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## WENDY RAKESTROW'S REPORT

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**The Tuesday Rendezvous** was up on the High Moor again and for once the weather meant the bikes could be aired! A select band turned up for an evening of chat and blether but for some the 'SatNav route' had to be seen to be believed (twice the distance it needed to be) – time to ignore it methinks!

**Chris & Anne** went to Jayne Sands' funeral in Lincolnshire – she will be sorely missed. And then we hear that GWEF Chairman Brian Burgess has also left us – what is going on with 2016?

**The monthly meeting wasn't** – not quite sure why not, we met up, we did things, we had a good time but the meeting itself just didn't occur. On a beautiful Sunday morning we met for breakfast at Kit's Hill overlooking the Tamar Valley, six of us kicked tyres with numerous other bikers also taking advantage of the sunshine; unusually for D&C most of our lot were solo and I was the only pillion. After being fed and watered we set off – five 1800s following Bill on his naked GL1000 looked a pretty sight! Through Tavistock and up to Princetown on Dartmoor where even today the prison looks just as forbidding as it must have done to the Napoleonic PoWs it was built for all those years ago.

didn't number enough to do so and giving us an introductory talk before letting us loose around the two floors containing over 100 vehicles plus the usual memorabilia.



As usual it was a case of spotting the vehicles we either grew up with or had when we were learners, checking out the badge collection to see if they had a GoldWing (they did), reminiscing about the toy cabinets and laughing at the prices. It is, of course, very thirsty work being in a museum so we then wandered off to find a café only to meet Andy & Mary who had come to find us, some of the others had to go so it was a case of 'all change' for lunch. Then the parting of the ways, most headed west but Steve followed us back to Exeter on the B3212 which must be one of the best biking roads around (also the most haunted according to Google). A very enjoyable day out.



**After taking in** the stunning scenery and far reaching views we arrived at Moretonhampstead, our destination to check out a motor museum that has opened in the old bus depot. The owner was most obliging, giving us the group discount even though we



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**Peter & I then went off** to enjoy the German Treffen in Kalkar with 32 other Brit bikes which gave us 2nd place (behind Switzerland) in the GWEF awards. Bill & Helen, Brian & Sonia followed us across the channel later in the week heading down towards Italy – I hope they didn't come a cropper with the strikes in France, we had a ferry port change and a blockaded motorway to contend with and by the time we came back the petrol stations were running out of fuel.



**Next up was Bideford Bike Show** which we had to sort for ourselves as both the Reps were away – Bill still across the channel and Chris & Anne attending the Kent Wing Ding. A dozen bikes braved the early fog to meet at Morrison's in Bude for breakfast only to find all the Emmets had got there first and it would take 45 minutes to get food so some of us made do with coffee and a bun instead. Pete Siddalls then led us all in to Bideford but even arriving together didn't mean we got to park together unfortunately. Anyway by then the sun had come out so many layers came off and got stowed in the panniers before a wander around all the bikes and stalls, talking to punters and investigating new services and stuff on offer before stuffing our faces with chips, pasties and ice creams – a proper day out!

**Dates for July:- 5th Tuesday Rendezvous, Torquay;  
10th Cream Tea Run, Cornwall; 17th Wadebridge  
Wheels;**

**Wendy Rakestrow**