

Editor's bit... The Summer's nearly over – such as it was...

The autumn dates are shown below, and as you can see there's plenty going on. So don't miss out – rider or helper, get involved!

Not quite sure when the next *Newsflash* will appear, but it will certainly be after my forthcoming trip to Scotland, so hope to have something interesting to write about...

Many thanks to Diana for her contribution. Please let me know if you have any news! **L.G.R.**



Royal British Legion Riders Branch

Compton Village Club is now hosting another motorcycle club! As from August, Compton is the home of the RBLR Surrey Squadron. Members of the Branch joined us on our recent run out on the Barbeque night, and held their inaugural meeting on the following Thursday, 11th August. They will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Find out more about the organisation at www.rblr.co.uk

Wings & Wheels Dunsfold
Sunday 28th -

Monday 29th August

Witley Long Distance Trial
Sunday 16th October

Hallowe'en Bonfire Night
Saturday 29th October

H.C. 'Charlie' Wake Trial
SATURDAY 12th November

Reg Bowker Trial
Sunday 11th December

Christmas Party
Thursday 15th December

Boxing Day Enduro
Monday 26th December

Dates for your Diary:

Apologies to Camping Weekend 'Wacky Races' contestants...

Sorry there have been no results posted in the *Newsflash* – I've been waiting for a confirmed list. Next time perhaps...

News or pictures please to lg_richards@yahoo.co.uk

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Visit our website: www.witleymcc.org

CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

I am proposing running a trip to the Classic Bike Show at the NEC on Friday 11th November, if there is enough interest! The idea would be to run a small coach, so could those of you who would like to go please let me know at Club night or e-mail me on graham.ford@ymail.com. I need to know numbers by the end of the month so that I can start booking the tickets and transport (and also to see if it is worth running a coach). **Graham Ford**

Welcome to New Members...

We have recently been joined by:

Graham Ingalls from Frimley Green
Mark Henry from Finchampstead
Matthew Haggart from Ash
Michael Alldred from Godalming
Jayne Wunderlich from Guildford
Catherine Davey from Send

(OK you trials riders – here are two road riding ladies who wish to experience off road riding. Teach them well!!)

We wish you all a warm welcome and an enjoyable time as Witley MCC members, along with safe and successful riding.



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NEXT...

Wings and Wheels: Bank Holiday weekend

We will be taking part as usual in Dunsfold Airfield's Wings and Wheels, the major air/car/bike show in the area over the Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August, along with enthusiastic youngsters from the Surrey Schoolboys Trials Club.

Anyone who is available to help with setting up on Saturday, manning the stand and the arena trial on the two show days, and packing up afterwards, will be very welcome. Some tickets may still be available. **Please talk to Colin Boniface soon if you are interested – it's a great weekend out.**



THE WITLEY 100

LONG DISTANCE TRIAL: Sunday October 16th

- A GREEN LANE event
- No Trials experience necessary
- Day membership and ACU Licences available
- Enter online and pay by PayPal

Our next competitive event is the Witley 100 Long Distance Trial which will start from our usual venue, Down Farm, Odiham.

The county of Hampshire has some fantastic B-roads, tarmac lanes and byways. The Witley 100 brings them all together with some great trials sections and an exciting timed special test at the finish to make the best possible day out on two wheels – not to mention a fair test of machine and rider!

The (approximately) 100-mile route will take you on a whistle-stop tour of open countryside, charming villages and sunken lanes. The comprehensive road-book – acknowledged as one of the best of its type – describes every junction on the route, along with approximate mileages between, and used with care will guide you reliably to the finish.

Apart from the special test, which will decide positions in case of a tie, there is no speed element in the competition, which is run under ACU rules and authorisation. The trials sections, which are set up along the green lanes themselves, will be accessible to novice riders and will also be noted in the road-book. Marks are lost for footing, stopping – or falling off – in the sections, but apart from that it's like a day's trail ride.

The Witley 100 is open to anyone with a full motorcycle licence and a taxed, MOTd and insured off-road bike. Tyres should be road legal but obviously suitable for use on byways. It's a daylight event so if your machine is on a daylight MOT, it's not a problem. The entry fee is £35, though if you don't have an ACU trials licence you will need to purchase one for £10. We also have to charge £2 for one-day membership of Witley MCC if you're not a member of an ACU affiliated motorcycle club, making a maximum of £47. You may also enter a team of three riders at no extra cost.

Check out www.witleymcc.org where you will be able to find out more – and also to enter online.

ARIEL DAY AT THE ACE

Ace Café is unique and there is always a warm welcome from Linda and Mark Wilsmore, so it is a pleasure to go there. However, the ride up to the North Circular is not the best in the world, so we do not often brave it!

Sunday 24 July was special as the Ariel Owners' Club were celebrating their 60th anniversary at the Ace. Most of you will know that Barry Brockman has recently bought and renovated an Ariel, so good enough excuse for a ride out.

Bernard decided to take the Triumph Daytona, as it is the most in keeping with the Ace image! However, we were taken aback to find that a moped that we had been following through the traffic in Hanger Lane reached the Ace before us! Obviously knowledge is better than speed, as the rider was from Chiswick and regularly visits Ace Café. He says he will come to Newlands Corner one Sunday, so that will be interesting!



Mark Wilsmore (Ace owner) with banner to celebrate Ariel Owners 60th anniversary...



One Cool Ariel Owner...

It was a surprise to find only 4 Ariels had reached the Ace by 11.00, one of them being Barry's. It did give Barry a chance to chat up Linda and get several photos taken for the next Ace magazine. So Barry will be famous!

Fortunately it was a sunny day, and there was a row of Ariels to admire by lunch time. It even got a bit hot sitting outside in the sun! Mark did his best to organise the rabble that are Ariel owners, and get some photos taken with a special banner to celebrate the occasion.

There was a strange lack of traffic on the way to London, which shows how fuel costs now mean that a lot of people only drive when really necessary. Maybe more of them should consider 2 wheels instead of 4!

If anyone would like to visit the Ace, to rekindle old memories, or to find the Rocker haunt which (like me, also Mark!) they just missed out on, let Bernard know, as any excuse to go there is welcome. Perhaps a Witley ride out one Sunday?

Diana Delahoy



Two Old Codgers (aka Bernard and Barry) putting the world to rights outside Ace Café!



Barry chatting up Linda Wilsmore!

PAT MARTIN, R.I.P. It is with great sadness that we have to record the recent passing of Pat Martin, after a brave battle with cancer over the past couple of years.

Pat was well known and loved in the Witley Club. Her cheerful disposition, lovely smile and warm welcome behind the buffet counter will be greatly missed at Witley sporting events.

A number of Club members were among those at a packed memorial service on August 2nd at Woking Crematorium, where a fitting tribute to her life was given by her sons. And when Elvis closed the proceedings with 'Love Letters', there was not a dry eye in the house.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to John, their family and Pat's many friends at this sad time.



Like a proper bike meet...



Made it to Ryka's!

SUMMER BARBEQUE

One of last year's most successful Club evenings was the August Summer Barbeque, so we had high hopes of a good turnout for the 2011 edition.

We were not disappointed. The weather over the previous day or so had been wet (no surprise there) but during Thursday afternoon the skies cleared and it almost seemed like summer by 6pm! Not only did a good number of Witley members put in an appearance, but we were pleased to welcome members of the newly revitalised Surrey British Legion Riders (see page 4).

A special attraction this time was a run out organised by Graham Ford. Around 15 bikes took part, leaving Compton at 6.15 for an enjoyable ride through Shalford, Shamley Green and Cranleigh. The route over Pitch Hill from Ewhurst to Shere threw up some interesting road surfaces following the recent rains, but all survived to complete the first part of the run through Abinger and Dorking to Ryka's Café at Box Hill for coffee. Resurfacing of part of the Mickleham bypass caused a bit of a holdup for some, but the trip back along the A246 and the A3 via West

Clandon was over all too soon. The Legion car park, in my view at least, now accommodated more motorcycles than had been seen at a Witley Club night for quite a number of years!

Now it was time for the main business of the evening, with a fantastic BBQ spread laid on by Jo Aysford. Burgers, sausages and chicken were backed up by plentiful salad and other extras, while the pudding department was once again a marvel to behold. We were able to enjoy the evening getting to know some of the Legion Riders and look forward to the possibility of joining forces at other times in the future.

Many thanks to Graham for organising the run, and especially to Jo and her helpers for really first class refreshments!

Whether or not you are a new member, and irrespective of what type of motorcycling you are involved in – if you haven't visited the Clubroom yet, why not join us on any Thursday evening from 8.30pm for a good chinwag over a pint (of lemonade that is) in very comfortable surroundings...

Laurie Richards