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**Bramber car park  
Pet Food Run  
More pictures follow**





**Dave Willmer's bike minus panniers  
What a difference**



**Nice Combo at Pet Food Run**



**Trevor's Bonneville** – we made it on this run. Hooray!  
It was not a bad day, dry that's why we rode out. ( Fair weather bikers)

Sadly a very disappointing turn out of bikes, but those who did enjoyed the ride out through Edburton, Poynings to Patcham, over the Dyke, surprisingly the roads were not too bad, re the floods recently.

Lovely to see the dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs who require a home.  
Ahhh!

Trevor said **definitely not, bah humbug! Ha! Ha!**

## **Forthcoming events for your diary..**

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Pioneer run London to Brighton
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Newhaven Fort Charity Bike Show (re Littlehampton Club)
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Amberly Classic Bike Show
26/27 <sup>th</sup> July	Ringmer Steam Show
12/14 <sup>th</sup> September	Goodwood Revival
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Bulldog Annual Charity Run (re Littlehampton Club)

## **Kempton Park dates**

24<sup>th</sup> May  
26<sup>th</sup> July  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
25<sup>th</sup> October

**Newsflash...** Mallory Park Festival of 1000 Bikes **cancelled** for this year

Other events will be published in next issue

## **French Trip 2014**

Jean Bernard has organized along with Roger Dillan a visit to the Normandy beaches to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ferry from Portsmouth to Caen is the most popular route. Jean Bernard has kindly arranged accommodation in chalets at a camp site at Camping Port'land, situated near the American cemetery and Omaha beach and 9kms from Arromanches where we can discover the remains of the second world war of D' day.

Unfortunately at this point in time the accommodation is now fully booked due to the anniversary celebrations. If you can find some accommodation yourselves, you are most welcome to join the group who have already booked the ferry and taken the kind offer of the chalets from Jean Bernard.

I look forward to telling you all and showing you the pictures in the Magneto on our return.

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi guys, I hope you are all fit & well? Well it would appear that spring has arrived. The weather has improved enormously so hopefully we will soon be able to use our bikes to the full. Lynne and I have been out a couple of times recently. The first occasion was for the Pet Food Run to the RSPCA at Patcham. The weather was fair but the attendance this year was the lowest I've ever seen although we did meet a few of our members who had gone directly to Patcham rather than meeting in Bramber. It was a pleasant ride over the 'Dyke' but the return journey was better as we were able to blast the cobwebs out of the Beezer! The second time was last weekend when Keith joined Lynne and I for a blast down to Birling Gap on our modern bikes. Again the weather was fair, but the wind was getting stronger as the day progressed and it came on to rain heavily just as we got back to the workshop. We had gone to see quite how much erosion had been caused to the cliffs at Birling Gap. It appeared to be quite considerable. The café has already had to demolish their veranda and the people in the house opposite look as if they will have to move out very soon as the house is probably only eight feet from the cliff edge! Standing on the viewing platform we were being buffeted by the wind which was causing the platform to shake quite a bit. The platform is just about clinging to the cliff face but the stairs have completely gone! I heard this week that a lady had to be rescued by the lifeboat because she had walked around the shoreline to Birling Gap expecting to use the steps to get up to the cliffs before the tide came in only to find them gone! Luckily someone saw her plight and called the Rescue services. On the way back we stopped at a little café in Peacehaven where I was able to enjoy a lovely breakfast even though it was gone midday!

There will be a list of events on the web site, but with regards to club runs we are going to try a new system this year. Rather than have set days for runs we are going to see how the weather is going to be on Sundays and then decide if we are going out or not and where we will be going. It means that Lynne and I won't be committed to set runs if other things crop up. It will also give us more flexibility over what we do and where we go on our runs. Once we have decided on a run we will post the information on the club website so that anyone can join in if they want to. If any of you hear of an event that might be interesting to other members, please leave the details on the 'message board' on our website which is [www.msbmc.co.uk](http://www.msbmc.co.uk). We will use the same system for weekday runs during the summer months. We hope that a good number of you will be able to join us .

I am sure Brenda will be including in this Magneto a piece regarding the French trip this year. As you may know this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day Landings, and our French friends have suggested that we go over and visit the Normandy Landing Beaches as a change this year. Many of the Members who usually go to France have already booked, but if you are interested you need to contact Roger Dillon ASAP. I'm sure it will be a very interesting and moving experience, and will possibly make us all realise what those young men did for us.

It will soon be time for our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 1st May , our usual club night. Anyone wanting to join the committee should contact any member of the current committee. Could I also remind members that subscriptions will also become due that day. The current cost of membership is £10 and the committee expect it to continue at this price for the coming year. It was nice to see so many of you at March's club night – January and February's attendance was very low, probably because of the absolutely vile weather we had then! Let's hope the weather now remains good for a while and we can enjoy some brilliant riding.

Please take extra care when you are out on your bike.

Best wishes Dave



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