



**Southern Sporting
Motor Cycle Club**

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Dates for your diary

- 22nd March** Pioneer Run to Brighton – meet at Box Hill for a 10:30 departure
- 19th April** Ship Inn, Hayling Island – meet at Fleet Services, Westbound M3 for a 10:30 departure
- 3rd-5th May** Arras, France – meet at Eurotunnel, Folkestone for 9:30am, to board train.

Further club runs will be arranged to:



Beaulieu Motor Museum, New Forest



Goodwood Aero Café



Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth

2014
BMF Discount Code

The discount code for members of

**Southern Sporting
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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.

Editor's piece

Hello, Members! It seems like spring is finally here, so hopefully next month I'll actually have a club run article to include. This month we're a bit thin, but we've got some "Contact memories" from Bill Casling, pictures of the AGM awards, and a slightly off-the-wall maintenance guide written by our resident Spanner.

Amoret Whitaker – Editor

Contact memories

It was interesting to read the extracts from the 80's (a time I was rather out of touch due to work and distance). My memories do go farther back than that, however.

I cannot go right back to the very first issues of Contact, but when I joined SSMCC in 1947 Contact was literally "hot off the press" (as you said in your editorial) because it really was printed on a proper printing press. The father (grandfather?) of Alan Wilshire, who I believe was a founder member, was a retired compositor and had a small printing press in his garden in Hillingdon on which he printed leaflets and newsletters as a hobby.

This state of affairs continued when I took over as editor in the early fifties, but it became too much for him and we had to fall back on our own resources.

Contact was then typed by me with two fingers on an ancient Irial typewriter using wax-type stencils. These usually ended up with more areas covered in correcting fluid than virgin typing. These were then duplicated on an equally ancient and unreadable rotary duplicator by Ken and Tony Williams, collated and issued to members. I don't remember how long this went on because I changed posts to become Competition Secretary, but I think it was several years. I believe we eventually acquired a better typewriter and duplicator.

I'm sorry I can't recall many details of the contents as I passed all my collection over to Alan Totten (who was then Secretary) when I moved to Bristol in 1980, but I suspect they were not greatly different from those you quoted. Certainly we didn't have any Photos!

Regards

Bill Casling

AGM awards

The following awards were given at the AGM in February, and photos taken of those recipients who were present to accept their awards. *(The number in brackets indicates the relevant photograph).*

Enthusiasts Cup	Andy Ratnayake
Road Safety Award	Ian Slater (1)
Bateman Cup	Chris Booker (2)
Training Scheme Supporters Shield	Ian Slater (3)
Gibber Award	Lorna Barnes
Twisted Spanner Award	Kim Aitchison
Photographic Award	Colin Magellan
Lynmouth Trophy	Kathy Frost (4)
Trevor Smith Award	Richard Barnett (5)
Pritchard Trophy	Heather & Mick Wallace (6)
Darts Trophy	Not awarded this year

In addition, Honorary Membership was bestowed on Chris Frazer and Dave Regan (7).





Bits and bobs

Smith's Triumph: "No hidden agenda in Guy Martin deal"



Smith's Triumph has refuted claims they signed Guy Martin in favour of Gary Johnson because of the lucrative TV exposure Martin brings.

The Gloucester-based team announced their rider line-up for the 2015 Isle of Man TT Supersport races last week with TV personality Martin heading their Supersport effort alongside David Johnson who will also compete for the team on a BMW in the 1000cc classes.

The team has refuted the claim, stating Johnson's financial expectations were too high.

<http://www.bennetts.co.uk/bikesocial/news-and-views/racing/isle-of-man-tt/latest-isle-of-man-tt-news/smiths-triumph-no-hidden-agenda-in-guy-martin-deal/#.VPReaH5FDct>



Bike for sale

Yamaha YBR125

2009 registration (6 years old)
Low mileage – 4,300 miles on the clock
Taxed until February 2016
MOT valid until March 2016
Includes top box
2 lady owners (1 careful, 1 not so careful!)
Regularly cleaned and serviced
£1,300 ono

Contact the Editor or your resident Spanner
(Yes, she's my pride and joy, and I'm gutted!)

P.S. She has a claim to fame, having been discussed at length on Radio 4!

P.P.S. Her name is *Hister* – after Histeridae beetles!



Biker Thought for the Month ... *Everything looks better from the inside of a motorcycle helmet.*

How to maintain your motorcycle mechanic

The following list gives guidelines on how to keep your motorcycle mechanic in a happy and fully operational state. The amount of work required to your motorcycle requires a certain amount of energy to be expended and thus that energy needs to be replenished.

1. Pre Mot inspection and/or diagnostic visit = Cup of Tea and biscuits.
2. Engine Oil and Oil Filter change = Cups of Tea and Cake/Doughnuts.
3. Brake Fluid/Brake Pad replacement = Cups of Tea and Cake/Doughnuts.
4. Drive Chain & Sprocket replacement = Cups of Tea and Sandwich
5. Suspension work (Fork Oil change/Greasing of rear suspension bearings) = Cups of Tea and Sandwich.
6. Removal/Refitting of wheels for tyre replacement = Cups of Tea and Sandwich.
7. Full Engine Service (Valve clearance check/adjust, Carburettor Synchronisation, Oil/Oil Filter change, Spark Plug replacement, Air Filter clean/replace) = Full Roast Dinner with all the trimmings or equivalent! Also cups of tea during the time it takes to do the service.

As we all know it's important to maintain your motorcycle to keep it in tip top condition, so it only makes sense to keep your motorcycle mechanic in tip top condition as well!!

See you around on one wheel or another.

Spanner.

Caption competition

Winning caption:

Unfortunately the intervening years had not been kind to Torvill and Dean

Best of the rest:

The SSMCC entry for Dancing On Ice was going surprisingly well!



Chilly's rash decision to buy a Harley Davidson required some help from Flossy in order to extend her arm length so she could reach the handle bars

Torvill and Dean? More like Pearl & Dean!



March's picture



Mr and Mrs Wallace at the NEC Bike Show

Send your suggested captions to me at: a.whitaker@nhm.ac.uk