



DEAL & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB  
DECEMBER RIDEOUT AND MONTHLY  
REPORT

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Val's (Landlady) birthday at the Magnet. A good night was had by all who attended. Happy birthday Val.

Many thanks for support you and John have provided to the club over the years

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Dave Wood led a ride out to Herne Bay.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Hospital Run



It was a very cold day for the run but three brave souls went on bikes – Bob & Dee (Bob dressed as Santa) and Mandy. Brian and Carol followed in their car. Phil Jones and Mick Dawkins came to see us off.

John & Val provided some much appreciated coffee at the Magnet and before our departure the East Kent Mercury photographer, Terry Scott, took our photos. £400 was raised – four cheques for £100 each were provided to 4 hospitals, Dover, Canterbury, Ashford and Margate.

First stop, Dover Hospital.



We presented two cheques and presents to the nurses. As we set off to our second stop, Ashford, the rain started...! At Ashford we presented a cheque and presents.



We were able to go on the children's ward and see parents and children. We took a tin of sweets and the kids loved it!



Alice (below on Santa's knee)) and Elliot (above) were two of the children we had the good fortune to be able to spend some time with at Dover and at Ashford.

Still raining... as we left for Canterbury to stop at the Solo Café for lunch.



Then off to Margate Hospital, where we again presented a cheque and gave presents and sweets.

We returned home by 3.30pm, cold, wet, but very happy.

#### How the money was raised:

£100 – Mick Peploe – club member  
£100 – S.W. Flooring – Mick's friend  
£50 - David Osborne – Plumbing  
£20 – Adrian Ovenden – Plant Hire  
£65.58 – The Magnet and DDMCC club members and £5 from Betty (A friend of Bob and Dee)  
£7.19 – Evolution Hair Salon  
£3.16 – Sportsman Pub  
£3.03 – Deal Builder Centre  
£17.50 - Julia's Sandwich Bar, Sandwich-by-Pass  
£30.41 - GSE Plant Hire



Many gifts were given to DDMCC – Thanks to the following:

- Ruth Smith at Maisies, these went to Margate Hospital – puzzles, farm yard set.

- Robin Green. Greengages shop. Art & Craft starfish, for children to paint. Debbie Smith. Leaps and Bounds Art & Craft paints, crayons etc. These went to Dover Hospital.
- Playstation demo games went to Ashford Hospital

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Classic Bike Day

Only Mandy and Ray turned up for a ride. Bob & Dee came in their car. All went home. Returned to the Magnet at 12.00 for the BBQ. Thanks to John & Val for putting on a good spread.

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

*Thanks to all members for the help they gave in making the raffle and Christmas party a great success.*



We had a great evening. Mandy Smith was presented with the shield for Club Personality – well deserved, Mandy.

Catering by 'Bay Tree Caterers'...



The music by 'Mixed Emotions'....



Carols were also played by Alan Crompton on his saxophone – we all enjoyed a sing-a-long.



This was a great event organised by our new committee and enjoyed by all. Many raffle prizes and vouchers were donated throughout the year, from club

members and businesses connected via the web site – Many of these donated raffle prizes were used to support the fantastic raffle at our Christmas Party.



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day ride-out

Alf led in his combinations – No! I think that should read – Alf led on his Enfield Combination and took us on a lovely ride to Herne Bay. We stopped at Weatherspoons for breakfast. It was dry and sunny. Attendees were Alf, Dave Moyse (in sidecar); Archie, Brian, Carole, Mandy, Mike and Felicity.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Members enjoyed a ride out to Folkestone for fish and chips

The end of this month sees yet another successful calendar year come to a close for Deal & District Motor Cycle Club. 2008 saw many new bikes purchased - and sold! Old classic bikes have made their debut after months of painstaking restoration work and many miles have been travelled by the hardy few in the club that always make the effort to turn out. 2008 has been an eventful year with many new ideas being brought to fruition in the last few months by our new club committee. Our thanks are given to the previous committees and especially those on the new and current committee who are working so hard to make the club even better in 2009.

Best wishes to you all!



## January 2009 Events

The 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2009 a group of members turned out to start the New Year with a ride led by Alf Craker riding his Enfield Combination. The group enjoyed a good ride through the countryside to Smarden and Headcorn. They stopped for lunch at the aerodrome after which they rode to Molash to visit Gordon Rose to look at his vintage cars; arriving back at Deal at about 4pm – A most enjoyable day!

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 was a very cold and wet day so no ride-out took place.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 – Classic Bike Meet - Mandy was the only rider to turn up early for the run – Being the hardy and determined soul she is, she went for a ride through the countryside towards Hawkinge on her own. J Mandy arrived back at The Magnet to join approx 18 others who turned out for the first meeting of 2009. Our thanks are given to John & Val for the BBQ.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 was Bowling Night! - 21 people attended a bowling evening at 'Bugsy's' in Margate. Teams were picked and the usual challenges were made! – The overall winner was Derek Mardell with a top score of 266 points. Second place was secured by Dave Wood with 247 points and third place was Rob Caldwell with 236 points – well done to the winners!

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 – A coastal ride was the order of the day today led by Alf Craker on his trusty Combo. Approx 10 bikes turned out for the run to include breakfast.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 – No ride-out took place due to bad weather.



## February 2009 Events

Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – Trip to Excel – The planned club organised trip had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Insufficient numbers from the club signed up to go which meant it was much better value to travel using own transport. Heavy snow fell on the day and a few phone calls were made to warn others of the treacherous road conditions in the Chatham and Faversham areas. A ride-out also took place in the morning to Folkestone Harbour to include riders: Mandy (Lead) Dave & George and John & Eileen.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 – Classic Bike Meet A ride out for an hour or so with a return to meet at the Deal Pier and a cup of tea before returning to The Magnet. John and Val supported the event with their delicious BBQ – Thanks! The day was highlighted with the introduction of a new Club Trophy, donated by Landlord John, to be awarded for the best turned out bike

of the day. This month's winner from a good selection of bikes was a very proud Phil Jones with his Triumph Tiger 90 – Well done Phil!

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 – John and Val at The Magnet hosted a Valentines Evening – John reported the evening was a success.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 – A very cold day when only a few hardy souls turned out for the ride to Folkestone Harbour.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2009 – A very good turn out of bikes saw two runs leave The Magnet. One group went to The Airport Café and the other led by Alf went towards Canterbury and Ospringe direction stopping on their journey for lunch and an afternoon tea kindly bought by Alf. Arrival home was at about 3:30pm

## A few photos from the last couple of months....

The New Club Trailer – with Livery!



Alf's Royal Enfield Combination



Proud Trophy winner Phil!



Time for Breakfast!!

