

# Newsletter

April 2014

An events packed newsletter this month, read on.

# Last club night run 1st April Huntly.

It was a very good run, one of the riders peeled off to go home on the way, the rest (7) went all the way to Huntly, two decided not to join in for fish suppers and went home, and the rest of us had a very pleasant supper after which we arrived back in Oldmeldrum at 2130 having covered 52 miles.

The route was; Leaving Oldmeldrum we headed for Whiteford then right onto the A96 taking the left fork onto the B9002 Old Military Road, finally turning right onto the A97 approaching Huntly.

#### Next club night run.

Is being arranged by Tony Robotham.

Unfortunately at the time of writing I do not have any information on the run, if I do find out what is planned I will try to let you all know.

#### **Cairn O Mount Update**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> April I visited the Tay Valley Norton Owners Club who have their annual Huntygowks meeting at a café called Tullybannocher near to Comrie.

The trip to Comrie via the A90, Arbroath, Perth and Creiff was very pleasant though wet with the return journey home via the A9 and Keith. The purpose of the trip was to see if I could persuade as many of the TVNOC members to join the COM as possible, I left a few application forms and most members were making positive noises about entering, they all seemed a nice bunch of lads and lasses very friendly and interested in the GCMCC, I hope some of them decide to enter, I have their email addresses so will send a reminder early next month.

Tullybannocher Cafe near Comrie.



I have produced some Cairn O Mount posters and left them at Shirelaws Crown St Aberdeen, Ecosse Motorcycles Aberdeen, Sillet Tyres Holland Street Aberdeen and Craigston Tyres of Oldmeldrum.

With just a month to go before the big event the making of final arrangements is coming to an end, Eileen, Martin and myself still have a number of things to finalise but all will be in place on the day.

If you have yet to enter the COM please note that the last day for entries is the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Large Lunch**

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the large lunch owing to a previously arranged weekend away having been invited to a wedding near Inverness. From all accounts the Large Lunch was a success; with around 20 bikes attending.

### 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June Camping Trip

The park details are:

Broomfield Holiday Park West Lane Ullapool Ross Shire Scotland UK IV26 2UT

PHONE 1: (+44) 01854 612020 PHONE 2: (+44) 01854 612664

Calling times: please only use these numbers between 9am and 7pm unless emergency.

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The plan is to arrive Ullapool pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> there is a second night of the 31<sup>st</sup> May departing for home Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, those who want to stay longer can if they wish, there will be some members leaving Oldmeldrum Square around 1:00pm on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Google maps makes it 141 miles 3hrs 17 mins (if we allow 4 hours to get there 4 hours should be ample) the route from Oldmeldrum to Inverness is subject to those who want to join on the way, we can go via Dufftown and Grantown or Huntly and Elgin.

Anyone wishing to go in convoy or picking up the convoy on the way are welcome otherwise we will meet at the camp site, it is not necessary to book a pitch, costs are "A motorbike and tent with 2 people will be £15/night and £9 for 1 person"

# Those wishing to use B&B rather than camp are requested to make these bookings themselves

Useful and Local Links

Calmac - operate the ferry from Ullapool to Stornoway (Isle of Lewis). In the summer there are 3 sailings a day so it is possible to go for a day trip. Summer Queen - cruises to the Summer Isles from Ullapool where you can see seals, dolphins, a variety of seabirds, and even land on the only inhabited Summer Isle

SeaScape - runs a high speed RIB to the Summer Isles and Loch Broom from Ullapool

There are a number of restaurants and cafes around the village. Kellys is at the entrance to the campsite and offers sit-in and takeaway

breakfasts, meals, rolls, etc. <u>The Arch</u> is alongside us too, and offers bar meals and restaurant food, and often has music on in the evenings. <u>The Seaforth</u>, by the harbour, offers award winning fish and chips and also has music on in the summer. <u>The Argyll</u> has meals and regular music and entertainment nights.

The <u>Ullapool Golf Course</u> has a 9-hole course running along the banks of the loch and for wetter days, the <u>leisure centre</u> has a gym, hall and pool.<u>Inverewe Gardens</u> are worth a days venture, and on route is <u>Corrieshalloch Gorge</u>, one of the highest water falls in the UK.

<u>Lochbroom FM</u> is our local radio station that can give great tips on what's happening locally and weather forecasts, etc. There are numerous sights and attractions in the area so hopefully you'll never be stuck for something to do when visiting.

#### For Sale

1975 B.M.W. R75/6, Green/Silver. Good running bike just needs a tidy up. I have used this bike on quite a few club runs, think the last time was the camping weekend at Applecross. It is a nice touring bike and can carry a bit of luggage. Not been used since 2008 as I bought other toys, but I have given it a service. These bikes are easy to look after and parts are no problem.

It is not MOT'd at the moment but it will come with a years MOT. The last MOT speedo reading is 22615 miles but the speedo head needs replaced as it is broken now, (only the internals everything else works).

The front mudguard also needs replacing as it is broken but I still have it, I just fitted the one in the pic temporarily.

Price is £1000 or we can work something out if you want to MOT it.

Phone Vic Greig, 01261832644.



Safe Riding Tony