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Chris & Anne managed to attend the Staffordshire Wing Ding – before going onto the Yorkshire Wing Ding the following weekend and they report having had a good time. Unfortunately Peter and I missed both of these as we took the new bike to France for an extended test ride which met all expectations and returned a fuel consumption of 50mpg so Peter was very happy with that.

The Tuesday Rendezvous was in Cornwall at the Eliot Arms so gave the opportunity for some of our more westerly members to get

together for a drink and a natter. The Plymouth Megaride isn't a GoldWing do but several members attended – apparently they now have the trick of waiting until almost the end so avoiding all the 'boy racers'.

Paignton Bike Night is still on, this time we saw several non GWOCGB bikes including a very tidy N reg 1975 GL1000. Among the holiday makers we spotted a Border Wings silver trike so had a lovely chat to Dave and Chris who were enjoying themselves in the sunshine.

As everyone was off doing their own main holidays there was no actual D&C meeting in August so Peter and I decided to go find a route for a group ride out later in the year. It was a fine dry day and we had a most successful trip – now hopefully the real one will go as well next month!



Four D&C bikes made it to the Irish Treffen where we enjoyed the hospitality and 'craic', not to mention the stunning scenery, good food and Guinness! We all had a really good time and most of us then went onto our own Treffen in dear old Kelso – now the most frequently used venue. Others came up direct from D&C and were waiting for us to arrive; I reckon there was around 20 bikes altogether which for a small region and the furthest away isn't bad going. As always Kelso did us proud, the town likes to see us and turns out in droves to watch the light parade and Parade of Nations which went through the grounds of Floors Castle. The site itself is nice and easy, with proper facilities and a short walk into town gives endless eating and shopping possibilities.

There was a relaxed happy go lucky feel to the Treffen this year, a few changes had been made so we'll have to wait and see if they were popular or not. One member said it was the best fun you can have in a week – not a bad recommendation! The big surprise of Sunday evening was the winner of the Stan Ching (3 wheel) award which went to our own Chris & Anne – well done you two.



We've packed a lot into one month so I'm not sure why this report seems shorter than usual – probably due to deadlines looming - the new Wing Span format is looking good so I'd better not be late!

Dates for October: 6th Tuesday Rendezvous Dobwalls;

17th Brian's Ride out and monthly meeting. 10.30 Exeter Services. Full Tanks Please.

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