

June's Report (Included in July's edition of Nacelle)

My personal club activity has again been limited this time by pressing family commitments and not by an ailing motorcycle that at present touchwood seems to be in remission. For how much longer remains to be seen.

Anyway Chairman Tony reports that the first run of the month on the early May bank holiday was held in glorious sunshine and was participated in by 7 bikes and 11 folk, 2 of whom were new participants and another was Stuart a returning old member.

The convoy set off from the Fairway Diner and made rapid progress to our favourite staging post Andrews Airfield where they remained for about an hour before the majority left for a pub lunch and the others left for home. Those that went for the pub lunch were rewarded with a visit to the Three Tuns at Buntingford, which is a personal choice of Tony and Heidi's due to its good food and beer. All felt that there were few better ways to spend a bank holiday Monday.

The next event that I was able to attend was the Wednesday ride out to The Bell in the charming Essex village of Purleigh. There was about 13 motorcycles and probably 16 persons. We made our way through rural Essex by the traditional circuitous route arriving at The Bell about half an hour later.

Now I have been falling off motor cycles since I was a distant 16 and should know the combination of steep cambered car park, heavy bike and slow speeds often end with gravity taking its inevitable toll i.e. I fell off in front of all assembled club members who had the good grace to disentangle me from motorbike and not just to stand around laughing at my misfortune. This, though more a slow tumble than an actual Guy Martin style crash, still caused some noticeable bruising and damaged the right hand indicator of the bike and much embarrassment, I therefore felt discretion to be the better part of valour and returned to the relative safety of home.

The only other club activity I have involved myself in was the supposed more formal meeting at the Shepherd and Dog. This was quite well attended but as the better part of the committee were away in foreign climes we only had a drink together whilst admiring Vince's new Scrambler, and then made our ways home.

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