

## East Coast Pedalers "Drive it Day" Run to Carlton Colville 17th April, 2011

Fine weather greeted the East Coast Pedalers at the two starting points for the anual "Drive It Day " run to the East Anglian Transport Museum at Carlton Colville, Nr Lowestoft.

There was a good turn out at the Saxmundham departure point, eight machines and 9 members set off in three groups, Kent visitors Clive and Ann Fletcher left early on their NSU Quickly, and were not to be seen again until after everyone else arrived at the Museum ! They had clutch problems and Clive had to leave Ann sitting under a tree whilst he returned to the campsite where their Motorhome was based, he then changed to his Piaggio MP3 trike, collected Ann and made his way to the venue.

The second group left at 9.30 , this comprised "normal mopeds - all under 50cc though... - led by Terry Keable, 15 minutes later the Sports Moped group left and they soon made up time and met the others at the first scheduled stop on Dunwich seafront, from then on everyone rode together to the Museum. A fine run was enjoyed by all including Norfolk "traitor" Keith Ashby who was riding with the Suffolk members on the "Track spare" Honda Novio.

The Norfolk "Group" consisted of ONE member - Dave Watson, the plan was to pick up Mick "Soapy" Sudds en route, but Mick got a puncture on his first choice of machine and returned home to collect his other bike; thinking he had missed his connection he made his own way to the museum - not that it mattered anyway as the Doctor didn't follow the route given to him so didn't go through Harleston anyway !!!

Rod Fryatt turned up at the museum and seeing as he lives fairly close to the border we signed him onto the Norfolk signing-on sheet to make things look a little better. We were made very welcome at the Museum and we all made use of the free tickets to ride on the trams, buses etc, there were lots of exhibits to see and lots of people to chat to, as usual our machines created much interest especially Terrys bike which had details of our Side to Side run attached to it.

All too soon our planned departure time of 3.00pm was upon us and we set off in a haze of two stroke smoke on our way home, Rod and Dave made their separate ways home, day member Tim Reeve had left early on his Yamaha FS1-E sometime before, the rest of us set off together, Soapy soon veered off on his route back to Harleston, the rest of carried on for some miles until Stoven where Terry, Clive and Ann went their own way back to the far east of the county, the rest of us were ably led by Keith until Badingham where Mark Gibb turned off, and Debbie lit the wick of her Fizzy and shot off into the distance, Carl set off in hot pursuit on his Puch Grand Prix leaving Keith and Roly in their wake, Framlingham was soon in sight and the two sports mopeds were being put away into the garage as Keith and Roly drew up.

All in all a lovely day, thanks to Terry and Keith for acting as leaders for the rest of us to follow, thanks to Dave for organising the Norfolk side of things and to the Museum for inviting us once again.

We now look forward to our camping weekend at Scottow on May 21st and 22nd.

Riders and Machines: Saxmundham: Debbie Doy - Yamaha FS1-E, Keith Ashby - "Track Spare" Honda Novio, Roly Scarce, Terry Keable - Honda PC50s, Clive & Ann Fletcher - NSU Quickly /Piaggio MP3, Mark Gibb - Honda C100, Carl Squirrel - Puch Grand Prix, Tim Reeve (Day member) Yamaha FS1-E.

Norwich: Dave Watson - New Hudson, Mick Sudds - Honda C50LAE, Rod Fryatt - Mobylette



Roly, Terry and Keith at the starting point



Debbie, Mark and Roly are ready to go as well



The mopeds set off into the distance



Some of the cars at the start



two Fizzies and a Puch at Dunwich car park



has your ample girth broken your stand Roly ?



Routemasters Terry and Keith discuss tactics



Debbie supervises the parking of the bikes at the Museum Picture



The NACC had arrived !!



Brian Green kindly supplied us with mid morning cuppas at his Motorcycle shop whilst we were on our Side to Side run; so we felt we should post some pictures of his machines he had on display



this Harding Invalid carriage is on display at the Museum Picture



and the Demm Dove and Runabout don't appear to have moved since last year



didn't see the Sinclair C5 last year though



Nor this Trade bike hanging from the rafters



The Side to Side info...



Terry and ....



An unscheduled stop on the way home



Keith had the track spare well loaded



Mark was carrying the spare fuel on his Honda C100 Picture



Not sure what Roly was carrying though ! probably his cigarette allowance for the day !!!

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