



**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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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Waterside Café, Benson, Oxfordshire.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Haynes Museum, Sparkford, Somerset

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Calshot Castle, nr Southampton, Hampshire.

## Stunt Editor's Comments

Welcome to your April edition of Contact. I've had a complaint about this bit of Contact, in that the reader is getting fed up with me whinging on about continuing to carry out Stunt Editor duties, well, there's two ways to go, either step forward and take on Contact Editor, or just put up with my whinging for the few seconds it takes to read it!

As you can see above, our illustrious Club Captain has delved into his calendar and sorted out a few dates for potential club runs, keep an eye on your e-mail nearer the dates for meeting spots and times.

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 (Whinging Pom) and Honorary Club Secretary.

Ian Slater (aka Spanner).

The Short Notice Run  
or  
The Sunday Six Meet Extinction Rebellion

So at short notice, a couple of weeks ago, I sent out an invite for anyone to join me on a run from Newlands Corner to Billy's in Sussex. It seemed a good idea as the weather forecast was for dry and bright weather, and most of the debris from storm Eunice had been cleared away. Five of you accepted, and the weather was as predicted for a change. Darren Mason, Chris Osbourne, Steve Lockie, Chris Gorth, Graeme Byard and myself made up the group, and after the usual banter, and me telling everyone which way we were going (which was responded to by 'I'm just following you'), we all mounted our machines and formed up. But as we were leaving, in came Extinction Rebellion protesters, complete with a big blue boat on a trailer, setting up camp in the car park !!! This will be interesting I thought.

We'd left before they'd set up fully, and had a rather nice ride down to Billy's, where the southeast region BMW car owners club were having a meet. The place was rammed, but we had space outside for the six of us, and very pleasant it was too. But it was a good job we were alfresco, as Graeme ordered kippers !! What a stink.

The topic of conversation got round to the Extinction Rebellion lot at Newlands, and although my original plan had been to ride back via Boxhill, four of us decided that we'd go back to Newlands to see if it was a bloodbath, and that some of the bikers had hung the protestors from the trees.

Imagine our disappointment when we got back to find no such carnage. But we did get accosted by some while in the queue for tea, at which point Darren let rip at them for their tactics of gluing themselves to roads, and delaying the likes of ambulances etc. They may have a meaningful objective, but their tactics haven't gone down well. And trying to drum up support amongst a load of bikers (and it was very busy) was never going to happen. But at least we had decent weather, and a reasonable ride out.

Let's hope the next one gets to be as good.

Mick Wallace  
Club Captain

## Hayling Island Run 2022

So once again the Clubs season starts, but this year instead of the usual run to Brighton (Pioneer Run) to start with, due to Covid forcing the Sunbeam Lions to change the vintage bike run to later in the year, the first run was the Hayling Island Run. And as usual we didn't actually go to Hayling Island ! Daft I know.

The majority of those who came met me at Fleet services, 8 bikes in all, and after the usual banter, we set off down to Alton, passing RAF Odiham on route. An RAF base that seems to be rather busier than normal now!! From Alton we hop onto the A32, which is a lovely road, and very popular with bikers, and today it was very busy. In fact, by the end of the day my neck was getting sore from nodding to all the oncoming bikers.

Down past Loomies at West Meon, which was absolutely heaving with bikers, so much so they were parked up in the layby up the road as the carp park was overcrowded. I'd normally recommend Loomies as a good place to stop on a bike ride, but not that day.

At Wickham we turned towards North Boarhunt and Havant. Again, nice roads, and a great view over the Portsmouth Harbour from the B2177 and Fort Purbrook. Through Havant towards Hayling and we arrive at The Ship Inn, Langstone for lunch, where we also meet up with Darren Mason and his partner Vonne, Steve and Karen Pearce. Steve had come down in his Morris Minor Convertible, which was nice to see. So we munched our way through a nice lunch, and did the usual exchange of stories, and very nice it was too.

After lunch we did the A27 to Chichester, and then cut up the A285 to Petworth. This is a great road, and on a lovely sunny day it doesn't get much better. At Petworth we go onto the A272, and continue all the way to Billingshurst, where we stop off at Billy's for a coffee and cake break, and the cakes were huge! After which everybody starburst to their respective homes.

Overall, it was a lovely day, we were blessed by having great weather, and the ride was not at a good steady pace. Hopefully some of you can join us on the next ride (10th April) to Benson and the Waterside Café. It's only a short run, but pleasant, and I shall try and remember to take some pictures this time

Mick Wallace

Club Captain

**The Southern Sporting Motor Cycle Club**  
**Minutes of the February 2022 AGM (83<sup>rd</sup>)**

Held at "The Adelaide", 57 Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex on Wednesday 16 February 2022

The records show 6 Honorary, 8 full members being present at the start of the meeting, with 2 proxy votes given by absent members. 2 proxy votes were sent at short notice and too late to be considered.

Apologies were received from Anne & Graeme Byard, Angus Craig-Wood, Steve Lockie, Darren Mason, Dave Regan, Russell Sommer, Ken Stone, Amoret Whitaker & Carolyn Wood.

The meeting started at 8.05pm

Chris Gorth, Chairman, asked the Club President (John Mason) to open the meeting. John welcomed and thanked those present for coming and that enough had turned out to make the meeting quorate. He hopes that there will be the ability to go on club runs this year, always assuming that GOV doesn't put us into lockdown again..

He then passed the running of the meeting back over to the Chairman Chris Gorth.

**Minutes of the 2020 AGM**

The minutes of the 2020 AGM, produced and proposed by Heather Wallace. Rob Wood highlighted a slight error to be rectified. His name had been recorded incorrectly in the apologies. HW said she would rectify this. The minutes were then seconded by Mick Wallace.

The minutes were accepted without dissent.

The Chairman advised that members could use the voting slip to make their nominations for the Road Safety Award and Enthusiasts Cup which would be presented later.

**Honorary Treasurer's Report**

Chris Booker advised that Rob Wood had audited the accounts for both 2020 & 2021, and that the reports had been provided to the membership.

RW confirmed that the Club accounts were in order, asking all to note that the ACU subscription had been paid by the Honorary Secretary, and he had not reclaimed this cost, claiming it was a 'donation' to the club.

RW also highlighted that the Training Scheme accounts had been audited in 2017, and the account effectively closed in 2018, had been showing £1400 income from the club, and its use had not been clearly explained. RW was not suggesting any 'wrong doing' with the funds, and that it had probably been used to clear outstanding unpaid 'bills' but as the training scheme

organiser had not been present at the last meeting in 2019, no full explanation had been given. The matter was considered closed, with no further action to be taken, although the 2018 training scheme bank statement might throw some light on to this monies use.

A question was asked from the floor as to what the funds that were currently in the club account were going to be used for? The Secretary advised its' use would be decided by the committee, but that if any members had a suggestion for an activity this would be considered. Steve Pearce asked if it could be used to cover a deposit for a club 'get away', pending people attending said event paying what was owned. The Secretary said this could be considered.

A question was asked about the 'club trailer' and whether it was still an asset of the clubs. RW advised that at a previous meeting, it was decided that the club regalia would no longer be counted for the accounts. And that the trailer did still belong to the club, but again not considered as an asset. Tony Coe was still in possession of it, and was expected to be going back into racing this year.

There were no other questions from the floor.  
Chris Booker proposed the accounts report, and Rob Wood seconded it.  
They were passed unanimously.

CB also advised those present, that he would no longer take cheques for membership fees. Santander will no longer accept checks, and expect online banking to be used.  
RW reminded CB that Dave Regan was still recorded as a signatory on the Club bank and this needs to be addressed with some urgency. It requires forms to be completed and DR to go into a local Santander to get his name removed from the account. CB said he would take action.

### **Honorary General Secretary's Report**

Ian Slater advised that membership stood at 41 – the breakdown was 13 Hon, 25 Full & 3 Associate Members. There had been several non renewals.

Ian confirmed that he had renewed the BMF 2021 membership, which was required for the club to be covered with insurance for club runs, and were maintaining links to the South East ACU.

Ian Slater proposed his report which was seconded by John Mason and accepted without dissent.

### **Honorary Club Captain's Report**

Mick Wallace apologised that there had been very few club runs, but it was hoped to get dates and destinations in the diary soon.

MW would be working the runs around Steve Pearce's son who is doing racing this year, but it would be nice for SP to be able to do both.

Any suggestions for placing to go would be welcome.

The Pioneer Run in 2021 did go ahead, but finished at Brighton Airport. There had only been a handful of members that went. The 2022 run will not be until October, so the first club run of the season will be to Hayling Island on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

There were no questions so Mick proposed his report which was seconded by Heather Wallace and accepted without dissent.

### **Honorary Social Secretary's Report**

Heather Wallace apologised that there had been no social events in 2021 other than the Xmas dinner. She felt that it would have been wrong to have gathering. Having said that 15 had attend the event at the Red Lion in Shepperton. Unfortunately the service was as good as in previous years.

HW said she would try and get some social evenings in the diary.

Heather proposed her report which was seconded by Chris Gorth and accepted without dissent.

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

Steve Pearce had nothing to report really. He'd welcome someone else taking on the role of PRO

The website still has an error that he has not been able to rectify.

SP proposed his report, Mick Wallace seconded it.

The report was accepted without dissent.

### **Honorary Editor's Report**

The Secretary, Ian Slater, had continued to provide a 'Contact' each month as nobody else had come forward to take on the role. He apologised for it being very much reduced that other editors had provided, but at least something was going out to the members.

All those present, thanked IS for his continued publishing of Contact. He would welcome anyone wanting to take it over.

IS did put forward a suggestion that perhaps there could be a 'guest editor' or volunteers to take on doing a Contact each month. There was concerns about the use of the template, however RW pointed out that it was not so much 'what you used' as more about the content, and if other perhaps could considered producing an issue, perhaps they had been somewhere or done something that they'd like to tell everyone about, the IS could transfer into the Contact template.

It was suggested that this be put to the membership in the next Contact.

Report proposed by Ian Slater, seconded by Rob Wood. Accepted without dissent.

### **Award Voting**



Chris Gorth advised that the voting for the 2 awards (Road Safety Aware & Enthusiasts Club) that were due to be awarded needed to be completed and the voting slips collected. A volunteer from the floor was asked for and Heather Wallace agreed

**Chris Gorth then announced a short break in proceedings for refreshments and vote collection/counting.**

The meeting was restarted by Chris Gorth and the first item of business was to request permission from the floor that upon completion of the AGM, all voting slips could be destroyed. This was seconded by Chris Booker and accepted without dissent.

## **Motions**

Chris Gorth handed over to the Hon General Secretary Ian Slater for this item. Ian Slater explained that 1 motions had been submitted.

The motion is as follows

### **Motion 1**

The SSMCC should amend the club rules so that the quorate requirement is changed from 30% to 20% of the membership required to attend the AGM, to allow said AGM to be held.

Submitted by Mick Wallace

MW explained his reason for submitting this Motion.

In his opinion, it would allow those who had made the effort to turn up for an AGM meeting, to be able to 'make any decision', rather than the meeting becoming void because not enough member had attended, or having to call for an EGM. At current membership levels, 30% requires there to be 13 members attending.

A discussion started about the pros & cons of this motion.

It was suggested that if 30% of members could not be available in person, or by giving their proxy vote, then there was a serious problem for the club in general, not just for an AGM.

A side discussion then started about proxy votes, and whether these should be allowed at all, as this meant that people would not have to 'bother' to attend if they gave their proxy vote.

RW said that in the rules, proxy votes WERE allowed, HOWEVER, it was expected that if a proxy vote had been advised to the Secretary within the allowed time (24hrs prior to the meeting), then that person had to actually indicate which way they wanted their vote to be used, whether that was for the awards (Road Safety award/Enthusiast Club) or towards a 'Motion' vote. It should not be expected that the person who has been provided with an individual's proxy vote, to then decide which way it is used. This was to be considered as a 'cop out'!!

A question was asked as to whether attendance could be done electronically now. Particularly with the changes that have recently taken place and people becoming more used to using video calling.

RW said that could be made possible, it had been added into the club rules for committee meeting members to attend via electronic means. SO this could be put forward. But again it was giving people the opportunity NOT to turn out for meetings. An additional thought for electronic attendance would be that those who were miles away for those locally, to be able to attend in this fashion.

The motion has been proposed by Mike Wallace and seconded by John Mason.

It was then voted on.

The motion was CARRIED, as there were 8 FORs and 7 AGAINST. One abstained.

### **Nominations**

The Secretary advised that NO Nominations had been received for vacant posts.

### **Resignation of the 20/21 Club Committee & Election of the 2021/22 Club Committee**

Chris Gorth informed the meeting that the next item on the agenda was the resignation of the 2020/21 Club Committee & Delegates.

He passed the meeting to Ian Slater to explain the process. Ian Slater explained that whilst there was a post still available on the committee, Editor' nobody had come forward to take it on, therefore those members already on the committee would be duly elected for 21/22 on block. Members agreed without dissent.

ACU Centre Board delegates had to remain available even if not filled as this was linked to the requirement in the Rules for the club to be affiliated to the ACU

Ian Slater then said that the 20/21 Committee was duly resigned and the 21/22 Committee elected and welcomed those people. These were:

President	John Mason
Vice Presidents (3)	Ian Slater, Robert Wood, Mick Wallace
*Chairman	Chris Gorth
*General Secretary	Ian Slater
*Treasurer	Chris Booker
*Social Secretary	Heather Wallace
*Club Captain	Mick Wallace
*Editor	Ian Slater Deputising
*Public Relations Officer	Steve Pearce
Auditor – Club	Rob Wood
BMF Liaison Officer	Ian Slater
Minutes Secretary	Heather Wallace

This left the following roles unfilled:

ACU Centre Board Delegates (2)

Ian Slater then passed control of the meeting back to Chris Gorth

### **Award Presentations**

Chris Gorth said the next item of business was the annual Club awards and asked John Mason to do the honours. The winners' list was:

Enthusiasts Cup	Ian Slater
Road Safety Award	Mick Wallace
Bateman Cup	Steve Lockie (First Year in the Club article)
Photographic Award	John Mason
Training Scheme Supporters Shield	Not awarded
Darts Trophy	No tournament
Trevor Smith Award	Sharon & Mike Roberts
Pritchard Trophy	Ian Slater
Lynmouth Trophy	Steve Pearce
Gibber Award	John Mason
Twisted Spanner Award	Chris Stock

### **Any Other Business**

Chris Gorth said he would allow items of AOB if members had them.

There was no other business

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

**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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### **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.

