



**Southern Sporting  
Motor Cycle Club**

**CONTACT**

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## Your Committee

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| 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) |                                       |
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| BMF Liaison Officer ..... | Ian Slater                            |
| Minutes Secretary .....   | Heather Wallace                       |

## Dates for your diary

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Veteran Car Run, Brighton – Meeting at Box Hill, for a jaunt to Brighton to look at all the old bangers!

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – SSMCC Christmas Dinner – Red Lion, Shepperton. Watch this space for menu and costs.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Motorcycle Live 2021 – NEC, Birmingham (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December). See below.

## Stunt Editor's Comments

Welcome to your November edition of Contact. Once again I am standing in as Editor, so if you're getting fed up with my limited ramblings, why not step forward and take up the challenge of Contact Editor.

Heather has provisionally booked the Red Lion Pub at Shepperton for the SSMCC Christmas Dinner on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. She is waiting for the menu to be confirmed, along with the costs, so watch out for an e-mail giving more details.

Our illustrious President has sent in a missive, regarding membership and the AGM. I have simply copied and pasted what he has sent me, so don't be surprised if you have to read it a few times to get his meaning! Basically, he wants as many club member's to either attend the AGM or give their proxy vote to a member who is going! I think!!

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October saw a small band of six take a short run from Windsor out to the Waterside Café, Benson, to partake in a light lunch. We were honoured with the presence of the Great Crested Snowy and the Lesser Spotted Byard, both rear birds these days, who enjoyed the run and their food! Although the weather forecast said it would be overcast and dry, it wasn't so dry, but the route Mr Wallace took us on was very picturesque, even if it did mean riding over fallen conkers (CONKERS!!), resulting in bikes and bits of conkers flying in all directions! We also encountered some wet mud, which threw Heather into a bit of a panic, fluffing gear changes and coming to a stop at a junction, in silence! (She'd stalled it 😊), other than that we all arrived safely to enjoy the very lovely food on offer at the Café.

From the Café a few of us headed back to Graeme and Anne Byard's for Tea and Biscuits, whilst other sloped off towards homes that are not in the London area.

Thanks to Mick for organising and leading the run, we will need to do that one again, just so I can have another Brie, Bacon and Cranberry Toasty....yum, yum!



Look!!! A Great Crested Snowy, in it's natural environment 😊

News from Spanners Emporium – Some progress has been made, in that I've fitted the carbs and airbox to the old Honda 750 and I've tested an old horn I had laying in a box, and it works (Parp!!), so that can be fitted at some point.

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)

## Save the Club!

Southern Sporting M.C.C.

President.

Hi all hope you are all surviving. This is a put it out there and see what the feedback is like. It seems the committee is looking into closing the club if there are not enough members at the next AGM.

Hopefully we have enough Honorary members to keep the thing going! On the first of January membership is due.

How many will renew? Clearly covid has not helped and there being no club runs due to it. Now the weather is changing even the one left will depend on the weather in November. Ok we have a Christmas doo December 4th. But come the possible LAST A.G.M. In February it is time to stand up and be counted. All possible 32 of us. Thirteen being Honorary. Even if you live abroad a proxie vote can be had. We could always make the people who where free members in 2020 and 2021 Honourary. They have been around long enough. Then if we are lucky to have any new members a one of payment can be made. We only have 17 years to go for the clubs 100th anniversary! Other views are available. Old members will be older! Even baby face spanner will be 77, ouch! If you have any thoughts or feelings on the subject let the committee know.

Thanking every one over the last forty eight years of my run so far in the club.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New year.

Best wishes.

John Mason.

President.

## Motorcycle Live 2021 – NEC, Birmingham

Dear All,

The annual club pilgrimage to the NEC can re-commence!

Dates have been confirmed (4-12 December 2021) & tickets are now available (advance tickets @ £19.50 & parking @ £10, but if I can get 10+ with a 10% discount, they're £17.55), unfortunately, no other age-related discounts are being offered this year, bah humbug!

So, I could hardly contain my excitement, having been elected to organise a group ticket booking again.

The chosen date is Friday 10th December, anyone interested & above all committed to going, please contact myself, Chris Gorth on [cq72ch@gmail.com](mailto:cq72ch@gmail.com).

I will also post on club Facebook page.

I look forward to seeing familiar & maybe not so faces at the NEC.

Kind regards,

Chris Gorth (club chairman)

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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.



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**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.

