

Pedalers at Norfolk Market Town's Annual Funday

August Bank Holiday Monday saw the Pedalers once again set up their stall at the Harleston Recreation Ground for the Norfolk Market Town's Annual Funday.

A nice lie in as it was a local event for most, but even so there were several Pedalers there when I arrived on Debbie's Yamaha FS1-E (no use of the "works van" this weekend so we was restricted as to how many machines we could bring, I had planned to bring the "Scary Sidecar" that had recently completed the Side to Side Run but "Her indoors" expressed an interest in not only having her bike on display but also doing the Road Run, so we compromised and she followed along in the car with the "Track Spare" Novio on the Bike Rack, so that we would both have a machine to ride on what is always a good road run.

Terry was already there and having lined up his Camino Sport was sussing out where the best Ice Creams would be ! ;the organiser of the Nedging Bi-annual event -Marshall Gooderham- had brought along two very nice machines; an ex GPO Bsa Bantam and a superb James, Dick was there with his Yamaha T80 Townmate, Colin soon added his recently completed Sun to the line up, Kent Visitors Clive and Ann signed up for a temporary Day membership and added their very interesting Piaggio MP3 three-wheeler to the line of ever increasing machines - I bet Dave didn't refer to that as "Scary" !

Rod rode in from Oulton Broad on his Mobyette, Roly brought his PC50 on his bike rack, Dave brought along his usual van-load this time it carried a New Hudson, a Moby similar to Rod's and his Side to Side PC50. Mick had switched allegiance from his Normal to what was to be the only Puch there that day. Two well engineered Trikes - one VW powered the other a Kawasaki Z1300 engined machine - joined our line-up, the riders were very scarily dressed so we didn't object ! but they turned out to be very friendly and even let Terry have a sit on one of their machines.

All too soon it was time to set off on the Road Run that Mick "Soapy" Suds had organised, not wishing to rest on his laurels he had planned yet another route this time to Stradbroke White Hart where we had hoped to meet Amanda Donahue as she is rumoured to have a home nearby and sometimes frequents the local pubs, it was a bit cold so we doubted whether she would be in her Castaway costume but we could dream anyway !!! A very pleasant run followed, we had packed loads of tools as Dave chose to ride his New Hudson, but to his credit it performed very well, he was so pleased that he parked in the middle of the dining area so that we could all marvel at his mechanical abilities !

A very tasty lunch was enjoyed by all, Rod spotted a Walnut Tree and had hoped to fill his pockets but the fruits of the tree were not quite ready for picking just yet - expect to see him return in a few weeks time ! We then returned to base camp where the sun had brought out many members of the public who were looking at the remaining machines on display, once we had returned our machines to the line up they had much more to interest them and as usual there were a lot of people of a "certain age " drooling over Deb's Fizzy (wish I hadn't brought it now !). There was lots to see and do, we were treated to a line dancing display, a fine young Rock Band, lots of stalls to get a bargain or two, and we were treated to an excellent flypast by the Red Arrows - far to quick to catch on Camera - and a WW2 prop driven aeroplane.

All in all a fantastic day and our big thanks go to Soapy for organising everything for us, and to Marshall and Colin for looking after the stand whilst we were out on the Road Run. Only a few days now to the next event on September 5th at the Norfolk Gala Day at the Royal Norfolk Showground -- see you there ?

Riders: Mick "Soap" Suds - Puch Maxi, Debbie Doy - Yamaha FS1-E, Rod Fryatt - Mobyette, Dave Watson - New Hudson, Roly Scarce - Honda PC50, Richard Layton - Yamaha T80, Terry Keable - Honda Camino Sport, Clive & Ann Fletcher - Piaggio MP3, Carl Squirrel - Honda Novio.

Statics: Marshall Gooderham - BSA Bantam, James Lightweight, Colin Clover - Sun lightweight, Dave Watson - Honda PC50, Mobyette.







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