



CONTACT

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President's Piece

Odd Comments - April

The 20th of March was the first club run. We met at Box Hill at 10am and it was a good turnout for the first one - Spanner and Spannerette [the niece], Snowy, Rocket & Mini-Me, Karen, Greg, Graeme Byard, Stella and me. I only followed the group as far as the Devils Dyke where I left them to trundle into Brighton. I do hope someone else will do another article about the day as I had to go home. Still it was a good run, lots of motor cyclist about - the main car park was full at Box Hill at 10am!

The next run is on the 10th of April to Winchester; the long way round on the way there. Please contact Mick for the correct details although I think we are meeting at Newlands Corner at 10am for a change.

The scheme at the moment is receiving regular visits from the DSA. They are checking on all the CBT Instructors, so they will be around for some time. Still, it has been two years since their last visit and this time they seem more helpful, giving us information and tips.

In April we have Easter bank Holiday. At the moment nothing has been planned for this weekend and there will be no scheme on the Saturday 23rd. So if you are arranging something, please share / keep people informed. I am going to do my sonly duties and take my mother out on the Sunday down to Boarhunt along the Meyon Vally.

I understand the pool night went very well, did we have a winner? I am sure I can find an award to give out next year. Well done Estelle good start to the season. At this rate you will be a serious contender for the Enthusiasts Cup again so keep it shinny.

John Mason.
President

Note from the Editor

Welcome to this month's edition of Contact. The social side of SSMCC has woken from its late winter slumber and it's great to see fellow members coming out of hibernation, dusting off their trusty two wheeled steeds and joining in the fun. The first run of the season was indeed well attended and it would be good to see many more of you on future rides.

In the meantime, there's a small group of Club members, girding their loins, polishing their 'one piece' suits and taking on the challenge of 'track days'. This is not for the faint hearted or those who only have one means of transport – their treasured motorbike. I'm sure many of you have thought "...wouldn't it be nice" and then promptly talked yourself out of it. It is however one of the best adrenalin fuelled grin factor 10's you can spend your hard earned cash on. A track day with a reputable organisation will cost between £150 and £200 – more for the more popular tracks such as Silverstone and Donnington.

These events are always more fun with a group of friends to share the experience, high & lows so if you are interested please contact either myself or Estelle. And of course, I do hope you'll be able to send me your article for inclusion in future editions of Contact.

Karen Rickard
Editor

Social News

You may remember in the March edition of Contact, I introduced SSMCC's own MCN Fantasy Road Race. As promised, here's the latest league table so you can see how the teams are performing. LegoMania is taking a commanding lead in the table – come on Pete, what's your secret? Do share, please....!!

	Manager	Team Name	Pts
1	Peter Edward	LegoMania	146
2	▲ John Mason	Stretched Arse Racing	103
3	▼ Mick Wallace	Silver-Back Racing	97
4	Dave Regan	Hopeful Racing	85
5	Sasu Duviau	Sexy Frog Racing	84
6	▲ Estelle Potter	Old (Scrumpy) Spicers	81
7	▼ Richard Davidson	Two Chances	78
8	Chris Booker	Hedgerow Racing	71
9	Ron Regan	Rocket Ron Racing	63
10	Katy Spragg	Katy's Hot Heads	41
11	Monty Donut Dodger	The Donut Spreaders	40

More from me on other social events, in future editions of Contact. Don't forget if you are interested in any of the proposed events please contact me via email at Estelle.x@hotmail.com or on my mobile: 07979 994 857. The list of events is published at the end of this edition of Contact

Estelle Potter
Social Secretary

(Temporary stand in) Club Captain

[Ed – as Mick is still out of the country (no we haven't had reports that his passport has been confiscated by US Border Control), I'm very grateful to Ian Slater for providing a report on the first Club run of the season.]

At the allotted time of 10:30am on Sunday 20th March, the first Southern Sporting MCC run of 2011 was about to start. Who was present? Well even I was surprised at who was raring to go! Richard (Snowy), Steve (Mini-Me), Ron (Rocket), Karen, Greg, John (Mad-Duck), Graeme, Darren, Stella, Me (Spanner), with Samantha (The Niece) as pillion had all turned up for the ride. Estelle (Scrumpy Spice), had text'd from her bed, saying she would meet us there!

The weather was to be kind to us, sunny and about 12°C. During the run down towards Brighton, we picked up the Pioneer Run route at Cowfold, to Henfield, where we followed all sorts of old machinery towards Devils Dyke. I always enjoy riding past these ancient machines (some now getting on for 100 years old!), as it reminds me how far motorcycles have evolved.

We found our usual parking spot and wandered off for a bit of Fish & Chips. This is where we met up with Estelle. After grub, we walked to the finish line and paddock area and had a closer look at the various machines of old.

After an ice cream, we re-grouped at the bikes and rode back to the MacDonald's at the A272/A24 junction for tea and chocolate muffin (eh, Stella!!).

All round a good day out. I'm already looking forward to the next run on the 10th April.

See you round on one wheel or another!

Spanner (Stand In Club Captain).

Caption Competition

April Competition:



Can I just say, I bear no responsibility for the inclusion of this month's photo in the Caption Competition. Against my better judgement, I have been 'persuaded' to include this.

I do however look forward to reading your suggestions but please, remember, Contact has a diverse readership...

Editor.

For Sale!!

Black Corsa 1.2 SXI, '52 registration, taxed and MOT for 9 months with 75,000 miles on the clock. £2,100 or offers! Please ring James Mason on 07787 391347 or contact John Mason.

Dates for your Diary

Proposed Club Runs:

20th March	Pioneer Run
10 th April	Winchester (A272)
8 th May	Bathamton
5 th June	Hayling Island
3 rd July	Seaford BBQ
31 st July	Lechlade
4 th September	Blue Bird Cafe
2 nd October	Stratford Upon Avon
6 th November*	Veteran Car Run

(* Date to be confirmed as no date published yet.)

Social Events:

Date	Event	Cost	Notes
All year	Fantasy Bike Racing	Free	Enrol on-line before 19 Mar. League Code 1019
26 March	Pool Night	£12.50	Rileys Pool Hall Twickenham
17 April	Paint Ball	£30	Tentative pending more interest
May (evening)	Ten Pin	£15	
	Bowling		
June (Sunday)	Go Karting	£35	
27 June (TBC)	Cassington		
	Bike night		
July	BBQ	10	3 rd July is Seaford BBQ, May do another local one on 31 st
Aug	Picnic	Free	
Sept	Thames Cruise	£30-40	
Oct	Wine Tasting	£5	
Nov	Pub Quiz	£5	
Fri 25 Nov	NEC Bike Show	£	It's early this year but am assuming we'll do our traditional final Friday visit.
Dec	Xmas Party		
Jan	Pool Night		

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