



# Southern Sporting Motor Cycle Club

# CONTACT

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## Your Committee

President.....	John Mason
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Club Secretary.....	Ian Slater
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Club Captain.....	Mick Wallace
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Auditor – Club.....	Rob Wood
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BMF Liaison Officer .....	Ian Slater
Minutes Secretary .....	Heather Wallace

## Dates for your diary

- SSMCC Committee Meeting Wed 6th Dec, The Adelaide Pub Teddington
  - Saturday 16 December – Xmas Dinner 🍴🍷🎉
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## Editor's Comments

Hi All,

A few days early again this month as i'm just packing my golf clubs for some winter sun and i'll be abroad at the turn of the month. Hopefully not losing too many golf balls and sinking a few beers either way. So on that basis the Xmas edition of Contact arrives in November much against my better judgement to be doing anything Christmas related when it's not even December but there you go the shops have started and so have I.

The weather is definitely drawing in but we did manage to get the bikes out for the Brighton Veteran run, and i'm very pleased (even though I didn't go down the coast) that the CB750 has had its first long test ride post rough running issues and it behaved very well. John M followed us for a while as we left Box Hill and passed a comment, last time I saw him, that the CB either looked small from behind or it had a big rider! A bit of both John I think, modern bikes much like cars seem to grow in size year on year. I reckon a VW UP isn't far off a Mk1 Golf let alone a Polo!

It's getting worse weather wise so later on i've dropped in some constructive tips for winter riding supplied courtesy of the Scottish tourist board.

So wrap up warm stick some egg nog on and start wrapping those presents!



*For Info*  
3600mm vw UP  
3815mm mk 1 Golf  
4074mm VW Polo

Have a great festive period whatever you are up to.

Chris

## Other Stuff

Hi all,

I hope you have read Contact and seen that the Committee in their wisdom will be making five new Honorary members. The people will be notified in January 2024 by Ian Slater when they receive their reminder membership notification. Then in February at the AGM the club will be told who they are.

The criteria are first the years of service, then how much they have been involved in the club and the posts they have held, or are holding.

This will give us eighteen in total. Two of these members live abroad and two are in their later years, I hope they do not mind me saying that. As for the new HM's they are all deserving and have contributed to the club greatly.

If in February your name is not one of the five and you feel it should be, please let the committee know and it will be investigated. [the person must have been a member for 25 years unless other things are helpful in the process of the decision].

President.

John Mason.

## Other Stuff

### London – Brighton Veteran Car Run Or Four Go Wading!

The weather has been pretty diabolical for the past two weeks, and as the date of the club run to Brighton was getting nearer, I was wondering if we'd be able to ride down at all. A few days before I was sent one message saying, "Weather looking ok for Sunday" and another saying "Not sure about the weather, might have to bail out", so I had to send out a warning message that a possible cancellation was on the cards.

Luckily the weather did actually resemble what the forecasters had predicted, and the run was on, but with very limited attendance. Meeting me at Rayka's were Steve Lockie, Ryan Ward, Ian Slater and Chris Osborne. John Mason did stop by, but in a car as he was going down to his coastal pad, Chris was only riding part of the run!

Teas and coffees done, we set off, on dry roads, and all was going well. At the A272/A24 we waved goodbye to Chris, and we carried on to Cowfold. Just 4 of us now, which would turn out to be a blessing, as a smaller group is easier to keep an eye on. But when we were halfway between Cowfold and Henfield (a place called Shermanbury) the road ahead was closed due to flooding across the whole road. This meant we had to do an about face, and I decided we'd try going through Partridge Green, and head south.

Now on the B2135, and heading towards Steyning, things looked ok. Some road debris, but otherwise ok. I spoke too soon. A couple of miles down the road, once again the road was closed due to a flooded stretch. However, although it was a fairly long stretch, and the water was flowing, you could see the centre of the road wasn't too deep, so I carried on.

Now I have to point out that in my memoirs, this stretch of road will be described as a raging torrent of crocodile infested water, waste deep that only an action hero would attempt to ford on a motorcycle. However, I think it was only above my wheel rims, but it did make for a good bow wave, as we waded through it. I, of course was on my GS Adventure, which is nice and tall, and high off the ground, Ryan was on a GS 900 and Steve was on his GS 1200, but Ian was on his CB1300, which is a tad lower, and his bow wave did cause a little water to go down the top of his boots!

After our little paddle, we joined the A283, and then onto the A27 and into Hove and Brighton. I did notice that we passed a G Wagon with the reg number 1 LSD, obviously the local drug dealer is doing well!

Parked up, and then a stroll down to the front to see some of the old cars coming in. They had obviously avoided any flooding on their route down.



After a spot of lunch, we started to make our way back. But first we had to ride past 1000 Palestinian demonstrators on the Hove seafront. I was eyeing up the police presence (brought back some memories of dealing such situations), and I later found out that there were several arrests, but luckily it didn't prevent our travels.

We were going to ride back on the main roads this time. Steve and Ian split off early, whilst Ryan stayed with me back to Ryka's, which although uneventful, was rather wet as we had to ride through a period of rain, but we all made it safely home, and the only problem was whether to clean the bike straight away, or to wait for Monday, as the light was beginning to fade. Personally I did the job on Monday, and it was pretty grubby!

Anyway that's the last run this year, unless we get a nice dry weekend, and we can do a short blast for a coffee and cake.

Hope to see you all at the Xmas Club Dinner. Let Heather know if you're coming.

Mick Wallace  
Club Captain



## Other Stuff

### Motorcycle tips for winter

Dress appropriately. Your clothes are all that protect you from the elements so make sure Layering is always the best way to stay warm when riding your motorbike, so wear an extra



clothes are all that protect you from you've got the right gear on. way to stay warm when riding your base layer underneath.

Check the tread depth of your snow, ice and slush on the roads that your tyres are able to handle



tyres. There may be and it is important the conditions.

In thick fog, it is important to consider if you really need to make the journey.

Driving a car in fog is tricky and wheels. If you need to make the tank, are wearing high visibility someone knows when you are destination. Consider a defogging agent for your visor to ensure clear visibility.



doubly so for those on two journey, ensure you have a full clothes, and have called ahead so expected to arrive at your

If you are riding your motorcycle in snow and ice, consider putting snow chains



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over regular tyres to help prevent them from getting stuck in the snow. (ED's Note \$0.99 for peace of mind 😊 what could go wrong!!)

Take your limits. Opt



time. Winter roads are not the place to push your bike's for a slower pace.

Have the right breakdown you do not want to be stuck without appropriate cover.



cover. If you have an accident, out in freezing conditions

Watch your distance. on wet roads and ten times

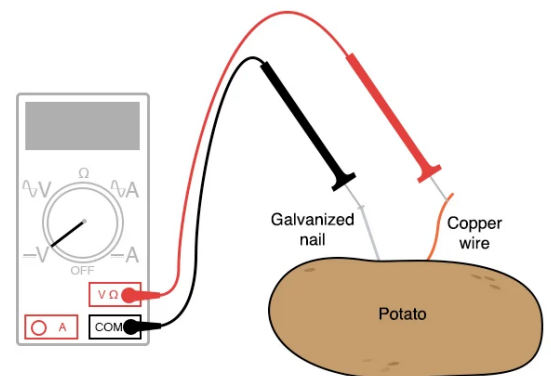
Braking distances are doubled more on icy roads.

On dark winter visible. Make sure go out.



days, it is even more crucial that you are you have reflective layers on when you

Check your battery. Batteries can be temperamental in the cold weather, so make sure your potato has been charged before you head out.



ED, It all seems pretty logical to me



## Other Stuff....

### Odd comments!

Dates to think about.

Last café date before Christmas 16<sup>th</sup> December. Plus the Xmas do at the Adelaide in the evening.

Please check regarding the 23<sup>rd</sup> December some may be going to the café !

Last pub Wednesday before Christmas 20<sup>th</sup>.

Who would like a drive out after Christmas? Place not quite decided on yet. The date will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of December. If you are interested please Email me and let me know.

More likely to be in the Portsmouth area.

John.mason001@btinternet.com

John Mason.

President.

## Other Stuff....



**Club Xmas dinner is booked for 16<sup>th</sup> Dec from 7pm**

**The Adelaide Teddington**

**The committee has agreed to subsidise the cost of the meal.  
Payments should be made to the club account Southern Sporting  
MCC, Account No: 99148309, Sort Code: 09-01-51**

**Therefore, I'll be asking those who want to attend to decide if they  
want 2 courses or 3. And then to let me know your choices.**

**3 course £32 for member - £35 for non member  
2 course £30 for member - £32 for non member**

**Heather - Social Secretary**

# Christmas Menu

## Starters

**Butternut Squash and Ginger Soup<sup>V</sup> | with a rustic roll**

**Baked Camembert<sup>V</sup> | with onion chutney and warm  
baguette**

**Seafood Tartlet | mixed seafood and creamy veloute  
with melba toast**

**Luxury Duck Liver and Pork Pate | served with red  
onion chutney and crostini**

## Mains

**Free range Roast Turkey | with pork stuffing, honey roast ham, pigs in blankets,  
roast potatoes & honey glazed vegetables**

**Roasted Salmon | wrapped in Prosciutto di Parma and asparagus with creamy lemony  
butter sauce**

**Honey Glazed Duck Confit | served with dauphinoise potato, green  
beans and Brandy Jus**

**Roasted Stuffed bell Pepper<sup>V</sup> | Quinoa and lentils, topped with  
parmesan and Provencal sauce**

**\*As an additional side of vegetables we will be serving Brussels sprouts cooked with  
pancetta and chestnuts**

## Desserts

**Christmas Pudding | with hot custard & brandy sauce**

**Chocolate Brownie | served with Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Salted Caramel Blondie Cheesecake | with white chocolate drizzle on crunchy  
biscuit base**

**Cheese & biscuits | a selection of English cheeses, grapes & celery**

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**Coffee and mince pies**

## Other Stuff....

**Not quite a star in a reasonably priced car.....**

**Send me your history if you have a moment [editor@ssmcc.co.uk](mailto:editor@ssmcc.co.uk)**

**So we are off to Birmingham this month to introduce you to the world's largest motorcycle collection.**

**Over 1800 bikes and 1000 on display at any one time! No not Birmingham England, but Birmingham Alabama. Even the SSMCC combined bike ownership stats don't get close to George Barbers collection.**

In 1988 he started collecting and since the world's best and largest car collections had already been established, Barber heeded some wise advice. His longtime friend Dave Hooper – a motorcycle enthusiast as well as the person who ran Barber's delivery fleet for 27 years – suggested that Barber shift his focus from cars to motorcycles. Being a man of big dreams, Barber seized the opportunity to build the world's largest motorcycle collection

**Nice Garage !**



IT or CBT



## Christmas quiz

1. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
  - a. Poland
  - b. Hungary
  - c. Germany
2. What was the coldest ever temperature recorded during a UK winter?
  - a. -27
  - b. -22
  - c. -25
3. What are the chances of a white Christmas in the UK?
  - a. 1 in 8
  - b. 1 in 10
  - c. 1 in 12
4. What King was crowned on Christmas Day?
5. What country has the most reindeer?
  - a. Finland
  - b. Lapland
  - c. Norway
6. What is the name of the shortest day of the year?
7. In what year was the Queen's speech first televised?
  - a. 1957
  - b. 1962
  - c. 1977
8. In which US state would you find the town Santa Claus?
9. What is the most recorded Christmas song in history
10. What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out of?
  - a. Carrot
  - b. Button
  - c. Twig

Quote of the month

“I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn’t work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.” — Emo Philips

Cartoon Corner



"HONEST, HOW'D I KNOW WHEN I BOUGHT HIM A HARLEY LAST CHRISTMAS THAT WE'D BE OUT OF A JOB THIS YEAR?!"



**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.



Tea Break Teaser Answer

1. Germany
2. -27.2 °C
3. 1 in 10 for England and Wales
4. King William I of England in 1066
5. Norway
6. Winter Solstice
7. 1957
8. Indiana
9. Silent Night
10. Button Nose