

As the replacement for the lost year of 2020, 2022 could be a good one with as much crammed in as possible to make up for lost time.

The Bournemouth & New Forest Section has a very broad view of Classic motorcycling welcoming anyone interested in old bikes and on our runs they just have to have a bike – any bike. We don't enforce the 25 year rule (which anyway includes anything up to 1997). Anyone can sign-on and make a donation as long as they are happy to accept the pace and quirks of older bikes. On our smaller informal runs we follow the leader and on our larger and organised runs we use the second man drop off system. This drop off system allows us to organise or change runs at short notice whilst ensuring that all motorcycle capabilities are catered for. On our programmed runs we ask for a £2 (or more, as most of it goes to charity) contribution from anyone signing on (member or not).

As well as our regular monthly meetings and runs, small groups of members meet weekly - Mondays at the Carpenters or Mudeford Quay, Thursdays at the Tyrells and Sundays at Mudeford quay, The Oak at Fritham or where ever Bernie finds a beer festival. We attend (either going in groups or individually and meeting up) various shows and auto jumbles throughout the year. This Bournemouth and New Forest section is particularly eclectic and friendly. Always happy to help out other members, making parts, helping with maintenance, providing advice and information or just giving lifts when someone is temporarily invalided.

This section has actively embraced newer technology to manage, co-ordinate and communicate whilst also maintaining our value of older ideals. Towards that end we meet up regularly for social interaction at pubs, cafes and each other's houses but also interact through emails, text messages, Spotify, Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook and this Website. Our Chairman 'bernardkuroпка@kandtengineers.com' maintains a large email list for promoting meetings, events and runs on a very regular basis. Notification and discussion of future and past events happens through our Facebook page 'Bournemouth New Forest VMCC'. Our website 'www.bournemouthnewforest.uk' lists section programmes and other local events as well as links to related clubs, documentation and other items of interest.

One the advantages of having an aging membership is that we have more time available for impromptu runs out. There is always someone up for a short notice midweek run if a few days of good weather are predicted, especially as these predictions are now so much more accurate. If you are interested just contact me and I'll put you in touch with the relevant members. We also intend to organise more mid-week and lunchtime runs than previously. We haven't yet included these in our events calendar so watch for Bernie's emails or notifications on our Facebook site.

Note Our monthly meetings are now held every 2nd Wednesday at The Carpenters Arms, Bransgore.