

## **Leicestershire Enthusiasts 21st Anniversary**

The morning of the 8th May 2022 dawned clear and bright with a promise of a lovely sunny day ahead.

From all directions of the compass around Leicestershire, Derbyshire and further afield an assortment of classic mopeds ( Mobylettes, Raleigh RM6, RM8 and Wisp, Puch, Honda 50's and 90's, Bown Autocycle and NSU S23/2 including a very nice static racing NSU) converged on Stonehurst Family Farm and Motor Museum at Mountsorrel. Leicestershire Enthusiasts 21st Anniversary celebrations were actually happening after a delay of two years.

The event was originally planned as a 20th Anniversary in May 2020, well we all know what went wrong with that! The next plan was for a 21st Anniversary which was then delayed to May 2022.

Looking very smart in their new commemorative polo shirts (thanks Ian), the club members and friends assembled their trusty mopeds on display before an original Founder member of the Section flagged off the run, which was a very pleasant ride around the Charnwood Forest area of Leicestershire, passing through picturesque villages and notable local landmarks of Bradgate Park and Beacon Hill.

We eventually arrived back at Stonehurst Farm without too many upsets. Ben Jackson from BBC Radio Leicester interviewed some riders and Mike (our Chairman) explained the origins of the section and the joys of messing about with underpowered little bikes!

It was then time to enjoy a superb buffet lunch during which Mike awarded the Founder members present with special certificates. Afterwards there was time to chat and visit the little Motor Museum.

In the time honoured spirit of the NACC, when it was time to leave, one of the bikes refused to go home, requiring on site 'fettling' to sort out a carburettor problem, after which we are reliably informed "It went like a rocket"!

A wonderful day, we now look forward to many more such days over the next 21 years.

Thanks to all who organised and attended our event.

Elaine Jones