



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

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## Your Committee

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

- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Hayling Island (The Ship Inn). This run will be done by Ian Slater
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – The Trout Inn Lechlade
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Billy’s Café, Billingshurst (a short run)
- June 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. LONG WEEKEND AWAY. Park Hotel, Barnstable

- July 20<sup>th</sup> – 1066 Café
- 27 July TBC club bbq Heather and Micks shepperton
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – The Royal Oak, Newick
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – TBC
- Oct (date yet to be announced) – Pioneer Run
- November (date yet to be announced) – Veteran Car Run London to Brighton

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## Editor's Comments

Hello all,

The suns out yeah!! How nice it was to have a little ride out to Benson and the waterfront cafe even if the rain did catch us on the way home and require the bike to have a wash down. First time i'd been to that Cafe and im sure it wont be the last what a nice bright environment and a great view. Full report from Mick below.

Equally nice to compete in the ten pin bowling social and with Vonn our new SSMCC member 🙌.

Ive had the dubious pleasure on recent rides to witness a few near misses though, so as the weather improves and we all venture out do mind out for the Sunday drivers intent on looking right through the oncoming rider and stay safe.

Chris

## Other Stuff....

### **SSMCC Committee Minutes**

#### **Meeting Wednesday 19 March 2025**

The Adelaide Pub, Park Road, Teddington TW11 0AU

In Attendance:

John Mason (JM) Chairman  
Chris Booker (CB) Treasurer  
Chris Osborne (CO) Editor  
Ian Slater (IS) Secretary  
Heather Wallace (HW) Social Secretary  
Mick Wallace (MW) Club Captain

Meeting started at: 19:58hrs

Apologies – Steve Pearce

Minutes from the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last committee meeting from January were AGREED. Proposed by Heather Wallace, seconded by Mick Wallace

Matters Arising

None.

Correspondence

None

Club Secretary

None

New Members

IS advised he had received an associate membership application from Ms Yvonne (Vonn) Stone (Darren Mason's fiancé) from Gravesend. She doesn't have a bike, but is happy to attend social events.

Treasurer's Report

CB provided the figures by email in case he was unable to attend.

CB confirmed that the ACU membership has reimbursed to IS.

CB has also said he will chase up Chris Stock in relation to his membership payment.

Social Secretary's Report

HW has canvassed the members to determine interest in bowling and there has been a reasonable response. Therefore she is going to book Hollywood Bowl AT TOLWORTH for 29 March.

Those who have shown an interest are Chris B, Darren M & Vonn, Chris O & Karen, Chris G, Mick & myself.

The Hollywood Bowl allows 8 player on a lane so unless there are more confirming, only one lane will be booked.

Club BBQ will be hosted by Heather & Mick Wallace – Shepperton - proposed date 27 July 25

Editors Report Apologised for late publication. Any articles to [editor@ssmcc.co.uk](mailto:editor@ssmcc.co.uk)

Captain's Report

There had been no runs. However we are due to go out to Benson on Sunday 23 March. Weather permitting.

MW has checked the Pioneer Run website and it is showing 5 October. It will be finishing at the airport.

The London to Brighton vintage car rally is 2 November

There is also a Highway England notification that the M25 Jct 10-11 will be closed which may affect the meeting place for the club run to Hayling Island. MW will discuss with IS an alternative meeting place, as he (MW) will be elsewhere and IS will be leading the run.

Public Relations Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business

The AGM went well. All the trophies have been engraved and distributed bar one which is for Sharon Roberts. Chris Gorth has also received his 'specially designed' trophy. The cost of the engraving was £189. One trophy needed a new base and two had new plaques, the Bateman and Lynmouth cups

Fixtures

23 March – Waterfront Café, Benson

29 March – Bowling – Hollywood Bowl Tolworth

27 April – Hayling Island (lead by IS)

27 July – SSMCC BBQ – Chez Wallace - Shepperton

The meeting closed at 20:40hrs

Next meeting – The next meeting will be at The Adelaide Pub on 14 May 2025, venue Park Road, Teddington TW11 0AU

## **Other Stuff....**

### **First Run of the season 2025**

So, we finally got the first run of the season done, although it was looking like it wouldn't happen!

The forecast wasn't looking good, and some had already said that they wouldn't be coming if the weather didn't improve. But one had said he was coming regardless, as he

needed to get out! On the day it was ok in Shepperton first thing, and this convinced Darren (who had the furthest to travel) that he'd risk it, so we all met at Runnymede, in the sunshine, and made up a group of 8 (& riders and 1 pillion). Snowy just came for the coffee at Runnymede. So we made our way to Benson and the Waterfront Café.



The ride there was uneventful, and dry, which was the big bonus as I had worried that it would be a wash out, but we arrived safe and well, and found that the café had at last resurfaced the car park, which was a bonus. The café was quiet, I think mainly due to peoples fear of the weather, so

we had plenty of space, and we soon settled down to lunch and banter. It was nice to have a catch up with some who we hadn't seen for a while.



The ride back had the group split, as Ian was followed by Steve to Winchester, and from there Steve made his way to the south coast. While

the rest of the group followed us back, this time through a little rain, with Chis & Karen peeling off at Egham, and Darren & Chris Gorth stopping at ours for a quick cuppa before Darren suffered the M25 ride back to Kent.

So overall a nice easy start to the season.

The next club run (Hayling Island) will be led by Ian, as I won't be available as I'm watching/supporting my youngest son (Jack) who's running in the London Marathon for Meningitis. So look out for an email from Ian Slater.

Mick Wallace

Club Captain

*I reckon someone needs to go shopping for a bike suitable top that isnt Black, Dark Grey or Navy Blue. If it wasnt for the the odd skid lid in the second picture it could easily be a Blue Watch fire brigade reunion! Editors note 😂*

## Other Stuff....

### The changing nature of motorcycling: Patterns of use and rider characteristics

Hmm.....

.....so ive written this very much be accident. I started a search for Trumps view on motorbikes looking for a humorous quote for my quote of the month and rapidly came across the following video on you tube.

[https://www.google.com/search?q=trumps+view+on+motorbikes&rlz=1CAVUMJ\\_enGB1053GB1053&oq=trumps+view+on+motorbikes&gs\\_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyBggAEEUYOTIJCAEQIRgKGKAB0gEINDkzNWowajeoAgCwAgA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:c3970774,vid:qA8h6UAevzo,st:0](https://www.google.com/search?q=trumps+view+on+motorbikes&rlz=1CAVUMJ_enGB1053GB1053&oq=trumps+view+on+motorbikes&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyBggAEEUYOTIJCAEQIRgKGKAB0gEINDkzNWowajeoAgCwAgA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:c3970774,vid:qA8h6UAevzo,st:0)

Without being too political its highlighting the issue of trade and taxes and the challenges this puts on Harley Davidson at a time when its average rider age creeps up and new riders to the fold are dwindling. When this sort of brand starts talking about electric bikes, smaller bikes and targeting 50% of its sales outside the US clearly demand for their traditional steeds worry them and diversification is on their minds. Im no Harley fan but imagine there must be similarities to other managacturers.

It got me thinking I wonder what the average age of the UK motorcyclist is? Im not sure I got to the right info on that one but several searches suggested early to mid fifties with a large % of riders now purely riding for pleasure, rather than commuting, avoiding traffic, getting on the

road early (pre 17 car license age), cost etc. what I did find albeit a little dated was a table showing the average age of first bike purchases from 1950 through to 1990 onwards

Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour

Volume 12, Issue 4, July 2009, Pages 335-346

The changing nature of motorcycling: Patterns of use and rider characteristics

Table 4. Stratification of sample by first bike purchase.

<b>Year purchased first bike</b>	<b><i>n</i></b>	<b>Mean age at purchase (years)</b>
1950s and before	87	18
1960s	160	18
1970s	230	19
1980s	164	24
1990 onwards	291	32

I guess I'm a little surprised that the average has shifted so much over the years and the reasons I suspect are many.

Tax/Tariff wars certainly aren't going to help, rising prices on new bikes will inevitably drive up second hand prices as well, and some people may just decide their leisure riding is becoming too expensive to justify.

From a safety perspective the report states that 'whilst the engine size of first bikes purchased remains relatively stable across the years, those who purchased their first bike in the 1990s onwards show a much steeper incline in engine size as their ownership matures. That is to say, recent recruits to the activity are more likely to purchase larger machines earlier in their motorcycling career, compared to the earlier cohorts. As a result, there exists a group of riders who have progressed to large capacity machines relatively quickly, without the steady accumulation of skills and experience that might

have previously been the case. These riders are also more likely to choose their machines based on issues of top speed and styling'. Nothing unsurprising there and that the report highlights the accident rate for UK motorcyclists is highest in July and August .

Im not entelry sure what my point is, I think I just found the video an interesting watch and the report an interesting read and thought id share. As for a humorous trump quote ive had to use scooby doo instead which seems an appropriate substitution.

## Other Stuff....

### Round the world off road !

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

Dave is still posting videos and clearly riding but the map hasn't changed since last month, so I reckon he's either been on holiday sitting on a beach drinking G&T's or is lost and riding round in circles?

One assumes he will do the East Coast of India at some point on route to the far east?



## Other Stuff....

TT or CBT



### Tea Break Teaser

- 1) What event had the highest attendance?
  - Daytona Beach Week (2025 estimate figures for Main street)
  - Isle of Man TT (2023 figures)
  - The french moto GP (2024 figure)
  
- 2) What bike has the biggest displacement
  - BMW 1200 GS
  - Honda VFR 1200F
  - ZZR 1200
  
- 3) Whats the best value Bacon Roll/Bap/Sandwich/Baguette
  - Rykas
  - Billys
  - Ace Cafe
  
- 4) Fastest 0 - 60mph's
  - Triumph Rocket 3 R
  - Suzuki Hayabusa
  - Suzuki GSX-R 1000 R
  
- 5) Head to head - Which bike has the best power to weight ratio?

Honda CBR 1000RR Fireblade SP - BMW M 1000 RR



## Quote of the month



## Cartoon Corner

### Did someone order an UBER ?



**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.



What event had the highest attendance.

- Daytona Week (2025 estimate figures) - On Main Street, the traditional hub of Bike Week crowds, the technology reported **178,600** visitors at this year's event
- Isle of Man TT (2023 figures) - A recent survey carried out by Tourism South East found more than **43,000** people visited the island to witness the races between 29 May and 10 June 2023.
- The french moto GP (2024 figure) - the French Grand Prix at Le Mans setting a new weekend attendance record of **297,471**.

What bike has the biggest displacement

- BMW 1200 GS
  - Engine: **1,170 cc** (71 cu in) boxer twin:: air/oil cooled; air/[liquid cooled](#) (LC)
- Honda VFR 1200F
  - Engine: **1,237 cc** (75.5 cu in), UNICAM, 76° V4; Throttle by wire
- ZZR 1200
  - Engine: **1,164 cc** (71.0 cu in) four-stroke, [liquid-cooled](#), 16-valve DOHC, inline-four

Best Value Bacon roll or another bacon product

Rykas

<b>Classics</b>	
Served in a buttered buttermilk bun.	
Egg	£3.20
Bacon	£4.50

**Billys**

Baguettes or Bap

n, 2 eggs £8.00 Bacon £4.00  
 ims 50p

Ace Cafe

**QUICK FIXES**

Double Egg Sandwich .....	<b>£6.95</b>
Bacon Sandwich (3 Bacon Rashers) .....	<b>£7.55</b>

**£7.55 for a Bacon sandwich !!!!!**

## 0 - 60's

### **Triumph Rocket 3 R:**

This model, featuring the world's biggest production motorcycle engine at 2,500cc, has achieved a record-breaking 0-60 mph time of **2.73 seconds.**

### **Suzuki Hayabusa:**

The Hayabusa is known for its impressive acceleration, reaching 60 mph in **3.2 seconds.**

### **Suzuki GSX-R 1000 R:**

This model has a 0-60 mph time of **3.0 seconds.**

## Power to weight ratios

### **Honda CBR 1000RR Fireblade SP**

Power To Weight Ratio: 0.48 hp/lb

### **BMW M 1000 RR**

Power To Weight Ratio: 0.49 hp/lb