



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

NOVEMBER

2014

## Contents

Dates for your diary .....	1
Editor's piece .....	2
President's piece .....	2
We've been to the seaside! .....	3
Weymouth Beach Race .....	5
Bits and bobs .....	8
A Winter's Tale .....	9
Christmas party .....	11
SSMCC Committee Minutes .....	12
Caption competition .....	14

## Dates for your diary

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Bonham's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pool Night, Riley's Twickenham
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Motorcycle Show, NEC Birmingham
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner & Dance, The Park Hotel, Teddington
<b>28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Post Xmas Run Out (bike optional)

### 2014 BMF Discount Code

The discount code for members of

**Southern Sporting  
Motorcycle Club**

is

**SSM14H529**

This number may be used by your members

To receive discounts on advanced tickets to all BMF shows.

To receive discounts on insurance, travel and breakdown cover and other BMF member benefits.

To ensure that your members get the most out of your affiliation to the BMF please circulate this number to all your members as soon as possible.



If you missed the first of Guy Martin's new series "Speed" on Sunday nights, you can catch up with the first episode here!

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/speed-with-guy-martin>

## Editor's piece

In this month's issue we've got one club run article, a write-up from Steve Pearce on his trip to Weymouth (fab pictures!) and another great article from Bill Casling – I've decided to include the latter in this issue as we are apparently due for a bumper snowy winter! The Christmas Party menu is included again – you've just got a week or so to get your menu options and payment submitted! The booking form was sent to you last month – don't delay if you want to join us for a slap-up meal and dancing until midnight!

**Amoret Whitaker – Editor**

## President's piece

The scheme seems to be booming even at this time of the year. For the last few weeks there have been six pupils on the Saturday. This is keeping us all very busy, so if you can help, please do so. Remember it is nice for people to help set out and collect bikes but the stuff still needs putting away at the end of the day.

The ride out on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Hayling Island was good, but only eight of us went. I left the rest to come home when their dinner arrived. It seems that on the way out of the car park Kim dropped her bike, but as she threw herself under it, very little damage done to the bike! At least only her pride was dented!

John Draper went out to buy a new pannier but returned with a new BMW R 1000. Nice.

The next ride out is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – see Ian Slater for details. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November sees a pool night at Twickenham – see Doug for details. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November will see some of us go to the NEC Birmingham – please see Ian Slater for details, but I expect we will meet at Warwick Services. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December sees us off to the Park Hotel just down the road from the Adelaide pub in Teddington – see Chris Booker for details. Please make sure you give Chris your menu details and MONEY.

Remember, I will sort out an "after Boxing Day" run in cars (if anyone is interested) on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – place to be decided. Last Saturday for SAMS cafe is 20<sup>th</sup> December. Not sure at the moment if there will be a club night on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December? People usually have other places to go. Hope to see you out and about.

**John Mason – President**

## We've been to the seaside!

The penultimate club run for 2014 started at Fleet Services, with Mick, Heather, John, Kim, Tony, Dave (newby club runner) and I ready to go. As we were getting ready in the car park, Mr Draper turned up on a brand new BMW S1000R, which was nice! At this point Mick had already left to set up his camera for a bit of "on the road" photography along our prescribed route.



We headed along the M3 to J5, then down to Alton, passing Mick with his camera. It was at this point that the first bikes to go past Mick and his camera was Tony, with John Draper following, John waving furiously at Mick, who had no idea who was following Tony and waving at him!! Further down past Alton, Mick overtakes us all to get to another photo opportunity.

Once again Tony and John Draper whizzed past Mick first, again Mick still

having no idea who was waving at him on the second bike!! At that point both Tony and John turned around and stopped where Mick was standing....."it's you!!!" exclaimed Mick! The rest of us cruised past saying cheese!

The staff at the Ship Inn were most welcoming and found all 8 of us a table and we enjoyed a lovely lunch.

The return journey didn't start so well, as Kim promptly dropped her bike whilst leaving the car park! Doh!! Once she was picked up, dusted down and sent on her way, we headed for Chichester, then onto the A29 heading for Bury Hill and



Billingshurst, where we stopped for tea at Billy's cafe.

From there we headed home. The weather had been overcast and chilly nearer the sea, however, it did stay dry for us. So, apart from Kim's stop and plop, a good day for our small band.

The next and last run this year is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, down to Brighton to see the Veteran Car Run. Start at Box Hill, leaving at 10.30am, but this will be weather dependant, so I'll keep you posted.

**Spanner – Club Captain – Chain Lube & knackered tyres!**



Club Captain (Spanner) in front, followed by Kim, Heather, Dave, John & Jon (?)

## Weymouth Beach Race

Whilst some of SSMCC ventured back to Hayling Island for lunch on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October the Pearce family visited Weymouth for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Beach Race weekend.

The weekend event kicks off on Saturday with kid's entertainment with Gorillaman and the Squibb Freestyle FMX Team.



Followed by a motocross demonstration, without the jumps.

Sunday starts at 7am with big earth movers (sand actually) to build the course, which is just under 2 miles in length.

The practice session starts from 12 Noon and the first race getting underway by 1pm. At noon we were on the other side of the harbour still on our way over to the beach – but the sound of all the bikes starting up was absolutely awesome.

The starts are engine off – Red Flag removal once the course is safe, and then Green Flag and GO! A mass of kick starts, 2 stroke puffs of smoke and the roar of four stroke singles...

Followed by a mass sprint along the water's edge to the first bend...



Some guys simply did a wheelie the whole length of the beach (3/4 of a mile) and others who were a bit more serious were heads down – bum up....

Scoring is done electronically, with a small device fitted to the bike and counts the number of laps. As this is an amateur AMCA run event there is no cash prizes but trophies are awarded to the top 3 in each group.



Picture courtesy of Weymouth Beach Motocross Facebook page

Some riders were just naturals at this harder than it seems beach racing – like rider 731, Jake Shipton.



Who undoubtedly led more than one race and was on for an easy win, when a Murry Walker moment, Nothing can stop him now – steam started pouring from the coolant bottle forces him into a retirement... he must have been gutted... Jake had something like a 20 second lead at the end of the first straight ...



As a spectator there is plenty to see – the starts are awesome, just so many bikes on the line and the plume of 2 stroke smoke as the flag drops... Then there is the slower part of the course the jumps and dips, some take it in their stride and put their weight over the back wheel and try and skim the top of the very loose and fine sand – whilst others seem to go out of their way to fall off... with some really spectacular falls bringing a tear to any guys eyes knowing what must have been knocked out of place.... enough said on that one....

This event is run by Purbeck Moto-Cross Club and this year had 250 entrants –There were three classes based on rider ability running, Juniors, Seniors & Experts. These are Unlimited classes running MX1 and MX2 machines.

MX1: 250cc 2 Stroke / 450cc 4 Stroke / 280cc 4 Stroke / 350cc 4 Stroke

MX2: 125cc 2 Stroke / 250cc 4 Stroke / 144cc 2 Stroke

Some riders are only 16, yet the eldest rider on the course this year was 68 – and good luck to him..

Next year's dates have not yet been published but I will keep an eye out for anyone who wishes to attend – perhaps make a weekend of it... Weymouth is approximately 125 miles from the scheme and is FREE to watch..

*\*Ear Plugs would work well there...*

**Steve Pearce**

SSMCC Southern Diversion.

## Bits and bobs

### World's fastest woman – Becci Ellis beats the record at 264mph!



Becci Ellis has set the speed record on a 1,300cc Suzuki Hayabusa at Elvington Airfield in Yorkshire, a bike modified by her husband in their garage at home.

*“I’ve always had a passion to be the best at something and it became obvious to me that I was going to try to be the fastest woman on two wheels”.*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2789118/fastest-woman-world-revealed-british-mother-two-scunthorpe-smashed-land-speed-record-going-264mph-motorbike-husband-built-garage.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2789118/fastest-woman-world-revealed-british-mother-two-scunthorpe-smashed-land-speed-record-going-264mph-motorbike-husband-built-garage.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)



### Bike for sale

#### BMW F650 GS

800cc Twin Engine

71 BHP and lots of usable Torque

1 owner, mint condition, BMW Full Service History

BMW Grey Metallic, 2010 Reg, 24k miles

New tyres front and back - Michellin ANKEE 3

BMW OEM Top Box Plate holder, Givi Top Plate and 38 lt Top

Box, BMW OEM Vario Side Pannier Rack (no panniers though),

Barkbusters brushguards, BMW OEM Screen, BMW Heated

Grips, BMW On Board Computer, BMW OEM plastic bash plate

All documents, Service History, BMW User Manual + 2 KEYS  
and Original Plastic Master Key

Contact Adrian on 0790 3656486



Biker Thought for the Month ... *Don't argue with an 18-wheeler*

## **A Winter's Tale** (but NOT by William Shakespeare)

When I saw an article in a recent Contact headed "Chilly and Frosty Ride" I was reminded of a distinctly chilly ride of my own many years ago. Chilly's ride was a rather pleasant run to the Ace Café – mine was somewhat different! So here's my Winter's Tale.

Southern Sporting has always been on the lookout for land on which to hold trials and other events, so when one Wednesday evening ex-trainee new member "Fritz" Manley mentioned that his uncle had a farm near Brighton with some muddy tracks and wooded areas, it obviously needed immediate attention. Frank Lines, Harry Whitaker and myself agreed to go down on the following Saturday to investigate, taking Fritz on the pillion. Frank then discovered he had to work Saturday morning, so we wouldn't be free to leave until mid-day. As it was February it would mean riding home in the dark, but that was no problem – Frank and Harry had proper lights on their bikes but I only had "bobby-dodgers" (bicycle lamps) on my trials bike so I borrowed my brother's Triumph 3T twin (I forget why my road bike wasn't available).

Unfortunately it snowed on the Friday night, but Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny and the main roads were more or less clear by mid-day so we decided to go anyway. Somewhere near Esher we turned off onto a 'B' road through some woods. The road was glistening wet under the trees so we took it carefully. About halfway along we were overtaken at some speed by a sports car. Around the next bend we came across the car in the ditch. Stopping to offer help we nearly fell arse-over-head as we got off the bikes. The glistening wet road we'd been riding on was actually sheet ice! The car driver hadn't realised that, either. He was unhurt and as we couldn't do anything to help we carried on *very* cautiously, half expecting to drop the bike at any moment. It had snowed rather more heavily farther South and even the main roads still had rutted snow on them, making progress slow so it was becoming dusk when we finally arrived at the farm. A quick look around revealed that there was no real potential, not even for a small closed-to-club trial. Oh well!..... nothing but to head back home.

Frank had had nothing to eat since early morning and insisted we stop at the first greasy spoon cafe. We had just finished our egg and chips when in walked an old acquaintance of Harry's. They'd worked together some years

previously and were soon deep reminiscing about old times. It was totally dark outside when we finally got them parted, and bitterly cold with a clear sky with twinkling stars but no moon. The snow on the roads had frozen hard into solid ruts making going very slow and it needed all our trials riding skills to keep upright.

Approaching Crawley I thought the back end of the Triumph seemed to be weaving about more than it should, even under the adverse conditions, so I stopped under a street light to investigate. S\*\*\*! I'd got a puncture! We all carried repair outfits – punctures were not uncommon then – so out with the tools, remove the chain spring link, disconnect the speedo drive and brake rods, out with the wheel and off with the tyre... Passers-by were highly amused at the sight of these idiots mending a motorbike under a street light at the roadside in the middle of the night in the freezing snow! "Just changing the air in the tyres" Harry assured them. It was tricky work with frozen fingers and tools that froze into the snow as soon as you put them down. Towards the end they turned the street lights off and we had to finish the job in the light from Frank and Harry's headlamps.

Eventually I arrived home about 1.00am, six hours later than expected, bitterly cold and utterly exhausted. My parents were still up, greatly relieved to see me in one piece (we didn't have a phone and mobiles hadn't been thought of). The Met Office later reported that night was officially the coldest night of the winter. I could well believe them!

As a postscript, the following day my brother discovered the speedo on the Triumph wasn't working – the drive cable had snapped , so he went up to Chiswick to get a replacement. On the way back he ran into the back of a car at the lights on the Great West Road. No significant damage was done, but he forever after blamed me for the accident, saying if I'd put the drive back properly in the first place he wouldn't have had to go up to Chiswick anyway!

## **Bill Casling**

Picture taken from:

<http://www.examiner.com/article/riding-the-rain-part-ii>



# Christmas Party – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014



Here's the Christmas Party menu to whet your appetite! Don't forget, the club is subsidising the cost, so it'll be £30 per person.

### FESTIVE MENU

**STARTERS**

Homemade Fish Cake Served On A Bed Of Green Salad & Tartar Sauce  
 Game Terrine Served With Pickled Pears & Walnuts  
 Cream Of Tomato Soup Served With Bread Roll & Herbed Butter (v)

**MAINS**

**Roasted Turkey Traditionally Sliced**  
 Served With Herbed Roast Potato, Pigs In Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Seasonal Vegetables

**Rosemary & Garlic Roast Topside Of Beef**  
 Served With Herbed Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables & Glazed Onion

**Oven Baked Crusted Salmon**  
 Served With Crushed New Potatoes, Creamed Leeks & Green Beans

**Roasted Stacked Vegetable Enchiladas**  
 With Garlic Ciabatta & Fresh Green Salad (v)

**DESSERTS**

Christmas Pudding With Brandy Custard  
 Chocolate & Orange Cheesecake Served With Orange Sorbet  
 Chocolate Brownie Served With Vanilla Ice Cream

Tea/Coffee With Mince Pie

Festive Lunches	Monday - Saturday	£20.95
Festive Dinners	Monday - Thursday	£25.95
Dates Available:	December - Monday 1st to Wednesday 24th (excluding Sundays)	

### DISCO PARTY NIGHTS

Take your seat at The Park Restaurant & enjoy our scrumptious Festive Menu. After your meal it's time to get on your dancing shoes & dance the night away with our resident DJ.

**DATES AVAILABLE:**

November - Friday 28th & Saturday 29th	£32.50
December - Friday 5th, Saturday 6th Thursday 11th, Friday 12th, Saturday 13th Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20th	£32.50

Bar Open till Midnight

It's never too early to book your seats, so I'm sending the Christmas Party booking form as a separate email – please print it off and hand it to a committee member, together with payment, or make your payment by BACS.  
 Amoret – Editor

# SSMCC Committee Minutes

Meeting held on 20 October 2014 at 8.05PM

In Attendance:

John Mason	Chairman
Richard Barnett	PRO
Chris Booker	Treasurer
Doug Chaney	Social Secretary
Ian Slater	Club Captain
Heather Wallace	Training Scheme Organiser

Apologies. Amoret Whitaker, Kathy Frost

Meeting came to order at: 8:05pm

## Action List

- Doug – send Lisa Davidson the SSMCC banner
- Chris – send Lisa Davidson payment for website.

## Minutes from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Chris Booker, seconded by Richard Barnett adopted without dissent.

## Matters Arising

No matters arising

## Correspondence

ACU membership notification has been received and they would like payment early. Treasurer to forward fee.

## Website

Lisa Davidson attended the meeting to show us her progress on building the new website. **Justhost.com** – is the platform Lisa has used. Cost is only £67.85 for 3 years. Need to send Lisa some FAQs for the training scheme site. Members area is password protected. Up & Coming Events/Calendar - Will need to be entered separately. 'Contact' & Minutes will be able to be uploaded to website. Membership enquiries to be routed through enquiries@ssmcc.co.uk to Kathy Frost. Content –“About the Club History” John wants copied over, and ideally made up to date – but this could be done as a work in progress. Useful Links – send website links to Lisa for CBS, Gear4gear, BMF, Adelaide, DVLA, DSA. Lisa needs more photos to use and historical ones to include in the History. Testimonials to be collected and forwarded to Lisa.

## New Members

No new members

## Treasurer's Report

£200 deposit paid to The Park Hotel for the Xmas Party. £240 cash for the Xmas Party has already been – 10 have paid.

## **Training Scheme**

Following the AGM Heather has requested £600 to be paid to the Training Scheme account from the Club to primarily cover the indemnity insurance.

Quite busy at the moment.

Ian/Rob are still waiting for the DSA to come back. All CBT cards will have to be sent off because of the change of the address for the Class 1. All instructors will need to get new photos done and forms completed which Ian will download.

Heather has produced a voucher for anyone who wants to offer CBT classes as a raffle prize for work events for example. It states 2 free lessons of a CBT course, average course 4 weeks.

Heather also reiterated to those present, that instructors were asked to give as much advance notice if they were not going to be available. Already aware that Dave & Richard B unavailable on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, Dave, Doug unavailable on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov & possibly Richard B.

## **Competitions**

John road trial went well and we all got wet, some wetter than others.

## **Social Secretary's Report**

Doug thanks Amoret, Chris and Heather for their help with organising the Xmas Party. Looking at Pool Night – 8<sup>th</sup> November. Ice Skating at Hampton Court – Looking at early January. Date to be advised.

## **Editors Report**

Dates for articles 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Captain's Report**

All runs to date have been mentioned in "Contact".

Feedback wanted for the "Nice Day for a Ride" – has this worked for folks? Comments welcome.

Next run is 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 10.30 leave from Box Hill to go down to Brighton for the London to Brighton car rally.

## **Public Relations Officer's Report**

Nothing really to report. Shops all stocked up. Ozzie at Honda is quite elusive. Will ask if leaflets can be left at the Coffee Shop in Honda.

## **Any Other Business**

None

## **Fixtures**

2<sup>nd</sup> November – Club Run – Brighton  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Pool Night – Riley's Twickenham  
28<sup>th</sup> November – NEC Bike Show - Birmingham  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Park Hotel – Teddington  
28<sup>th</sup> December – Post Xmas Run Out (bike optional)

The next committee meeting will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at Doug's. Thanks to John for his hospitality. The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

## Caption competition

### Winning caption:

Dave's very tempted, but then thinks better of it.

### Best of the rest:

Mr Chris (knee down) Booker's new leathers? – maybe in a dream!

The Club Captain tries a new method of ensuring his group keeps up – without much success.

ITV4 refused to show footage taken with the on-board camera of this MotoGP competitor, for fear of upsetting the viewers.



## November's picture

Heather – taken on the Hayling Island club run.

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