



Southern Sporting Motor Cycle  
Club

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## President's piece

Well how did your July go? BMF rally, BBQ at Seaford and perhaps a holiday?

Joy and I went off and did a trip to Germany, Italy, and Austria then back to Germany – we did 3100 miles and had a great time. Seeing Boppard, Lake Garda, Veaggio Italy's west coast, Pisa, Florence, Seana back to Lake Iseo and on to Nedarou in Austria. I hope your July was good to.

August will see a run to Bathampton on the 18<sup>th</sup> – see Mick for details plus we have a bank holiday on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> but nothing has been planned as yet!

Please remember Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September we will need all hands to the pumps for the trial.

Hope to see you out and about.

**John Mason – President**

## Editor's piece

It's proving to be a blisteringly hot summer, so hopefully you've all been out and about on two wheels, making the most of it. Club Captain Mick Wallace declined to write up the club trip down to Sussex for Sheila and Dave's annual fundraising barbeque, so I hope I've lived up to his usual high standards of caustic wit. John Mason has been largely absent for the past month – I guess he deserves a break after his 40<sup>th</sup> bash – but he has given us a taster of past times with his rather soggy reminiscences. I've also included a brief account of the two-wheeled action at the Goodwood Festival of Speed. Finally, Sheila has asked me to post a notice of the upcoming BSA Owners Open Day, which you'll find at the end of this edition. Please keep your contributions rolling in! **Amoret Whitaker – Editor**

## Dates for your diary

<b>18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Club ride to Bathampton
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	BSA Owners Club East Sussex Branch Open Day
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	South Sporting run trial
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Club ride to Ogri Café, Sussex
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Club ride to Arundel
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	London to Brighton Veteran Car Run
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner

## Southern Sporting run trial

To be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Arrival at 9.00am

Venue: Frensham Vale, Gardeners Hill Road, Farnham, Surrey

Please put this date in your diary as we will need all the help we can muster!

## Bikes, burgers and balls!



Spanner and I (two up) arrived at Box Hill to find a massive queue in the cafe and Katie looking a bit sheepish having dropped her bike on arrival – lots of blokes had apparently rushed to her aid whilst Mick and Heather looked on, pretending they weren't with her! Also already there were Snowy, Andy and Colin. Before setting off, Mick decided to split us into two groups – Spanner leading the way for the girls, and Mick leading the boys (“they’ll want to stretch their legs”).



We’d agreed to go via Devil’s Dyke to collect the Pearce’s *en famille* – Steve (with Scott pillion) and Karen (with Karl pillion) were parked in the wrong car park (at least, not the usual one we stop in to regroup), but as Steve was keeping a sharp lookout for bikers, they caught up with us. We then headed into Brighton, with Spanner leading, only to be faced with a diversion and Spanner commenting to me that we were now “going on an adventure”, which translates as “I haven’t a clue where I’m going”. His in-built satnav kicked in [*plus Diversion signs!! – Spanner*], however, and we were soon cruising up the Marine Parade. We got separated a few times, due to a combination of too many traffic lights, Sunday drivers and some of the boys probably being distracted with all the exposed flesh on the beach. My interest was caught by the sight of a three-up bike – rider, pillion and small dog in the tank bag! I only hope it wasn’t too hot an

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July was the annual shindig at Sheila and Dave’s BBQ in Seaford, this year raising money for Sussex Air Ambulance, and £338 was raised! Forecast as one of the hottest days of the year, none of us were too keen to don our leathers and heavy jackets, but we were all hoping for minimal traffic to keep a cool breeze blowing through our visors and vents.



engine, otherwise it would have become fit for mustard and ketchup and being stuck in a long roll [I'm talking hot dogs – keep up, reader!]. So that's the "bike" bit of the title sorted ....



The biker convoy made it to Sheila and Dave's just as the barbeque was smoking hot and ready for cooking. However, we were still missing a few SSMCC members – Sasu and Sean were driving down, but apparently the satnav packed in just as they were getting to the important bit – I reckon Sasu just out-talked the satnav so it gave up the ghost! So Mick guided them in with instructions over the phone, and they arrived in good time.

Food was duly served up – Dave tending the barbeque wearing a fetching apron with appropriate go-faster stripes, and Sheila running around doing everything else (every time I picked up my camera to get a shot of her I looked up to find that she'd vanished again). Along with burgers and sausages there was copious amounts of salad and baked potatoes, followed by trifles so big I wasn't sure if we were supposed to eat them or wallow in them to cool down [keep your hippo jokes to yourselves, lads].



We were still missing a couple of long-standing members – Dave and Lynn had still not appeared, and a quick phone call established that they were on their way, delayed by endless diversions. We were so pleased when they finally arrived, just as the barbeque was starting to cool, that the DJ gave them a special welcome and dedicated a song to them ("congratulations, and jubilations!" etc. etc.). Okay, so that's the burgers dealt with ....

But what about the balls, I hear you ask? Well, it was Wimbledon men's singles final day, so the flatscreen in The Wendy House was playing so we could keep up with the action whilst helping ourselves to cool drinks and coffees, along with the even larger one in the living room (even cooler, temperature wise!). They got tantalisingly close to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, going in

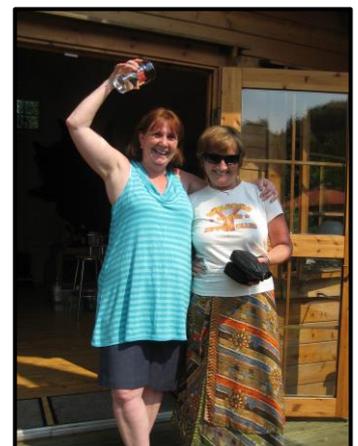
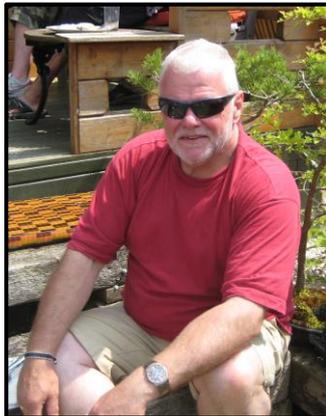
Djokovic's favour, by the time we had to leave, and I was hoping for a five-setter so we might make it home in time to catch the end of it. It took a while to leave the barbeque (you can't rush slipping into sweaty, damp bike gear), and there was a fair bit of backing out, moving bikes around and comparing silly horns before we were on the road.



We stopped again for fuel, and again we split into two groups, as before, but this time with the Pearce's Mr & Mrs also going with the relevant boy/girl groups. By the time we regrouped at McDonald's near Cowfold, we desperately needed to revive ourselves with cold milkshakes and frappes, but Wimbledon was all over, and the news came through that Murray had won. On leaving McDonald's Andy, who had been behaving like a child who'd consumed too many E-numbers all day, was given a ticking off by Snowy for "lateral encroachment" (i.e. you can do what you like behind and in front of me, but don't mess around next to me!). The Pearce's regrouped and went their separate way, while the rest of us stuck together for a short time before splitting up and heading home.

Many thanks to Sheila and Dave for putting on a great barbeque. A blistering day all round!

**Amoret Whitaker – Editor**



## I remember when ...



Lynmouth: Joy Mason, Dave Rogers, Ian Slater, Mr & Mrs R Hill

On the long Easter weekend the club would go to Lynton and Lynmouth and stay in a hotel, Shelly's Cottage, and others. I am not talking about three or four of us but twelve to fifteen bikes, some with passengers. The parking was okay, as we managed to fit into the bay at the front of the hotel. We also stayed at the hotel full-board, which was nice.

I remember one year on the way there racing across Dartmoor with others to see who could get to the hotel first. Trying to avoid the sheep, then negotiating the windy river road down to Lynmouth was very tricky. Days were spent putting on the green, having cream teas and also going for rides to Ilfracombe, Woolacombe and Barnstable. Going out for the day and on the way finding a ford, only for me to stall and stop in the middle to get my feet very wet then push the bike out - it did start after!

Why is it that we seemed to be able to afford this outing then, but the cost now? Well I do know we were not rich back then but we seemed to manage! It is now tricky to book a hotel over Easter – they prefer you to book the whole week before or after.

We also went to Tarrant Hinton in Dorset, camping over the Whitsun weekend. We were allowed to stay in the farmer's field close to the A358.



Lynton: John Mason (Honda 400 four), Ian Slater

The days were spent messing around in the field on trail bikes with someone ending up in a manure pile – nice! Or out for the day to Lyme Regis. Then of



Tarrant Hinton: Peter Bowden, Ian Slater, Rowland Hill

course there was the obligatory road trial. The evenings were spent having a few too many drinks in the [bloody] Crown. This pub is not there anymore, like so many others. One year sleeping in the front of a mini pick-up – that was cramped! Another time getting so wet that we had to go to Blandford to find a cleaners for their tumble dryers, drying a full water resistant suit, only for it to stick together – it was certainly difficult to get back on!

**John Mason – President**

## Bits and bobs

Introducing RYNO Motor's single-wheeled battery powered scooter!

It's self-balancing – the rider leans forward to accelerate and backwards to decelerate. It has a top speed of 25mph and can be fully recharged in 90mins, with a maximum range of 20 miles between charges.

According to Metro, “greasy-leathered bikers” probably won't like it! [Glad to say that someone objected to this comment!]



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**Biker Thought for the Month ...**

***Keep the paint up and the rubber down!***

# Goodwood Festival of Speed 2013

The last couple of years have seen us spending Spanner's birthday at the Birmingham NEC Motorcycle Show, but this year it was my turn to celebrate my own birthday with the smell of burning rubber and petrol fumes. The Goodwood Festival of Speed was this year celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and they pulled out all the stops in the Motorcycle Paddock. Each year around 40 bikes are featured, strictly by invitation only from Lord March, selected thematically and chosen specifically to reflect the event's major themes, and many of the bikes are ridden by famous names. This year the festival included an amazing selection of UK bike debuts, rarely-seen riders and other bikes participating in the event for the very first time. All the major competition disciplines were represented, along with many world champion motorcyclists.

For more information and to view a bit of Goodwood FOS Motorcycle action, see:

<http://www.goodwood.co.uk/festival-of-speed/photos-audio-video/videos/magnificent-motorcycles-highlights.aspx>

Featured this year were:

## **500CC WORLD CHAMPIONS:**

- **Kevin Schwantz** (1993 World Champion) on his 1993 championship-winning Suzuki RGV500, plus the actual Heron Suzuki Carbon framed motorcycle he scored his first ever 500cc GP points on, which he has not ridden since 1986.
- **Kenny Roberts** (1978, 1979 and 1980 World Champion) riding his championship winning Yamaha OW48R YZR500 and the 2002 Proton KR3.
- **Freddie Spencer** (1983 and 1985 World Champion, and the only man to ever win the 250cc and 500cc Championship titles in the same year) on his 1985 Honda NSR500 from the Honda Collection in Japan. This winning combination has never been seen together.

## **WORLD SUPERBIKE RIDERS:**

- Leon Camier (Suzuki)
- Jules Cluzel (Suzuki)
- Sylvain Guintoli (Aprilia)
- Eugene Laverty (Aprilia)
- Chaz Davies (BMW)
- James Haydon

## **OTHER WORLD CHAMPIONS AND MOTORCYCLE LEGENDS:**

- Randy Mamola (one of the greatest riders never to win the World Championship) riding the stunning ex-Valentino Rossi Ducati GP11 MotoGP machine on the hill – this being the only 800cc MotoGP machine running outside of the championship).
- Dougie Lampkin (12-time World Trials Champion).

- Giacomo Agostini (15-time World Champion).
- Kenny Roberts (3-time 500cc World Champion)
- James Toseland (2-time World Superbike Champion).
- John Surtees (7-time World Champion).
- Steve Webster MBE (10-time World Sidecar Champion).
- Tim Reeves (4-time World Sidecar Champion).
- Tristan Reeves (2-time World Sidecar Champion).

#### **ISLE OF MAN TT LEGENDS:**

- John McGuinness
- Bruce Anstey
- Ian Hutchinson
- Alan Cathcart
- Ian Mackman
- Stuart Graham

#### **OTHER RIDERS AND MOTORCYCLES:**

- **Ian King** – 6-time (and reigning European Champion) demonstrating his 1500bhp Top Fuel Puma drag bike on the Festival hillclimb.
- **Zef Eisenberg** bringing his new and more powerful Augusta 109-powered Jet bike to run on the Hill.
- The mythical Britten V1000 which has come all the way from New Zealand to run with TT legend and New Zealander, **Bruce Anstey**.
- Taylormade Saxon Triumph – ridden by its original rider, **Alan Cathcart** (a rival to the Britten) plus the latest Taylormade all-Carbon 2013 Moto2 prototype, never previously seen outside of America.
- Celebration of the tenth anniversary of Ducati returning to Grand Prix racing, with Ducatis GP3, GP5 GP6 and, GP11. The first Ducati GP bike (the 1970 Ducati 500 GP) is also in action at Goodwood.
- The Proton KR3 making its Festival debut, ridden by **Kenny Roberts** and **Jeremy McWilliams**. They are joined by Proton KRV5 XM2 and KR211V-Honda from King Kenny's private collection in San Diego.
- **Mattie Griffin** performing stunts on the Hill on his BMW.
- BMW celebrating 90 years of motorcycle production with a lineup of special racing bikes.
- Barry Sheene's first ever GP winner, 1975 Suzuki XR14 RG500.
- 2012 FTR Moto2 in action; the Alex De Angelis Malaysian GP winner.
- Honda RC149, the first-ever five-cylinder race bike, from the Honda Collection in Japan.
- The Festival of Speed will also display the two major British attempts at the motorcycle Land Speed Record (LSR) as part of a wider LSR display on the Goodwood Cricket Pitch. They are The 52 Express – a jet-engined, wheel-driven bike to be ridden by **James Toseland** – plus Jet Reaction – a jet-thrust-powered LSR – to be ridden by Richard Brown. Both motorcycles aim to claim the LSR for Great Britain in 2013/14.

Unfortunately I forgot my camera, but here are a few pics taken from the Goodwood Festival of Speed Facebook page:



# Caption competition

## Winning caption:



And when I started riding I used to wear a helmet like this, which was an improvement on the knotted hankie Dave started off with (see right)



## Best of the rest:

Spanner's practical joke succeeded in getting Snowy to wear a Dutch cap in public, but not quite as he expected

Cap'n Pugwash and his cabin boy

Mum always said I was her special little boy

This finger is loaded, and if you don't get the menu back on the table by the time I count to 3 ....

Safety first; Aerodynamics second! That's my motto when choosing a new skid lid



## August's picture ...

Send your suggested captions to me at:  
[a.whitaker@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:a.whitaker@nhm.ac.uk)

# **BSA Owners Club East Sussex Branch**

## **OPEN DAY 2013**

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## **CLASSIC BIKE SHOW**

**Entries on the day for all makes**

**New this year:**

**Class for Modern Bikes**



- ❖ **Bike Jumble**
- ❖ **Rock n Roll Disco**
- ❖ **BBQ**
- ❖ **Pub**
- ❖ **Raffle**
- ❖ **And lots more**



**To be held 1<sup>st</sup> September at 12.00**  
**The White Hart, Lower Horsebridge**  
**BN27 4DJ (A271 Boship Roundabout)**

