

September 2012

September has been a busy month for club runs and events. We kicked off with the harvest supper held at Matty's field. Once again we were very lucky with the weather and had a lovely evening with good food and friends. Club nights have been well attended at the Bull where we welcomed "New" members Peter and Denise and another Peter to their first club night.

The National at Ellesmere was attended by a smaller group than normal although John Cornel managed to get from there to The Manx GP to join Shaun for a "varied week" I expect we will discuss the National at our AGM as it seems we need to suggest what we would like to see in the future?

John Smiths coastal run to Pett Levels near Rye was a beautiful day out, thank you John, he took a large group on his coastal run, he knows all the good roads and made best use of them. Again planning good food and weather. We ended at Headcorn where some sat in the sunshine.

The Coopers Run led by Keith and Debbie was supported by a dozen bikes to Birling Gap with another nice run by the coast, ending at Wessons for tea and cakes.

Ron Rugman's run to the vintage car rally and Museum of Rural Life was also a successful day out, thanks to Ron. (Although a "blip" occurred on the corner marking system, need to look at how to reduce big gaps in runs?)

The "Bring your GS" Clubnight, enticed some fine bikes although it was too dark to talk and kick tyres, we decided to award the oldest GS an award which went to Bill Hallers very well kept R80GS.

Four of us in tents and John Burton in his Camper enjoyed good weather and White Hart hospitality with great food and beer at The Rother Valley campsite. We even had day visitors in Tony Simpson and Ian Campbell. John planned some scenic rides both Friday and Saturday. The weekend was an enjoyable relaxed break but could do with more support from further afield, maybe publicise more next year.

Congratulations are in order for Paula Duff having passed her CBT this month, just as well Kelvin has two bikes as they could soon be fighting over the K or R.

A Big Thank You to all who helped make the Section a (hopefully) enjoyable place to be. Your new committee will have made itself known by now and all the best to them all.

Over the last year we have tried to introduce new activities, BSB's at Oulton Park and Snetterton Trackdays only inspired two of us and camping is supported by only a few diehards but the day trip to France and the Red Kite weekend were very well supported. Lets look forward to new plans for 2013.

We are painfully aware the website has been out of action all year, as nobody is able to work our current one I asked the National Webmaster to build one attached to our national site which we will be able to use, I am told this is near completion so watch this "webspaces".

Coming up

November showers ?

Allan&Linda Thomas's Ride Out.18<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> photo competition so start looking for your BMW bike related, amusing, action, and scenic shots.

Christmas lunch is on 9<sup>th</sup>.Dec.so please book with Social Secretary ASAP.