

The Kings Arms Biggin Hill 28th June

Our last Friday evening of the month's meeting "Borders" again prove to be very well supported, as was our last one at The Kings Arms. As I recall receiving a call from a member enquiring whether a table should be booked for a dozen or so of us! How many you got so far, don't know you're the first call! Well fourteen members sat and enjoyed a very pleasant meal with plenty of cheerful banter. This is what being part of a good club is all about a couple of phone calls and you have a group of members and friends having a good crack, nice one Debbie.

Hawkhurst Fish Farm 30th June

As members sat and ate lunch at this popular venue the discussion arose as to where to go for our afternoon run as these lunchtime meets are generally about a bit of a get together then someone coming up with an idea for a ride in the afternoon, nothing pre planned. On this occasion it was suggested to have a run out to Dungeness. Normally being a bit smart I keep away from the sharp end of any of these ideas as not having all the latest gizmos like Sat Nav but I must have been having a bad day because I was at the front! As we headed cross country towards Camber the sea mist started to come in along the coast road but soon cleared as we headed further up the coast picking up a few nice roads remembering my boy Scouts training always keep the sun to the east and the sea on your left We arrived at the little café by the lighthouse at Dungeness. After a refreshing drink we all headed off in different directions for home.

Thanks to George Barlow for his report.

Coast to Coast (Robin Hoods Bay to St Bees Head) Three National Parks Weekend 5th - 7th July.

As Andrew has had a busy work schedule upon returning from what was an absolute brilliant weekend we will include his write up in next month's Journal, but for those who would like to read it sooner I will post it on the section's website as soon as it's complete.

Coopers BMW Wednesday 10th July

As the weather seemed bright and sunny a trip to the Kent coast was the order of the day for our Wednesday run from Coopers. I picked out a good Pub "The Zetland Arms" right on the front just outside the town of Deal. What could be better than sitting outside with a drink and a plate of something wholesome for lunch? With a good turnout of 15 bikes a sedate ride was chosen from the good ole, Satnav! It wasn't until we got the other side of Ashford that things started to get interesting and the roads I chose suddenly started to grow grass and gravel down the middle. When we finally got to Lydden near the A2 I decided to take the main roads into Deal. Unbeknown to me the final road to the Pub was on shingle. We all managed it ok, especially Andy and his Pillion on his big K1600GTL. Unfortunately by the time we arrived the weather had taken a turn for the worst and a mist had rolled in off the sea so we all sat cosily inside. The group split up for the return Journey with a few of us ending up at the "Beech Court Gardens" in Challock for a quick cuppa and a piece of cake.

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

The Bull East Farleigh 17th July, GS Nite.

The Evening was very warm as we wandered around looking and chatting with those who bought along their GS's and in fact any machine as it was one of those evenings that just brings a smile to your face. Bikes and Bike chat what a combination. Talking of Combinations, our Leader Mr Shaun Mulligan has purchased a K1100 outfit and with the help of Mick Foxwell has now got it up and running. With Brenda in the side car they looked a picture as they headed off towards the hills of Holmfirth!!! We also had a member from South Africa come along on his GS, Patrick, who is on a kind of Voyage of Discovery with life and Motorcycling and is visiting our part of the country, saw our GS Nite advertised in the Journal and came along to say hello. It was a pleasure to meet you and we all wish you well and a lot of fun on your adventure.

Fleet Air Arm Museum Yeovilton 21st July.

As I arrived at Godstone Duck pond for our 9am depart the morning was a little cloudy but the forecast was promising for our run to Yeovilton. Fifteen members on twelve bikes set off. As we travelled west on the A30 the sun came out as I was hoping it would. I had done a little homework for the run there and tried to pick a varied route. We had a short stop at Stockbridge. By the time we arrived in Yeovilton it was notching 28 degrees, quite a warm one you could say. Our first stop was for a light lunch and a cooling drink in their splendid café and then eight of us did a tour of the museum. What a fascinating place, there's so much to see and take in with several new attractions for 2013, well worth a visit. After about four hours we started our run home passing through Salisbury, Winchester and onto the A272 stopping at Petersfield for a cuppa and a bun and then the final short run home arriving around nine thirty. A lovely day and I think we all found something of interest at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and a great ride too. Job Done! Thanks to Mick Foxwell for a great day and the above report.

Sunday 28th July Hawenbury bike show (or so we thought)

This small biking event has been going a few years now at the Hawenbury Inn as the proprietor is a bit of a bike man and arranges a nice turn out of some quite nostalgic old racing bikes and the odd classic with some having been ridden by a few well known racers from the past. So this year we thought we would start one of our section events from here. The idea was to meet early, take in a bit of our bygone years, a little breakfast, nice ride, afternoon tea and cakes. Home in time for new series of Top Gear!!! Well four days before we find out that the Pub has now changed hands and the new owner when asked will the classic bike meet still be on looked very puzzled at this question said no not this year but I will look into future possibilities of doing something similar. Let's see as it's always nice to have something a little different on the calendar. So a few phone calls later and a new breakfast meeting place was sorted. Highgrove nursery at Staplehurst. Leaving Highgrove around 11am with 14 members following and heading towards Marden, Goudhurst and Bodiam and through to Appledore and taking in one of our sections favourite roads through Brenzet and then across Romney Marsh to Hamstring and Lympe picking up the A20 heading towards the Round Hill tunnels and the Alkham Valley before a quick blast to Adisham. All this on a Brand new R1200 R BMW's new 90th Year special addition model. Arriving at our destination, the Goldfinch's residence, a good few members had come directly here. As we sat in the garden enjoying this lovely summer's afternoon and enjoying a beautiful selection of homemade cakes which Denise had spent many an hour preparing and baking, it was mentioned that we as a section have been coming here to this event for nearly

20 years Wow!!! How good must my wife's baking be for them to keep coming back each year?

Thank You to both Kevin and Denise for their continued enthusiasm and loyal support to our section.

Forward Planning

Harvest Supper at Mattie's Saturday 7th September from 4.00pm, £7.00 per person. If you have not already booked please let Paula know urgently as we need to order food quantities etc.01474 815848.

8 September John Smith's coastal run.

11 September mid week run from Coopers

13 September The Golden Cross Inn

15 September Day out with Kevan.

19-22 September Rother Valley camping weekend (please contact Shaun)

27 September Borders meet at the Dog & Duck.

29 September Lunch meet at Highgrove

Our section's annual AGM is Wednesday 2nd October at The Bull East Farleigh ME15 0HD from 8pm, As I understand it the club rules state all nominations for positions on our section committee need to be lodged with the Section Secretary at least 4 weeks prior to our AGM. I believe that the current committee will stand for re-election with the exception of the Section Secretary and Section Social Secretary who are both standing down. Please consider these positions and if you feel you would like to put yourself forward please inform Shaun as soon as possible.

For full details of these and all our section Events please go to our section website <http://www.thebmwclubsoutheast.com/>

Thank you to our members for the support you give to section events.

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