



**Southern Sporting
Motor Cycle Club**

CONTACT

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Your Committee

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| President..... | John Mason |
| Vice President..... | Ian Slater, Mick Wallace, Robert Wood |
| Chairman..... | John Mason |
| Club Secretary..... | Ian Slater |
| Treasurer..... | Chris Booker |
| PRO..... | Steve Pearce |
| Club Captain..... | Mick Wallace |
| Social Secretary..... | Heather Wallace |
| Editor..... | Chris Osborne |
| Auditor – Club..... | Rob Wood |
| Centre Board Delegate (2) | |
| BMF Liaison Officer | Ian Slater |
| Minutes Secretary | Heather Wallace |

Dates for your diary

- November 2nd – Veteran Car Run London to Brighton: Leave 10.30 from Rykas
 - NEC Bike Show Birmingham 21 November
 - 13th December Xmas Dinner Adelaide Teddington
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Editor's Comments

So I was having a read of the latest motorcycle theft stats. Overall, evidently an improving picture, but still 1700 odd bikes getting lifted each month. Surreys gone up 110% and whilst London is down, it's still about 1/3 of the bikes in the UK getting stolen in the capital. Getting worse for vans and luxury car drivers evidently. For the full story follow the link here.

<https://www.bennetts.co.uk/bikesocial/news-and-views/news/2025/uk-motorcycle-theft-stats-crime>

So, unless you want to go live in the highlands, keep it locked and secure.

| County | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Change |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| DYFED AND POWYS | 3 | 0 | 300.00% |
| FIFE | 3 | 0 | 300.00% |
| NORTHERN CONSTABULARY | 2 | 0 | 200.00% |
| CENTRAL SCOTLAND | 2 | 0 | 200.00% |
| NORTH WALES | 10 | 2 | -80.00% |
| SOUTH WALES POLICE | 18 | 5 | -72.22% |
| NORTHERN IRELAND | 11 | 4 | -63.64% |
| BEDFORDSHIRE | 18 | 7 | -61.11% |
| GLOUCESTERSHIRE | 23 | 9 | -60.87% |
| LOTHIAN & BORDERS | 25 | 10 | -60.00% |
| HERTFORDSHIRE | 51 | 24 | -52.94% |
| ESSEX | 75 | 36 | -52.00% |
| CITY OF LONDON | 2 | 1 | -50.00% |
| CUMBRIA | 6 | 3 | -50.00% |
| STRATHCLYDE | 12 | 6 | -50.00% |
| DORSET | 22 | 12 | -45.45% |
| GREATER MANCHESTER | 78 | 43 | -44.87% |
| KENT | 67 | 37 | -44.78% |
| NORFOLK | 16 | 9 | -43.75% |
| STAFFORDSHIRE | 23 | 13 | -43.48% |
| WARWICKSHIRE | 25 | 15 | -40.00% |
| HAMPSHIRE | 84 | 53 | -36.90% |
| MERSEYSIDE | 19 | 12 | -36.84% |
| SUSSEX | 37 | 25 | -32.43% |
| WEST YORKSHIRE | 82 | 56 | -31.71% |
| CHESHIRE | 16 | 11 | -31.25% |
| SOUTH YORKSHIRE | 55 | 43 | -21.82% |
| WILTSHIRE | 14 | 11 | -21.43% |
| METROPOLITAN | 555 | 441 | -20.54% |
| WEST MERCIA | 12 | 10 | -16.67% |
| THAMES VALLEY | 58 | 51 | -12.07% |
| LEICESTERSHIRE | 46 | 41 | -10.87% |
| NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | 52 | 49 | -5.77% |
| TAYSIDE | 2 | 2 | 0.00% |
| NORTHUMBRIA | 55 | 56 | 1.82% |
| DEVON AND CORNWALL | 28 | 29 | 3.57% |
| WEST MIDLANDS | 100 | 104 | 4.00% |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | 14 | 15 | 7.14% |
| AVON AND SOMERSET | 68 | 73 | 7.35% |
| DURHAM | 13 | 14 | 7.69% |
| CAMBRIDGESHIRE | 24 | 27 | 12.50% |
| NORTH YORKSHIRE | 16 | 18 | 12.50% |
| GWENT | 13 | 15 | 15.38% |
| DERBYSHIRE | 30 | 35 | 16.67% |
| SUFFOLK | 6 | 7 | 16.67% |
| HUMBERSIDE | 17 | 21 | 23.53% |
| GRAMPIAN | 3 | 4 | 33.33% |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | 15 | 21 | 40.00% |
| LANCASHIRE | 34 | 59 | 73.53% |
| SURREY | 19 | 40 | 110.53% |
| CLEVELAND | 3 | 17 | 466.67% |

Other Stuff....

Pioneer Run 2025

This year the weather held and allowed us to follow the Pioneer Run down to Shoreham, where Brighton Airport is located. In fact, it was rather a pleasant day. Starting at Ryka's where Darren, Steve (Lockie) Ian, John, Heather & myself met up.

Steve had come on his new purchase, a brand-new BMW R1300GS Triple Black.....very nice! But Steve said it had a whine from the gear box. Cue the abundance of noises coming from the rest of the group, imitating old men whining!! Which was to be the tone for the rest of the day. Every time Steve mentioned his bike, or someone else brought the subject up (and guess who did that!) a chorus of eeeeehhh! Would follow.

John had only popped down to see us off, so the group following me was just the five remaining, and the ride down was fairly uneventful, except for when you get in front of some of the veteran riders, and then have to stop due to traffic or junction. That's when you remember that most veteran bikes have very little in the way of effective brakes, and will suddenly appear next to you, or worse come past you and into the roundabout that you've stopped for! Remember the bikes are prior to 1915.

Once at the airport we had coffee and another session of whining, whilst admiring some of bikes and three wheeler cars (which are allowed to be slightly newer)



Afterwards we all went off to Billy's for lunch and more banter, with the added whining noises for Steve. We also had the pleasure (in my opinion) of seeing a police bike go zooming off in pursuit of two bikers who were taking liberties with the speed limits, and he wasn't hanging about.

After the lamp swinging sessions, we all made our separate ways home, still in the dry. So let's hope that the next run to Brighton (November 2nd) we are as lucky with the weather.

Mick Wallace

Other Stuff....

Dear Members

For those who don't know the Adelaide has changed hands, but the new team have said they are going to honour our dinner booking for 13 December 25.

You can order 2 courses or 3, but as normal, the club will subsidise the cost for members by £5. Non members to pay full price. So members £20 (2course) £25 (3courses) non members £25 & £30. And yes, this is slightly cheaper than last year.

If you would like to let me know if you are interested in attending and also what your menu choice would be, this starts the ball rolling. Also if you have any dietary requirements that may need addressing. Note the menu does indicate vegetarian/vegan or gluten options.

All the best
Heather

Starters - All starters are served with a breadbasket/gfo and butter

Parsnip & Sweet Potato Soup – With crispy leeks
Smoked Salmon – Lilliput caper, dill crème fraiche
Ham hock & Mustard Terrine – Cornichon, plum chutney
Baked Goats Cheese Crostini – With clementine salad & citrus dressing

Mains

Roast Turkey – Sage & onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts, roasted root vegetables & proper gravy /gfo
Roast Beef Sirloin – Yorkshire pudding, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts, roasted root vegetables, & proper gravy /gfo
Beetroot & Butternut Squash Vegan Wellington - Roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts, roasted root vegetables, & vegan gravy /vg
Pan Fried Cod Fillet - Sauteed new potatoes, crispy pancetta, Brussels sprouts, champagne beurre butter;
8oz Ribeye Steak – Chunky chips, grilled mushroom, tomato & peppercorn sauce (+ £5 supplement – If you make this choice, pls transfer additional money)

Desserts

Christmas Pudding - Brandy butter
Chocolate Trillionaire Tart - Crème fraiche /vgo/gf
Winter Berry Pavlova - Vanilla cream
Cheeseboard – Trio of cheddar, stilton, camembert with plum chutney & crackers

Food Allergy – V are Vegetarian / VG are Vegan & GFO are gluten free

Payments should be made to the club bank account (the same as for your membership subs).

Account – Southern Sporting Motorcycle Club - Acct No. 99148309 Sort Code 09-01-51

Other Stuff....

So do you remember the episode of blue peter when they domonstarted the phone with no cables, and we all thought cooor whatever next?

Whatever next is the noise cancelling 2km range intercom helmet with brake light!

<https://www.motorcyclenews.com/bike-kit/news/cardo-beyond-gt-and-gts-smart-helmets-unveiled/>



If tech is your thing take a look I found it an interesting read. Im mean you'll need a bag of sand to buy one but I guess as the companies intercom kit is £400 the remaining £600 on the helmet is in line with other premium options.



Other brands are available!

Other Stuff....

Round the world off road !

I think Dave is stuck. The map hasn't changed since last month. He appears to be riding round and round a circuit, which does have some similarities to another island course in both shape and distance. Off-road TT, now there's a thought.



A massive budda carved into rock in Pattaya. Very cool.



www.bikeguydave.com

TT or CBT



Tea Break Teaser

Rank the following words in relation to their Scrabble Score.

Lowest to Highest.

If there is a tie in scores for any words, alphabetical order should be applied.

Yamaha

Suzuki

Kawasaki

Honda

Ducati

Hesketh

Cartoon Corner



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>

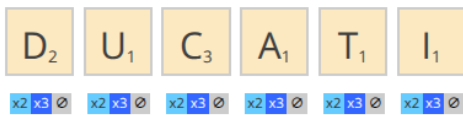
Contact: This document comes out monthly and is restricted to club members. The FB pages are more promotional and open to a wider audience so there may be more detail in this than we would share on line.

Membership Benefits

CBS in Whitton give us a 10% discount.

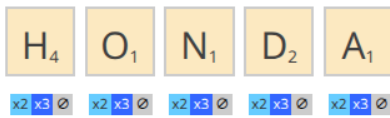
BMF (British Motorcycle Federation). The affiliate membership is worth mentioning when you next seek an insurance renewal or similar.





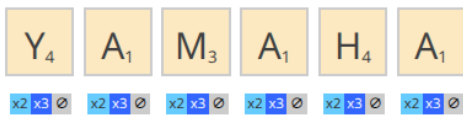
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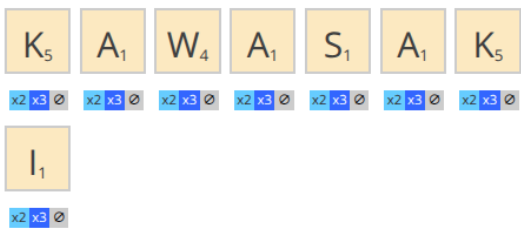
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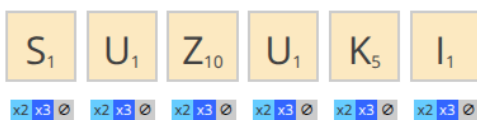
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