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As long ago as July, I wrote a newsletter looking forward to a return to normality – well, that didn't quite work out as I, or indeed anyone else, had hoped, did it? The period of relaxation of the rules was most welcome, and we did manage to meet up on a few occasions, but the number of bike-related events was considerably limited and the unavailability of a covid vaccine last autumn meant that many of us still had to be very cautious about going out and about. Unfortunately both Lynne and I were unwell on and off (non-covid related) over the winter and spring, limiting what either of us could do anyway; I'm glad to say that she is now receiving appropriate treatment at last and is managing to do a bit more, even though going on the bike is still a bit dubious as her balance has been affected.

In the late spring/early summer, after the pubs were finally allowed to re-open again, some of us resumed meeting at the Red Lion on Sunday evenings; attendances were low but that wasn't too much of a problem for those who did go, due to the "rule of six" in force at the time. Unfortunately the pub often had very few other customers on Sundays, and was frequently closed without notice, so we eventually moved back to the Royal Oak at River and were made welcome there. We'd only left because it had gone up for sale and was not expected to re-open at all, and it was a pleasant surprise to find many of the previous regulars, and the bar staff, back again. Numbers attending have remained low, but I hope things will start to pick up now we've all had our jabs (if not, get on with it!)

The good news is that many of the regular local bike meets are back in full swing for what's left of the year. As well as our Sunday meetings, the Pebbles Kiosk bike night occurs on Dover seafront, as does one at the Drum Inn at Stanford (TN25 6DN) on every Tuesday – it's an easy ride between the two. The meetings at Kent Motorcycles (off the southbound A2 near Barham CT4 6SA) and the East Kent Classic club at the Shepherdswell East Kent Railway Station (Station Rd, Shepherdswell, CT15 7PD) are on every Wednesday evening – note that the latter are no longer using the Eythorne venue for the time being. And Deal and District MCC have restarted meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at The Sportsman pub in Sholden (23, The Street, Deal CT14 0AL).

There is an upcoming Bike Show and Autojumble at Ham Street on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month, and the Lord of Lydden & Sidecar Burnup race meeting takes place at Lydden Circuit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

*Kim*

Below – A rather OLD photograph



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**Sunday 12 September 2021**

Romney Marsh Classic Bikejumble & Ride-In Show  
Hamstreet, near Ashford Kent TN26 2JD. Details  
available at <https://www.elkpromotions.co.uk/>

**Saturday and Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Lord Of Lydden & Sidecar Burnup at Lydden  
Circuit. We are looking into making this a club event,  
in conjunction with the Deal & District Club,  
confirmation soon.

<https://lyddenhill.co.uk/events/lord-of-lydden-3/>

**4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

The Big One – Motorcycle Live at the NEC,  
Birmingham. <https://www.motorcyclelive.co.uk/>

**Friday to Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The 69MCC “Back to Basics” Rally. We hope!

**The rally invitations are a bit thin on the ground at  
the moment, but I’ll try and find some soon!**