

Northern Ireland Section East Coast Run on May 8th

We had a good turn out for the first of the season runs of the Northern Ireland Section and it began on the East Antrim Coast at Ballygally. It was an overcast May Sunday with the sun breaking through at Ballygally. Ten riders and bikes turned out and after morning tea, coffee and a few photographs we headed off down the beautiful Co. Antrim Coast. Our first stop was at Glenarm Village below the castle where we let the bikes cool and we had to have a few bike changes due to punctures and miss-fires. We set off again with the sun shining and a slight tail wind (always good) towards the next village of Carnlough where we parked the bikes at the harbour where on-lookers could admire the range of machines that had descended upon their village.

The bikes included were Raleigh Wisp, Mobyette, James Superlux, Excelsior Autobyk, NSU Quickly, Raynal Auto, Francis Barnett Powerbike, two Norman Motobyks, NSU Quickly S23 and a Bianci Aquillo. After a short stop some more photographs and a chat we returned along the coast road (now with a strong head wind) where the Quickly led the way back to the Halfway House Hotel, Ballygally for a great meal and a reflection on the day's trip.

A good day was had by all after such a wet and windy night. Thanks to all who took part. John Maconaghie, John Barkley, Ivan McConnaughie, Trevor Kirk, Joe Gault, Robert Gault, Stephen Boyce, Mervyn McClurg, Maurice Elliott, Joanne Elliott and myself Don Ferguson.

Looking forward to our next outing which is planned for the 5th June.



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