Southern Sporting

Motor Cycle Club

CONTACT

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Dates for your diary

21st February	SSMCC 80th AGM, The Adelaide, Teddington
18th March	Pioneer Run – Watch this space for updates next month.
18/19 May 18	Barnstable Run
23rd Jun 18	SSMCTS Open Afternoon
1st Jul 18	Seaford BBQ – in aid of Air Ambulance
17/19 Jul 18	Luxembourg Trip
18th Aug 18	SSMCC 80th Anniversary Party

See next month's Contact for a full list of Club Runs for 2018!

Editor's piece

2017

BMF Discount Code

The discount code for members of

Southern Sporting Motorcycle Club

is

SSM17J925

This number may be used by your members

To receive discounts on advanced tickets to all BMF shows/Rallies.

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.

Hello, Members!

Your monthly update from the club. Well that's it for another year, almost time to put the Christmas decorations away and try and work out how to get them back in the boxes. I do hope you had a wonderful time with your loved ones and was thinking of those who were stuck working whilst relaxing in front of the telly trying to stay awake. I've worked for many years over the festive period, so I do know how it feels. So, what was on your New Year's resolutions list? Ride the bike more? Well, guess what! We can help with that! – just look at some of the rides coming up later in the year. Unfortunately, I can't make the Barnstable ride as I'm off to Northern Ireland for the NW200 races, and to be honest, I can't wait. But I will say I've had many awesome weekends away with the club to North Devon and would love to go back but that will have to wait.

During the festive period Rob Wood has sent out our membership invites, can you let him know immediately if you have not received yours. We would appreciate if you could renew by mid-January please as this helps admin side of things. Thank you.

The AGM is just around the corner so NOW is the time to get your nominations in. Just think you could take over Contact, don't think I've done that good a job of selling it but in reality, it is not practical for me to continue - travelling 130 miles to a committee meeting after a day teaching. Although I stepped in it was only really to cover until the AGM, so come on – It must me something you want to do (*please*). All posts are up for grabs, so don't be shy…

SSMCC is a mere 80 years young this year, quite an achievement, John Mason has been working hard behind the scenes planning weekends away to Barnstable and further afield to Luxembourg – which should be a couple of great trips and not forgetting the Anniversary Party and Scheme Fun day (details below)

But in the meantime - I NEED ARTICLES for Februarys Contact, please email articles to ssmcccontact@gmail.com please attach pictures to your email and not in the document as it makes it easier to edit as necessary.

Steve Pearce – Editor (Stand in)

Southern Sporting Training Scheme

Like us at:
www.facebook.com/southernsportingtrainingscheme

Bike Safe and Hounslow Council

Vouchers available from Estelle.
It would be great for all instructors to complete the course…

London Bike Show

SHOW OPENING TIMES	Ticket Prices:
Friday: 10am – 5pm **Saturday**: 9am – 6pm **Sunday**: 9am – 5pm ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London, E16 1XL	£17.00 – 2 Tickets £31 Car Parking Fee - £20 Booking fee of £1.50 applies to pint your own ticket!

CHRISTMAS PARTY – WHEN IT ALL WENT QUIET!

So, 16th December 2017, 23 happy soles descended on Coté Brassiere in Teddington for the annual SSMCC Christmas party. This is a venue we have used in the past and because we were such a big party, we were put into the basement room, which is actually really nice as it meant we could have our own music and do our own thing, as it were.

Once everyone had arrived, all 'glammed' up (it was lovely to see Dave & Lyn Regan from 'Up North' and Karen & Steve from Down South), and place cards handed out as a reminder to what had been ordered, and before anyone starts, and I know someone will, there were some cards that were not 'quite right'. Well that's because some folk hadn't actually identified who was having what in a party of 2. So, I guessed, based on what I thought would be the correct allocation. But with a bit of plate passing, everyone got what they wanted ;-)

I'd left party blowers and novelty glasses out for everyone. (I'd been told we couldn't have party poppers – too messy), but this didn't curb the enthusiasm of some people! Yes, there's nearly a smile there from our Chairman ;-)

Our waitresses did a Stirling job of getting drink orders around to everyone and the food arrived hot and delicious.

I'd arranged for a bit of a Quiz for everyone to do, and was all set to confiscate everyone's phones so that there could be no cheating by looking up answers on google, but as it turned out, there was no signal down in the basement, so no need to tackle anyone to the ground to prise their phones from their fingers.

So, the quiz papers were handed out and it soon became apparent that people were going to work in teams, rather than couples or individuals. And, bearing in mind the room had been filled with the sound of talking and laughing, it ALL WENT QUIET and the concentration could be cut with a knife, interjected with the occasional comment of 'How much was on the F***king bus……

Team TT won, with a score (if memory serves me of 48 out of 60 points) and comprised of Ann & Graeme Byard, Karen & Steve Pearce and Amoret and Ian. After the food and quiz, there was an opportunity for a bit of dancing, which it has to be said, Matt & Doug excelled at. Fun and Laughter was had by all (I hope).

And the highlight for me, which came at the very end of the evening, was when Matt turned into 'Kevin' coz he didn't want to go home when is Mum (Estelle), told him to get his coat on.

Priceless!!!!

Social Sec
Heather Wallace

Ride outs - 2018

18th March: Pioneer Run to Brighton

18th / 19th May: The Park Hotel, Barnstable.

1st July: Seaford BBQ, in Aid of Air Ambulance.

If interested on any of these please see john.mason001@btinternet.com

John Mason
Club Captain.

FIND IT OUT AS IT HAPPENS:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/8085330049

Southern Sporting Motor Cycle Club & Training Schemes Anniversary

The club will be 80 years old in 2018. The scheme is 70. From Isleworth Town School the scheme has run for 53 years and the SSMCTS as a single entity (independents) has now been going for 35 years.

All this information can be gained from the club's history which you can find online thanks to Alan Totten an honouree member of the club.
It feels strange to think that I have been involved with the club for 44 of though years.

Starting at Isleworth town school in the September 1972, turning up on my little Honda CB175 cc motor cycle into a big playground with tough motorcyclist.

But like now once you got to know them the comradery was clear to see.
Believe it or not a year later I had become an Instructor, so now that's forty-five years.

The scheme is very lucky to have such a wealth of instructing knowledge.
Ian Slater 38 years. Richard Barnett and Richard Goldschmit 35 years each.
Even when you say the others have done 10 years or more it is still a great achievement.

Let us hope the club and scheme can carry on, for how long who knows.
So, let's make the most of the forth coming events.

June Saturday 23rd 2018,
Open afternoon at the training scheme. (No cost).
July Sunday 1st 2018,
An open invitation to all past and present club and scheme members at a BBQ in Seaford East Sussex. (£10 to pay in advance).
August Saturday 18th 2018,
A party at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. (£25 to pay in advance).

The club bank details are sort code **090151** account **99148309**. Please make sure you state what venue how many guests and your name.
If you are interested in any of the above-mentioned please get in touch with john.mason001@btinternet.com or ring 01932 787937. For more information.

John Mason. Club Captain.

SSMCC Anniversary Rides

In Twenty Eighteen I have planned two trips for the 80th celebration of the club. These are for club members and partners only.

The first is to Devon a place the club went for some years.

The Park Hotel in Barnstable in Devon. Contact Taw Vale. 01271 372166.
I've booked are 18th & 19th of May 2018, Friday & Saturday.
If you fancy this trip book now and you can still cancel seven days before!

The second trip is to Luxembourg.
Belle Vue Hotel, 3, Rue De La Gare, VIANDEN. Phone number is 00352 834127. E mail info@hotelbv.com
Dates booked for me are 17,18,19th of July 2018.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
They are now open. This is a biker's hotel so gets booked quickly.
Have now been to Vianden, very nice with good roads. The hotel looks nice too.
If you wish for more information talk to me John Mason.
Phone 01932 787937
E Mail john.mason001@btinternet.com

John Mason.
Club Captain.

Biker Thought for the Month

I know some struggle with Left and Right – but never heard of it being fast and slow!

SSMCC Anniversary Rides

Going away in 2018

Barnstable.
Friday and Saturday 18th / 19th May

I will be leaving my house on the Friday at about 10 am. It will take some time as I plan to stop for lunch somewhere. If you wish to travel with me then let me know and we can sort something out. Otherwise you make your own way there.
The Park Hotel. Detail where in contact.

Luxembourg.
Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 17th / 18th and 19th July.

In the past people have made their own way to the venue.
My plans are to take the tunnel on the Tuesday very early! 7am.! Will leave home at 5am. Again, stopping for lunch half way. At this moment have not booked tunnel.
So, do not know the exact time of departure.
I will be travelling on motorway's. The address has been put in contact. Plus, if you wish to travel with me let me know and arrangements can be made.
Two months before we go on each occasion will put out an e mail as a reminder.
John Mason.

john.mason001@btinternet.com
01932 787937.

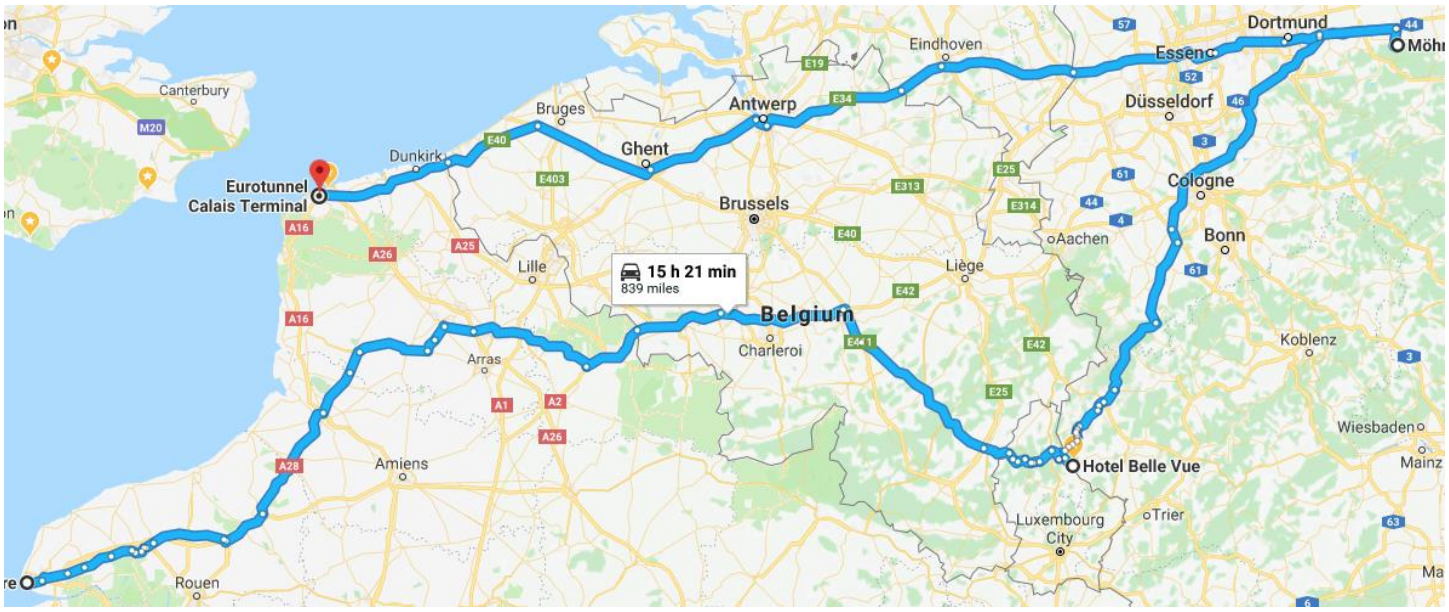
SSMCC Anniversary Rides – My Plans

I can't do Barnstable as plan to be in Northern Ireland for the racing at the North West 200 – but Luxembourg my plans at the moment are:

Overnight ferry on Monday from Portsmouth to Le Havre then a cruise the 350 miles to the hotel – avoiding all Tolls – but stopping for Lunch and Coffee on route.

Then when the club departs for home on the Friday, I plan to go to the Möhne Reservoir to see the Dam Busters Dam (obviously rebuilt now) but something I've wanted to do. Will get a Hotel somewhere near the site – stop for lunch then ride home taking the Eurotunnel back to Dover.

Approx. 840 miles abroad.



If you want to tag along, let me know – it's a leisurely way of getting over there, get to France at 8am and you are off…

This is NOT a club run, just my plans, if it suits you come along – if not – I'll see you in the bar on the first night….

Steve Pearce.

SSMCC Notice of Meeting

Southern Sporting Motorcycle Club
80th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2018

at

"The Adelaide"
57 Park Road
Teddington
Middlesex
TW11 0AU

Notice is hereby given in accordance with rule 8 of the Southern Sporting MCC that the 80th AGM of the Club will take place on Wednesday 21st February 2018. It will start at 8.10pm prompt. This form is the official opportunity for the nomination of officers of the club for the 2018/2019 club year and for the proposal of motions and award winners. Completed forms should be sent to the Hon Secretary at 21 Whitton Dene, Whitton, Hounslow, TW3 2JN by 27th January 2018. AGM correspondence need not be on this form, but must be legible and complete. In particular, all correspondence must contain the member's name and signature. **Please ensure that nominations for elected posts are with the consent of the nominee.** No correspondence affecting the business of the meeting will be accepted after 7th February 2018.

Whilst associate members are welcome to attend the AGM and stand for non-committee posts, it should be noted that only current full and honorary members may vote at the meeting or stand for committee posts.

Any member unable to make the AGM and wishing to nominate a proxy for the AGM in accordance with Rule 10 must notify the Hon Secretary in writing providing the name of the Full or Honorary member they wish to nominate as their proxy.

Such notifications must be received by the Hon Secretary by 18th February 2018. These may be by post or via E-Mail to enquiries@ssmcc.co.uk

I would like to propose the nominations and Motion(s) shown:

Name: Signed:

Telephone No: Date:

Motion(s)

Posts	**Present Holder(s)**	**Nomination(s)**
President	John Mason	
Vice Presidents	Ian Slater	
(3)	Robert Wood	
	Richard Barnett	
*Chairman	Mick Wallace	
*Secretary	Robert Wood	
*Treasurer	Chris Booker	
*Competitions Secretary	Position Vacant	
*Social Secretary	Heather Wallace	
*Club Captain	John Mason	
*Editor	Steve Pearce	
*Public Relations Officer	Estelle Potter	
*Training Scheme Organiser	Doug Chaney	
Auditor – "Club"	Robert Wood	
Auditor – "Scheme"	Robert Wood	
ACU Centre Board Delegate (2)	Position Vacant / Position Vacant	
Star Group Delegate (2)	Position Vacant / Position Vacant	
BMF Liaison Officer	Robert Wood	
Contact Mailing Secretary	Steve Pearce	
Minutes Secretary	Heather Wallace	

Positions marked * are defined as Committee posts. Only Full or Honorary members may hold these posts. One member may only hold one Committee post.

Awards

The Enthusiast's Cup _____

The Road Safety Award _____

Presidents Words

All though Doug and Estelle are fighting to keep the scheme afloat. Their hard work is very much appreciated. The SSMCC still donated £500 of the club's money and may well have to donate more! So, my question to club members is " are you still happy for the scheme to use all the club fund's until we only have £500 left"?
If the answer is yes then fine. But if no please let me know before the 17th of January. I just want the club to understand the implications of possibly only having £500 left in our 80th year!

There are changes that will be made to do with the committee in the next 18 months. People moving and retirement. So, if you feel you could carry out a committee post please put your name forward at the AGM so we know you are interested.
Then if you wish training can be supplied.

I think the rest of things are going along nicely, that's my feeling. But if you have any ideas please let the club know through contact.

When we come to the AGM on Wednesday the 21st of February the club will be 80 years old. A great achievement! So, keep your eye out for all that is going on in 2018.

If there are old members of the club or scheme you know, please pass on the up and coming dates and invite them along or they can get in touch with me.
at john.mason001@btinternet.com

Your help is needed to make this 80th year work.

PRESIDENT.
John Mason

SSMCC Committee Minutes (December)

We had a month off, hope that's OK

Well that's it for another month, see you all next month at the AGM…
Steve