



CLUB NEWSFLASH

June 2011

COMING UP – CAMPING WEEKEND...

WITLEY FEST

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July

***This year's theme: Wacky Races...
the emphasis on WACKY!***

THE WACKIER THE BETTER!

***See the enclosed flyer for details or
ask for more info from Colin Boniface***



*Alan & Michelle
Cutler are working
on this beauty...*

Annual Awards...

Many apologies to our Award winners at the Annual Social – there was no Awards announcement in the last *Newsflash*.

The *Silver Badge* for service to the Club went deservedly to Rebecca Brockman for her sterling work on the social front over many years.

The *Bert Brett Shield* for Club Worker of the Year went to Neil Bowker.

The sport competition award winners, in no particular order: The *St John's Ambulance Cup* (grasstrack): Neil Bowker; The *Bill Sadler Cup* (Expert motocross): Sam Connor; The *Bill Collier Cup* (best Witley Junior/novice motocross): Neil Bowker; The *Aeslite Shield* (Club enduro – rider or non-rider): Neil Varney; The *Dick Hysom Trophy*

(for road events – the Photographic run): Graham Ford; not forgetting the *Arthur Eagle Plate* (Social events – this year for the Easter Egg contest): Tracey Mair. Also these are the Boxing Day Enduro awards (recipients not present on the night): The *Bill Boniface Trophy* (Premier award): Dorren Coutts; The *Tony Stride Cup* (best Witley Clubman): George Hayes; The *Continental Motorcycles Trophy* (best Sportsman): L. Humphrey; The *Rik Stallone Cup* (best Clubman): George Hayes; The (small) *St John's Cup* (best Sidecar) Paul Pelling/Sue Kemp; and the *Team Award*: Motoward.

Many congratulations to all our award winners, and many thanks for continuing to support Witley MCC events, whether riding or working.

TVTC – G.D.Brown Trial

Our June TVTC event has for some years been named after our late President Graeme Brown, with the Premier award for the trial also bearing his name. AS USUAL – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

For 2011 we have a new piece of land, Oak Farm at Rudgwick, for this event which is being overseen by Neil Bowker. Please contact him (07713 505339 or nbow77@btinternet.com) as soon as possible with offers of help – particularly for observing – on **Sunday 12th June**.



Evening Club Run to Sussex – 26th May

Well, the weather turned for the worse after weeks of sunshine!

Despite that, ten hardy souls left the clubroom at 6.30pm to head off towards Bury Hill. Sharp on time due to the café opting to close at 7pm, but after a couple of phone calls, they were willing to delay closing until after we got there.

Unfortunately, Gordon and Andy just missed us and assumed the weather had put us off so they shot off back home.

Alec and Graham Smith set off early on the old British bikes with Derek and Betty not far behind in their car, the rest of us not catching them until



Time for a chinwag...

we reached Whiteways Café. Once there, we all tucked into our supper and welcomed late arrival Ian George on the SP2.

The return journey saw us split into different groups, Alec, Jane and Laurie opting to take the same route back. Ian, Dave, both Grahams, Diana and myself stuck to



Hardly any calories!



The wise owls...

the planned route with Derek and Betty doing their own thing. Ian soon got fed up and blasted past, so maybe he missed the rain or dodged between the spots...



A few minutes of sun between showers...

The first rain of any sort for about 8 weeks and it had to be on our run!

Still, not too bad, just enough to freshen the air without getting too wet. Back at the club room, a couple of non-alcoholic drinks, a chat to put the world right and then on to planning the next run.

This will be on Sunday 5th June to the Hilltop Diner on the A30 between Stockbridge and Salisbury.

Thanks to all who took part, and apologies to Andy and Gordon.

If any other members have road bikes and would be interested in joining us, please let me know on bernardjay@btinternet.com

Bernard

Easter Egg Evening

This seasonal competition, now a regular fixture in the Witley calendar, took place on April 21st and attracted a reasonable Thursday evening turnout. Some Easter eggs were mercilessly hunted down and others were attractively painted, and a good time was had by all. Thanks as ever to Jo, Rebecca and Claire for organising.

Kempton Southern Classic Show jumble snaps



Above: Suzuki GT550 – 35 years since I had one... aaah!



Above: Anyone know what this dicky-seat sidecar is? Please let us know...



Right: Luvverly Cubby – OIEO £3k...

Notes from the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May 2011

13 members were present, with apologies from 3.

Minutes of the April 2011 meeting: Accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Event Reports:

3 Stage Trial – Discussion took place over the cancellation, regarding the lack of communication with the Committee over who had taken responsibility of the event. It appeared that offers to sort out the pre-planning of the event were given but no CoC was ever assigned.

As it turned out the Forestry were scheduled to carry out major works in parts of the forest, and while our event could have still run, major alterations and changes to last year's plan (the basis for this year's event) would have been necessary. Therefore, an excessive amount of work would have been required in a short space of time. It was suggested that due to the unusual holiday period this would have caused a problem with manpower – hence why the event was cancelled.

Forthcoming Events:

Barn Dance – Cancelled due to lack of numbers.

TVTC – June 12th – Neil was not present but the Committee understand that all matters are in hand and under control.

Camping Weekend – Date confirmed as 1st - 3rd July. Colin to complete flyer and send to Laurie for Newsflash.

Summer BBQ – Confirmed as 4th August. It was assumed that Jo is taking care of this – however, Claire to confirm arrangements with Jo.

Wings & Wheels – August 28th - 29th. SSTC to be asked to help with transportation of equipment.

LDT – Permit received. Route to be sent by next Committee meeting, Manny to be primed to take on-line entries. Dave M is requesting commitment for help early.

Correspondence:

Forestry Commission e-mail. Despite the aggressive nature of the e-mails passed earlier this month regarding late payments for FC land usage by WDMCC, it was dismissed as a storm in a teacup as the relevant information was sent to Forestry promptly after the events – however, due to 'spam' administration the e-mails were not seen by Forestry. This has now been remedied.

Reports from Delegates:

TVTC – Neil not present – Nothing to report

SEEC – A discussion took place re: timing equipment; Colin reported that this was a process that would be constantly developed and that contact had been made with the system designer, so help may be forthcoming to iron out some of the issues raised.

Shaun to sort out an Awards presentation on behalf of the Combine.

SETC – Nothing to report.

Sport Guildford – As we currently have no representative, there was no report. Colin suggested that he may be able to attend.

Under 25 – Nothing to report

ISDE – It was decided to leave any discussions until Neil B was present.

Continued Business:

Transport was discussed purely to air some views and ideas – no heated debate took place.

Administration:

New Members: None.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

Website: Colin to put agenda on Committee part of the website before the meeting,

Club Newsflash: Laurie hopes to get one done by the end of the month, the validity of the Newsflash to be monitored, with brief discussion to take place over the coming months.

Awards: Manny to send results of Witley Classic Enduro to Dave M for awards.

AOB:

Bill reminded us that the first ever speedway took place in Surrey Heath in 1927.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th June 2011 at 8.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:50 p.m.

2011 AGM Minutes in the next edition.

Dates for your Diary:

**Club Run to Hilltop Diner,
Firsdawn, Wilts
Sunday 5th June**

**G.D. Brown TVTC Trial, Rudgwick
OBSERVERS NEEDED –
CONTACT NEIL BOWKER
Sunday 12th June 2011**

**Camping Weekend, Ebernoe
Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd
July 2011**

**Weekday Club Run to Sammy
Miller Museum, New Milton
Wednesday 6th July**

**Club Evening BBQ
Thursday 4th August 2011**

**Wings & Wheels Dunsfold
Sunday 28th - Monday 29th
August 2011**

**Witley Long Distance Trial
Sunday 16th October 2011**



Editor's bit...

Things don't always come together as they should and this edition of the **Newsflash** is no exception.

Having had cancellations of some events and little feedback on others which have taken place, there was little to fill a newsletter in May, and even now you will notice this one is rather thin. Hopefully this might encourage you to send in some reports and photos of your motorcycling (or other) experiences to keep our members entertained...?

Things are still a little subdued on the two-wheeled front for us at the moment – the trip to Bury Hill was as far as I've been for months, but it was good to see Jane back in the saddle at last. Circumstances have worked against even a reduced attempt at the National Road Rally for this year, as the last weekend of June in my calendar has once again proved popular for weddings and Gordon is also unable to take part. So with regret we have to announce that the Witley MCC is represented solely by our own Mr David Kavanagh – though given that it's just a bit of a practice outing for his run to the north for the ISDE later in the year, there's little chance that he will need much assistance...!

However I'm toying with the idea of a longer run in the autumn, *possibly* a charity GB 'end to end' which I've been thinking about for a while. Will I get round to organising it? Would the Zephyr really hang together that long (not to mention the rider)? How much fuel duty will I contribute to HM Government? Watch this space for more details in due course...

Had a pleasant day at the Kempton Park Classic Bike Show on May 21st – Andy Hewett took me along and we enjoyed some fine examples of the restorer's art as ever, along with various fairly tired lumps of metal of uncertain origin. A good show and autojumble as usual though there did appear to be a few gaps in both areas. Derek Prior had the NSU Max on the A to Z German bike stand as usual, while Alec Jay and Pete Crummett were among other regular Witley members to be found there. We did notice that Normandy and Thames were once again standholders with plenty of trials emphasis. I managed quite easily not to be tempted by a 500 Gold Star priced at £17500, but dared not ask the price of a very clean Suzuki GT550 (nostalgia item), because I might have had a severe problem saying no... **L.G.R.**

GOT ANY NEWS OR PHOTOS?

Please keep us posted and email any contributions for the *Newsflash* to lg_richards@yahoo.co.uk or drop me a line at PO Box 420, Aldershot, Hants GU119EL. And remember that the *Newsflash* is also available for download on witleymcc.org

Welcome to New Members...

In the last few weeks we have been joined by:

Christopher Smith from Godalming
Paul Jakeway from Farnborough
James Jackaman from Walton on Thames

We wish you an enjoyable time with Witley MCC along with safe and successful riding.

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

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