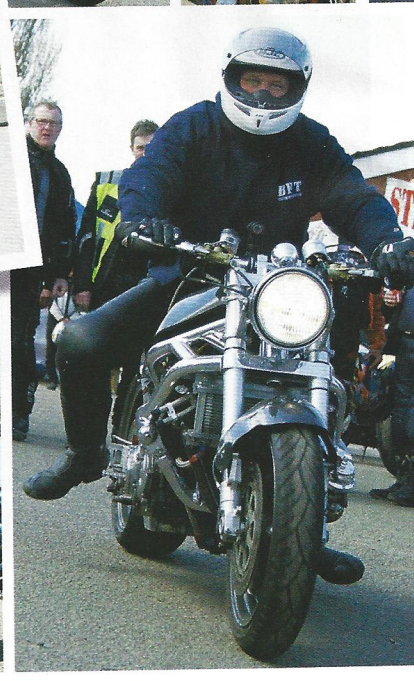
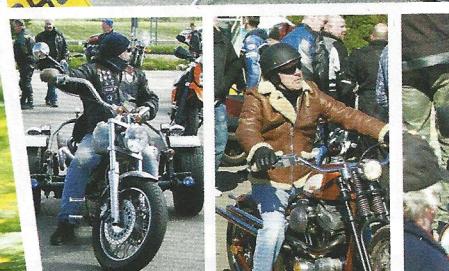
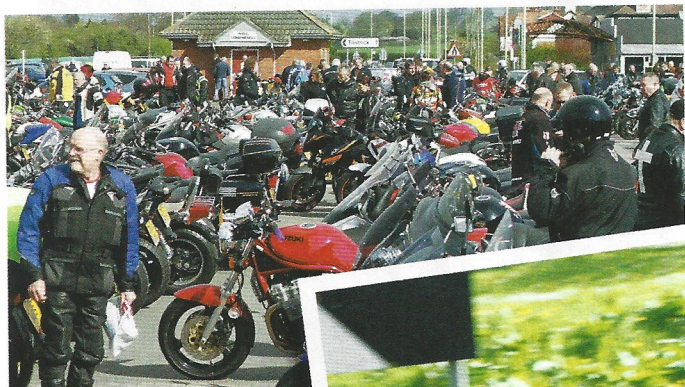
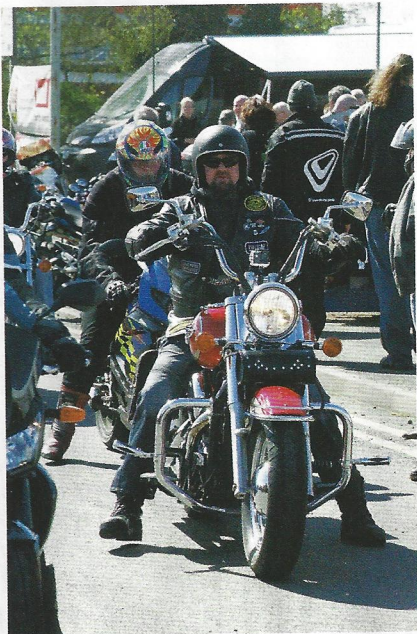


# EVENTS

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# BIGGER BETTER BREAKFAST

THE BIG BREAKFAST IS A LONG-STANDING INSTITUTION AT PREES HEATH, A SMALL HAMLET JUST OUTSIDE WHITCHURCH IN SHROPSHIRE. AND WHILE THERE'S A PUB, CAR AUCTION ROOMS, CLASSIC CAR GARAGE, INDIAN RESTAURANT, FRUIT AND VEG STALL, PETROL STATION AND TWO TRANSPORT CAFES, THERE ARE HARDLY ANY HOUSES AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NO UNWARRANTED SPEED LIMITS.





Market Drayton, closed.

Ordinary Sundays and Thursday evenings pale into insignificance when you visit the Bigger Better Breakfast though; despite beginning purely as a classic bike meeting, heralding the new riding season with as much waxed cotton and dripping primaries as you'd expect, over the years the purity of Imperial fasteners, Castrol R and fisherman's socks has softened, bringing a diversity of bikes and riders that is unmatched outside of the Isle of Man TT.

Okay, so there's still a really good number of classic and veteran machinery (of British, Italian and Japanese origin), but this has almost become a side show rather than the main event, and the BBB now has classics parked alongside customs, streetfighters, race reps, cafe racers, ratters, tourers and some that can't be categorised ...

And they came from near and far – although without overnight accommodation at the venue there is something of a limit to how far someone'll travel on a Sunday. Mind you, there are rumours about possible camping in the future...

The Bigger Better Breakfast is on the second weekend in April, but there are numerous events throughout the year, including Streetfighter

Sunday on September 21st. And if you're a modern traveller who relies on electronic navigation (rather than good ol' fashioned common sense and map reading), then tap 'SY13 2AF' into your magic box and go where the little lady tells you. **BSH**

**D**ue to this, plus the fact that it's situated on the junction of the A41 and A49 trunk roads, Prees Heath is a natural location for a transport caff (or two), and the curving, well-surfaced roads, plus the location close to the Welsh border, result in a popular stop-off point for those of a two-wheeled persuasion in need of sustenance. Particularly if they're fans of a substantial FEB (for those without knowledge of truck stop parlance, that's a Full English Breakfast, by the way).

While the original Big Breakfast - as instigated by Classic Bike Guide's Frank Westworth some time back in the last century - centred around the Midway Truck Stop, as the event grew larger and more bikes flocked in, focus turned to the larger and more bike-orientated Raven Cafe, run by Lynn Mills and Pete Lea - two folk who're as

bike-orientated as any BSH reader. They took on the mantle of co-ordinating the event, re-christening it the 'Bigger Better Breakfast' three years ago.

Many of you will be aware of Lynn's Raven Cafe, thanks to the Streetfighters Sunday events that've been held there for the last six years or so, or maybe the Thursday night gatherings that started when the Stormy Petrel pub, down the road outside the Tern Hill barracks at

