



MOJACAR MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB

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SECRETARIES BIT

I have been busy finishing the final details on the tour to Portugal so this bulletin is rather short this time.

The Four Peaks weekend went off a treat; weather was excellent and the turnout was good. We were visited by John & Kit Evans who joined us for dinner one night; John is slowly recovering and was pleased to see us all, I won't say any more at this stage as Paul Gretton is writing a report for the next bulletin.

Arthur & Lyn Spain have information on B&B availability at their North Wootton weekend, important information regarding deposits etc is included - see their article.

Unfortunately we have lost two events; Martin Heuter has cancelled the Forest of dean weekend and Ian & Morag Fitzsimons have cancelled their autumn tour in Scotland, both due to lack of support.

Brian & Jackie Caswell have information on accommodation for their Llanwrtyd weekend, see their article.

We have had an excellent response for the May re-union, 46 on the Saturday and 45 on Sunday. Do remember we are eating on both nights at the Pilot Boat Inn. Details of the weekend are printed below. Let's hope it's three times lucky with the weather.

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EVENTS FOR 2009

May Reunion: Lyme Regis: Date 1st to 4th May.
Organiser Tony Maidens.

As usual many folk make this a long weekend, most members B&B; if you need help give me a ring or email and I will give you telephone numbers for B&B. For the campers at Hook Farm here are the prices per night – Tent 1 person & Bike £7, Tent 2 persons & Bike £9, Tent 2 persons & car £10, motor caravan £10 + £2.50 electric pick-up.

Programme:- Some folk will arrive Friday and will surely meet members wandering around Lyme looking for a dinner venue, Saturday is a do as you please day, enjoy Lyme Regis and surrounding area or, ride out into the lovely Dorset countryside. On Saturday evening we assemble at the Pilot Boat Inn for dinner at 7.30pm. Sunday morning we assemble in the usual lay-by on the A3052 to depart at 10am for a ride organised by Dave Boon. Sunday evening we again assemble at the Pilot Boat Inn for 7.30pm dinner. Monday morning folk depart for home or, as I always say - if you have nothing better to do why not stay a little longer!

SUMMER TOUR 2010

If any member has an idea for a club summer tour next year, please forward it to me now for proposal at the May Re-union or propose it yourself if you prefer at the re-union. It is now club procedure to try to sort out next year's summer tour at the May Reunion.

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North Wootton Somerset: Date 10th to 12th July.

Organisers: Arthur & Lyn Spain. Camping/B&B weekend – As usual we are in the campsite at North Wootton, the cost per pitch is £7. I may require a deposit at a later date. For those requiring B&B the Crossways hotel in the village has double rooms at £70 per night B&B or single rooms at £50 per night B&B. 01749 899000/891110. B&B's nearby; Barrow Farm near campsite 01749 890245, or Pat English Tanyard Lane Nth Wootton 01749 890761, Or two B&B's in Dulcote a small village between us and Nth Wootton - Ros Bufton Manor Farm Dulcote House 01749 672125; The Coach House, Little Fountains, Dulcote 01749 678777. Anyone booking B&B please let us know so we can organise numbers for meals etc – we would also recommend not leaving it too late to book as it is a holiday area and can get booked up quickly.

For the campers we require a deposit of £5 per person; when we all meet up we will be collecting a small payment from B&B'ers towards expenses.

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Llanwrtyd Wells: Date 14th to 16th August:

Organisers: Brian & Jackie Caswell.

As before the venue is the Belle Vue Pub, the pub can accommodate 20 people so it's first come first served, no problem if more folk want to come as we can arrange B&B in the village local to the pub. If you are interested in joining please phone Brian & Jackie for prices etc ASAP.

AGM reunion weekend: Date 9th and 10th October.

Organiser: Tony Maidens.

Hon Secretary.

TOUR TO PORTUGAL 2009

Date of tour: Saturday 30th May – Sunday 14th June.

Number on tour: 34 members. Their names are:

Frank & Lynda Chapman, Bill & Kate Fishwick, Maurice & Pat Jones, Dave & Sue Boon, Mike & Sheila Smith, Phil Noad, Tony & Maureen Street, Keith & Brenda Parfoot, Alan & Brenda Glover, Nigel Lacey & Edina Champion, Colin Pegram, Paul Weston, Colin Purches, Alan Simister, Laurie Shephard, Peter Reynolds, John Sellwood, Vince Noad, Andy Bishop, David Goose, Mike Lacey, Mike Thompson, John Swainston, Tony & Christine Maidens.

Our itinerary is: - Saturday 30th May 2009 the group will meet at Beaumont north of Le Mans. Sunday we ride to Mansle near Angouleme about 193 miles. Monday - ride to Navararrenx west of Pau in the foothills of the Pyrenees 190 miles. Tuesday onto Agreda in northern Spain 165 miles (the club visited the Hostelry here in 2003). Wednesday to Piedralaves 240 miles for a two night break in the Sierra Gredos. Friday ride into Portugal via Caceres for a two night stop in the old town of Castelo de Vide 240 miles. Sunday - south west to Santiago do Cacem 150 miles some 83 miles south of Lisbon near the Atlantic coast for a three night break. Wednesday 10th June ride back into Spain to Merida around 190 miles for our final night. This will position folk near main routes to find there own way back home starting on Thursday morning. The distance from Dieppe (our ferry port) to Merida is approximately 1500 miles; you need to add another 800+ miles to home.

Costs – with the increasing value of the euro we think half board will be somewhere in the region of £43 a night. Petrol is any-ones guess but, it is usually cheaper in Spain and Portugal!!

Tony & Christine Maidens.

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MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION DIRECTORY

Well, this idea fell on deaf ears; no one came forward with a spare bedroom. However, Dave & Barbara have had a reshuffle and can now offer a double room (Super King Bed would sleep 3 if that's your thing!) and/or twin room (max four people). Dave & Barbara say "As stated previously, self cater, meals at cost or down the pub. We are just 8 miles from the lovely Forest of Dean and in close proximity to Wales".

FOR SALE

Hein Gericke "Air" Cordura Jackets. Designed for hot weather with closable vents on back, chest and sleeves.

Fully armoured including back protector, almost new, cost £97 - size Small or XXL, £30 each.

Dave Bexley

THIS LOT FREE But you pay the postage.

Belstaff waterproof Cordura gloves, leather palms, lined, drawstring cuffs, blue, medium or XL.

Cordura polar lined waterproof gloves, goatskin palms, medium.

Waterproof breathable all leather gloves, shortish cuffs, medium or large.

Unlined Cordura summer gloves, leather palm, medium, new.

Lastly:- Goretex waterproof mountain mitts, removable thermal inners, large drawstring cuffs, as new, large, designed for snowboarding/skiing but use as biking overmitts or complete – Not Free but only £5.

Dave Bexley

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SPONSORSHIP

Martin Hueter is undertaking a challenge of a unique kind – he will be cycling on a folding bicycle (one of those city types) from London to Paris - 240 miles, to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. His trip will take him (and up to 100 other cyclists from around the UK) through rolling countryside in England, crossing the channel from Portsmouth to Caen, then through cycling country to finish under the Eiffel tower on 13th September. This gruelling ride will require a daily journey of around 60 miles every day.

Martin is trying to raise £1200 and wonders if you can sponsor him. If you can, either send him a cheque or you can give "online" by going to www.justgiving.com/martinhueter and use your card. If you have any questions, please contact Martin by phone email or letter.

Martin Hueter



Martin on his collapsible bike