

East Berks February 2020 Section Notes

It was a sad Christmas for Bob Hurdwell when his wife Pauline passed away on Christmas Eve following a long illness and a short spell in hospital. Condolences from all of us in the Section to Bob and RIP Pauline. Life however goes on for the rest of us and New Year's Day saw Crashby on his Bonnie lead 5 other riders, (DY on his spluttering BSA, JT on his G80CS, Mike Wilkins and Richard Collins on BMWs and little old me on my Bonnie), all the way from Marlow to Stony Stratford. It was a cold ride and fingers and toes suffered but it was good to get back on a bike. The next motorcycling event involving Section Members was the MCC's Exeter Trial where Carl Kiddle on a newly acquired 250 Yamaha Serow was aiming for his third Gold medal in a row thus entitling him to the elusive Triple. For some strange reason Crashby had borrowed a 500 Yamaha outfit and persuaded me to passenger for him. We all left Maidenhead on Friday evening in our small convoy and travelled about 7 miles before all the air in the rear tyre of the outfit escaped. Crashby then nipped the one and only spare tube so we had to phone a friend. DY who lives a few miles away duly came to the rescue with a spare 18" tube and a torch so we were able to continue on our way to Popham and then on to Sparkford to start the trial proper. Following some other adventures on the trial with the rear chain on the outfit coming off several times we all finished the event in Torquay on the Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately Carl failed a couple of sections so has not won the elusive triple. Been there and done that before so I can sympathise. By the time everyone reads these notes the new Committee will have been elected. I anticipate that it will be the same as the old Committee except for the absence of Graham Lloyd who is retiring and moving to Axminster in January. Bon voyage Big Legs!

Ralph Brown

