

## East Coast Pedalers Leiston Final Fling Report October 24th

Firstly apologies for the lateness in getting this report on the website (it's not Dolly's fault honestly !) but once again we have moved house twice this year (so far !) and what with removal operations and the delay in getting the Broadband connected Moped business has had to ride Pillion for a while. But I did get time to attend an excellent day at the Final Fling at the Leiston Long Shop Museum on October 24th once again superbly organised by Mark Gibb and his family.

Many members rode into the event including three (fool) hardy riders from Clacton, Dave Watson had added to his collection by collecting machines from nearby Kelsale on his way down, two Mini Motors and a Power Pack were soon fighting for space in his van alongside his New Hudson.

A lovely run out to the lunch stop at Friston Chequers taking in the coastal resorts of Thorpeness and Aldeburgh was enjoyed by all as was the fine meal at the pub.

Dave (I love Hondas) Watson couldn't persuade his New Hudson to join in so jumped on Mark's spare PC50 for the run. A short run back to base to view the many exhibits on display and all to soon it was time to head for home in the hope of dodging the rain showers. Once again Mark Gibb together with help from his family organised another great day at Leiston Long Shop Museum to help the curators of the Museum celebrate the end of another successful year .

Despite the inclement weather there was yet another fantastic of machines and riders, so much so that we filled up our allocated display area and had to have some machines on display further away. Most of the members had ridden their bikes to the event and special mention must be made of three riders who rode all the way in from Clacton on Sea - a distance of nearly 50 miles - so well done to Clacton stalwarts Richard Layton, John Gates and Carl Elbey we hope you had a safe (and Dry) ride home...

Mark had planned another new route for the road run, as we set off from the Museum Dave Watson couldn't get his New Hudson to fire, he did his usual trick of disappearing down a (Downhill) side road in an effort to get it started, as usual he wasn't noticed ; fortunately Terry Keable realised and set off back to find him; and as Terry knew the route he was able to guide Dave round the route after he had headed back and grabbed Mark's spare Honda PC50.

We all enjoyed a lovely ride along the coast through Thorpeness and then onto to Aldeburgh - past the infamous "Scallop" sculpture ! the many walkers were highly amused by the group of middle aged bikers on their mopeds.

All too soon we were at Friston Chequers where the food was served up amazingly quickly, so much so that Dick was already tucking into to his Sunday lunch before most of us had entered the pub. Needless to say yet another fine meal and enjoyable pint were devoured and we were soon heading back to the Long Shop to view the many exhibits including Dave Watsons vanload among which there were two Mini Motors and a Power Pack that he collected on the way - we don't know how he does it, he snapped these up for a derisory price right under the noses of us Suffolk members ! to say we were envious was an understatement !!!

The looming rainclouds meant that the members who had ridden to the event were understandably keen to head back but the members who had vanned or trailered their machines upheld NACC honour and hung on until to the end of the day.

Our grateful thanks to Mark and his helpers for a great day, Mark feels that we may have "outgrown" this event at least in this format so may have something different lined up for next year, but he is not letting on what he has in mind just yet !!

**Riders and Machines:** Mark Gibb - Honda PC50, Terry Keable - Honda Camino, Guy Bolton - Puch Zorplan Trike, Dave Arnott - Mobylette 51V, Colin Clover - James, Brian Barley - Tomos A3M, Mat Ireland - Puch MS50, Steven Cobb - Yamaha XT350, Dick Layton - Yamaha T80, Mick Ritchie - Yamaha V50P, Dave Watson - New Hudson, Carl Squirrel - Honda Novio, John Gates - NSU Quickly, Carl Elbey - Raleigh RM11, Keith Ashby - Austin A35.

**Day members:** Jim Davies - Yamaha V50P, David Parker - Yamaha FS1-E.

**Statics:** Mark - Hondas PC50, NC50K1, Mobylette 50V, Dave Arnott - Raleigh Wisp, Terry - GYS Motamite, Colin - Sun, Excelsior, Dave Watson - Mini Motors, Powerpak, Gimson. (no doubt he had others but we aren't going to mention them in the light of his recent purchases on "our patch" !!!! )







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