

East Berks section notes

By the time you read these notes, our Awards Night Dinner will have probably happened. There has been very little "on the road" activity since the last issue. Even Crashby has only done a couple of track days. At the start of November, Rex took the RoSPA advanced rider test and gained a silver. Terry took his beautifully restored Scott to Kop Hill, only for the exhaust to fall off on the way home. He's just started on the restoration of a 1966 AJS 650GSR. Give the quality of his restorations we look forward to seeing it on the road. He says that there are always some non-standard fittings and no one seems to notice. A challenge for the rivet counters....

Given the lack of recent activity and the time of year, a bit of a review of the year is pertinent. On looking at previous section notes there were a couple of things which members of the section did, that didn't get any mentions and one section note which was duplicated. In Feb/March, Rex and Mary spent a month touring New Zealand on a hired BMW. The July section trip to Mid-Wales was also joined by DY who stayed with Gareth Jones in Llandridod as did Rex who joined the trip after four days touring in Derbyshire. Both arrived on the Friday riding in the rain whilst the others were keeping dry in cars. Several members attended the Jampot Rally either staying over or riding down for the day. All comments were favourable.

One major trip which was missing from reports this year was the section tour of the South West. Six riders on classic bikes of which five were bikes of the marque rode down through Somerset, North Devon and the Cornish coast to Cape Cornwall and Lands End, returning along the south side and over Dartmoor. They took in Porlock and Lynmouth Hills on the way out as well as Zig-Zag Hill on the way home. With a bit of "on road elektrikery bodgery" on one bike, all six bikes made the 750 mile trip back home. Crashby is hatching a cunning plan for a trip to France next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.