

# December's Declarations

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Well by Jove. it seems winter has snuck up on us and we now seem to have hit the phase where significantly less miles are put on our motorcycles. It is around this time of year my bike starts to hint at us moving operations to Southern California (fat chance remarks Mrs O'May).

Anyway, October has seen little activity in South Essex. We had intended to attend Copdock but the weather was (delete rude word) poor. At the end of the month some members visited the Ardingly Show and saw some great examples of the motorcycle both past and present. This would probably be a better final ride out of the season, as it is a pretty good show and not as much of a schlep as Ipswich.

The final meeting of the month at The Shepherd & Dog was spent looking forward firstly to all the fun and frolic of the Christmas meal to be held at the Royal Oak Stambridge 7<sup>th</sup> of December, get those meal choices in soon.

Secondly, lots of discussion around next years Treffen which now has confirmed dates of 3-4-5 July with something of note happening each day – more detail to follow as soon as events can be confirmed.

Lastly, we chatted in general terms about both the Normandy expedition for next summer and a probable wives weekend in Ironbridge, Shropshire for May next year. Until next month, to paraphrase Neil Young, 'Keep on Riding in the Free World'.

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