



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

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## Your Committee

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## Dates for your diary

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No Dates this Month

## Stunt Editor's Comments

Welcome to your April edition of Contact. As you will see it's a bit short on articles, as no one has so far been brave enough to step forward and take over the reins of Editor.

Anyone interested in taking up the mantle of Editor, please just let me know.

This edition does include an article from our "newest" member, Stephen Lockie, who has been kind enough to put finger to keyboard to tell us about his first year with the SSMCC.

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.

As for my lockdown project (a 1972 Honda CB750K2), progress has been, er, glacial, you could say! However, the engine is nearing completion of it's rebuild, which means we're getting closer to putting the engine back in the frame (which is going to be an interesting episode!), so some progress has been made.

Anyway, keep safe and well and let's keep our fingers crossed that Boris's Roadmap to "a normal life" stays on track and that we'll be able to start looking at enjoying some social events after June!

Stunt Editor and Honorary Club Secretary

Ian Slater (aka Spanner)

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## My First Year with SSMCC

Ian has asked me to draft some brief comments on my first year with SSMCC.

So here goes; Firstly, I've actually been a member since March 2019, but of course COVID-19 has more or less written off a year of activity.

About me; Probably one of the club's older members, I was originally a scooterist back in West London schooldays (Lambretta SX 200, if anyone is interested), but probably like many others, once I graduated to a car, interest in two wheels faded away. I live in Amersham, Bucks.

A few years ago, I started to have nostalgic thoughts about the old Lambretta, but to cut a long story short, ended up with a Tiger 800. After a couple of years, innate laziness caused to look for a shaft drive machine, which meant trading the Triumph in for an R1200GS.

My group of friends regard motorcycling as distinctly weird (putting it mildly), so I wanted to meet up with some biking fellow spirits.

I was looking for a club to join, for an occasional relaxed Sunday ride, and around the end of 2018, chanced upon the SSMCC web site. I think it was about the time the Training Scheme was being wound down, but there was a mention of ride outs. I contacted Ian who advised that first ride of 2019 was likely to be the March Pioneer Run and invited me to come along.

I had a very enjoyable day; fish and chips on the beach at Brighton, bit of sunshine, what's not to like? I signed up on the spot.

How do I find SSMCC? Basically, a very friendly group who all made me feel very welcome. I've thoroughly enjoyed the meetings I've attended.

The loss of the Training Scheme has, I know, led to a certain amount of soul searching as to the future direction of the Club, but presently remains a group of friends who enjoy motorcycles and each other's company. Maybe, that's OK for now?

Stephen Lockie March 2021

**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.



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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.

