



**Southern Sporting
Motor Cycle Club**

CONTACT

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Your Committee

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Dates for your diary

Sunday 12th March – Club Run - Riverside Café, Benson.

Wednesday 5th April 2023 – Committee Meeting, The Adelaide, Teddington.

Editor's Comments

So the first edition of Contact with myself as Editor, where to start.....

.....well thanks to start with to Ian for holding the fort until someone in a moment of madness said ok i'll give it a go, I've never seen so many hands go up so quickly to accept and second a nomination, and thanks to all the past editors Sharon, Estelle, Steve, Amoret, whose content I shall unashamedly steal and replicate whenever possible. If i've left any prior editors out I apologies in advance my emails and memory only go back so far.

For those that dont know me that well, here's a brief introduction.

I first attended the training scheme in the summer of 1987 at the age of 15 and did 8 weeks on the playground on the now legendary bronze FS1E, well strictly speaking 1 week on the X1 just to get used to a normal gearbox and then 7 weeks on the FS1E. My instructor for those first 8 weeks had a long brown scarf, balaclava, and a helmet with push stud fasteners and a swirly brown pattern, I think before retro was a thing! The things you remember hey Mr Mason! Thanks also went to Ian for the lift each week, I seem to remember one of the first things he said to me was “just keep them boots off my exhausts (gpz100rx).....”

Returning to the scheme in 1990 for part 1 and test preparation I spent about 7 years helping out as a trainee and then CBT instructor as well as enjoying the benefits of the clubs social scene.

In fact I met my future wife at the scheme, Lisa Harris, noted in John's recent historic nostalgia list (in last month's contact) as a 03/04/1993 trainee. Those that stayed all the way to the end of the wedding reception at The Albany ‘the clubs then Sunday night pool venue’ will have met the in laws and then the local constabulary en masse!

Lisa and I didn't last the test of time, but I thank the club for the intro, we're still good friends and have three great kids. Once the kids came along I was at best a part time guest of the club, dropping down the pub on a Wednesday a few times a year and the odd ride out.

I re-joined the club about 5 years ago and have still been a bit of a part timer but thought I ought to man up at least once in my life and volunteer for something. So I did, here I am, and you're stuck with me for a while.

I'll do my best to come up with some content, crack the odd joke (funny or not), check as much grammar as I can (not my strong point), but as always contributions are gratefully received.

If you have anything of interest to say regarding your motorcycling and the Club, please let me know via enquiries@ssmcc.co.uk or through any other member of the committee.

Anyway, keep safe and well and hopefully catch up with some of you at our regular venues and future club runs or events.

Editor
Chris

Other Stuff

TT or CBT



It all sounds very motorcycle orientated but the Teatime Teaser (TT) or Coffee Break Teaser (CBT), dependent on your preference, is nothing more than some mild amusement while you sip on you chosen brew, and maybe enjoy a slice of 🍰.

The months Teaser is: **THE BENDS**

No not the second studio album by the acclaimed English rock band Radiohead, released on 13 March 1995 by Parlophone.....and no nothing to do with deep sea diving.....

Q1: Which is higher: the number of 'named' corners on the TT Course or the 'official' number of corners on the Nurburgring?

Q2: Rank these tracks in order of the number of bends (and the editor's view is final on what constitutes a bend or a curveits just a bit of fun!)

- Snetterton
- Silverstone
- Anglesey
- Darley Moor

Q3: The Bend Motorsport Park is in which country?

Q4: Two sets of bends which one is the Atlas Mountains Road, Morocco and which one is the Los Caracoles Pass, Chile/Argentina

Pic 1



Pic2



Q5: A man crashed his new expensive car into a large tree what car was he driving

(Answers at the end)

A step back in time – for more than one reason.

Sunday 29th Jan, an early departure from the Pearce household, well, it was for a Sunday, heading north to Hungry Hill, Aldershot for the well-known and respected Talmag Trial. (In fairness, everything is North from here otherwise I get very wet).

For those that don't know it is an Off Road Trial competed on bikes built pre-1965, with various groups within:

- (1)** Under 300cc solo machines
- (2)** Over 300cc machines - no rear suspension
- (3)** Over 300cc machines - with rear suspension
- (4)** Open Class – any eligible machine of any capacity. A more challenging route
- (5)** Solo Girder Fork machines
- (6)** Solo Clubman Class - any rider on any eligible solo machine. Non award winning basis.
- (7)** Any rider 65 years or over on any solo machine of any capacity
- (8)** Machines with or without rear suspension and sidecar manufactured on or before 31st December 1969

The routes are split into 3 depending on the riders skill level and the machine – WHITE – Experts. BLUE – Intermediate and RED – Novice and Sidecars.

The weather being on our side, slightly overcast but a good 7°, not bad for late January.

Being met by a few local friends, 2 on XR's, and one on brand new Honda NC750, with 8 miles on the clock - we headed up the country lanes to Aldershot, the event was held on Ministry of Defence land and the carpark is large but just sand and gravel, the BMW S1000XR is an awesome bike – perhaps a little lively on this surface.



Matthew Jagger. Royal Enfield
Bullet 350

The carpark was full, cars with trailers, vans and campers – and of course this event attracts a lot of spectators seeing as there is in excess of 200 entrants.

The event had already started, with a flying start at 09:30, with the riders needing to complete 2 laps of 15 sections.

We started with a wander to the coffee trailer as we walked towards the 1st section – the event was well under way. The day was still dry but the ground in some areas was still retaining water which obviously needed a little more attention.



The riders were, shall we say, a little on the mature side, but some of these bikes looked awesome and the sounds of the old 4 stroke thumpers and some twin cylinder engines. Although they are registered pre 1965, there was obviously some modifications. The reliability showed that – the only breakdown we saw was a broken throttle cable.



Riding a Triumph 3TA 400cc - Ian Peberdy

Some of the sections were quite a simple in and out, but all had a gradient – and that’s where the issues arose – front end slipping out a bit and a few riders getting a 5 for the section as the front wheel did not make the markers.

The marking system is quite simple –

1 foot down 1 point.

2 feet down 2 points

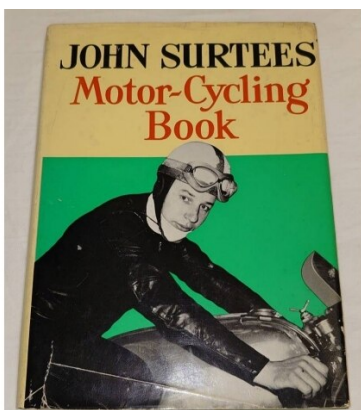
3 feet down 3 points

Falling off, not making the course 5 points. Obviously, the aim is to get zero faults on each section.

Some of the riders made it look easy – whilst others not so.

The John Surtees Motorcycling Book - Quote of the month

So whilst clearing out my late Dads flat I came across The John Surtees’ Motor- Cycling Book, awarded to him as a Merit Prize from The Abbotsford County Secondary School For Boys. He was never a biker but clearly I was interested to have a read. 15 shillings its says, whatever that is!



“I wish I had a spanner in my hand instead of a pen, For i’m much more accustomed to thinking in terms of nuts and bolts than words”

“Motorcycling takes you out into the fresh air. It gives you complete independence; you alone are master of your movements. Yet it emphasises the urge for companionship - someone of similar enthusiasm with whom you can share your pleasure”

The Bends Teaser Answers:

Q1: IOM TT named corners about 60 - Nurburgring official corners 73 - 33 Left 40 Right

Q2: Silverston: 15 Snetterton:11 Darley Moor: 10 Anglesey:9

Q3: Australia

Q4: Pic 1 Los Caracoles Pass, Chile/Argentina Pic 2 Atlas Mountains Road, Morocco

Q5: A Mercedes 'Bends' I did warn you the jokes might not be funny

Wednesday evenings from 8pm in the Adelaide Public House, Teddington.

Saturday mornings Sam's café, Nelson Road in Whitton. If there's a big rugby match on at Twickenham Stadium when we usually reconvene at Power Mill Lane café so it's worth getting hold of one of the team to get confirmation.

24/7 We have a Club page so please "follow" both and make sure your views are heard.



FIND IT OUT AS IT HAPPENS:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8085330049/?ref=bookmarks>

Contact: This document comes out monthly and is restricted to club members. The FB pages are more promotional and open to a wider audience so there may be more detail in this than we would share on line.

Membership Benefits

CBS in Whitton give us a 10% discount.

BMF (British Motorcycle Federation). The affiliate membership is worth

mentioning when you next seek an insurance renewal or similar.

