

June, June, June. What a brilliant month we've had starting with Phil and Sue Jones's French Trip.

Dordogne France 25th May-1st June

Phil and Sue have sent in a lovely report of this great week in France. Please go to our section website www.thebmwclubseast.com and read their story. They would like to say 'thank you' to everybody who came along, they had a really fun time and a special thank you to you all for contributing to the cost of the taxi back to their cottage from the Gendarmerie on the Monday evening.

Foxton Locks 2nd June

Sunday 2nd June saw the sun shining and a lovely day for motorcycling. 8 bikes and 12 people met at West Thurrock services for a 9.00 am departure. Once out of the Brentwood area the Essex and Hertfordshire countryside opened up giving some lovely twisty roads. A pit stop at Baldock services for a quick cuppa and you know what. The plan was to head up the A507 and A6, however a mile or so after leaving the Baldock services the water board had other ideas. They had closed the A507 and confusion set in. With all the roundabouts and diversion put in place by the water board the group was split up and after about 20 minutes of going back round roundabouts we all managed to regroup and head up the A1 and onto the A14. 27 miles later saw us turning onto the A6 and heading for Foxton.

Lunch in the pub at the bottom of the locks was very nice and an amble round the locks watching the narrow boats negotiate the locks was entertaining. An ice cream at the top of the locks was very yummy.

Heading home on the A14 turning off at Godmanchester onto the A1198 heading to Royston. Somewhere along the A1198 the Sat-nav decided to freeze up. At Royston I decided to stop and unfreeze the sat-nav, a pit stop was had by some. My plan was to take the country lanes back to Brentwood but just as we got going sat-nav decided to freeze up again so we headed down the A10 to the M25 and home. My apologies for all the dual carriageways we encountered but at least we arrived home early.

Thanks to Chris and Angela for all their efforts on this great day out and the above write up.

The Bull East Farleigh 5th June

Wednesday Club nights are always well supported and this one was equally so. It's always pleasing to see members turning up to these events just to sit and have a chat to other friends and members, offer a pint and our lady members normally keeping us men folk in order! Always a pleasant way to spend an evening.

BBQ At Mattie's 8th June

Dave Deacon and his well trained team of helpers arrived on the Friday prior to our annual Saturday BBQ to erect our Marques and set up all the required important bits like our BBQ and log burners, which Dave had built for us and we've been using for many years, always a great effort from these guys. This year we had a little added treat as Saturday arrived a little on the windy side. Our Chef as always was Graham Ashmore who has been doing a brilliant job behind the coals for so many years. Several of our ladies took charge in the kitchen preparing a fine selection of dishes to accompany the awaited delights about to be cooked by Graham. As members arrived a few beers started to flow and a bottle or two of wine was drunk. It's always a man thing when checking out the BBQ each giving their appreciative nod when it's announced the coals are ready. As always Graham was in the zone, each burger or sausage cooked to perfection, he'd even prepared beforehand a great selection of Salmon fillet with lemon and dill, which he cooked as a choice for those healthy ones amongst us. Nothing went to waste, the man's a legend! A big thank you to Brenda for her meticulous

attention to detail in preparing all the salads. Now after all was cleared away my stroke of genius came in knowing that certain ladies amongst us could make a cake or two. I asked four of these lovely ladies if they would like to bring along a little home baking. Well we were all treated to some of the finest cakes many of us had eaten. Our thanks to Sara, Sue, Joy and Debbie for what was a fabulous treat. The biggest thanks of all to Mattie from all of us for his hospitality and the total freedom of his home and land.

Chatham Dockyard 9th June

A Joint day out with the East Anglia and Southern Sections. Shaun Mulligan was at the helm of this one meeting at the Oakdene café. Shaun led a pleasant run across to Chatham Docks meeting up with the other sections. I know Mike Davies from the East Anglia section has kindly prepared a nice report so please go to SECTION PHOTO'S **BMW Club visit to Chatham Dockyard Museum link** bmwclub.org.uk/~eastanglia/Events/2013/Chatham/ChathamReport. Report and photos by Mike Davies, East Anglia Section.

The Bull East Farleigh 19th June

This evening the car park was full of Bikes. Was it due to our Sport Bike night or was it just a beautiful evening to get the bike out and have a ride?!! A very enjoyable time was had. Paul McKeown received a small prize of a BMW baseball cap for his excellently cared for K1200S.

Fish and Chips At the Pilot Dungeness 22nd June

Dave Deacon led a spirited run across to Dungeness choosing a fine route across our county's lesser used roads. Dave knowing this area well mixed it up a little making it a very pleasant ride. As most will know The Pilot is renowned for the quality of its food so pre booking is always a must. Dave arranged for us to have our own area where 24 eager and hungry members sat and enjoyed some of the finest Fish and Chips around. The Pilot's Manageress, Jean and her very pleasant team making us all feel very welcome. Thanks to Dave for a great Evening.

Montreuil-sur-Mer France 30th June

We were blessed with a sunny morning for our trip to Montreuil-sur-Mer as we met up with Keith Barnett, Bruno Coveillo and Ted Lundy from Berkshire and five more bikes from our Section. We had an eventful start as Richard, John Bruno and Keith ended up pushing a really expensive old Bentley off of the train, due to breaking down on entering the shuttle. The boys just couldn't resist putting up the bonnet; apparently you could have eaten your dinner off the engine. On arriving in Calais we set off along the spectacular coast road and were amazed by the masses of flowering poppies. We stopped for coffee after a short time, which had been planned in case the shuttle facilities had not been working. We reached Montreuil-Sur-Mer, via the town's cobbles, soon after 1pm and walked along the picturesque ramparts to reach the restaurants; no health and safety there, just a sheer drop. The food was tasty and four of us ended up with more than we expected, due to translation problems, getting lamb shanks instead of lamb chops. After lunch we spent a few hours in the town and were able to explore the maze of streets. The town is famous for Victor Hugo using the town for Les Miserables in 1837 and General Haque being stationed nearby in WW1. We travelled alongside a river and found some stunning hairpin bends on part of our return journey and arrived back in time for our shuttle.

Thank you to Cliff and Julie for a great day out enjoyed by all and the above write up.

Forward Planning

4 August – WK, VMCC Int.rally The Friars, Aylesford – display your bike?

7 August – Club Night at The Bull, East Farleigh.

9 August – The Golden Cross Inn, Golden Cross, near Hailsham.

10 August – The Herne Bay Carnival. Depart Oakdene 11am. Lunch approx 1pm.
Procession/Carnival **6pm** (not 4pm as advertised in Diary of Events).

Please see our Section website at <http://www.thebmwclubsoutheast.com> for full details of all upcoming events. Thank you for supporting your Section.

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