

Wind & Fire UK (Chapter 12)

Newsletter February 2011

Some of you may be aware that I have taken over from "H" as Secretary. I am grateful to "H" and the other committee members for their continuing support while I get to know the ropes.

This is my first newsletter so please take this opportunity to suggest any items or events which should be included or perhaps left out!

The second part of the Eurorally based at the Motorcycle Loft Hotel near Bruges is now cancelled. However the loft is apparently open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May if and we could have a UK Members' get together if people wish to stop over on their way home.

Two new Associate Members have joined us; Nick Able & Steven Muscat both proposed by Andy Blair. Welcome to both of you.

As a condition of membership we all undertake to raise or donate at least \$50 per annum to the club's charity fund. If you weren't able to assist at a fund raising event last year then Treasurer Andy Hill looks forward to receiving a cheque for £50 from you.

Many members do not respond to group emails from committee members. It is disheartening not even to get yes or no replies after spending time trying to arrange events, spread information or canvass opinions so please take the time to respond.

We have missed attending some Pow Wows as, not unreasonably, Terry Wakely cannot always attend. Andy Hill had to go to the last one to show our colours. This years Pow Wows are on the evenings of 13<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> September & 20<sup>th</sup> November. Can someone please volunteer to help out and represent us when necessary?

Despite many efforts it has proved impossible to find an appropriate venue for a Chapter 12 Charity Bike Show this year. All those examined have flaws such as costs, security or accommodation. It was agreed unanimously at the last Committee Meeting NOT to hold a show this year. Nevertheless;

LYNDON WRITES:- We still have at least 10 Belgium members coming to stay in Dover for the weekend 1/2/3 April. They are making their own arrangements and taking a ride on Friday to Canterbury then to the Thanet Coast. On Saturday they are planning a ride along the south Coast maybe to Hastings, chilling out on Sunday with a walk along the Cliffs before returning to the mainland on Sunday afternoon.

There are no definite plans yet but I suggest our members look to joining them on Saturday for the ride and then for a meal in the evening. So in the first instance please respond if you will be along 1) for the ride and 2) for a meal in the evening. <u>EMAIL LINK</u>.

On our behalf Lyndon has contacted Eddie to offer to run the W&F Euro-Rally in 2012. If anyone has any ideas as to venue etc then please let us know.

As logistics often make it difficult to arrange events of our own members are encouraged to meet up at other biking events. Below are details of some that may be of interest.

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On Bank Holiday Monday 02/05/2011 it is the Brooklands Emergency Services Day. All members are encouraged to attend and we need VOLUNTEERS please to help run a stall.

The AMOC show may be of particular interest as it's reasonably accessible to all our members.



## CHARITY MOTORBIKE RIDE

Saturday 16th July

In support of CEREBRAL PALSEY KENT www.cpckent.org

Leave from the Oakdene Café, Bottom of Wrotham Hill, Kent at 10am. Ride to the local Care Centre for a cup of Tea and a biscuit.

Then to Meopham Country Club (behind Village Hall) Wrotham Rd, Kent DA13 0AT, for Hot food and live music into the evening.

BRING YOUR WALLET AND A FRIEND

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