

## East Coast Pedalers Valentines Day Run, February 2010

As usual the first East Coast Pedalers event of the year was very well supported, despite the dodgy weather forecast and the other obvious distractions that February 14th offers, 16 hardy riders turned out plus two recovery vehicles and a couple of members turned up in their cars to see what the attractions of Pedaler events are.



The machines started to form alongside "Bert" - Prince Albert to you and me ( Picture 1) and others soon joined the line. (Picture 2) Inside there was Coffee and Tea on offer together with some delicious heart shaped biscuits, there had been a concert on the previous night but we weren't strong enough to lift Debbie's Fizzy onto the stage itself so we left it standing at the front . (Picture 3).

Despite having to wait for Dave Watson to arrive who had been delayed as he had been busy fettling the Puch's carburettor during the morning we still managed to leave at the appointed time of 11.30.

All was going well for 4 miles then Terry Keable decided to take his own shorter route as he was feeling the cold in his old bones and all but 5 of us decided to follow his example, the remaining five, Roly, Dave, Geoff Daw, Alan Bloys and myself followed the route sheet to the letter and enjoyed a fine ride UNTIL after riding through Loudham woods I got a Puncture in the rear tyre of the PC50 outfit, as we were so close to Blaxhall I told the others to carry on to the pub and I would fit my spare tube and meet them there, Dave elected to stay and help me and we set to fitting said tube, a few minutes later we were done, so we set off again only for 3/4 mile later to have a flat tyre again !



We were getting really close to the Pub by now so Dave carried on ahead and I had took the wheel out again, Roly was then summoned to supply his better quality tube ( mine was a Cheap Autojumble purchase !!) and by the time he arrived the wheel was out and ready for the tube to be refitted, job was soon done and we made it to the Pub, together with punctured tubes hanging from the handlebar (Picture 4).

Obviously everyone was tucking in to their food, so Roly and myself grabbed a packet of crisps and a quick pint and we were soon ready to go, then it started SNOWING ! Undaunted everyone got their gear on and set off for the return leg. (Pictures 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Trevor's NSU Quickly caused much amusement with the size of his rear number plate (Picture 9) it didn't slow his Quickly down though and it was a damn sight faster than Terry's recently acquired Honda Camino !!

Most riders took a shorter route back in deference to the weather conditions but a few of us - well Roly, the 2 Daves (Arnot & Watson) and myself did the full course.

Everyone made it back to the college and were soon tucking into the fantastic Valentine's Day cakes that Debs had made (Pictures 10 & 11).

There was much chatting and dealing going on, but we interrupted this to present our special award for the most glamorous pillion passenger which went to Val Dearsley because a) she WAS going to ride Pillion on partner Barry Lewis's machine but our resident recovery driver Margaret Bloys was minus a navigator so we press ganged Val into the role ! and b) I thought she had an appropriate name .....

Eventually we managed to get everyone to leave the stately grounds of Framlingham College and went home to wash our bikes off or attend to other Valentines Day duties (My bike remains unwashed !!!).

Thanks to Debbie for the wonderful catering, Roly for organising everything at the College for us, Michelle for washing up, Margaret and Dick for recovery driver duties (where were you when I needed you ? ) and to everyone else for turning up to enjoy the day.

Once again we have to thank Framlingham College for allowing us to use their facilities completely free of charge - they did nick some of our biscuits though !!!







Riders were: Billy Doy - Norman Nippy, Mark Gibb, Roly, Ray Hatt Honda PC50s, Terry Keable - Honda Camino "Sport" (Not very sporty were the reports I got back!), Barry Lewis, Neil Ridgion - Honda C90s, Brian Barley - Tomos A3M, Barrie Holland, Trevor Seymour - NSU Quickly's, Alan Bloys - Super Moby, Geoff Daw- Garelli Bimatic, Dave Arnott - Motobecane, Dave Watson - Puch MS50, Lisa Smith (Temporary member) - Honda C50, Carl Squirrell - Honda PC50 combo. Static exhibits: Debbie Doy - Yamaha FS1-E, Trevor Seymour - New Hudson, Barry Lewis - Raleigh Runabout, Carl Squirrell - "Le Mobchop", ECP "Track Spare" Honda Novio





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