



Southern Section AGM Report

Words and photos by Dean Carpenter

Date: 19th October 2025

On Sunday 19th October, 31 members of the Southern Section attended the AGM at Rake Village Hall. Members started to arrive from 10am to partake in free tea/coffee and biscuits whilst catching up with old and new members alike, whilst waiting for the excitement to commence at 11am.

Thank you to Lesley Smith, Alison Bailey & Anne Martin in serving these refreshments.



The meeting began promptly and all reports were read out, mostly by Dean (Chairman) due to Mark, Nick and Jim being unavailable due to other commitments. No real issues were brought to the Sections attention other than the Section funds being depleted by, on average, £650.00 per year due to our generosity in paying for events, such as the soup Run and BBQ. This will be addressed in the upcoming year by asking for a donation of £5.00 to attend those 2 events. The Christmas Lunch will still be subsidised, and the AGM Lunch will remain free.

Sadly, Nicholas van Zeggeren resigned from his post as Webmaster, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work on creating a new section website that is informative, user friendly and a great introduction for any potential members to look at. Fortunately for the Section, Alison Bailey very kindly offered (yes offered) to take over the position and is looking forward to receiving and advertising future events.

We also lost 2 extended committee members in Terry Hartshorn and Mike Cross who I would also like to thank for all their contributions, in the past, to the running of the committee. Once again, the committee, were very fortunate to receive 2 offers (yes offers) of help from John Martin and Chris Bailey who were duly proposed and seconded onto the committee, and we look forward to their help and involvement in the future.

Now would be a good time to thank Lesley Carpenter for her suggestion of, organising and laying out the lunch whilst the meeting went ahead. Thank you also to Anne Martin for assisting her in the plating up. All were well fed and enjoyed the cold meats & cheeses with fresh baguette + side dishes. The request to confirm attendance prior to the meeting proved a good idea as leftovers were kept to a minimum. Oh well, I'll make my own sandwiches.



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During the meeting, we had the opportunity to present The Doug Dudley Commemorative Award. This award is presented, to a non-committee member, who has provided an outstanding service to the section over the previous year. This year I had the pleasure of presenting this award to Alison & Chris Bailey for their fantastic BBQ, held at their place in West End. This was the 2nd year they have held it and long may it continue in the Section Diary of events.



Once everyone was suitably fed and watered, Erica began the task of organising our events for the upcoming year.

Lesley announced that we had raised £60 at the meeting for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Thank you to everyone who donated.



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There are a lot of the familiar events like Skittles, Ten Pin Bowling, Slot Car Racing and Winter Talks planned for the early part of 2026 along with the Soup Run & BBQ for when it warms up.

The usual Pub Meets/Natter Nights remain (please see [Section Calendar](#) for any changes to locations). We had a few people offer to lead Rideout's, some multiple times along with Breakfast Meets and Lunches. We are always open to anybody leading a Rideout or suggesting a meet up location. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with the Social Team, [Erica and Gerri](#), who are more than happy to publicise your ride/event.

We are planning on attending a couple of events this year, TBC, with the Section Gazebo as recruiting activities. Please watch out for the Social Secretaries emails, advertising these and if you can, help us out by coming along with your bike and telling everyone how friendly we are and the benefits of joining the BMW Motorcycle Club UK (especially the Southern Section).

I would like to thank all those who attended, those who helped out on the day, everybody who offered their services for the upcoming year and the final thank you goes to my fantastic committee, who make my job as Chairman easy and enjoyable. Long may we work together.

