

## November's Report (Included in December's edition of Nacelle)

### November meanderings

Things start to slow round about this time of year, but still South Essex have kept activities to a respectable level with 2 meetings and 4 ride outs.

The first though, not really a ride out, but we did have to ride, was actually on the last day of September and there were 2 competing events the first which myself, Andy and some members who came down from the north of the county went on. It was the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) in aid men's mental health and prostate cancer. This involved about 250 dapperly dressed men and women disporting themselves through Southend and along the seafront. We certainly turned a few heads. I wore my kilt and kept things more or less seemly by the strategic use of a heavily weighted sporran.

The second event that day was The Battlesbridge Show this attracted most of the membership and was another successful promotion for the club. Next year I would hope to combine these 2 events by persuading the DGR to finish their ride at the Battlesbridge Show.

The weekend after these 2 events was taken up by 9 of us visiting the Copdock show. This is to my mind one of the best shows of the year, as it caters for all manner of motorcycling tastes from custom bikes, through to new bikes, into old bikes, a massive autojumble (that I for one have yet to scratch the surface of) and including the constantly entertaining Wall of Death. We meandered up there, without incident, spent about 3 hours at the show then meandered back, stopping at the Hare and Hounds pub in the pretty little village of Layer Breton, then completing the journey home. without incident, a quite splendid finish to the season for most.

Ah but we, the Retired old Farts (RoFs), are made of sterner stuff and 7 of us ventured out in mid October to Bradwell-on-Sea in beautiful unseasonable weather for lunch at the Green Man ably led by John Stone. After lunch we took a turn around the village stopping at the old RAF station and war memorial for a bit of a think, and then venturing on to end of the Dengie peninsular, then home in time for tea.

The further 2 activities were the ever popular pub meets only one of which I was able to attend. The other held at The Lodge Country pub I am informed was very well attended. The second was held at The Shepherd and Dog where we discussed plans for next years Treffen event. I can now confirm the dates 21-23 of June and will be held at the Dog and Partridge Orsett. Details will be posted as they are corroborated in The Nacelle and on the South Essex website. The other date for diaries is The Christmas meal to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the Royal Oak Stambridge.