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WELCOME

Nine new Members have joined the Scottish Motorcycle Club since the last issue so we would like to give a very big and a very warm welcome to all nine of you. We hope you will make some new friends, enjoy our runs and social activities, and just generally join in, which some of you already have. The new faces belong to **Robert McGill** from **East Kilbride** (who rides a Honda CBR929 Fireblade, CB250 and Atlantic 500), **Ross Buchanan** from **Clackmannan** (Yamaha FZS600 Fazer), **Patrick Stewart** from **Clarkston** (BMW F650CS), **Robin Blackadder** from **Biggar** (Kawasaki ZX636R), **George Cruden** from **Johnstone** (Yamaha FJR1300), **Pauline and Stuart Murphy** from **Bellshill** (a Suzuki GSX750F each), **Sandy Galloway** from **Haddington** (Honda CBR1100XX W Blackbird), and **Alex Rowley** from **Clackmannan** (Harley Davidson Road King and Kawasaki W650). Four of the above new Members joined at the BMF Kelso Bikefest on 13 July. The total membership is now 122.

Arthur Shepherd

NEXT MEETING

The next Club Night Meeting is on Wednesday 10 September 2003, upstairs in the Black Bitch Tavern, 14 West Port, Linlithgow, and will start at 8pm.

Arthur Shepherd

- 1- Alex's wine run
- 2 - Jimmy & Joe take ices not wine
- 3 - SMC banner, 4 - BMF Kelso - 5-up!
- 5, 6 - End-to-End ends



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RUNS AND EVENTS

By the time you read this, **Bob Crawley's** Land's End to John o' Groats **End-to-End Run** will have been completed. I sent Bob and his team, which includes several SMC Members, a text message on the Saturday rest-day wishing "All the Best to All the Best" on behalf of the Club.

On **Sunday 17 August**, MAC Instructor and SMC Member **Neil Stewart** will lead us to **Fort William and Loch Linnhe**, departing from **Stirling Services at 9:30am**.

To round off the month, we have the last weekend run of the season, **Stewart Bowman's Ardnamurchan Weekend Friday 29th-Sunday 31st August**, for which you should already have booked if you are going!

Here's some advance news about September. On **Sunday 7 September**, **Alex Rennie** is taking us to Alford for the **Grampian Motorcycle Convention**, departing from **Kinross Services at 9:30am**. Now, I know all about this because we used to live quite near and I went to it every year! So, for those of you unfamiliar with it, here is some information.

First, you should definitely come on this one! Alford is about 20 miles WNW of Aberdeen and the route there and back will be through spectacular scenery on great roads. The Convention is really an open-air bike show with loads of bikes, demonstrations, classic bikes (hear and see them riding round the racetrack as well as on display), moped mayhem, club stands and parade, trade stands, etc. It is held beside the Grampian Museum of Transport, which is also very well worth a visit. You may find it a bit much to do both on one day but they usually give out discount vouchers at the Convention that you can use at the Museum either that day or during the following month, or so.

There is also a very good Agriculture/Farming Heritage Museum nearby for those that prefer that sort of thing to bike things. There is a miniature railway just outside the Convention too. So there is quite a lot for all the family to do.

Useful tip: the food at the Convention is the usual stuff at the usual prices. I get a pass-out and go to one of several pubs across the road where you can sit and relax, enjoy your soup and roll, or sandwiches, or whatever, all bought at normal pub prices. There is also a good chippie adjacent to the bike/car park. The pass-out gets you back in to the Convention when you feel like it.

This will be one of the shortest runs for **Tommy Taylor** from **Aberdeen**, unless he chooses to join us

at the start as he usually does, even when we're heading his way!

Now here is a **secret** about September! I hear that SMC Member **Terry Warnock** from the **Netherlands** (known to many of us on European Tours) is coming to **Scotland** and that there **may** be a run in his honour on 14 September. Watch out for news about this in September's BikeBytes (and in the Members Area of the website, where the latest updated Calendar of Events is always available).

If you would like to suggest or plan an additional run (help would be available, if required), or if you can help on one of the existing runs, get in touch with **Jim Simpson** or **Alex Rennie** (or through me and I'll pass you on). Updates will appear throughout the year as usual, with details in **BikeBytes**.

Arthur Shepherd

ALEX CLARK'S EVENING RUN, FRIDAY 4/7/03.

Half a dozen of us met at Dregghorn services for Alex's run to the Borders. The week was at an end and it was sunny in the east. We set off along the Bypass and by Pencaitland the skies were clear. Our route took us through Gifford and over the Lammermuir hills. After cycling past the Whiteadder water we had a well-measured stop on the crest of a hill. David Jerome was relieved that Alex was not going to lead us up a track to the top of it! We enjoyed views that the mist had deprived us of in the early part of Arthur's run to Etal.

We then turned east along a single track road that took us several miles through lower hills and farmland. It took us through fine countryside and there was a couple of hairpin bends that kept us sharp. One of the group saw a deer. Then up and over the A1 and into North Berwick along a fast well-surfaced road with sweeping bends for a fish supper stop. After a mix of great roads and fresh air we were ready for a cup of tea too and sat in. Replenished we made our way back up the coast to our homes.

Thank you Alex for a fine run. There cannot be many better ways to spend a Friday evening in the summer.

HamishDavidson

OFF TO KIRRIEMUIR WITH ALEX RENNIE AND A CROWD. SUNDAY JULY 20.

Kinross service station ought to give SMC a discount considering the business that these Sunday runs bring their way. This was my second club run and it was good to recognise some familiar faces (no names - just faces!) in the car park at the Kinross services. This was billed as a Wine Run and I had come prepared with a mileage figure having spent fifteen seconds studying the map over an orange juice that morning. The direct route, across Fife and over the Tay Bridge looked to me like 32 miles.

However once I realised that this was just one of Alex's little games it was clear that he would not be taking us on a route that would get us there by 11am. I hastily estimated 79 miles from a detailed integral analysis using De Moivre's theorem and a damp finger. It turned out to be about 15 miles too ambitious.

The weather was mixed and our waterproofing kit did get tested. The route was best described as rural and at some points nautical. There was one point when I thought our coffee stop would be a barn. We headed northwards across some stunning country lanes towards Perth via what appears on the map to have been the Path of Condie and Dunning. An alpine-style hairpin tested our nerves as traffic emerged from above apparently with local knowledge of downhill braking distances. It was on this bend that I became aware of Jerry's interest in local flora as he made a detailed close approach of the far grassy bank. Indeed spending the day following a Multistrada reminded me of the origin of the name: multi meaning many and Strada after Stradivarius meaning entertainment. There was certainly much entertainment to be had watching the taming of the feisty Italian beast by a brave but short of leg ecosse charioteer.

Kirriemuir was, well, sort of quiet – until we arrived. I guess it is happy to stay that way.

Our return trip offered more of the same rural farm track delights and as a bull mounted a cow in the field to the left so a Multistrada mounted the kerb ahead. You know what they say about Italians. An ice cream stop in Perth in the sunshine and a jaunt through Glenfarg marked the close of a fine day out. The weather was mixed and so was the route. I never thought I'd appreciate opening the throttle on the A9 so much as I did on the way home. I didn't discover who took the wine home but good luck to them. Another great day out made all the better by the company. I discovered that if you need a SMC T-shirt contact Steve. If you want to seduce an Italian contact Jerry and if you need your dog painted, Dulux range only, contact Matt. – A special thanks to Alex.

Bob (Varadero) Kibble.

URSULA BOWMAN'S 'NOVICE' RUN, 6th JULY

Seven of us set off from Kinross services - Alan Vernal (Kawasaki GRT1000), Tom Barker (Suzuki Bandit 600), Mike O'Neill (Suzuki GSX1400), Charlie Porter (Honda VFR) and John Mallet (Bandit 600) plus us 2 on (non-matching) Fireblades. No novices, but we decided to stick to the route Ursula had recc'ed as that provided a better chance of (a) avoiding roadworks; and (b) finding coffee and lunch stops actually open.

Our route took us across a bit of Fife on the A91 / A92 through Auchtermuchty and past Kilmany (Kilmany? - no, just one or two (sorry)) over the Tay

bridge to Dundee. The weather was kind to us - a bit overcast but dry, though it got a bit chilly north of Dundee as we headed up the A90 before turning off towards Glamis. Surprisingly, Ursula's homework had revealed that neither the hotel nor the teashop in Glamis open on Sunday mornings, so we turned south on to the A94 and aimed for our coffee stop at the Red House Hotel in Coupar Angus.

Suitably refreshed by coffee and shortie we cut across to Blairgowrie and down the A93 towards Perth. There was a large event (the Game Conservancy Scottish Fair - all about conserving birds and animals so rich folk can kill them, apparently!) on at Scone Palace so traffic coming the other way was backed up for several miles. We zipped round the outside of Perth then up the A85 to Crieff for lunch at the Visitor Centre - they do good food, the staff are friendly and parking's no problem.

The west coasters decided to head for Braco and home as we turned off towards Auchterarder but the rest of us enjoyed a good run through Gleneagles and Glendevon and a quick tour round Loch Leven before finishing off with a bit of cornering practice down Glen Farg.

p.s. Ursula and I invested in a pair of two-way radios a few weeks ago. These came in very handy during the run as they have enough range for the leader and tail-ender to stay in touch most of the time even when out of sight.

Stewart Bowman

BMF KELSO BIKEFEST

Many congratulations to **David Jerome** and his team, and everyone who helped with our Stand and on the day at the BMF Kelso Bikefest on 13 July. This was the first time we had exhibited anywhere and I reckon it was a great success. The Stand looked good, the SMC banner (organised by **Alan Graham**) was brilliant, the Members' bikes on display very impressive and the posters, photographs and other display material contributed by several Members completed the picture. **Ronnie Howat's** Goldwing was much improved by the addition of my Saltire (but I do want it back). **Jerry Dawe's** Ducati Multistrada attracted a lot of attention but he wasn't quick enough to stop **Tracy Macmillan** taking it round the arena on the Club Parade! Well done, Tracy! And **Gordon Macmillan's** Yamaha FJR1300 was looking even more immaculate than usual. All this has been captured on photographs and in video by **Bob McGill** and **Alan Graham** - see the Picture Gallery in the Members Area of the website. You'll be able to see Alan's video at the next Club Night Meeting.

Four new Members joined on the day and at least four more enquiries have been received as a direct result of our attendance. But the main thing is that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves after all the

effort and planning. And it was fantastic weather. Several of us were camping there for several nights and we had a really good time. Reports from Tracy and Gordon Macmillan about the MAC Rideout (about 60 bikes) on Saturday showed that they and one or two other Members enjoyed that too. In Bob Crawley's absence overseas, it was led this year by MAC Instructor from NE England, the excellent Mike Stevens and his wife Rachel. Several of us know Mike and Rachel quite well as we meet quite frequently and they are very good company!

Arthur Shepherd

STEWART BOWMAN'S PERTSHIRE RUN – 3rd AUGUST

There was a young biker called Stew
Who took us a route that he knew
We went all around
Knees scraping the ground
It was brilliant, to give him his due

His plan was soon to unravel
It seemed such a good day to travel
But a dastardly plan
If you're riding a Pan
On single track roads and some gravel

We headed for places unknown
At times it was pretty hard goin'
All those twists and the turns
By the lochs and the burns
and the scenery - simply mind-blowin'

It's near Perth someone said, by the way
So that must be where we spent the day
It was all just a blur
you could only concur
But I'm sure that the sign said Loch Tay

It was great to be out amongst friends,
I thought, as I rounded the bends
There was coffee then lunch
With all of the bunch
Were we happy? Well that all depends

If you like brilliant roads and a view
Going to places you don't have to queue
Plus some sun for good measure
To add to your pleasure
Then this sort of thing is for you

So thanks to young Stew and his missus
by means of an ode (that's what this is!)
a fantastic day out
Of that there's no doubt
And from all who were there, love and kisses.

Alan Hopper

Arthur adds: There were 14 bikes and one pillion. As well as Tommy Taylor from Aberdeen, there was a new Member (Robin Blackadder - who joined at Kelso) on his first run with us. There were two beautiful Deauvilles, some fairly ordinary bikes (such as Blackbirds, Fireblades and a Multisrada) and, according to the sign-in sheet, Stewart was on a C90.

END TO END - 31ST JULY TO 4TH AUGUST

Day 1 – Thursday

It had finally arrived! After months of thinking what had we let ourselves in for, it was now too late to back out. We all met at Gretna for coffee - Bob Crawley, Gordon Graham, John and I (pillion) on Pan Europeans, Ronnie Howat and Raymond Sinclair on Gold Wings and George Cruden on a Yamaha FJR 1300. We picked John Cochrane up on his Gold Wing at Killington Lake Services and then it was a leisurely ride south. After a coffee stop south of Shrewsbury we arrived at the hotel in Hereford about 5.00 pm. Obviously the next stop was the bar!

Day 2 - Friday

We set off the next day winding our way down the Wye Valley past Tintern Abbey, through Chepstow, across the Severn bridge, down through Somerset, Devon and into Cornwall. The traffic was fairly heavy but we made good time and arrived in sunny Penzance at 3.30 pm for fresh, burning hot Cornish pasties and fish and chips. On to St. Just and our hotel for the next two nights. The hotel had a pool and those clever enough to have packed swimming cossies (ie Ronnie, Raymond and Gordon) availed themselves of the amenities. After a walk down to Cape Cornwall (please remember that Ronnie doesn't do walking) we stopped off at the Golf Club. The barman didn't seem too pleased to have 8 bikers in his establishment so we then walked (remember Ronnie) into St. Just and found an excellent pub (The Wellington - well recommended) where we had great food and plenty of drinks until closing time. Walking back to our hotel we watched the shooting stars in the clear night sky. Ronnie tried to get a backie off a boy on a scooter with no luck so he had to walk (again).

Day 3 - Saturday

Today was a rest day but first we all went down to Land's End and had an official photo taken with all the bikes around the signpost and registered as "End to Enders". We then went our separate ways - John and I for a wander around Penzance but it was very hot so we went back to the hotel and as we rode through St. Just saw several bikers stretched out on benches in the town square enjoying the sun (or in Bob's case the back of his eyelids). That evening we went back to the Wellington (oh, no, not more walking!) but it was a very subdued group, anticipating the next day and we were all in bed by 9.00ish.

Day 4 – Sunday - The Day!!

Everyone met at the bikes at 3.30am and by 4.00am we were down at Land's End lined up at the Start. The first stage up to Taunton (150 miles) was the worst. It was pitch black and extremely cold, the only distractions being a fox and a jogger (who was obviously madder than us). We arrived at Taunton Services on the M5 about 6.10am and immediately put on more clothes and filled up with hot coffee. The next stage to the Hilton Services (144 miles) on the M6 was much easier. It was light and warmer and we arrived there about 8.25am. Thelma at the hotel in St. Just had kindly left us sandwiches, crisps and biscuits so we were well supplied (who ate all the sandwiches Bob?). Next stop was Tebay (142 miles). There was one part of this stage on the M6 where the motorway was shut and the traffic was backed up for about three miles, but Bob did his "Leader" bit and took us straight down the middle of it (isn't it great being a biker in a traffic jam). Just as we got to the front they opened the motorway and we were on our way again. John Cochrane's girlfriend, Val, met us at Tebay Services about 11.00am with encouragement and celebratory cigars for the finish. Then it was off to Dunblane (155 miles) where we were met by more friendly faces (Jimmy Semple, Mags Bennie and Steve Middleton). By this time it was nearly 2.00pm (although it felt about tea time). Steve had come on his bike and joined us for the rest of the trip. Next it was up the A9 to Inverness (132 miles) without incident although I think we spoilt two policemen's day when they didn't net eight happy bikers. We arrived in Inverness at 4.40pm to our first and only shower of rain. Next stop John O'Groats (120 miles) and the end was in sight! The feeling of success and achievement as we pulled up by the signpost at 7.30pm was fantastic. Another welcoming committee was there to meet us (Tracey and Gordon who were up on holiday), which was great. Ronnie broke out the fizzy pop, George broke out the whisky and there was much hugging and kissing (by me) and shaking of hands (by the men). The guesthouse we were staying in was only down the road so we adjourned there (to the bar) to recap on our adventure. It had been a hard 843 miles (especially on my knees and John's bum) but not as hard as we had expected. No breakdowns, no accidents, good weather and excellent company made for a memorable trip. Would I do it again? - not in a hurry - it's your turn next.

Janet Moss

An interloper adds:

I joined the fun/run at Dunblane and saw the East coast above Inverness for the first time – the hairpins above Helmsdale are worth the trip on their own! Memories include Bob staying on the wrong side of the road for ages to show we could safely overtake, Janet and John in my mirrors with four legs sticking out of the Pan, the stomp of George's FJR, John C's concern over speeding tickets despite us spotting

all(?) the Gatsos on the A9, our 60mph close-coupled convoy past the Traffic car and its crew with a gun, the view as we crested the rise and saw the northern isles – and Ronnie getting a back massage from a young local in the bar. (and reports of John standing up on the Pan for Janet to massage his bum – what else are pillions for?)

I returned on Monday via Tongue (they do have petrol, but hidden!) and the single track plus passing places road back to Inverness (long-range vision + good surfaces + co-operative car drivers = naughty speeds) to visit friends in Elgin for the night.

Steve Middleton

BEST WISHES (AND SOME VIDEOS) FROM SUE AND DENNIS TEMPLE

Fiona and I visited our old friends and long-term former Members Sue and Dennis Temple on our way back from a weekend in Whitehaven last week. We found Sue much improved following her nasty tumble down stairs at home earlier in the year. She was perfectly able to make and serve cups of tea and cakes! She is anxious to return to work as soon as term begins, so that's a good sign.

Dennis has been working long and hard on restoring a Honda CB250 Superdream and I've seen the photographs of the beautiful finished result, hardly recognisable as the same bike as he started on. It's not taxed yet but soon will be!

Dennis has presented us with five videos for the Video Library. They will be added to the list and will be available to members from Katharine for borrowing free of charge in the usual way. They are: Top Rider - the Skills of SuperBiking, On-Bike Nurburgring Experience, On-Bike TT Experience, Best of British Bike Review 1993 - Championship Road Racing, and Northwest 200 '95.

Dennis and Sue send their best wishes to all Scottish Motorcycle Club Members.

Arthur Shepherd

BMF DIRECTOR OF AFFILIATED CLUB SERVICES

The BMF is looking for nominations for the post of Director - Affiliated Club Services, who is also one of three on the Management Team. Iain Parry, the present post-holder, is standing down at the AGM in October. I have a nomination form and a few more details but I also have Iain's telephone number for more information.

Arthur Shepherd

CPR EVENING CLASS

On 29 July, four of us attended a Basic Life Support Training Session arranged by **Steve Middleton** at Napier University's campus at the Astley Ainslie Hospital in Edinburgh. This consisted of a practical talk and demonstration by **Laura Stirling** of the basic first aid that anyone (with simple training) can perform until qualified medical help arrives but which can have a dramatic effect on whether a victim survives or not. I have a First Aid at Work Certificate (which needs renewing) and have previously attended a British Red Cross evening session aimed at bikers, so obviously I think it is "a very good thing to do".

CPR means Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and covers the basic but vital procedures concerned with 1. Securing the area, 2. Checking for a response, 3. Checking airway, 4. Checking for breathing, 5. Checking for circulation, and if necessary 6. Starting chest compressions. Knowing when best to get help within this sequence was also covered and depends on the particular circumstances.

Laura used Annie for her demonstrations of mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing and chest compressions and I couldn't wait to have a go on her myself! However, I have to point out that Annie is a rubberoid dummy (who actually looked surprisingly masculine to me judging by her nipples) but you can always use your imagination, can't you? But this is serious and Annie was surprisingly demanding (like most women) in requiring us to have the correct technique, the position of her head and mouth, how you held her, etc. She would not respond if you didn't get it right! Good training for the real thing.

You hope, of course, that you'll never need it but I remember, just after I had completed my First Aid at Work Course coming across an elderly lady lying on the road at a busy junction on Princes Street. I'd never seen that before. At first I didn't think it was anything to do with me but then I realised that, with traffic continuing to squeeze by her head and people generally ignoring her (I was a Qualified First Aider with a Certificate, for goodness sake), I needed to act and quickly. This was my first case! The excellent training I had received was put into operation until the ambulance arrived some minutes later - it seemed like a long time but I'm sure it wasn't.

Thanks to Napier's Laura for her time and patience and to Steve for arranging it. There was just one thing though. Although Steve had denied it beforehand, I still had expected to practise on a bearded man for my first time.

Arthur Shepherd

SUPERMOTO

From a recent *Herald & Post* advertisement I see that **Supermoto** is coming to Scotland, to the Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston, Edinburgh to be precise, on **Sunday 10 August**. According to the ad, the gates open at 9am, the first race is at 12 noon, admission is £10 if I remember correctly (accompanied children free), and there are Kiddies' Quads, Fun Fair, Trade Stands and Helicopter Rides. Organised by Bon Accord Motorcycle Club.

Arthur Shepherd

ALVINS NEWS

Our club the Alvins Allsorts have had 2 hugely successful track nights at Knockhill racing circuit and are having their 3rd and final night on Monday August 19th. Numbers are limited and we run an open session, which gives you as much track time as you can handle. If you are interested in coming along please contact ali@alvins.com for further details. Some 04 model news: Harley Davidson have a new Sportster being launched at the end of this month and should be much better than the current bike which was introduced in 1984. Suzuki have many new models for 04 which will be launched in September, watch this space for further info. We are not expecting any big changes at Ducati after a hectic 03 model year, but do expect updates and improvements to models. KTM have new models being the SX85, 380EXC, and a very limited and special LC8 950S in racing spec and colours. Ride safe. Regards, Alistair Robertson

Here is the solution to July's Prize Crossword Puzzle.



The June Prize Crossword Puzzle attracted twelve entries, all of which were correct. The lucky prize-winner (drawn at random from the correct entries at the Club Night Meeting in July) was **John Branney**.

Arthur Shepherd

HELMET PRICES SET TO RISE AS VAT THREAT LOOMS

Motorcycle helmet prices could rise by up to £100 if the latest EU Commission proposals to rationalise VAT are accepted warns the BMF.

Motorcycle helmets (currently zero rated but only within the UK), are no longer included in the list of goods under Directive 77/388/EEC that can carry a zero or reduced rate of VAT.

The BMF say that while it understands the need for some EU tax harmonisation, with the compulsory helmet laws that are in place, the UK practice of zero rating on helmets should in fact be applied across the whole of the EU as a pro-active safety measure and not removed as proposed. A long time campaigner for the removal of VAT from replacement visors (visors are only zero rated when sold with a new helmet), the BMF has also been lobbying for zero-rating on other legitimate motorcycling safety clothing, items which presently carry full-rate VAT.

The BMF understands that the revised list of goods defined in what is known as Annex H are now to be agreed by member states during 2004 and so are calling on their 140,000 members to lobby their MP's and MEPs on this important issue.

BMF FOUNDS BIKING CHARITY - 'The British Motorcyclists Federation Foundation', to specifically fund research and other non-political work involving motorcycling.

Announcing The BMF Foundation's charity registration, Mike Williamson, the BMF's Finance Director and Foundation trustee said: "There are already many charities involved in road safety and related motoring matters, but this will be a first in the UK; a charity designed to fund research and sponsor work that will improve the life of the everyday motorcyclist".

The BMF Foundation's remit will cover the advancement of education into road safety; the design, development and maintenance of roads; motorcycle design safety; the design of protective clothing; the causes and prevention of road accidents involving motorcyclists; the treatment of injuries typically suffered in such accidents; the reduction of crime involving motorcycles, especially motorcycle theft; the protection of the environment; and the sociological aspects of motorcycle use and transportation generally.

These will be addressed mainly through making grants to organisations such as academic institutions to carry out research, a recent example being that made by a government funded organisation who asked if the BMF could support the production of guidelines for road designers.

Donations and applications for grants can be made by post, 'phone or online to: The BMF Foundation, 14-16 Briton Street, Leicester LE3 0AA. Tel: 0116 254 8818 or email: foundation@bmf.co.uk or website www.bmf.co.uk/foundation.

The BMF Foundation is a registered charity, No 1097835

ED's ODDS and SODS:

VIDEO LIBRARY Kathy is about to order seven extra videos for the library – news next month of their titles, arrival and availability.

AUTOTRANS VISIT #2 Arthur is setting up another visit to Autotrans after the success of the first – news next month here and on the website.

PUNCTURE REPAIR We now have a discount on offer from Strathearn Tyres in Crieff, and there may be a visit soon to see and take part in a puncture repair exercise. Just how many of us have actually used one of those plug and CO₂ cartridges kits?

CALLIGRAPHER REPLACES BEANIE Our favourite font – Beanie – is not available in a format compatible with either Windows NT or XP, but Arthur has tracked down a very similar font - **Calligrapher** – that is readily available and used in this issue.

YOUR BIKING HOLIDAY Write it up and let us share your own exploits on a 'bike. Add details of the equipment used and comments on its performance.

CROSSWORD

Arthur has noted elsewhere that we have now used up the stock of crosswords that Sue Temple had prepared for us. This has been a great resource for us and we greatly appreciate the effort it has taken to prepare them – thank you, Sue

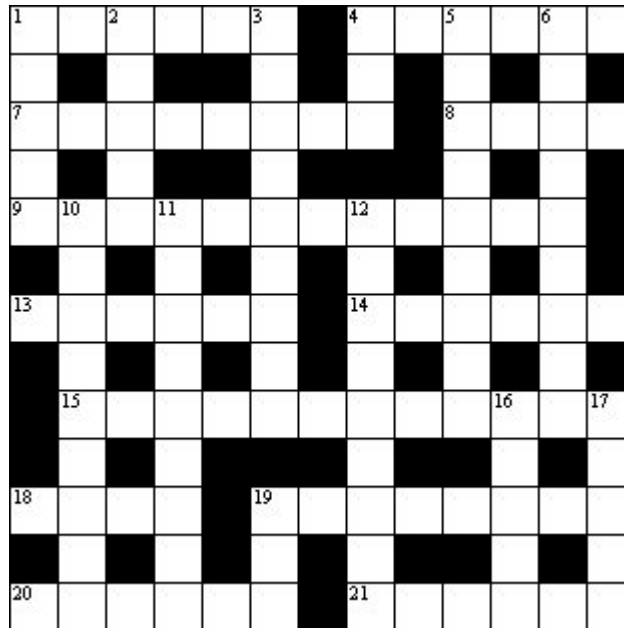
We are therefore looking for a replacement – can you make up crosswords? – or another form of competition we can use? – Ideas to Arthur (who can supply blank grids) or Ed. Steve

CLOTHING The latest order has been delivered and was available at the last meeting. Those who have not yet collected can do so this meeting or get in touch with Steve Middleton directly to arrange collection (and payment!) using details at the foot of the page.

Steve Middleton



August prize crossword puzzle



Crossword and Clues compiled by Arthur Shepherd. (We've used up all of Sue Temple's stock.)

Across

- 1 These Japanese bikes are from the best manufacturer! (6)
- 4 A measure of petrol's quality (6)
- 7 The usual period for eating (4-4)
- 8 To lay slabs on a path (4)
- 9 What you get when you trim a human claw (4-8)
- 13 A fabulous female warrior who now apparently sells books! (6)
- 14 These are already slowly drawing in (6)
- 15 Metal tools used to roughen the rubber before applying a puncture-repair patch (4-8)
- 18 The capital of the former West Germany (4)
- 19 The rotor in a generator or electric motor (8)
- 20 Those who discriminate on grounds of age, especially old age (6)
- 21 To fit horizontal boards onto walls to keep things on, - or else to put it off! (6)

Down

- 1 A man, woman, or child; a person (5)
- 2 A shop or canteen in military establishments, now Spar shops (5)
- 3 Mountain huts used as shelters by shepherds (9)
- 4 Yamaha R- (3)
- 5 Adding enough fuel to fill the tank before a Club Run (7, 2)
- 6 One who gives directions or decides the route, sometimes the pillion (9)
- 10 Rugged British Army 'bike (9)
- 11 Someone who has these (4, 5) is one (9) and can't get up in time! (4, 5 or 9)
- 12 Complete wide views of landscapes, as often seen on Club Runs (9)
- 16 Same quantity, identical (5)
- 17 Our wonderful, hard-working Editor (5)
- 19 Feature on some bikes to stop wheels locking (1, 1, 1)

Write your name here:

Send the completed puzzle before the end of the month for entry into the £10 prize draw to:

Arthur Shepherd, 41 The Gallolee, Colinton, Edinburgh EH13 9QL

