

# South East Moped Enthusiasts



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**Please note.**

**The next edition of this newsletter will hit the streets a little later than normal. That is just after 13<sup>th</sup> November after the EACC AGM.**

### News.

Welcome to newsletter No 28. Phew, if you look back it seems like a lot of stuff has gone down in print over the last couple of years.

Here goes with the news. Firstly the news from me is that I packed up full time working on 29<sup>th</sup> July so now hopefully I will have more time to devote to my pastime. It will also mean that Sharon and I can now spread our wings a little more and visit all areas of the country with our bikes in tow.

Over the last couple of months we have indeed been out and about quite a bit attending various events and the weather has been most kind.



A nicely presented Cyclemaster front wheel drive tricycle visiting at Horham.

I read an article stating from September 2016 no motorcycle manufactured before 2007 would be allowed on the streets of Paris. Alarming indeed, what starts in one major world city often has a habit of being adopted in others. I will check the authenticity of this and keep you informed.

The future of this newsletter and its format may well be changing in future months. Read more on this issue later in the newsletter.

Luke Booth unfortunately took a bit of a tumble from his trusty Ciao whilst on Dave Watson's Head to Head event. Thankfully the injuries, whilst surely painful were not too serious. He's made a good and quick recovery and we do hope that the renovation on the Ciao is undertaken soon as that bike has got character in bucket loads!!

Luke has also managed to get an absolute bargain on Ebay. A Bernardi Buzz complete with bicycle for £9.99. How come bargains on Ebay seem to avoid me!



Suits you sir! Luke's £9.99 Bernardi Buzz.

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My friend Neil Catling's construction of a new motor-house is well under way and should be completed shortly. It is a large timber framed building built to a high standard and constructed on site, no pre-fabrication here. He should have plenty of room for his collection of cars and bikes. I wonder if he could store a few of my bikes? I haven't asked him yet!



### Most people just have a shed -this bloke doesn't!

An update on what the East Coast Pedalers have been up to this season is further on in the newsletter. This year Carl Squirrell has been operating the group largely independently with good results. If he can achieve this with just word of mouth and the use of the social media, then more power to him.

Dave Watson is moving in October, not far, in fact just next door. My guess he's going to be real busy for the next month just moving everything!

Dave also attended a Mobylette camping weekend at the micro car museum in Kent. It was rather a shame that we knew nothing about this as it was not advertised to anyone other than those who are members of the Mobylette forum. I am not the only one to echo

their disappointment in this. Surely if you hold an event, advertising it is the nature of the game.

Paul Hamlin has managed to sell some of his Mobylettes. He managed to achieve some good prices particularly for a rare one that was snapped up by a collector.

We were pleased to see Andrew Pattle & Mark Daniels at our very own Bluebell Run. It's a long journey from the Ipswich area. Mark filmed the event and we look forward to viewing this when it is edited.

I have spoken to Mark regarding the supply of suitable new tyres for Autocycles, particularly New Hudson's which have a narrow front and rear fork width. He states that he is in contact with some importer on the continent who may be able to get hold of some and he would supply some samples to him for evaluation. All this will unfortunately take time to achieve. We can only be hopeful on this issue.

Our events calendar at the back of the newsletter has been updated and 2017 events are now shown so please do check it out.

If you do want to get bang up to date as to what is going on, plus lots of pictures please check out the South East Moped Enthusiasts group page on Facebook.

### Future Plans.

As all EACC members know there is a quarterly newsletter produced and sent out either by post or by email to all members. I have been approached and tentatively asked if I would

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like to take over the editorship of this publication. Andrew Pattle has a busy life and basically would like to offload some of his duties. Although nothing as yet has been formally agreed and no plans are set in stone regarding this, I have expressed my willingness to help out and it would be my way of putting something back into the club. As you know Sharon and I produce this newsletter on a bi-monthly basis. It started from very humble and amateurish beginnings about three years ago. It was just one sheet of A4 to galvanise interest and enthusiasm of a small group of us after we met for an inaugural meeting, during the winter months. Since then it has grown somewhat and is emailed out to some 120 recipients.

If I take on this job, I will do one thing but not two. So this newsletter will no longer exist in this form. The content will remain largely the same but obviously it will be pitched to a far wider audience. It will however be only sent out to EACC club members, not a problem if you are a member. Also you will note that this particular newsletter goes out on a bi-monthly basis and the current M.A.C. newsletter is a quarterly publication. This matter will be discussed at the EACC AGM in November. So Sharon and I would very much like as many of you EACC members as possible to attend this meeting and do please air your views and opinions regarding the way ahead with the M.A.C. newsletter and its future development. For the time being nothing is changing and the current format will carry on until the end of this year.

## The Bluebell Run.

Our sections own Bluebell run was held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The weather was good and we had a very reasonable turnout including the main men from EACC HQ. The Bluebell is a Sharon devised 38 miler which runs around the edge of the South Downs. I always seem to forget the nasty surprisingly steep hills particularly on the after lunch stage. It's proved impossible to devise a route without a hill being involved.



Some of the riders ready to start the Bluebell.

Only two riders didn't complete the route -one being Tony Edwards (the man with the big yellow van) who arrived with a very smart and sturdy Puch City (I've never seen one of these before) unfortunately, despite all its good looks it just didn't want to play. So don't give up Tony, I'm sure it can be fixed.

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Very smart Puch City sadly broke down, nice little bike though.

The run itself was pretty uneventful. Mark was filming aboard the Dalek. Lunch was taken as usual at the Sportsman. It was nice to see Mike Follows out on the Postie complete with its new registration, first time I'd seen it in action. Luke was aboard his Norman Autocycle, which always seems to run out of puff if it smells the whiff of a hill.

We arrived back to the station car park without drama. The Fletcher awards went to:

Best Bike: Martin Cornwall, Honda Camino  
Best effort :Andrew Pattle & Mark Daniels (distance)

Wreck of the run: Luke Booth, Norman Autocycle

## Norfolk Weekend.

We took a trip up to north east Norfolk on the August bank holiday weekend. Clive and Ann Fletcher made the trip in their camper from Kent. What lured us were long rides on moped friendly roads with nice scenic farmland views.

We were joined by Rod Fryatt up from Lowestoft on a very smart Honda 175. We had a great riding day around the Broadland area of north east Norfolk nice weather and lots of boats to look at. Sharon was on Dave's Honda PC 50 after the usual hissy fit from the bloody Express after its refusal to start, upon arrival back to Dave's in Martham after covering 69.6 miles I was preparing for a long session dealing with it. Guess what? it started straight up. I think a Norfolk Broad would be a good resting place for it.

The following day all loaded up this time with Dave's NVT Easy Rider on the trailer as well. It was off down to Horham for the ECP Reedham Ramble. A nice turnout for this one I think I counted 15 riders.

With fingers very much crossed would the bloody Express start, no it wouldn't. I'm afraid it has sealed its own fate now. Sharon was now reduced to the backup role for the day. So off we went on another good countryside jaunt with Carl leading the way and the sun shining.



All aboard the Reedham ferry.

We ended up at the Reedham ferry where Sharon abandoned the car and hitched a ride on the back of a very elderly and extremely smart Honda 50 for a ride to the lunch stop. The swing bridge was in busy swinging mode

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allowing boats and trains to pass. After lunch back to the ferry and another 30 mile run back to the starting point. I can see why this area is popular with cyclists and indeed small engine bike riders you can ride for miles in very pleasant surroundings and views without so much as a whiff of a serious hill. With this run and the earlier camping weekend we must have covered about 250 miles in this area in the last two months.

Thanks Carl for organizing, and all your friends for that - very enjoyable. Also not forgetting Dave for the Saturday run.



Nicely prepared bikes especially the early Honda Cub, very original.

## Analysis of a Ride out.

I think that most of us who pursue this hobby will agree that what they like the most is to get out on your bike and ride during the summer months. Shows are ok and can be very enjoyable, weather permitting, but a ride out is king. Having participated in runs up and down the country at various locations for the last 20 years, you notice how different organisers do things. All are successful in the outcome, the riders enjoy themselves. We are all different I guess and different formats appeal to different people. The rides I tend to

prefer are the 'follow the leader' method as I find this to be much more social as you ride along in a group together and you arrive at your destination together.



That's nice, let's keep together on a ride out!

This is not always possible when a run has a large amount of participants. Also I do prefer a ride out to have a lunch stop at half distance and not at the end, not because I can't go for an hour and half without food but because a pause in proceedings is another chance to engage in conversation with people who you may never have met before. We went to one run where we rode back to the pub to finish, but ended up with only two other riders, everyone else had gone home! I do like a run to have a firm designated start time and everyone knows that, I get rather disappointed when arriving at the start point to see a couple of riders already on their way, what's the point in that? Is it me or is it that there are a slightly newer generation of bikes on runs these days making the pace of the run quicker now? Wasn't the old rule that the run where possible, should only proceed as fast as the slowest participant better?

Having just participated in two long rides in Norfolk I do prefer a longer ride as this makes

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a whole day of it. It may be more painful on ones backside but there are more hours of enjoyment.

That's my opinion on what makes a good riding event, what's yours?

### In The Shed.

There has been regular activity throughout this summer season in the workshop. Probably the most focus of my attention has been trying and only partially succeeding in getting a reluctant Honda Express to behave itself, and for what reason.....please don't ask. Well perhaps I'd better explain. When this bike has ever decided to run the engine is just sweet and powerful. These little reed valve engines are good performers, it's just the rest of the bike plus starting mechanism that's useless. With the bike being extremely difficult to start, the inevitable happened, the clockwork starting spring broke. Of course, these springs are no longer available. So I downloaded a fixit plan from the net. I also consulted various experts regarding the feasibility of the fixit route.



The complicated starting mechanism, note

### the remains of a huge spring lurking in its lair!

They unanimously said that it would be better if I was to find a transmission cover with an unbroken spring in. Well, that is easier said than done as there are a remarkable amount of old engines available without the transmission cover available....I wonder why! I reasoned with myself if I was to find a transmission cover with a good spring, the spring attached within would be at least 38 years old and in my opinion likely to break. So as I had spent already large amounts of unrecoverable money on the bike, I didn't want to waste any more. The job involves removing the cover from the engine, removing various bits and pieces including the broken part of the spring. You are warned very explicitly to leave what remains of the spring alone as this is a serious piece of spring and if unleashed from its home in the cover could wreak havoc, one instruction even warned of danger of death!



The engine side of it with no longer needed items now removed.

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The instruction advises to try and save the cover gasket.....some hope even with the gentlest of handling, how the hell can you save a 38 year old gasket that is super sticky? So an after market one was purchased from David Silver's, not cheap. You then put it all back together again, minus the bits and pieces and you then use the starting lever as a conventional kick start- except you can't kick it- you have to use your hand to crank the lever as it is now going the other way and because of that you have to jettison the return spring.....I hope you lot are still following all this!

Well the long and the short of all this is that it does work, ie; the engine can be cranked in a satisfactory and rapid manner.

hopes it decided it didn't want to start when I most wanted it to and then when it didn't matter it just started straight up. So I guess I've given up.

Other news from the workshop, David Benn has located another Mobylette rear hub and he currently has the rear wheel to lace it into. On inspecting the stripped out freewheel thread there is no explanation as to why it happened even David is at a loss to explain it and he sees a lot of freewheels in his line of business. As usual because of all this activity the James Superlux that should have been finished ready for the Edenbridge show will now have to be exhibited as an ongoing project.

### For Sale.

#### **Royal Enfield Continental GT 535cc**



**These are the bits you remove. Note the small section of the giant spring.**

The sequel to this time consuming and indeed expensive story, is that the bike did run well for a short time with Sharon at the helm- in fact she enjoyed riding it. She completed the Periwinkle Run and the Bluebell run on it. However when taken to Norfolk with high



2 owners and less than 180 miles from new. This bike is in as new condition and is still running in. £3000 cash.  
Contact: Mike Beauchamp 07941538691  
The Bike is stored in the Eastbourne area if you wish to view.

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### ECP Events.

Just a brief update on all ECP matters

We have had a very busy year with lots of events going on, starting off in February with the Valentines Day Run, March saw us at Bruisyard for Alexs Birthday Run, April was the usual Drive it Day Run, May saw our first Windmill run , June we had our first official NACC event at the Melton Village Fete, July was a bit quiet (apart from an evening run), August we had a smashing day at Creeting Caravans to help them with their open day and we had another good run, a few of us attended the Alde Valley Vehicle show, we also had a run up to the Old Buckenham bike night later in the month.

We have had well attended Evening runs in May, June & July.

Coming up we have our last evening run on Wednesday August 24th starting from Guys House in Rendham, A few days later on Sunday 28th is our annual 50mile + run this time it is the "Reverse Reedham Ramble" starting from Horham Community Centre.

then in September we have the Stradbroke "CARnival on the 11th, and a week later Henham Steam Rally on the 17th/18th.

October 9th is Jim's Jaunt starting from Wickham Market then to finish the year off we have the Cold Turkey Run on December 27th starting as usual from Carl & Debbies home.

Runs and events do tend to get added at very short notice so please keep an eye on our East Coast Pedalers group on Facebook for up to the minute updates.

Next year (2017) as well doing all our usual events - usually with different routes though ! we are thinking of doing a "long" run from St David's Head Wales to Ness Point, Lowestoft, Suffolk this will be over 6 days including one day to transport the machines to the start point.

We also hope to organise at least one Cyclemotor only run and will probably do a few more evening runs to

local bike meets which will be suitable for Sports Mopeds, Step throughs and slightly faster bikes than our usual mopeds..

We are also thinking of reviving our camping weekend this would be in May and would be a Windmill related weekend with runs visiting Mills in and around Suffolk & Norfolk on both days.

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or check the East Coast Pedalers Facebook Group Pages which are constantly updated

### S.E.M.E Midweek events.

Mike Follows will be organizing some more mid week ride outs in due course. More information when I get it via Facebook or email.

#### Another midweek run

#### The 'Royal Run' 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The next mid-week run and probably the last in 2016, will start from the main car park at Goldsmith's Leisure Centre, Eridge Road (A26), Crowborough TN6 2TN.

Meet at 10.30am for an 11am start.

This is a new route for the section and includes one or two hills, so probably not suitable for cyclemotors unless you are really fit!!

Mike Follows

01732 700 280/07887 950 921

Please let me know if you are coming so I can print out enough route sheets.

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### Events Calendar.

All the South East Moped Enthusiasts events are in red, you will note that all club events are clearly marked showing which club is

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running the event. Please look at the EACC website for more runs and events, more are added all the time. The abbreviation SOH means "Some other Club"

### 2016 Calendar.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> September

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts display at the Edenbridge Motor Show Gabriels Farm, Mill Hill, Edenbridge, Kent. TN8 5PP 10-4pm call Mike Follows on 01732 700280

#### 11<sup>th</sup> September

EACC Coprolite Run & Moped Jumble from Bucklesham Village Hall to Felixstowe lunch at the Ferry Boat Inn then return. 11.00am run starts. Contact Mark Daniels for details on 01473 659607

#### 15<sup>th</sup> September (Thursday)

EACC Steeple Morden Run from The Chequers, Queen Street, Stotfold, SG5 4NX run starts at 11.am. Contact David Osborn on 01462 777066

#### 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September

SOC Grand Henham Steam Rally call Carl Squirrell for details on 01728 621096

#### 25<sup>th</sup> September

SOC. The Silchester Saunter, from The New Inn PH, Heckfield

RG27 OLE call Robin Cork for details on 01252 624006

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October

ECP. Jim's Jaunt from Wickham Market Square Ipswich call Carl Squirrell on 01728 621096

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October

EACC club stand at the 25 Copdock bike Show, Trinity Park, Suffolk Show Ground, Ipswich for details about displaying your bikes contact Mark Daniels on 01473 659607

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts Annual ride out to Staplefield Green to see the Veteran Car Run, This year we will be having lunch at the Victory Pub on the Green register your interest and join us call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 this is becoming a popular event.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> November

EACC Kneels Wheels Run and the EACC AGM at Coddenham Village Hall Full refreshments available in the hall as well as the usual moped jumble Run starts at 11.00 am with the lunch stop at the Claydon Crown after lunch return to the hall for more moped jumble. The EACC AGM will be at 14.15pm for members only.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> December

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts Christmas Dinner at a

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venue yet to be decided full details in the November newsletter. Register your interest for this festive occasion with Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085

Village Hall SG9 9QL run starts at 11.00am the run stops for lunch at the Three Tuns PH. Contact Peter Smith on 07977 936123 for details.

27<sup>th</sup> December

ECP The Cold turkey Run starting from Framlingham contact Carl Squirrell on 01728 621096

20<sup>th</sup> August

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts, The Bluebell Run. Meet at Horsted Keynes station car park Horsted Keynes Station, Station Approach, Horsted Keynes RH17 7BB enjoy 38 miles of Sussex countryside skirting the South downs with a lunch stop at The Sportsman PH at Goddards Green. for more details contact Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085

## 2017.

9<sup>th</sup> April

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts North Downs Run. Meet at the Edenbridge Leisure Centre carpark Wellingtonia Way, Edenbridge TN8 5LU Run starts at 11.00 am enjoy 38 miles of the Kent and Surrey Countryside and a pleasant lunch stop at the Star Inn at Lingfield. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085

7<sup>th</sup> May

EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts South Downs Run. Meet at the Civic Approach car park, High Street, Uckfield TN22 1AR starts at 11.00am enjoy 34 miles of Sussex countryside with a great lunch stop at 6 Bells biker friendly pub. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085

13<sup>th</sup> August

EACC North Hertfordshire Section the Periwinkle Run Cottered

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