

## **SOUTH EAST SECTION NEWS**

My goodness November already! where has this year gone? It kicks off with Club Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> followed by what has become the most popular run this year the Midweek Run from Coopers on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Ian Campbell's run on the 16<sup>th</sup> is a mystery but I'm sure it will be both interesting and enjoyable. Rose Warner will be hosting her hilarious Beetle Drive (a very entertaining half-hour or so) at Club Night on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The run after lunch at Highgrove Garden Centre on the 30<sup>th</sup> will start at **1pm**. Last but not least, don't forget the Friday evenings at the White Hart, Hellingly on the 14<sup>th</sup> and The Monument, Whitstable on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Just to remind you all the Christmas Lunch is on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Poult Wood Golf Centre, Tonbridge, TN11 9QR. **PLEASE book with me as soon as possible.**

The Harvest Supper was very well supported with 43 members and partners coming along to Matty's on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was very kind to us and we were able to sit and relax out in the open well into the evening. Thank you Matty for once again letting us take over your home and garden for the day. My thanks also go to Graham Ashmore who excelled once again with his Curry, Chilli and Sweet & Sour dishes and the girls who produced the wonderful puddings. Not forgetting, of course, the Marquee Erecting Team.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> which was a lovely warm sunny day seventeen bikes left Coopers led by Keith Morris our destination being The Boat House Cafe, Littlehampton Marina. We broke our return journey with a well timed stop for tea and cake at The Orchard Cafe, West Grinstead.

Unfortunately, Cliff and Julie Cakebread were unable to lead their "Lunch in France" Run on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Keith and I stepped in and we were joined by John Cornell, Ron Heath and Paul McEwen. On route to Montreuil we met a marathon, cycle race and diversion (all of which involved several U turns!). Montreuil was celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its liberation and was closed to traffic, another U turn this time on cobbles! After lunch (sadly not in Montreuil) we made our way back via Boulogne and met yet another parade and encountered two more diversions. We stopped at the Samoria Brasserie in Audinghen for a well earned coffee before heading for the Tunnel. The moral of this story is that the Social Secretary should have done her homework!

A good selection of photos was entered in the Photo Competition on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were five categories **Action, Bike, Humorous, Scenic** and **2015 Diary Cover Picture**. The winners were: **Action** – Shaun Mulligan, **Bike** – Bill Haller, **Humorous** – Phil Jones and **Scenic** – Shaun Mulligan. At the request of several members the category **2015 Diary Cover Picture** was postponed until 5<sup>th</sup> November so please fetch along your entries.

John Burton's Rother Valley Camping Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> was a small affair but enjoyed by those who joined him being Colin & Sheila Blissett, John Lippiett and John Stewart along with a guest from The CSMA. Ian Campbell, George Barlow, Shaun Mulligan, Clive Pomroy and Rod Weight made 'guest appearances' during the weekend. The three Johns had a ride out to Heaven Farm, Danehill on the Saturday for lunch.

John Smith who was celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday led 14 bikes from Godstone Duck Pond on his annual 'Coastal Run' on the 21<sup>st</sup>. He decided on a new destination this year and arranged lunch for his group at the Coastguards Cafe at Fairlight. Congratulations John we hope you enjoyed your special day.

Twelve members met for lunch in the sunshine at Hawkhurst Fish Farm on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Ron Heath led 10 bikes weaving his way down to Lydd Airport for the usual cuppa. This must have made a refreshing change for him as he is usually “tail end Charlie”.

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