



CONTACT

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President's Piece

ODD COMMENTS APRIL 2012.

The first run of the year went better than anticipated weather and rider wise. There were eleven of us that turned up at Box Hill in dry but cloudy conditions. Although when I had set out the sun was shining but cold.

In the first group were Ian, Amoret, katy, and Dave. In the second group was Mick, Heather, Sasu, Russell, Stella, Myself and a friend of Heathers from Fat club, sorry I have forgotten his name.

Once I had got half way I stopped and tried to take some pictures but with no success, the group came over the hill hiding behind a car. At that point the weather seemed to be getting better so I hope someone else puts some comments in Contact about the rest of the trip. The next run is on the 15th of April to Hayling Island.

Training Scheme.

We are now running from the caretaker's house which has been renovated into classrooms, kitchen and some toilets. We are hoping to get keys and the alarm code so we can let ourselves in. This will be very handy once we start our one day CBT. See Heather for plans.

Social.

Doug has already held a Bowling outing to heathrow bowls. The winner this time, by only three points was Chris Booker. Steve [mini me] and Chris had the highest score. Next time Steve!

John Mason.
President

Note from the Editor

Hi Guys,

Thank you for your patience with waiting for my first edition of contact as Editor. Unfortunately life sometimes gets in the way of the fun stuff!! It would be great if you could all email me back to let me know you have received this along with any comments you may wish to share...

Katy Spragg
Editor

Club Run to Brighton (Pioneer Run) 2012

So the season starts again. Well when I say season, what I actually mean is that the first club run of 2012, which will hopefully be first of several motorcycling adventures. And when I say adventures, what I actually mean is rides where nothing too calamitous happens. Which isn't always easy when you are herding cats!

We, the group of people who had got out of Mother's Day and all that jazz, met up at Box Hill, and although the forecast was dubious, we were having coffee under a clear sky, and the temperature wasn't too bad either. The group was nearly equal mix of men and women, but us boys just had the upper hand by one. If this carries on we'll have to have a girly section to the club.

Anyway we set off in two groups, Spanner leading one group, and I the other. And as usual the ride down was made up of overtakes of the vintage bikes riding down, and us pretending that the crowds watching were actually there for us. Well some of them did wave at us, and they used all of their fingers which is nice.

I'm always amazed at how these chaps manage to ride down to Brighton on some of those machines. Mind you not all of them make it under their own steam; several were by the roadside receiving mechanical first aid. But the majority seem to get through, puffing and wheezing as they go. When you look at them you realise how far bikes have progressed over the years, especially on the brakes department. I think the brakes on my sons racing bike were better than some I saw.

After we parked up, had a walk along the front, and admired the machines that had made it to Marina Drive, we headed for the chippy for lunch. And thereafter back to the front for an ice cream, although Dave decided to take my wife on the big wheel for some reason. And whilst all this was going on our new illustrious editor (Katy) was passed out due to the rather late night and copious amounts of alcohol she'd had the night



before.

Not always the best of things to do before a club run. She was so tired that she failed to notice that she was being photographed by Steve Pearce, while sleeping on the table !!!

With the editor woken up, we made our way bike to the bikes, where we found some dozy old twit had parked his vehicle across the entrance to our parking. This meant we had to ride a short obstacle course across a small walkway in order to get back onto the road. But once done, we set off back home, still with a dry sky above us .

The ride back was a nice amble with a stopover at McDonalds for coffee (needed by Katy more than most) on the A272. After which a quick blast back home to finally clear the head.

Overall the day was very pleasant, and a nice start to the riding year.

See you then.

Mick Wallace (Club Captain)

Article

Some of you may be aware that the French, in their wisdom, have decided that as of July it will be a legal requirement for drivers to carry with them a disposable breathalyser kit. THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO MOTORCYCLISTS.

The kits must be of an approved type (French NF Standard) and realistically you will need to have at least 2. One for immediate use if needed, and the second so that you still have one until you replace the first.

These kits have a shelf life of two years. Heather, my wife and training scheme organiser, will be able, through her work, to purchase the approved kits. She has kindly offered to buy batches of these kits, if demand is great enough, which will help to keep the costs down, which she can then pass onto you. The kits cost £2.10 + VAT as a maximum each. If you would like to get a couple, or more kits, for either car or bike, should you be thinking of driving through France at any time in the future, then let us know and Heather will put in an order.

If you can let us know by the end of April if you want any kits, that will give Heather time to get the stock.

I won't say what the final price will be as that will depend on the amount we order. Several members have already stated that they will be buy pairs of kits, but could you please still reply as we'll compile a list.

All the best

Mick & Heather Wallace

PS. Just because they have a two year life doesn't mean in 2014 we all meet up, drink as much as possible, and see who can blow the highest before we throw away the old kits!

Caption Competition



Best of the Rest;

What the hell is going on here!?

Open for comment – send to my email

Dates for your Diary

Proposed Club Runs:

16 April	Hayling Island
5 th May	Pool Night - Riley's Pool Hall, Twickenham.
13 May	Club Run to the Sammy Miller Museum

Social Events:

TBA

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