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# Meridian Cycling Club

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## CLUB NEWS LETTER

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### JULY EVENTS

**Friday 1st July** - Ken Dean is taking the afternoon ride to Paddock Wood for a **Fish n Chips** supper. Depart Sainsbury's Otford 4pm and return by train or bike. Please contact Ken if you would like to join the ride as he needs to reserve tables, Tel: 01732 460512. If necessary there will be 2 rides.

**Wednesday 6th July** – Meet Mighty Martin Gill at Lenham Village Square to, well it's a mystery, but knowing Martin as I have for many years it should sure be inventive. Depart 09.30am from Lenham.

**Wednesday 13th July** - Sidney takes his popular car-assisted ride to Ewhurst. Meet 10.30am at Boxhill National Trust Car Park. **Wednesday 20th July** - Dave's annual car-assisted ride goes from **Heathfield, Mill road car park to Pevensey Bay** this year, meet 10.00am. Sorry we have car-assisted rides three weeks running this year but unfortunately Sidney couldn't do his usual date and there was no other alternative available. The entire events calendar can be viewed on the Club website go to:

[www.meridiencyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.meridiencyclingclub.co.uk)



**We take anyone!**

### FRANCE 4 DAY TRIP

Many thanks to our France trip leaders, the two Dave's, Tony, Sidney, Cliff and Martin. Their inventive rides were a major reason why we were able to enjoy another very successful trip

Also thanks to Peter and Rosemary Gray who kindly organised that superb group meal at Guines on our return to Calais. Sidney has posted a selection of pictures of the trip on the club Website.

We had been in France less than a day when suggestions were flowing for next year's trip. So far we have St Omer, Belgium and Dieppe on the list of possibilities.

But first we have to resolve the debacle of our escort to the P&O check in booths. Ray duly sent complaints to Dover Harbour Board and P&O on the 15 June.

### VISIT TO CHESHIRE HOMES

The staff and residents wish to thank those who made the effort to come along and make contributions. Between us we collected over £300 towards the activities at the home. It reminds us how lucky we are and is an opportunity to make a donation and it's an event in their calendar that the residents thoroughly enjoy.

### ANNIVERSARY RIDE

It was good to see so many of you once again, the service and quality of the food was outstanding as usual.

Ray and I forgot to order the cake in time this year, so thanks to chairy Mary who provided 65 of those lovely fairy cakes for our consumption.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many congratulations to Jean Stevens who turns 80 on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. We don't see much of Jean these days, but she always comes to the club AGM and Christmas lunch at Shoreham

### SIDNEY SAYS: SEPTEMBER SPOKE - HELP!

Where are all those articles for Spoke? Don't be shy; it's your chance for the Booker prize. Here's what you do with your literary masterpiece - email it to [sidneyschuman@fastmail.fm](mailto:sidneyschuman@fastmail.fm), post it to 25 Wellmeadow Road, Hither Green, London SE13 6SY or just give it to Sidney on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Or all three. Get busy scribbling; you've only got until 15th August!



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