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WENDY RAKESTROW'S REPORT

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Thirteen of us squeezed into the corner of the Eliot Arms for the Tuesday Rendezvous and all had a good old natter about what everyone was up to – not much on bikes now unfortunately.

Peter and I had a bit of an adventure and went off on an aeroplane on a non-bike holiday – so why do we still land up in a Honda dealer with him inspecting the underside of a Rune?



count of the votes Wendy was declared the winner – only trouble was that the trophy had been left behind so the handover will be at a later meeting. Thank you to everyone who voted for me, it was a lovely surprise and I shall try to live up to the citation.



Wendy receives The Emperors New Trophy

Time then for lunch and chance to catch up and have chat before spending an hour afterwards planning the calendar for next year – it comes to something when we are agreeing dates for Christmas but 2017 before we've even done 2016's festivities! None of our activities are completely cast in stone but there is usually a Tuesday Rendezvous (evening social), a rideout or meeting and an 'other' for most months so it will be another action packed year with something for everyone.

The following weekend we had a visitor from Wessex – Rob Anstey, he and Peter spent almost the whole time in the bike shed chatting and investigating the archive but he made sure he left in time to get back for Wessex' own AGM. They did manage to make a little time to visit some of the sights of Exeter and inspect the fire damaged oldest hotel in England, The Royal Clarence.

As there's not much this month I thought I might just mention my own bike..... Unfortunately it has been off the road for a couple of months as what Peter thought was an oil leak caused by the seal in the shock absorber turned out to be the whole shock – the top was completely rusted through and wouldn't hold any air at all. Of course being over 30 years old Honda had discontinued the part and we couldn't find a new one anywhere. Peter eventually got one from eBay but as it was as old as mine he was a bit cautious about it but after checking it would hold air he fitted it so I'm now back fighting with the Exeter commuter traffic again instead of taking a leisurely bus ride while reading a book – remind me why I do it again.....!

Dates for January:- 10th Tuesday Rendezvous (a week later than usual) Bovey Tracey; 15th monthly meeting at Poldark Inn; 29th visit to Dingles Steam Village

Wendy Rakestrow



Which way is Mecca ?

To make matters worse he even took photos of the bike dealer's body which was covered in related tattoos. Whatever next?

The aftermath of Storm Angus prevented most from getting bikes out for the AGM; there were still half a dozen hardy souls – the usual suspects – but the rest of us were in cars. It was the first time we had been to the Poldark Inn in months but we got our usual welcome and lunch.

First up was the normal monthly meeting, mainly taken up with trying to decide a venue for next year's Wing Ding. Everyone had obviously missed the monthly meetings as a way to get rid of their bits and pieces as the raffle saw a veritable mountain of donations, nearly everyone went away with something. Upshot was Helen volunteered to do a small raffle on our rideouts so that we can keep the coffers topped up. We also had a "free to a good home" table where camping equipment was swapped – maybe something we should consider again, so much better than just throwing away stuff no longer required.

After a quick break it was time for the AGM, Bill did an excellent report on the region's activities during the year, most of the other officers kept it brief and only Peter, our Newsletter Editor stood down. There were four nominees for 'Winger of the Year' and after a quick