

I have decided to write 2 columns of my monthly report this one is the unedited version, the one appearing in Nacelle will be edited down to 250 words.

Firstly, the bad news some pond life has stolen Dan Sellick's lovely black Triumph Daytona, Reg. No.AO57 GMU, should any members be offered cheap motorcycle/parts please inform local Police

Secondly, to round off January..... The final meeting was, as usual, well attended but also, as is the norm at this time of year, there was a preponderance of 4-wheeled vehicles. Though Phil Solly played a jolly jape on us by turning up in leathers + helmet and gloves, he was unmasked though as he had made the schoolboy error of wearing trainers and not boots – we all knew Phil would not be seen on a motorcycle unbooted.

The Shepherd and Dog meeting concluded that the pub runs and Sunday runs were just about of the right length to accommodate everyone's wishes to balance club and family and that we should, generally, keep the destinations within the borders of our own dear county, with only occasional diversions to the wilds of elsewhere. Such as Ace Café various bike shows and probably a trip to the 60th anniversary of the Bonneville in Staffordshire. This by no means suggests we are insular xenophobes, as trips are planned to such outlandish destinations as France, Spain and even south coast.

This year already we have had a Sunday run to an old favourite Andrewsfield air field 5 hardy souls set out early from the Fairway Café in cold and windy conditions made quick progress to their target had tea coffee and a general putting of the world to rights, then back home in time for lunch a round trip of some 70 odd miles.

This month I have, for the first time since joining the MC, been unable to attend any club activity. I had intended to go to the Shepherd & Dog meeting but found myself the victim of the present prevailing winter wonderland, though I was not the only member thwarted by weather as only Jim, Tony and Heidi were there and nothing of any note was therefore discussed. But hey it is March and we will as a breed by starting to emerge from hibernation very soon. To Paraphrase Neil Young (and with apologies to Dan).
Keep on riding in the free world.

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