



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

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## Your Committee

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

## Dates for your diary

- 18 August – Seven Stars Inn – Leigh Reigate RH2 8NP
- 1 September – Pioneer Run – Shoreham Airport
- 6 October - 1066 Café – A21
- SSMCC Committee Meeting The Adelaide Pub 11 September 2024



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## Editor's Comments

Hi All,

So whilst away on my recent trip to the Cumbrian and South West Scottish coast I stayed in Silloth. Unbeknown to me, home to a motorcycle racetrack until 1982 and since 2019 to the Silloth motorcycle museum with affiliations to the SMCRC, The Solway Motor Cycle Racing Club.

Not on the scale of some other museums but not every museum has the owner and racer on hand to give you the run down of the collection.

Jim Snaith has raced on and off since the 70's and marshalled on the IOM since 1986. With a clear day you can just make out the Island from the beach at Silloth. Even the smaller classic bikes fly round the Island circuit at an incredible lick.

If you fancy a read go to [sillothmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk](http://sillothmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk)

Chris



## Other Stuff....

Notes from down under

So I received an email from Phil Hayter gently reminding us in the UK that biking is good in the winter at 20 degrees and showing us his new ride! I'm sure we've had 20 degrees recently although of course it is summer.

Phil followed that up with the following



This is a picture of my Geordie uncle John. He was a motorcycle dispatch rider in WW2. He literally spent his time in Africa and Italy dodging bullets from the Nazi's. He called his bike Vera. He married my father's sister just as war was about (yes, about - Geordie way of saying about) to end. My aunt's name was also 'Vera'.

This ship picture was recently taken in Fremantle port. It's one of the last penal colony transport ships taking migrants to Australia. A vast improvement for travel compared to Qantas.



## Other Stuff

SSMCC Committee Minutes

Meeting Wednesday 17 July 2024 – at 4 Chichester Road Bognor Regis PO21 2XE

In Attendance:

John Mason (JM) Chairman

Steve Pearce (SP) PRO

Ian Slater (IS) Secretary

Heather Wallace (HW) Social Secretary

Mick Wallace (MW) Club Captain

Meeting started at: 20:05hrs

Apologies – Chris Booker, Chris Osborne

Mr & Mrs Wallace apologised for their late arrival, they had planned to drop some items at the Lockie's in preparation for Sundays BBQ and got hampered by road closures.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting May 2024 were Agreed, proposed by Heather Wallace and seconded by Mick Wallace

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence

None

Club Secretary

Nothing to report. Still get a lot of spam emails. Membership list has been changed following Martyn Young's passing. Those present also AGREED that Karen Pearce should be given honorary membership. IS will update the members list accordingly.

New Members

None.

The treasurers report was presented.

Social Secretary's Report

Preparations are on track for the club BBQ to be held at East Preston on 21 July.

There have been 12 confirmed. Chris O has paid but is touch and go if can get there, but has said keep the money. If he does make it, with Karen (gf), he will add an extra £5 to pot. Chris G hasn't been able to commit, so might turn up on the day.

All who have said they will come have been sent the instructions for getting on to the estate.

HW is still complying a quiz and will let members know when that will be ready. She intends to set it up as both an in person and virtual (Zooms) evening. Perhaps on a Friday evening.

And still thinking about a Darts Night. Possibly a Wednesday, but will need to speak with Marianna at Adelaide to see if using the dart board midweek is a problem.

In the May minutes, there was a note about a Road Trial, and whether Chris O would be prepared to do it. This is a gentle nudge for an update, as Mr Osborne was unable to attend the meeting.

#### Editors Report

CO is on holiday, but JM mentioned that he was doing a 'sterling job', all agreed.  
editor@ssmcc.co.uk

#### Captain's Report

The run to the British Motor Museum, Gaydons – 19 May was not well attended as far as going all the way, but Sharon Roberts did meet Mick, Ian & I at the museum.

Last run was to Trout Inn, Letchlade. Quite a large group set off, but not all went to the pub. There was a bit of an incident with a horse who tried to sit on Ian's bike, but he remained upright, and then peeled off before reaching the pub.

Nice that Sharon Roberts was able to attend from Wales,

The next run is 18 August to Seven Stars Inn at Leigh, Reigate RH2 8NP

#### Public Relations Officer's Report

JM thanked SP for hospitality for having the meeting.

SP advised website has been updated with the latest Contact.

JM asked if the site is viewed. SP advised that there had been multiple 'hack' attempts have taken place. In the last 7 days 6 legitimate hits.

Thoughts about asking Marianna at pub if we can use the address to indicate in google that the club meets at her venue. We need her permission that google can 'add a label'/ send a request to her. Approach will be made.

#### Any Other Business

MW raised the item of a donation to the charity of choice that Martyn Young's family mentioned. MW proposed that £100 be transferred to the nursing care charity which is, The Rosemary Foundation. SP seconded. All AGREED. CB said will be able to transfer the donation once he has received the details.

Post meeting note – MW send CB the details for the fundraising page that was made available.

Fixtures

18 August – Seven Stars Inn – Leigh Reigate RH2 8NP

1 September – Pioneer Run – Shoreham Airport

6 October - 1066 Café – A21

The meeting closed at 20:40hrs

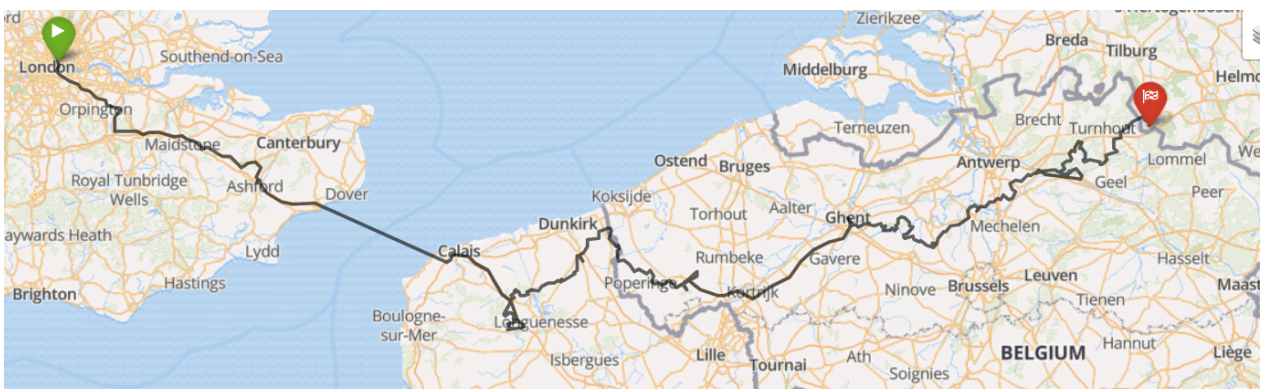
Next meeting – The next meeting will be at The Adelaide Pub on 11 September 2024, venue Park Road, Teddington TW11 0AU

## Other Stuff....

### Round the world off road !!!

[www.bikeguydave.com](http://www.bikeguydave.com)

So Dave from Sunbury has set off on his round the world off road bike ride and at the time of writing was somewhere in Belgium. Reading his web page he's been nominated as a red cross ambassador so will be dropping in on some red cross sites during his travels.



Bike Guy Dave set off on a Round The World Adventure on the 19th July 2024, currently he is at Burgemeester Willekenslaan, Reusel, Reusel-De Mierden, NL and has travelled over 451 Miles.

## Other Stuff....

It seems catching this whole round the world stuff. But has anyone done it on a FSIE??

### Honda CG125 riding duo from the UK reach South Africa on round the world tour

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A daring pair of motorcycle travellers have completed the first significant leg of their planned round the world trip, riding two [Honda CG125s](#) from the UK to South Africa via Africa's west coast.

## Other Stuff....

### For Sale

Yamaha Tracer 700 - Registered Feb 2017 66 Plate

3000 miles

£4000

Full details in July's Contact

## Other Stuff

### Biker Snack of the month

As a good Italian, Valentino Rossi loves pizza, the four seasons. But do you know how he eats it: with mayonnaise! The reason is that in the Pesaro area, where he is from, they eat it like this.

Barry Sheene's first taste of motorcycle racing was sleeping in the back of his van, with breakfasts of cold beans eaten direct from the can.

Otterbeck Cotton Gin "We lovingly craft this premium small batch gin using only the finest botanicals: Yorkshire watercress, English coriander, hand-foraged local spruce, rowan berries and nettle leaves. All of this makes for a fragrant and herbaceous gin which is reminiscent of an English country garden or a rolling meadow." *(very biker 😊 eds comment)*

Dougie Lampkin's favourite! but then I suppose it would be his Good Lady wife is the co-founder of the distillery.

IT or CBT



### Tea Break Teaser

With the whole international feel going on - snippets of CG 125's in SouthAfrica - Dave heading across Europe and Phil's Uncles exploits in Africa and Italy an international theme tea break teaser it is.

1. U.S. Route 20 passes through nine states, including New York running east to west, between the Pacific Northwest and New England. Passing through big cities like Chicago, Boston and Cleveland and is briefly interrupted by Yellowstone National Park.

U.S. Route 6, also runs east to west through 14 states, from Bishop, California, to Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Which road is longest?

2. The Trans-Canada Highway is also running east to west, between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It links all major cities and passes through every Canadian province.

Is this longer or shorter than the combined length of US route 6 and US route 20?

3. Highway 10, which stretches from Haradh to Al Batha, and cuts through the Rub Al-Khali desert in Saudi Arabia's is the world's longest stretch of straight road.

Is this longer or shorter than the distance between Main Land Russia and Main Land USA at its shortest point?

4. Where is this bridge? Or to be clearer what two countries can you see?  
The shortest bridge between two international countries where you have to change your watch as you cross to a new time zone.



5. the Lærdal tunnel is the world's longest road tunnel. The road links Aurland and Lærdal, in the heart of Sogn, and provides a ferry-free connection between Oslo and Bergen.

If you had just competed in the Olympic 20 km walking race approximately how far through the tunnel would you have reached.

- 20%
- 40%
- 60%
- 80%
- all the way !!

### Quote of the month

“in the last few metres I realised I was completely alone, and seeing the finish line I just kept thinking, I’m the Olympic champion, its me!” Brian Pintado

Ecuador 20km walk Gold Medalist. 🏆

Then I realised I was still in the tunnel..... ok he didnt say that 😏

### Cartoon Corner

Off on hols



## Other Stuff

**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.

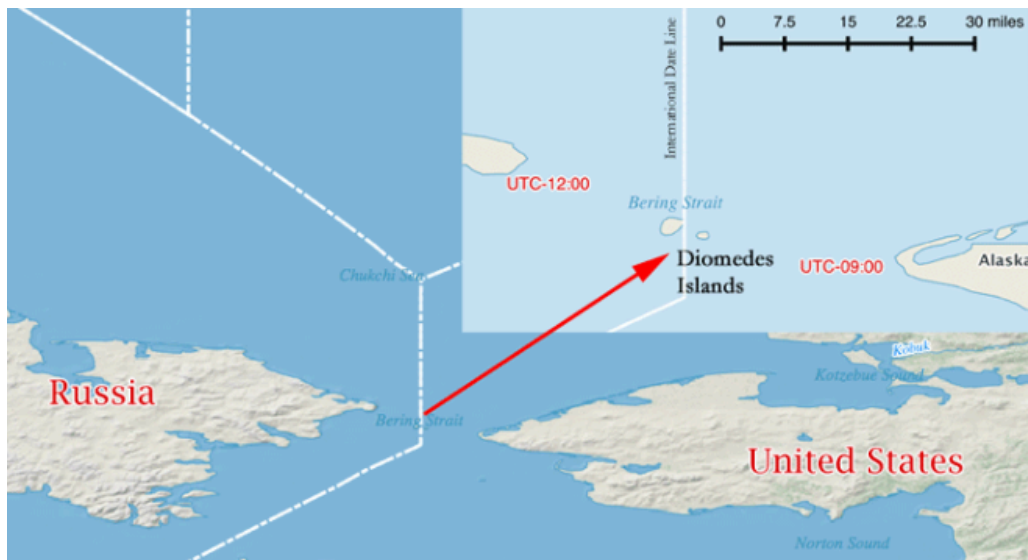


[The 2024 BMF Discount code is CLB24WLP](#)

## Tea Break Teaser Answers

1. U.S. Route 20 3,365-mile (5,415-km)  
U.S. Route 6 3,199 miles (5,148 km)
2. Shorter 4,645 miles (7,476 km)
3. Longer
  - a. 159m 256km of bend free road
  - b. 55m Gap between mainland USA and Main Land Russia.

2 miles if you get into Islands. Little Diomedede Island is located about 25 miles (40 km) west from the mainland, in the middle of the Bering Strait. It is only 0.6 miles (0.97 km) from the International Date Line and about 2.4 miles (3.9 km) from the Russian island of Big Diomedede



4. Spain and Portugal
5. About 80% of the way through the 24.5km tunnel