

SOUTH EAST SECTION NEWS

April and Spring have arrived and things are now picking-up with regard to our Section Diary of Events. On the 6th we are meeting at the Orchard Cafe, West Grinstead (A272) (which opens at 8am should you wish to have breakfast). Our journey down to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard with John and Jackie Lippiett at the helm will leave at **9am**. The new (boat shaped) Mary Rose Museum opened on the 31st May 2013 and the Mary Rose herself is the only 16th century warship on display in the world. There are also other attractions such as: Nelson's Flag Ship HMS Victory; HMS Warrior the world's first iron hulled warship; National Museum of the Royal Navy; Harbour Tours etc.. Jackie has placed further details including ticket prices on the Southeast Section Website. The Midweek Run from Coopers is on the 9th. The Pioneer Run on the 13th will depart from the lay-by opposite the Oakdene Cafe at **8am**. Geoff Foxwell will be leading us to Brighton with a stop at Hands Cross where we will be able to watch the veteran motorcycles pass by on their way. The Pioneer Run has been organised by The Sunbeam Motorcycle Club since 1930 and is recognised as the premier event for pre 1915 veteran motorcycles. It starts at Tattenham Corner, Epsom and finishes at Madeira Drive, Brighton. At Club Night on the 16th you will be able to use your imagination and skill while feeling and guessing "What's in the Bag" with Brian Shears. Should anyone be interested in the Easter Weekend in Oirschot, Shaun Mulligan is the man to contact. Hadlow College Cafe is the venue for Lunch on the 27th; the run will start at 2pm.

RAF NORTHOLT - 14TH JUNE. Just a reminder to you all regarding Alan and Linda's trip to the RAF Fun Day on Saturday the 14th June. As mentioned before this is normally restricted to RAF personnel only. This invitation is a unique opportunity for us and would be a shame to miss. Details of riders/pillions/bikes are required by the Base Security in advance. **Please contact Linda on 01227 366827** (who will be only too pleased to tell you more) or me by the **30th April**.

HONFLEUR - 23RD - 26TH MAY. Just to let you know there are a few pictures of Honfleur on the Southeast Section Website together with details. Honfleur's history has been very 'colourful' over the years and well worth a visit.

February 2nd was our breakfast run from the Brewers Fayre at Paddock Wood (The Hop Farm). It was a good turn out and I thank all of you who came. The breakfast menu was varied with several options and deals and very reasonably priced. At 11am 10 bikes and an "outfit" set off for a gentle meander round the Kent countryside led by Keith Morris arriving after a couple of hours at the biker and family friendly 1066 Cafe which is a 50's/60's Style Cafe/Diner situated on the A21 Battle Road, Nr Robertsbridge. Well worth a visit.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast for Wednesday 12th was abysmal and only 3 brave bikers (Mick Foxwell, Chris Knight and Adrian Waters) turned up at Coopers for the Midweek Run. The morning was not too bad but it all changed in the early afternoon! I believe they got home before the rain!

Club night on the 19th was our first themed one of the year “Sat Nav’s FAQ’s” and my thanks go to all of you who took part. It was not structured in anyway. The idea was that anybody who had a problem or needed advice could chat with someone who perhaps knew the answer or could advise (or take an educated guess!). There were several small groups huddled round the odd device so hopefully it was a success. If just one person went home with a little more knowledge or a problem solved - then that can only be good.

Lunch on the 23rd at Polhill Garden Centre was unfortunately marred by the Restaurant being closed for refurbishment. The extended Coffee Shop situated in the “foodhall”, however, was extremely busy and the queue took absolutely ages. Ever resourceful, Phil Jones and Ron Rugman purchased a Pork Pie and a Scotch Egg from the cooked meat counter to keep the hunger pangs at bay! Undaunted, 8 bikes led once again by Keith made their way to Wessons, Horam for much needed (for some) refreshment.

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