



# GOODWOOD SECTION NEWSLETTER

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### Hi Fellow Enthusiast

Two pieces of sad news this month from Steve Marks, East Sussex Section; Douglas Pratt passed away on the 29 November (funeral 18 December Eastbourne Crematorium at 12.45pm) and 'Little Bruce' Campbell on the 9 December (no funeral arrangements received). Our sympathies go to their families.

Should be an interesting film show this month thanks to Malcolm.

2019 Programme of Events now available at Club Night but copy also attached to the emailed version of this newsletter. Check out dates and times of new Winter Wobbles and Fish and Chip runs.

Wishing all readers the compliments of the season from the Committee and myself.

Maureen

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### **Wrinkly Run – 16 November Malcolm Piper**

It was more low cloud than rain which greeted us for the last Wrinkly Run of 2018.

Call it what you will, it was still a wet start from Whiteways Cafe where following a cliché we headed West, first to Goodwood, visiting the ducks at West Ashling, the pigs at Funtington, flirting with the Hampshire border and a (sadly) dry ford at Rowlands Castle before heading north to South Harting, Elsted and then via the Midhurst bypass to the Cowdray section of the A272 before arriving in dry weather at The Three Moles, Selham.

This was my first run as leader, I thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and I was especially pleased to run along a couple of roads completely new to Goodwood. I also really appreciate the support of the 13 which turned out from Brooklands, South Hants and of course the many from Goodwood.



Wet Whiteways start



Dry finish at the Moles, Selham

*Ed: Malcolm's report and photos copied from the website.*

### **Club Night – 20 November**

Joe Wicker again entertained us with 'Steam on the Road'. Just as interesting as his previous talk on transport related pub signs.

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**CLUB NIGHT 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE MAYPOLE INN, YAPTON, 8.00pm**

**NOGGIN' & NATTER 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE RED LION, ASHINGTON, 8.00pm**

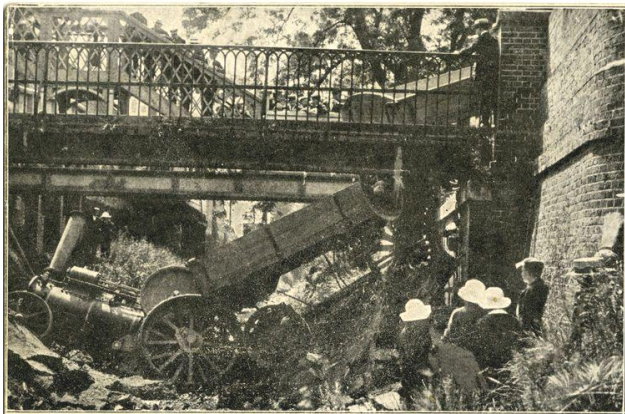
We were shown pictures of steam vehicles from as early as 1672 by Verbiest which was a toy for a Chinese Emperor. The development through the 1700's and the 1800's by Trevithick, Tuxford and Hornsby.

1865 Thomas Aveling (Rochester) developed the first steam roller.

1870 Frederick Savage developed the fairground steam engine with the centre engine and firebox. Other developments included the inclusion of Foden front suspension and universal joints.

1909 Marshalls developed Stone crushing vehicles and 27hp combine harvester and 3hp plough.

Weight restrictions on bridges were introduced following collapses caused by heavy traction engines. Below shows the bridge at Uckfield station which collapsed in 1903.



Collapse of Bridge at Uckfield Station, June 27th. 1903.

Joe imparted many other interesting pictures and facts about steam on the road.

### Christmas Dinner – 8 December

This dinner, organised by Roger, was another success and enjoyed by 20 members and family. It was good to see Alan Davies up and about after his long spell in hospital, and a good evening for Mary too.



John Turrell, Alan and Mary Davies and Jeff Read



A date for your diary as Roger has booked the Vardar again for next year on 14 December.

### The Agony and the Ecstasy of the Long Distance Runner Dave "Stroker" Johnson

The Francis Barnett Annual Rally, 4 August 2002 at The Old Halesonian Rugby Club, Hagley, Worcestershire.

I decided to go a day earlier on the Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to arrive fairly early, get digs and arrive at the Showground clear eyed and bushy tailed, next day, Sunday, for a convivial meeting and club run.

The route was M27 to Romsey, through "The Wallops", to A303, on to Tidworth amid stunning scenery. Got hit by heavy downpour in Southampton area but now dry and sunny. On to Swindon, the A419 Cirencester and A35 Cheltenham. M5 enormous electrical storm, had to stop under motorway bridge, simply could not see. Spray, solid rain, and standing water on motorway, but the traffic would not slow down, uncomfortable hour spent. On to Junction 4 and Halesowen, piece of cake you might say.

Arrived at Rugby Club at 7pm approx 6 hours after leaving. Great you might say, now for the digs .... ..er ..... there are none. I should explain there are no B&B's or family run guest houses, no hotels, and the Inns are not Inns, just pubs. Well after poking around till 10.30pm and finding nowhere, went to the only place I knew of the Holiday Inn at Hagley. Oh dear no room at the Inn.

Into Halesowen, a sign for Town Centre. Aha, now we will find a place for the night. I pictured myself in the bar with a whisky and soda, nope Halesowen is a dump, seems the Town Centre is a bus station and a large roundabout. Pubs, loads of 'em and all the Brummies are falling out of the doors, and standing in groups. They are okay though and try to help, but it's 11.30pm and

I'm out of luck, and it's raining again. What to do, back to the Rugby Club.

Place in darkness except for security light, crept in on tickover. More rain, large overhang at east end of Clubhouse, a viewing area, and dry. I park the Barnett.

My "Caravan" will have to rest here for the night. Not prepared for this I reviewed the situation, had spare clothing and waterproofs, put the lot on and using my balaclava on head, and my pack for a pillow, I lay down to sleep. It actually wasn't bad, then woke up at 4.00am frozen, I might have known it, still I had slept.

Walked around a bit to get warm, and found I wasn't alone. Round the back were half a dozen tents, others of the Francis Barnett Club. They gave me a mug of tea. Didn't realise the Club had left the changing rooms open for us, could have slept in there. Nine am the Club opened with welcome hot food and drinks.

Went on club run around Birmingham and Stourport, is that a slight misfire – yes, a few miles later and it's a darn great big one. Anyway back to the Rugby Club again, attend to bike. By 5pm it's time to go, M5 and services in hot sunshine, didn't last, another cloudburst, stopped under a conker tree in a village called Uckingham, misfiring again, bad condenser. Cunningly concealed under dual seat is a spare condenser on a long lead, wired it in and away were go, better but only up to 35mph and still 120 miles to go. Swindon and Marlborough come and go. Totally empty road except for a Harley rider who came past, and seemed to be actually going somewhere, but even he seemed to be "Posy". How do they do this? Down to A303 and B3084 Romsey next, M27 and home at last.

Would I do it again, yep.

**NB:** Looked at points next day, totally burnt out, replaced the lot with Savage Electronic Ignition and never had any problem in 16 years.

**Dave's Footnote:** This is a compressed version of a similar article that was printed in "The Directory", the Francis Barnett Owners Club magazine which goes out worldwide, not bad for a small one make club.

### Brooklands Section will be 50 years old in 2019

Brooklands are planning a bash at Brooklands Museum on Saturday 6 April. Tickets £10 which will include upmarket BBQ food, free admission to

the Museum, a commemorative neck warmer and great chance to socialising.

Most details to follow nearer the time.

### Brooklands Breakout

The four day trip to Weymouth in May is in high demand. Contact David Bell to book a place or add your name to the reserve list.

### WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER	
Tues 18	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm - Motorcycling Films
Wed 26	Boxing Day Meets, The Plough, Plumpton Green, Nr Haywards Heath or Wickham Square
JANUARY 2019	
Tues 1	New Years Day meets: Sy & Sx Run Copthorne to Queens Head, Barns Green; VSCC Elsed Inn, Elsted.
Tues 15	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Members' Photos and Memorabilia evening
Sat 19	Kempton Park AutoJumble, 9.30am
Sun 20	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 22	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
FEBRUARY	
Sat/Sun 2-3	Classic M/c Show, Shepton Mallet
Sun 10	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Sun 10	Gordon Jackson Trial (SMCC)
Tues 19	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm
MARCH	
Sun 10	Winter Wobble, The Forge, Slindon, 10.30am
Tues 19	Club Night, The Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm
Sun 24	Pioneer Run
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, The Red Lion, Ashington, 8.00pm