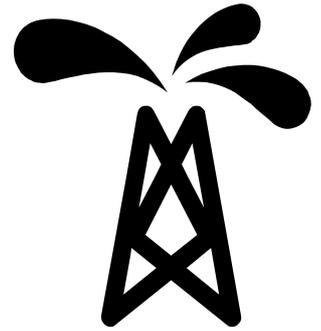


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Dates 2015

Club nights on the first Monday of the month.

Broadclyst Fun Day	June	27th
Fire Engine Rally	June	28th
AGE (UK) Fete	July	4th.
Ride your bike night	July club night.	
Powderham	July	11th/12th
Dartmoor run	July	26th
Exmouth Classic Gathering.	Aug	16th
Bedford Square	Dec	12th

Powderham.

This year there will not be a BBQ, Nic and Lynne have organised it for the past few years and they deserve a rest. Feel free to organise one if you wish.

AGE (UK) July 4th.

Cowick St pleasure ground. 11am til mid afternoon. A good couple of hours to show off your bike and chat to prospective members.

Exmouth gathering Aug 16th.

Imperial ground, 10 am to 4.30 pm. Just turn up and leave as you wish. No entry fee or need to book in advance.

The Crediton John Ride Out.

Wednesday morning 10am dry and cold; Brave club members turned up at The Cowick Barton car park for the rideout; Pete F, Ray H, David G, David D, and David G's friend Tony who was celebrating his birthday (and no we didn't give him the bumps!).

We set off on the old road to Tedburn St Mary where John Davey met us. On to Woodleigh Coach House where a sign "Bikers Welcome" was displayed at the entrance and so it proved from the warm welcome from the cafe staff, who were very willing to display a poster for The Dartmoor Run.

Good coffee and chat was had with more than a little banter and hilarity, during which time Chris Ellis arrived by car with some poor excuse for not biking involving some silencers, apparently he needed an excuse to escape from chores! (but we think that it was a committee member checking up that we were behaving ourselves) .(Fat chance). A group discussion took place with John's well prepared and printed out notes regarding possible routes to ride. Thanks John for doing a sterling job of checking, testing and sorting out the rides. It was decided to ride to Bovey Tracey via Whiddon Down and Moretonhamstead, stopping at the Copper Kettle cafe for lunch. Just outside Moreton David D's clutch cable snapped, he was a bit annoyed as it was only 34 years old and felt he should be able to claim a replacement under warranty. Riding without a clutch made life a bit interesting and he took some very unusual lines around bends due to being in the wrong gear a lot of the time. Nevertheless, everyone arrived safely at the cafe and enjoyed bacon sarnies outside in the sun. Dave and his bike were transported back to Exeter by Britannia Rescue and the other folk made their way back via the Teign Valley. All agreed that it was a really enjoyable day and was something that could be done on a regular basis. To this end it was suggested that the 3rd

Wednesday of the month could be a rideout day, the next being Wednesday 17th June, meeting again at the Woodleigh Coach House at 10.30am. If any club members have favourite rides and would like to lead a rideout let us know. It would be good to have some rideouts at the weekend as not everyone can make Wednesdays. So come don't be shy, let's have your ideas.

Wednesday May 20th.
Reporting by David Denham

Obituaries

Over the past month the club has lost two members, both of whom had passed away as the result of illness.

The funeral of Ron James was held on May 13th and that of Maurice Squire on May 21st. Unfortunately Anne the wife of Ron James broke her ankle in the days prior to the funeral and had to attend in a wheel chair. Members of the club who were able, attended both funerals either by bike or car. Cards of condolence were sent to both families.

Happier news.

Some of us I am sure (no names no pack drill) feel as if they have had a good run taking their bike for MOT. Well, I was chatting to Trish only to find that she and her son Jack have recently completed a trip to Vietnam with Trish riding a Ural much to the amazement of the organisers who thought she would not be able to start it. I look forward to her input for the magazine.

Just to add to her exploits she is now off to France sailing to Roscoff and then riding down to Santander to Meet up with John and Carole Butcher who will be taking their bikes there. They all then in due course will ride back to Roscoff for the sailing home. I am sure we wish them all well and look forward to their safe return.

Apart from Trish, John and Carole, and Steve Adcock does anyone else carry out continental or further afield trips?

Members news.

Bill Jones has been unwell of late. The medication he was taking had quite a nasty reaction. One of the more alarming effects was to send him on a trip as if he had been on the funny fags. The coffee table changed to a large plastic one adorned with plastic crockery. In addition to that the whole effort was guarded by a large dog. I have visited Bill and he is now back to normal although he will not be riding for a day or two.

Ray, who as you are aware has a pacemaker fitted to keep him going also had a heart monitor so that the hospital could tell how it was working. Well, the time came for the monitor to be removed which was supposed to be a simple operation. In this instance it did not go too well and it took much longer than expected although it was a day case operation. Suffice to say it left Ray feeling quite grim for a couple of days. However he was well enough to attend the Mayor's do and pose for a photo after making full use of the buffet!

You just cannot keep a good soldier down, as they say.

Andy Donald has had a hand operation which was a success, however he also will not be riding for a while.

Lord Mayor's Reception May 13th.

Ray and I attended the Lord Mayor's reception in the Guildhall as representatives of our club. It was to thank those organisations which had raised funds for ELF, this being the charity supported by the Lord Mayor over the past year. Our donation of £200 was raised through the 2014 Dartmoor Run. You might recall that we presented the cheque during a buffet evening. The total raised for the cause was just short of £42,000, the second highest on record.

Ray and I attended because Adrian who was the original invitee was unable to do so.

As well as the speech by the Lord Mayor and the buffet (both excellent especially the coffee cake) we were invited to see the City bling, that is to say the regalia, and to have it explained to us, quite a privilege. If only I could remember all of the information! Strange to say though, the only part we did not see was the Mayor's office which was locked and he did not have the key!



Ray is the one without the hat.

Here's a foxy one to think about!

Here's your English lesson for the day!
"Complete" or "Finished"?

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished.' Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."

Mr. Balgobin's response: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.' If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.' And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are 'completely finished.'"

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

So now you know!

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