

SOUTH EAST SECTION NEWS

It's our AGM on the 1st. On the 5th Phil and Sue Jones will be leading a run up to Ipswich to The Copdock Motorcycle Show considered to be East Anglia's premier motorcycle show. The Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club was started in 1992 and is run by "enthusiasts for enthusiasts". It has no members only a committee of 16. The purpose of the club is to stage this show and organise motorcycle "fun runs". Admission is £10.00 or advance tickets online £8.00. The Midweek Run is on the 8th. The weekend 11th to 13th sees our visits to The Bovington Tank Museum and Weymouth Beach Races. This weekend can be adapted to suit you (either 1 day or 1 night or 2 nights stop over). Those of you interested in the museum and the races the run will depart from The Orchard Cafe, West Grinstead, RH13 8LU (A272) at **9am on Saturday 11th**. (The cafe opens at 8am should you want breakfast). Those of you only interested in the races, George Barlow will be leading the run departing from The Orchard Cafe at **9am on Sunday 12th**. He will be returning the same day. We will be staying at the Premier Inn, Weymouth Sea Front, Green Hill, Weymouth DT4 7SX. Tel. 0871 5279158. The Tank Museum is situated at Bovington Camp near the village of Wool. The Weymouth Lions Beach Motocross attracts over 250 top male and female riders and the sands of Weymouth are dramatically transformed into a 1 mile course. Brian Shears will be testing your memory on the 15th. The popular "Autumn Leaves" run led by Kevin Goldfinch is on the 19th. Our Lunch Meet is on the 26th at Polhill Garden Centre. Run departs 1pm.

On the 3rd August a tremendous 25 bikes were on display at our pitch organised by John Smith at the West Kent Vintage Motorcycle Club International Rally held at The Friars, Aylesford. We started the day with Bill Haller's hot bacon rolls followed by Rose Warner's delicious homemade cakes and the biscuits were supplied by Jackie Lippiett. Tea & coffee was on the go all day. The day was hot and sunny ideal for a show and our display did attract a good deal of attention.

With the threat of the Hurricane Bertha seven bikes led by Keith Morris left Thurrock Services en route to Stow Maries WW1 Aerodrome. Our journey was pleasant (no wind or rain) in fact the sun made an appearance. Our luck ran out on our arrival, the heavens opened as we made our way to the "Mess" hut. We were given an excellent presentation and slide show which gave us an insight to what life was like for a WW1 pilot. As the weather had turned for the worse we cut our visit short, went for lunch then made our way home.

The Midweek Run from Coopers is proving to be the most popular event in our calendar. Paul McEwen led 17 bikes on the 13th through Kent to Minster on the Isle of Sheppey where we had a pub lunch. On our way back we stopped at Headcorn Airfield.

On the 17th eight bikes left Godstone Duck Pond led by Ron Rugman. Our destination being Popham Bike Mega-Meet at Popham Airfield in Hampshire. We took a break at Petersfield after which we carried on to Popham in the rain. Shortly, after we arrived the sun came out and we enjoyed the afternoon looking at the bikes and stalls and listening to the live band. On our way home we broke our journey at The Orchard Cafe, West Grinstead.

The Bring & Buy Sale held on the 20th saw a few items changing hands and one or two went home with more than they came with so it was probably a small success.

At last the weather had turned for the better! Sixteen members came along to Hadlow College Cafe for lunch on the 31st. At 2pm Tim and Sara Oliver led twelve bikes and an

“outfit” through some very quiet Kentish lanes down to The Coastguards Cafe at Fairlight. Shaun Mulligan with Brenda Gibson at his side on the “outfit” managed to stay with us most of the way due to the lack of traffic.

As seen in the photograph three of our members Alan Thomas, Clive Pomroy and Shaun Mulligan had a great time at The Track Day at Snetterton.

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