



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

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## Your Committee

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

## Dates for your diary

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December – SSMCC Christmas Dinner, The Adelaide, Teddington.

### Stunt Editor's Comments

Welcome to your December edition of Contact, well another year is almost over and it only seems like five minutes ago it was the beginning of 2022!

Considering how difficult the last two and half years have been for everyone, I think those who joined us on Club runs and events enjoyed themselves and I wish to thank all those on the SSMCC Committee for sticking with it and delivering those runs and events.

February 15<sup>th</sup> will see the club AGM take place, so if anyone out there in SSMCC land wishes to take a more active role in the club, please put your name forward. Also, your Club membership will need renewing for 2023, so keep an eye out for the reminder coming through your door.

As for the dates above, keep an eye on your e-mail, as meeting places and times will be sent out a week or two before the event.

If you have anything of interest to say regarding your motorcycling and the Club, please let me know via [enquiries@ssmcc.co.uk](mailto: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.

Stunt Editor and Honorary Club Secretary.  
Ian Slater (aka Spanner).

# Southern Sporting Motorcycle Club

## 84th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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 84th AGM of the Club will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023. It will start at 8.10pm prompt. This form is the official opportunity for the nomination of officers of the club for the 2023/2024 club year and for the proposal of motions and award winners. Completed forms should be sent to the Hon Secretary at 17 Stavedown Road, South Wonston, Winchester, SO21 3HA by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 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)**

<b><u>Posts</u></b>	<b><u>Present Holder(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Nomination(s)</u></b>
President	John Mason	
Vice Presidents (3)	Ian Slater Robert Wood Mick Wallace	
*Chairman	Chris Gorth	
*Secretary	Ian Slater	
*Treasurer	Chris Booker	
*Social Secretary	Heather Wallace	
*Club Captain	Mick Wallace	
*Editor	Vacant	
*Public Relations Officer	Steve Pearce	
Auditor – “Club”	Robert Wood	
ACU Centre Board Delegate (2)	Position Vacant / Position Vacant	
BMF Liaison Officer	Ian Slater	
Contact Mailing Secretary	Ian Slater	
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

## Living with a classic

If you're going to acquire a classic bike, British or Japanese, be prepared to get your hands dirty. Fairly obvious really unless you've got loads of money to throw at it. I have managed to do both since owning the Velo but I'm not complaining as it looks awesome sitting in my garage!

I have racked up 650miles since I bought it in March, still finding things that are not quite right. I'd noticed it was pinking slightly so got some lead replacement fluid to dose the petrol with, this helped but it was still pinking slightly. Having purchased a timing disc a few months ago I did a quick timing check and found at fully advanced it was firing at 45 degrees before top dead center and should only be 38 degrees, yet again whoever rebuilt this didn't have a workshop manual. Yet another partial strip down to reset the timing and running a lot smoother now.

A couple of weeks ago I decided to do a Boxhill/Newlands run as the bike was running nice and I thought I'd sorted all the problems, fired it up then found it wouldn't go into gear and when it did it stalled. After a check I knew what had happened, a large centralizing bearing in the middle of the clutch drive plate had fell out allowing it to wobble all over the place creating mayhem and lots of clutch drag!

As the ride out was not going to happen the afternoon was spent fixing and resetting the clutch, which went as expected with said wayward bearing being Loctite/riveted back into place. Went to start it up for a test and the decompressor cable nipple pulled off, needless to say very colorful words were uttered at this point and fingers were wagged!

I bet most of you reading this it must sound like a nightmare but then back in the days when I was a spotty youth if you wanted to ride a motorcycle you had to know how to fix it, the only time you visited a bike shop was MOT time or buying bits and after nearly 40 years of fixing things from lawnmowers to dustcarts, this is a walk in the park for me. [keeps the gray cells ticking over too!]

Velocette gearboxes are very agricultural and always have lots of free movement in the gear linkage which makes finding neutral a very hit and miss affair, luckily, the Velocette owners club spares department do an updated rose joint link to replace the original multilink joint. So, one was purchased and

fitted which has taken all the guesswork and looseness out of changing gear,  
Hurrah!

I'm on my second tube of Autosol chrome cleaner and can spend a day easily buffing up my alloys and polishing my nuts! Which is oddly satisfying. Ooooh Matron!

As a footnote to this random rambling if you like having a chat buy a classic bike because wherever you go someone will want to talk to you.

Snowy the Elder (BSF and Whitworth spanners only!)

### **SSMCC Committee Minutes**

Meeting Monday 7 November 2022 – at 29 Mandeville Road Shepperton TW17 0AL

In Attendance:

Chris Gorth (CG)	Chairman
Chris Booker	Treasurer
Heather Wallace (HW)	Social Secretary
Mick Wallace (MW)	Club Captain

Guest: John Mason

Meeting started at: 20:04hrs

**Apologies** – Steve Pearce, Ian Slater

### **Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were Agreed, proposed by Heather Wallace and seconded by Mick Wallace

### **Matters Arising**

On going actions

CB advised he has not gotten the training scheme accounts to Rob Wood – CB confirmed he had posted the accounts to RW, who has received them and will contact CB back with any questions.

Reminder for Chris Gorth -Engraving on trophies still needs doing. CG has delivered the box of trophies to the Wallaces who will take them for engraving now that Chris G is working.

### **Correspondence**

None

## **Club Secretary**

Rob Wood had contacted Ian Slater to advise that the company that currently hosted the club website/email address (domain) was shutting down that platform, but they have suggested an alternative (<https://www.tsohost.com/promo/web-hosting>) which the "Economy" version cost £4.79 per month (including VAT), discounted to £1.19 per month for the first 12 months. Credit card details will be required to enable the change over, and it seems more appropriate for Chris Booker or someone else on the committee to use theirs instead of relying on either Rob or Russell Sommer.

CB has got this in hand will comment under his own section

SSMCC 84<sup>th</sup> AGM - Proposed date Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Need to confirm date with Marianna at the Adelaide. JCM spoke to her on Wednesday night (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov), but she hadn't got her new diary yet, so we will need to mention it again, just to be sure it is booked.

## **New Members**

None.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Further to the Santander issue in Correspondence. Rob Wood had to speak with Santander to change details, which has been done, but there are still some forms that need to be sent which CB has in hand.

Xmas Dinner money – payment has been received to cover 8 people so far.

Website = CB & RW are going to zoom call tomorrow (Tues 8 Nov) to organise the transfer of the website to the new domain and then CB will register his credit card. This will transfer all the financial admin side of the club site to CB. SP should no longer be making any monthly payments for the site.

## **Social Secretary's Report**

Heather Wallace advised that the Adelaide in Teddington was all booked for the club Xmas dinner and menu options have been sent out. There has already been 15 said they want to attending and 11 put through their choices.

Heather also believes that to date 8 have paid. Another email will go out in the next week or so, to ask if anyone else is interested in coming, and for those that haven't already done so, to send their choices and make payment to the club account.



Chris Booker will hopefully confirm the number of payments received.

### **Editors Report**

IS reported that he will continue to issue Contact. MW wrote an article about the trip the Wallaces, Slater, Pearces & Roberts took to Luxembourg and said he would write an article about his new purchase.

### **Captain's Report**

Last club run – Pioneer Run had got cancelled because of the bad weather.

If an opportunity does come about to do a run, he will put it out on an email.

The Pioneer run has been moved, to later in the year, but the Sunbeam club have not published any dates yet.

MW said he would still consider doing the first run of the new season in March. MW is open to suggestions for any runs. He would like to do a club run across the channel, with a possible overnight stay. Ypres again, or may be the Normandy Beaches. MW has already said he would not be 'leading' for the UK side, but happy to take the lead once everyone is at the hotel.

MW reported that he went with Snowy to the Pinewood Café (Camberley way) to recce it for possible visits.

CG asked about what kind of responses MW gets to the club run notifications. MW advised that he sends an email advising of a run, and will ask that members respond to say they are coming, rather than 'they are not'. Members need to be aware that depending on how many people have responded, he would not always send an email if the run 'is' cancelled, but may only send a text message to those that 'did' respond. MW wanted to reiterate that if a club run is notified and members think they may be interested in going, that they let him know, so that he will make sure if the run is cancelled all those that need to know do get notified.

### **Public Relations Officer's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Any Other Business**

CG advised he didn't get enough people interested to be able to get the 10% discount, so he let people know, but was happy to purchase on behalf of those that wanted him to.

### **Fixtures**

Members will be advised via email on any new fixtures that get arranged.

25 Nov – NEC Bike Show – Birmingham

17 December – Xmas Dinner – Adelaide Pub - Teddington

Thanks given to Heather & Mick for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 20:55hrs

Next Committee meeting – The next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, venue The Adelaide Pub Teddington

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**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.

