

## **February's Findings 2020**

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Very sad news to report from South Essex, we have lost our Branch Secretary Peter Wonnacott. Peter had been a member since 2011 and was Secretary from 2012 until his death on New Years Day. He was a man who discharged his duties with an attention to detail that confirmed his engineering background. Always friendly and welcoming, but would only speak if he had something to say. He was devoted to Triumph Motorcycles from a relatively early age and was very active within the club up until recently. We last saw him at our Christmas meal and though frailer than before, he still got through his dinner with some gusto, and was seen outside the pub with his trade mark fag and pint. At least he is now in a peaceful place where he will be no longer troubled by my ineptitude in putting up the club Gazebo or loading it into his Ford Focus which used to turn him incandescent with rage. His funeral was well attended by club members from SETOMCC, plus members of the 77 MC.

Due to continuing wet weather, few miles have been put on our bikes in a club context. The only other event of note was our AGM. Where due to the sad circumstances, eluded to in the previous paragraph, we needed a secretary this post has been filled by John Stone. This though left a vacancy for Social Secretary. It was decided that due demands of the role it was too big a job for an individual, so we now have committee of 4, comprising of Paul Healy, Martin and Jenna Rayner plus myself. We are, at present, putting together an extensive choice of rides and events to cover the whole year.

Otherwise, all position remained the same. We had several lively exchanges of views, around the future of the Treffen, our lack of inclusivity towards our female members. This aspect of the club will be duly rectified. Also in the frame for discussion was the venue for meetings, we will be changing our last Wednesday meeting from the Shepherd and Dog to the Royal Oak also we will add a meeting on the first Thursday of the month to pub in Orsett called the Dog and Partridge which is the venue for our summer Treffen and is at a further west part of the county. The thinking behind this is that it may attract a slice of membership not at present served by our established venues. Also covered was the thorny problem of what should go into the Nacelle under the guise of what is club policy. From now on anything going out for publication will be firstly approved by the polit bureau, I mean the committee of course.

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