



GOODWOOD SECTION NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 337

September 2018

Secretary: Andy Relf, email goodwoodvmcc@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/VMCCGoodwood/>
<https://goodwood.vmcc.net/>

SUPPORT YOUR SECTION

Hi Fellow Enthusiast

Check up and coming events for action and see next year's dates for meals etc. Happy motorcycling into the Autumn, watch those damp leaves.

Maureen

Disclaimer

Goodwood Section VMCC accepts articles and letters written in good faith; however, the opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of, or endorsed by the Goodwood Section VMCC Committee.

Skittles - Saturday 27 October 2018 – Maypole Inn, Yapton, 7.00pm

Menu Choice:

Chicken, Scampi, Sausage OR Burger & Chips
Veggie Burger OR Veggie Sausage & Chips
Chocolate Gateaux

£9.50 per person (same at last year)
Numbers and payment to Roger Seymour by Friday **12 October** at the latest. Cash or cheques, payable to R.F. Seymour, 51 Worthing Road, East Preston, BN16 1DE 01903 770515.

Christmas Dinner - Saturday 8 December Vardar, Littlehampton

Numbers are limited to 30. Names and menu choice, with full payment, to reach Roger at the very, very latest Club Night **Tuesday 16 October**. Regret no exceptions. Restaurant is booking already so let Roger have your names asap. Cheques payable R.F.Seymour (see above) or cash. £26 per person

Starters

Homemade leek and potato soup
Calamari rings
Duck and orange pate
Oven baked mushroom [only 8 portions available on first come basis]

Mains

Roast turkey
Klaftiko
Seabass
Steak and ale pie
Cheese and broccoli bake
Rib eye steaks but at a **£5 supplement**

Sweets

Christmas pudding
Baked vanilla cheesecake
Chocolate orange truffle torte
Cheese and biscuits.

Salvington Windmill – 5 August

Members displayed their bikes at the Windmill's classic car display. Bikes requested to add to the attraction.

Approximately 500 paying visitors came through the gate on the Sunday, just a few less than their Summer Fete, which is usually the best number of visitors. So didn't they do well !



L – Moto Guzzi Galletto R – 1942 Harley Davidson Model U

Greek Night – 11 August

Roger reported that once again this popular event went very well and was enjoyed by 22 diners. Unfortunately 3 people dropped out at the last minute because of illness.

Jeff reported that the night was up to its usual standard and nobody went away hungry.



Newsletter Articles, photos to Maureen Street, email address goodwoodvmcc@aol.com or tel. 01903 742979

CLUB NIGHT 3rd TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE MAYPOLE INN, YAPTON, 8.00pm

NOGGIN' & NATTER 4th TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE RED LION, ASHINGTON, 8.00pm



Photos from Jeff Read

The AJcette Project

One of the bikes presented at 15 May Club Night by Richard Johns. Some of the details have been reproduced in a sheet attached to the emailed version. If you would like a hard copy please let me know.

Club Night – 21 August

Just a noggin 'n' natter night with a low turnout of members enjoying a chatty evening.

An old Goodwood member, Richard Bashall, came along to the meeting to reintroduce himself to the section. Welcome back Richard.

The Tale of the Travelling Two Strokes John Pockington

Firstly, off to the **Surrey and Sussex Section's Girder Fork Run** on 15th August, on my 1939 Velo GTP.

Starting at Mark Beech in Kent, the event attracted around 15 starters and covered 57 miles heading north to a comfort stop at Biggin Hill air field and then west and south back to Mark Beech for lunch at the Kentish Horse P.H. The

route was quite challenging in respect of gradients, road surfaces and unsignposted Kentish lanes (i.e. I got lost!). I rode there and back, covering around 120 miles for the day. Here are snaps of the GTP pausing, bewildered, as the Modern World rushes by below, but luckily our way ahead was more restful.



Then off to the **Sunbeam Club's First Bolney Vintage Run** on 18th August, this time on my 1923 Velo GS3. This event was run in conjunction with the Summer Pioneer Run on the following day, both days following the same circular route between Bolney and Handcross, following the traditional Pioneer Run route from Handcross to Henfield and then following some quiet county lanes and parts of the old A23, now equally quiet, back up to Bolney and then on to Staplefield and Handcross. On both days, trestle tables were laid out on the forecourt of the old Bolney petrol station on the old A23, and fry ups and socialising were indulged in.

On Saturday, Goodwood entries were Richard Johns (1929 Norton), John Taylor (1929 AJS), me (1923 Velo), Ian Anderson (1924 NUT), and Jane Anderson (1923 Ivy). On Sunday, John Taylor (1914 Ariel) and Jane Anderson (1909 Lloyd Thomas) were joined by Rob Aylott (1911 Humber), who is photographed pointing out the finer points of his bike to John Taylor.



The route was only 35 miles so I decided to ride there and back to provide a comfortable 65 mile day. If you were travelling on the A272 that day and found yourself in a long queue following a 30 mph blue haze, I apologise!

Ed: Thanks John, good to see the old bikes out.

A Boys Night Out by Jeff Read

My riding pal Dave Gibson (Brooklands) and I decided that we fancied a night out. We had heard dark, intriguing and edgy stories of the Wild West so Torquay was the chosen venue.

Preparation comprised kicking the tyres and a tank full of Esso's best brew. What bikes should we take? Not wanting to be too conspicuous in the land time forgot I rode my 1929 Norton model 18, and Dave his rather more modern (and reliable) 1937 Norton model 50. Ideal mounts for a 400 mile, two day round trip.

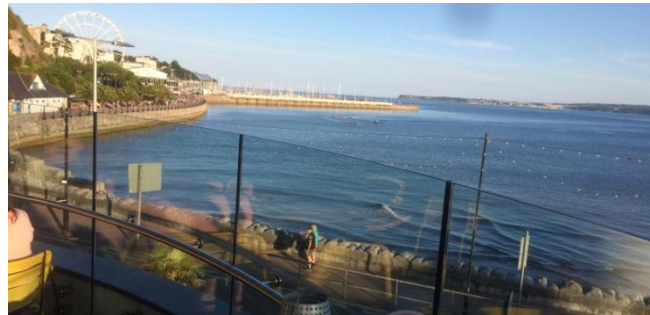
We didn't bother with maps as they we were not sure you could rely on them in such an inhospitable uncharted area. We reasoned that if we headed west and kept turning left until we reached the sea and then follow the coast road keeping it on our left we would eventually stumble upon our Eldorado.

We met mid morning at Wisborough Green and sauntered through Petworth on to the A272 and along to Winchester. From there we headed south west to Romsey followed by Cadnam then into New Forest (why is it called the New Forest?). Firstly it does not have many trees, and secondly it looks quite ancient. Soon we were skirting around Blandford Forum, the legendary home of the legendary, vicious Blandford Fly (we take a pride on being risk takers), then on to Dorchester and Bridport. As we were heading west we could not resist stopping at West Bay for lunch. West Bay is a haven for lovers of fish and chips. There are loads of F&C stalls along the Quay side, and it is the staple dish in the pubs. We were spoiled for choice. Heaven. There were plenty of bikes parked up on the quayside and judging by the levels of obesity, tattoo's and piercings adorning the pillion riders we realised that we were entering the fabled Satanic West Country.

With hearts beating faster we carried on through Lyme Regis, passed Seaton etc. and eventually found ourselves navigating round Exeter then back down to the coast road through Dawlish, Teignmouth and on and on, then suddenly we reached Torquay. Wow.

One of the strange features of riding in Devon was that Dave found that he had become invisible. Despite wearing a high viz jerkin, car drivers were simply unable to see him and pulled out in front at junctions and side turnings. Luckily a combination of superb Norton brakes and his cat like reactions saved the day.

We arrived at our hotel, a Premier Inn at about 4.30. It was a revelation, right on the seafront, with a bar, a seafront terrace and a Beef Eater restaurant on site.



View from our restaurant seat. Torquay harbour on the left and Brixham across the bay.

At this stage I realised that my bigotry and prejudices about the west were wrong. I should have to eat humble pie, but instead we went out for a walk round the Town and on to a good restaurant for an excellent meal overlooking the harbour. By this time I decided that I had had enough of being humble and returned to my normal persona. So we drank a few more beers plus a Jameson's or few and turned in at midnight.



Dave's Norton in the hotel car park

A great days riding and we discovered there are plenty of opportunities for a fun night in Torquay.

After the fabled eat all you want Beef Eater breakfast we returned to the car park and were relieved to find the locals had overlooked our bikes during their night time foraging, well legend has it that they were all smugglers until a year or so ago. (Were my old prejudices returning after a good night's sleep?) So after a cursory inspection and a splash of oil administered to the appropriate places we set off for home.

The return journey mirrored the previous day in reverse as far as Seaton before cutting up to

Chard then along the excellent A30, it was quite uneventful and we made good progress. Dave and I parted company outside Winchester having had a fine lunch near Yeovil. Dave returning home along the A31 and me back down the A272.

In summary it achieved our objective, we certainly did have a good night out. The route turned out to be ideal for rigid, girder forked bikes and despite the mileage an easy undemanding ride for even 90 year old machines, as long as you keep to 45 to 50 mph and don't stress them.

That said my Norton did have a few minor issues. One George Dance knee grip detached itself, the saddle frame fractured, more a reflection of the mass of the rider than the bikes shortcomings, and an outer valve spring failed although I didn't notice this until I returned home (replaced in 35 minutes). None of which gave any cause for concern. Dave's bike ran faultlessly. Most unusually for us the weather remained dry and warm, a real bonus.



Missing a knee grip. Looks sporty with a splash of red?



Broken inlet valve spring

Dave and I are planning to repeat the run next year and would like to extent it to other members of the Goodwood and Brooklands sections, and others if there is enough interest. Hope to see you all for a night out in Devon next year. Mileage a little over 400 miles

Ed: Thanks Jeff, sounds a good trip, I'm sure you will have a few wishing to join you next year.

Dented Petrol Tank

One of Surrey & Sussex members has passed on the following information if ever you need to remove a dent from a petrol tank.

"The guy I told you about who does motorcycle tank dent repair is Richard Bisset tel. 07787 338998, if there is good clearance to the dent inside the tank he can remove it without further damage to the paint finish."

WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER	
Fri 14	Wrinkly Run, Washington Roundabout 10.30am – Leader Jeff Read, end The Bull, Henfield. Route not too challenging.
Sat 15	Kempton Autojumble
Sat 15	VMCC Vintage Training Day, Curborough Circuit
Sun 16	Romney Marsh Bikejumble, at Hamstreet, near Ashford, Kent TN26 2JD. 12 noon Auction of Motorcycles & Spares & Automobilia
Sun 16	IOW Scurry
Tues 18	Club Night, Maypole In, Yapton, 8.00pm – Brian Kennedy rebuild talk
Tues 18 - Thur 20	Vintage to Voltage, London – Paris Julie Diplock & Carla McKenzie
Thur 20	Evening Fish & Chip Run, Whiteways CP, 6.45pm to Tasty Plaice, Petworth
Sun 23	Bulldog Run – SBMCC
Tues 25	Noggin 'n' Natter, Red Lion, Ashington
Sun 30	Sunbeam MCC Romney Marsh flat-tanker run, The Star pub, St Mary in the Marsh. Spectators welcome.
OCTOBER	
Fri 12	Wrinkly Run, Whiteways Lodge CP, 10.30am
Tues 18	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – IT, electronic age and the section
Sat 20	Kempton Park Autojumble
Sun 21	Pumpkin Run, The Forge, Slindon Village Shop & Cafe, Reynolds Lane, Slindon, BN18 0QT, 10.00 for 10.30am Contact Brian Kennedy 01243 641226
Sun 21	Surrey & Sussex Practice trial at Ian Pollard's fun day, Clayton Hill, entry form available
Tues 23	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
Sat 27	Skittles, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 7.00pm Contact Roger Seymour 01903 770515
Sun 28	South of England Show & Bikejumble, Ardingly
NOVEMBER	
Sun 4	Veteran Car Run
Mon 12	Talk by Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance, Surrey & Sussex Section Copthorne Social Club, Copthorne Bank, TH10 3RE starts 7.30pm

2019 Dates for your Diary

Chinese Meal – 13 April 2019, China Palace
 Greek Night – 10 August 2019 – same price
 Skittles – 26 October, Maypole
 Christmas Meal – 14 December 2019, Vardar