had by all.

Thanks to Ron (The Run Master) for the above report

Paul Ashby Cake run Sunday 14th April

Paul has been a regular run organiser for many years always heading to a destination where a great cuppa and a fantastic selection of pastries are available and this year was no exception. Meeting up for breakfast at the 7 Diner Halstead Nr Sevenoaks, 25 of us enjoyed a good start to the day with a fine selection of American style breakfasts. Due to another large group arriving at the same time it took the kitchen staff a little while to get them self's together but great fun all the same.

Paul who has a busy work life being a Train Driver with shifts etc said before the off he had not had much time this year to sort his run to the normal high standard of old. Well, Mr Ashby, you were sandbagging us all cause we all had a great ride along some of the nicest back roads and lanes our county has to offer. With the sun shining and the temperature on the up we arrived at Scotney Castle, a fine old English Country House now owned by the National Trust, where afternoon tea and scones are a way of life by the amount that were being eaten. After relaxing in the ambiance of this grand setting we all headed home after a lovely day out. A big thank you to Paul.

The Bull East Farleigh April 17

In the Diary of Events this was billed as our Quiz Night but it also coincided with it being one of the nicest evenings of the year so far and many attending members used this to enjoy an evening ride out so our evening was spent talking bikes in the pubs car park. We will re schedule Mr Hawker's Quiz later in the year.

Derby Dales Weekend April 26-28

As Brenda and I sat having lunch at the White Swan Inn Nr Oakham on the way up to Derby in pulled Ron Rugman and his merry band of South East members on their ride up to join in with Colin & Sheila Blisset's Derby Dales weekend, knowing Ron he would have done his homework and had chosen a nice route up via Rutland Water.

The Lion Hotel Belper chosen by Colin and Sheila proved to be a great choice. Be it the hotel staff had their work cut out coping with parties from two weddings and 17 BMW club Members. We had our own function room for our evening meals and were very well looked after with lovely food and comfortable bedrooms.

Colin's Saturday run out had 11 bikes on a 150 mile ride round the stunning Derbyshire Dales and Peaks, luckily dodging most of the hail and rain showers, keeping mainly to the sunny and dry bits also finding us a great pub for lunch. Colin and Sheila had spent hours planning the route giving us the opportunity to get a flavour of the roads and scenery around the Peaks and Valleys. Also giving Daryl and Elaine a chance to try out their new water cooled 1200 GSs and Phil and Sue an opportunity to get up close and friendly with their brand new F800 GT. Sheila took a few of the ladies on Saturday for a relaxing walk around the local area.

A Great weekend was had by us all and we must say a big thank you to both Colin and Sheila for making this an enjoyable weekend.

Above report from Shaun.

Hadlow College April 28

Hadlow Horticultural College is a popular Sunday lunch time meeting as there's always something to see or even purchase in their Garden Centre as well as having very inspirationally presented Gardens. Their restaurant also offers a great selection of homemade food which many partake of.

It was suggested over lunch to have a ride out to the Goodward Motor Circuit Nr Chichester West Sussex originally (RAF Westhampnett) the station from which RAF legend Sir Douglas Bader flew his last sortie, for an afternoon cuppa at the Aeroclub café which we duly did, eight of us enjoying a spirited ride to the circuit in sunny but crisp weather from there we all headed, via a few different routes, home.

Thanks to Mick Foxwell for the above report.

Forward Planning

2nd June; Foxton Lock Leicestershire. Thurrock Services (petrol) depart 9am, Chris Coffell. As the summer should be with us this is a full day out.

8th June; BBQ at Matties TN12 6QQ from 4 pm, £ 6.00 per person. Please let Paula (01474 815848) know A.S.A.P if you wish to come along. Payment in advance please.

9th June Chatham Docks meet with East Anglian section if you plan to come to this event please let Shaun know in advance as the Docks are requiring £1 A HEAD DEPOSIT for the walk and talk guide.

22nd June Dave's Fish and Chip Run (The Pilot at Dungeness) Depart West Malling town centre 5pm.

30th June Trip to Montreuil-Sur-Mer, France. Meet M20-J11 Services (Petrol) 7.45am, depart 8.10am for the [8.50am Departure on Eurotunnel Le Shuttle](#)

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