

As I sit and start to put July's section news together the evening sun is still warming and the buds on the rose bushes are just starting to gently open. The Pear and Apple trees are flowering nicely and are full with the sound of singing birds who must be in harmony with us two wheel lovers as we are now in that fantastic biking time of the year, let's all look forward to many months of great bike riding be it at home or on our holidays as the say **BRING IT ON!** Well before it all gets going let's get updated on our last few events.

### **Quex Park 5<sup>TH</sup> May**

John and Joy Stewart have supported our clubs events for many years so when asked if they would like to organise their own day out after a little thought they said ok and would do their best. Well it goes to show with a lot of enthusiasm and a good idea you can really have some fun which we all had as we were taken on a terrific ride through parts of Kent that most of us had never seen! A lot of thought had gone into their route stopping for lunch at Manston Airport near Margate. Barnes Wallis used the base to test his bouncing bomb theory on the coast at nearby Reculver prior to the Dambusters raid. Also boasting that the airstrip was listed, although never used, by NASA as an emergency diversionary landing strip for the Space Shuttle program. Today their lovely restaurant and museum are quite a stop off for those visiting this part of Kent. Often hosting Classic Bike or Car shows at weekends as they did on our visit and just a stones throw from Quex Park. A fun day we all had thanks to John and Joy.

### **Coopers 8th May**

Our Wednesday Meetings at Coppers BMW dealership in Tunbridge Wells again proved a greet meeting venue, as over a morning coffee supplied by the always friendly staff. A suggestion for a run out to one of our favourite lunching venues at the Goodwood Motor Circuit Nr Chichester. Dave Henderson took up the lead on this ride and picked a fine route there. As always there's something going on at Goodwood so it's easy to sit and have a bite to eat as you reflect and enjoy the history of this famous Circuit. Another great Wednesday out was had.

### **Ace Café and London Cable Car ride 12th May**

It was to celebrate 90 years of the the famous BMW Boxer that the Ace café were putting on their BMW Bike Day. Asked last November as we were putting our 2013 Events Diary together Phil and Sue Jones were now in the chair to lead a group of us Kent folk up to and around the infamous North London Road network. No easy task but on the day they did a sterling job. Also coming up with the great idea of a stop off at the London Cable Car which transcends the River Thames just by the O2 Arena. Leaving our starting point at the Oakdene café, Wrotham we rode up through Greenwich via Blackheath arriving at the Cable Car Centre. As there were 20 of us of different ages it was discussed with a very nice man in a red jacket from their customer support team that we could all get a good concession price as one or two of us looked of a pensionable age but he would need to sap the machine first with someone's card that you receive when you retire. Ron kindly supplied the required document and we all received our special pensioners concession price tickets! The views across London were sensational! What a clever idea by someone to build something that could be used by us all just for a bit of fun. Arriving at the Ace Café which as you walked around you can see it's many years of Bike and Car history with hundreds of great pictures of by gone years. A real tribute of affection to all things on 2 or 4 wheels. It's nice to see that places like this still exist and will hopefully do so for a long time to come. A great day we all had thanks to Phil and Sue.

### **The Bull East Farleigh 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Wednesdays meetings still attract a large number of members and for this meeting, members with older machines were asked to bring them along just for a bit of fun as it's always nice to see bikes which don't have a zillion valves and digital brake force enhancements also not requiring half the German population to be on standby every time it goes in for a service! A lovely selection of bikes appeared some owed for many years and some just acquired. Shaun thought it would be nice to award a small prize to show our appreciation and this was awarded to Andrew Ayriss for his lovingly restored R100Rs which he and his Dad had been working on for the last couple of years.

### **Beech Court Gardens 26<sup>th</sup> May**

This lovely old tea room has been used by us for many years always attracting a large gathering of members who sit and enjoy a cuppa and slice or two of homemade cake before deciding on the destination for the afternoon ride, as we have a great choice of Run Leaders somewhere nice is always on the cards. This Sunday Tim and Sara suggested Fairlight Nr Hastings, but this time with a difference. Paula who recently passed her test and her friend Lyn who had also just passed her test, thought they would have a ride to Beech Court on their own bikes then head home when the others left for the afternoon run. Well Tim was having none of it encouraging them both to join the run to Fairlight which they did. Both having a great time out riding with the big bikes! Nice one Tim! After a short stop at Fairlight we all headed home after another splendid afternoon out.

### **Forward Planning**

5th-7<sup>th</sup> July; Coast to Coast Three National Park Hotel Weekend  
(Robin Hoods Bay to St Bees Head) Andrew and Elaine Ayriss.

21<sup>st</sup> July Fleet Air Arm Museum Yeovilton, meet Godstone Duck Pond Depart  
9am Mick Foxwell.

28<sup>th</sup> July Breakfast meet at Hawkenbury bike show TN12 0DZ From 9.30 am Depart 11am  
to Kevin and Denise's for afternoon tea and cakes.

For full details of these and all our section Events please go to our section website  
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