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WELCOME

If you are a new member, WELCOME to the SMC and this edition of BikeBytes. We all hope you enjoy our company and activities. I have a major apology to make for not producing a September edition, and only an incomplete one here for October, and that a bit late too! I'll not bore with the reasons, but ask you to accept my apologies.

Steve Middleton (editor)

THE SECRETARY'S BIT

I had to actually delve back into archived copies of Bike Bytes to find the last contribution I submitted; May. Where has the summer gone?

Steve has extended a general welcome to all new members since I last did my bit, and I am grateful for his efforts, I will now however extend a personal welcome on behalf of the club to the following discerning motorcyclists:

Alan Cook aboard an ably ridden Honda VFR800, who has in the interim months already organised a club run that I was happy to attend; **Jake Harkness**, a Ducatisti; **Robert O'Neill** on a Honda CBR; **Alex Muir** a Suzuki GSF 600 rider; **David Barclay** on a Honda CBR600; **David Wares** on a Boxer 1100RS; **Ken Russell** who either has no bike at present or can't fit the list on the application form; **D. MacIntyre** owner of a Honda VFR; **Fiona McDonald** on a Honda CB250; and latest new member **Paul Broughton** riding a Kawasaki GPZ500.

Four of the above joined as a result of our presence at the Kelso Show. This event contributes immeasurably to our club, not just in the pleasure our attending members get from the show, but also from the recruitment, publicity and BMF rebate angles. We should bear this in mind when looking at supported events for next year.

This year we have received 23 expressions of interest through the website with 12 of these joining so far.

After all these additions to our roll-call, and a few tardy renewals, the membership now stands at 121 members.

Jim McKechnie

NEXT MEETING

The next **Club Night Meeting** is on Wednesday **12th October 2005** upstairs in the Black Bitch Tavern, 14 West Port, Linlithgow, and will start at 8pm. Video library open, magazine exchange. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served.



Alford: Ariel combo


Alford: Steve M, David J, Gerry S, Alan G, Jerry D.


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RUNS AND EVENTS

We seem to have run out of planned events, but any late items will be on the Club website, so keep an eye there, or why don't YOU organise something? Make a suggestion to John or Janet Moss and help will be offered. Several runs have been organised recently for evenings and had good support. Get your ideas together for next year. We just need someone to act as the focus and inspiration; the rest of us will support and advise. Take us to your favourite roads or destination; show us the interesting or secret parts of your area. Another easy way to get involved in organising a Run is to volunteer for Tail-End Charlie duty – you get to wear a yellow vest and wave "*Thank You*" to kind motorists! – and watch all the others' riding styles.

Jim McKechnie is thinking ahead to Christmas and a Club event over the season. We have traditionally had a Club Christmas Dinner, and he will raise the topic at the meeting on the 12th. If you have ideas for a venue or type of event then let him know. We shall have to act fairly soon to make reservations. We have eaten in various establishments in the central area, and last year went down to Dumfriesshire for a night in an hotel.

Steve Middleton

RONNIE HOWAT IN SPANISH ACCIDENT

Many members will know from word of mouth or a Club meeting that Ronnie had an "off" in Spain on a tour. Bob Crawley sent this description of the incident.

Ronnie (with Jim Semple pillion) had just left the harbour area at (Santurtzi) Bilbao on Day 1 in wet weather conditions and was second last, ahead of the 'tail gunner' of the group. Some two minutes later the group joined the west-bound carriageway of the A8 (E70) motorway. Within a few hundred metres Ronnie's Wing crossed a freshly painted 'Ahead Only' arrow on the wet carriageway. The bike immediately skidded on the white painted surface and went down. Jim slid and was subsequently OK apart from minor bruising. Ronnie reportedly parted company with the bike and collided with the motorway crash barrier. He consequently sustained broken bones and other injuries and was hospitalised in Bilbao.

Ronnie has now been repatriated and is currently in ward15 of Wishaw General Hospital. He is somewhat disappointed in seeing so little of Spain and is somewhat critical of the medical attention he received while there, but if you want the full unexpurgated version I suggest you visit him yourself. He was up and took a couple of steps and stood for a while on Saturday 9th October.

The Hospital address is: **Wishaw General Hospital**, **50 Netherton Street**, **Wishaw**, **ML2 0DP**

Ward 15 telephone number: 01698 366152

The visiting times are:
Every evening: 19:00 – 20:00
Wed, Sat & Sunday afternoons: 15:00 – 16:00

If visiting please note that there have been some roadworks which prevent access to Netherton Rd from the Wishaw end. It is necessary to approach from the Netherton end. There is a diversion but not well signposted.

His injuries are lower left leg (tibia & fibula), upper left leg (femur), left collar bone (clavicle), multiple fractured ribs, and soft tissue damage to his right leg and arm. Jim says*: I have passed on the Club's best wishes and Sandra and I will see him on a regular basis during his stay in Wishaw.*

The Club sends its best wishes for a full and speedy recovery, and a return of the Ronnie we all love to his family, full of his usual good cheer and ebullient character. The NHS did a great job last year on Jim Semple and hopefully he is fit and well now after this latest incident.

Jim McKechnie & Steve Middleton

ALAN GRAHAM'S "DOUBLE A" WEEKEND TRIP TO MALLAIG AND SKYE

- was brilliant! The *'Double A'* was supposed to mean *'Alan and Arthur'* but he did all the work himself! He planned the route, did the recces, found the superb and comfortable hotel in a wonderful location with amazing scenery and with first-class food, checked out the good meal stops, booked the ferry trips, handled the money - *everything!* I was in such good company, immersed in amazing scenery, had so many laughs, etc that I had a really good time, and so (I believe) did everyone else who came with us. I think it was one of the best weekends I've been on. And I got to ride pillion on a BMW all day, as well as driving the Support Vehicle the rest of the time! The downside for you is that I was asked to write the Report! This is how it all happened.

The visible starting point for most folk was Alan's comprehensive bit in BikeBytes in May, by which time Alan had already visited and booked our rooms in our hotel, the 3-star West Highland Hotel in Mallaig, having negotiated a special low rate for us for DB&B. He also printed a sample menu, the hotel's website address and a summary of the route from the Stirling Services departure point on Friday 12 August, Saturday's Run around Skye, and Sunday's Run home, including mileages and prices. And there was a Booking Form with his address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number and e-mail address. Professional management at work more than three months before departure!

Before we left, we'd all received Alan's 'Road to the Isles' article with details of the roads, route, history,

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what to see, suggestions for boat trips, museums, exhibitions, etc. We'd also received an update with more details, petrol stops, six websites worth a look, etc. Amazing organisation!

Sixteen bikers (see list below) went on the Trip on fourteen bikes - and in one Support Vehicle, maybe a first for SMC. I had to leave my bike at home but came in the car anyway. To try to minimise my embarrassment, I called it the Support Vehicle and I did get to carry one or two bits and pieces for folk and, of course, wore a helmet and gloves! Well, for a photo, at least. In addition, Steve Middleton joined us for the run as far as the Ardgour Inn lunch stop.

Friday: We set off from Stirling Services via Callander, Lochearnhead and Crianlarich to the Green Wellie coffee stop (an alternative pickup point) at Tyndrum. Then through Glen Lochy and Dalmally to Ben Cruachan beside Loch Awe for coffee and an optional visit to the Power Station, or a rest. I had done the tour some years ago with children in tow but very much enjoyed doing it again. It's very well organised and the guides have a good sense of humour. They'd need to, taking groups deep under the Ben several times a day all week all year, but it is fun and well worth doing. Plants grow underground, lit by hydroelectricity from the Power Station. Quite a lot of technical information was available for those that wanted it. A surprising thing is, though, that the Power Station pumps huge volumes of water back up the mountain at night so that it can produce most power at times of highest demand during the day.

After Ben Cruachan, we rode the 46 miles through the Pass of Brander, via Taynault, alongside Loch Etive, over the Connel Bridge, through Benderloch, around Loch Crearan, alongside Loch Linnhe, through Appin, to Ballachulish, over Long Leven and then west again to the wee Corran Ferry to take us to the Ardgour Inn for lunch. Steve Middleton didn't take his bike onto the Ferry because he had to leave us all after lunch but it was great having his company that far.

After waving Steve a fond farewell, we headed south-west on the very scenic single-track road alongside the northern shore of Loch Linnhe, then through Glen Tarbert to Strontian along the north side of Loch Sunart to Salen, then by Acharacle and Kinlochmoidart to Lochailort to join the fantastic 'Road to the Isles'. A few miles further on at the head of Loch nan Uamh is the Prince's Cairn, marking where Bonny Prince Charlie left Scotland in 1746 never to return. There are spectacular views of Skye and the Small Isles as the road twists northwards past sandy beaches and coves via Arisaig and Morar to Mallaig and our hotel, 183 miles from the start. Wow, that was a fantastic biker's route! And the weather was fantastically good with amazing light and colours, and near-perfect visibility.

The West Highland Hotel was very comfortable for the bikes because Alan had arranged for their barn to be cleared to make room for them under cover! It was good for the riders too, though! It was well situated in a prominent position overlooking the harbour with Skye beyond, was roomy, not too crowded although fully booked, prepared excellent food cooked by their own two in-house chefs and their staff, well-served. The bar (very important) had a limited range of beers but what they had I found really, really good! I kept buying more. The rooms were all en-suite, clean and comfortable. The seascapes and sky out to the west in the evening were spectacular. I think most of us slept well after our excellent first day's ride, the good food and good company, the fresh air and a walk around this old fishing port, and we were all looking forward to crossing to Skye next morning.

Saturday: The full Scottish Breakfast was a treat. You could have whatever combination you wanted, cooked for you and served to you at the table. None of those rubber fried eggs sitting in a tray of grease on a self-service counter at ***this*** hotel! Your eggs were cooked to order. We were booked on the 26-minute ferry crossing from Mallaig across the Sound of Sleat to Armadale on Skye but the weather didn't look too promising. However, we Scots know to take forecasts with a pinch of salt and to hope that the weather probably won't be as bad as they say.

Over a beer or two the previous evening, a couple of Members had been persuaded to accept an unexpected pillion rider - me! Alan was quite clear about it. "I'll maybe take you for a bit but I'm certainly not taking you for the whole day because I wouldn't enjoy it." Quite right - no one knew what I'd be like. Colin Stewart from Gateside offered to take me on his lovely silver BMW R1150RT and so we set off. I was really impressed with Colin and his BMW. He was so smooth and steady, so well planted, so stable. The bike was comfortable, quiet, powerful, fast and with loads of quiet torque. I want one! But, of course, it's how you ride it that counts and Colin can! Riding pillion on Colin's BMW R1150RT was a treat for me but maybe not such fun for Colin, although he kindly said he didn't mind!

Alan had several routes planned for Skye but the one he had chosen and on which we set off was 247 miles and 7 hours long, taking in Dunvegan, Uig, Portree, the Skye Bridge across the Kyle of Lochalsh, Invergarry, Spean Bridge, Corpach and then west back to Mallaig.

From Armadale, we went along the Sound of Sleat and over to Broadford, on past the Islands of Scalpay and Raasay to Sligachan. Then it was over to the west coast to Bracadale and Dunvegan where we turned north-east to cross over the Vaternish spur to Loch Snizort and Skeabost. We pressed on towards Uig but stopped about six miles short of Uig.

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The weather was not good. Although visibility remained surprisingly good and there were some spectacular views, things were not as clear as they might have been! It didn't rain all the time but when it did it was very heavy indeed. It wasn't long before just about every one of us was wet inside our clothing. Mind you, we were still able to joke about it in true Scottish Motorcycle Club fashion. But common sense, caution and safety considerations decided that we would abandon the intended route and head back to our comfy, warm hotel in Mallaig, via the Armadale-Mallaig Ferry again, ignoring the Skye Bridge that day. Alan was flexible and accommodating as always, and seemed able to come up with alternative plans at a moment's notice.

We turned south towards Portree and then on to Broadford, where we stopped for coffee, and then to Armadale for the ferry back to our hotel.

Soon after we had arrived, stripped, showered and changed, the skies started to clear and it was looking quite promising for the Sunday. So, some of us thought, "Why don't we go back to Skye on the ferry once again tomorrow and do the bit we'd missed before heading back to Fort William and home?" So that's what we decided to do the next day!

Another excellent evening and dinner in the hotel was enjoyed by all, with more spectacular sunset views out to Skye and the west - so different to what we had experienced just a few hours before!

Sunday: Yet another full Scottish breakfast treat for all who could manage it. Some people claimed that they'd been up early and gone for a run (on foot) but Ah ha'e me doots! In brilliant sunshine and gorgeous weather so different to the day before, all except Drew and me in the Support Vehicle left the hotel for their third trip on the ferry, The crew were getting quite used to us by now!

Drew on his beautiful Deauville and I headed off at a leisurely pace via Arisaig to visit the Prince's Cairn and then via Lochailort to the Glenfinnan Monument at the head of Loch Shiel. After communing with history and chatting to some of the other visitors, we headed off alongside Loch Eil to the meeting point in Fort William at the head of Loch Linnhe. I remember standing in the carpark in the lovely hot sunshine in Fort William for an hour and a half waiting for everyone else to arrive and thinking of the previous day! Not sensible - but I survived!

By returning to Skye again on Sunday, the others had seen Skye at its best. They travelled to Broadford and then by the Skye Bridge across the Kyle of Lochalsh, Balmacara, along Loch Duich to Shiel Bridge, Glen Shiel, by Loch Cluanie and Loch Garry to Invergarry on Loch Oich. Turning south-west took the riders through Glen Albyn (Glen Mor) alongside Loch Lochy to Fort William for a latish lunch. There were a lot of very excited riders and happy faces! After the break, we headed off alongside Loch Linnhe to North Ballachulish, where Alan had another treat in store for us! We turned off the main road and went all the way round Loch Leven to Kinlochleven and back to Glencoe to rejoin the main road through Glen Coe to Tyndrum where the group dispersed to make their own ways home.

Thanks: Many thanks, Alan, for a brilliant weekend around Mallaig and Skye! Excellent management and planning, excellent route, fine hotel, good meal stops and really good company. I had a great time and a lot of laughs. The weather was very good on Friday and Sunday but memorable for different reasons on Saturday. Everyone on the trip told me that they'd had a good time.

Many thanks, Colin, for taking me as an unknown and untried pillion for a whole day in poor conditions.

Thanks to **everyone** who came on the Trip and for making it such fun. Sorry about taking the 'Support Vehicle' and further complicating the trip! At least it was different, a topic of conversation and we could joke about it!

Thanks to all the **staff** of the West Highland Hotel for their friendly service, smiles and hard work. We'll be back!

Alan has produced a great DVD of the trip which includes video shot by Janet Moss on the move on-board bikes as well as 'standing' video and some still photographs. Thanks to Alan and David Jerome for the use of their video cameras. The scenery is stunning and it includes some shots of the evening sunset sky over Skye! It is available from Alan and is worth a lot more than the £2 he is charging.

Participants:
Andy and Judy Broad, Drew Davidson, Jerry Dawe, Alan Graham, David Jerome, Les Mackie, Steve Middleton (part), Janet and John Moss, Bob O'Neill, Arthur Shepherd , Colin Stewart, Tommy Taylor, George and Lyn Warnock, John Watson.

Arthur Shepherd

EXTENSION TO THE DOUBLE A

The stay at the West Highland Hotel was excellent – good food and comfortable rooms. The hotel position was perfect, elevated and overlooking Mallaig with views out to Eigg and Rhum, and beyond to Skye.

The decision was made to have a second go for a run in Skye when we sat down at the bar having a few beers on Saturday night.

So, Sunday morning we set off for the ferry very contented with a full breakfast to sustain us, with the sun doing its best. On Skye we had a lovbely run on the bikes along the coast then made for the bridge where the Club headed eastwards and home, while I headed north on the VFR800 (what a bike!)

The A890 round Loch Carron was taken at aa steady pace with the excitement of the mountain road to

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Applecross to follow. Many stops were made soaking up the sun as opposed to the rain the previous day. B&B at Torridon for the night.

Monday morning, and the weather was playing tricks again, hills covered in mist and raining big time. I rode along to Kinlochewe to visit an old friend Tom Forrest who has a climbing and outdoor shop there. Over tea he told me he had died twice of heart attacks and had been "jump started" Fully recovered now and enjoying life thatnks to the doctor and Health Centre staff in the town.

Leaving Tom's place the rain had stopped and the weather was clearing with a glint of sun as I rode toward Achnasheen on the A832 towards Inverness. I continued on the A9 to Grantown on Spey and over the mountain road to Tomintoul. I stopped at the Lecht ski area for lunch and continued via Cockbridge to Dyce where I stayed overnight with my nephew and family.

Tuesday was sunny and warm so the coast road home was a must, and a wise choice for a lovely way to end a fantastic trip and a fitting run for the VFR.

Les Mackie

ALFORD: MOTORCYCLE CONVENTION

Jerry Dawe organised this run to the Grampian Motorcycle Convention on 4th September. We met at Kinross services and took a fairly straight route up the M90 and across the A90 past Brechin near where we turned North via Fettercairn and Banchory to the A980 thru' Lumphinan. There was a bit of impromptu route-finding leaving the A90, but it all worked including a nice bacon roll stop on the A90.

Jerry seemed in a bit of a hurry, but his bike was having none of it, still recovering from its Oban exploits and it started flashing the indicators in all the wrong places. Wires were waggled and that, plus the threat to pull its fuses, seemed to calm things down a bit, sufficient to not confuse us followers too much. Luckily no other road users were given any excuse to feel upset at false messages. We arrived and the hurry-up reason appeared at the gate – Jerry had a date! – and she paid his entry!! Parking on the grass brought out the pucks, followed by introductions, and we spread out to see the sidestands and displays, and admire the work of the restorers, plus I went into town and had a very nice meal in a bistro.

The return route was via Braemar, Glenshee (and tea at the Spittal), Blairgowrie and the M90 back to Kinross. I logged about 300 miles all in for the day. A good one for the riding and scenery, maybe not so much so for the event itself. I'm glad I went, but it's not high on my list for next year. Thanks to Jerry for the leading and planning, plus David Jerome, Gerry Scott and Alan Graham for the company.

Steve Middleton

COOKS' MYSTERY TOUR, 7TH AUGUST

We met at Abington services on the M74 at 10:30. I'd gone down the usual way from Linlithgow via the Breich crossroads, Carstairs and Hyndford Bridge in good weather. Already there were the three Cooks (hence the position of the apostrophe in the title) Peter, John and son Alan, plus Jim McKechnie and Les Mackie. That's three VFRs, a Pan, Blackbird and the lone non-Honda, Peter's Kwak ZX6R.

We set off south beside the M74 towards Moffat on the old road, through the town and up the A701 (beautiful) enjoying the sweeps and views (and stopping to see the van waaaay down in the field and wondering how the occupants fared after flying off the road) as far as Twee where we turned right and tracked the sides of the Talla and Meggat reservoirs. We came out on the main road and turned right to St Mary's Loch and stopped at the Glen Café. I'd not been before, and positive reports I'd heard did not include the internet café facilities and lounge area, and a dining licence too! Very smart and biker-friendly set-up with a great range of food and snacks, plus outside seating where we enjoyed the sunshine and watched the many other bikes that visited and passed. We continued East to bypass Selkirk and took a great back road, but I did not make any notes and am not sure where it was.

The arrangement was to take a picnic and this was eaten in Peebles beside the Tweed in the park opposite the town. Peter amused us with tales of the police staying during the G8 summit in the hotel he chefs at. The ducks got well fed too. We continued West to Stobo, Biggar and up to Carnwath. Here we reversed my route via the A70 and then to Livingston for 3:00pm. There had been a "guess the miles" challenge and I managed to get closest to the actual 139, with the penalty of writing this. Well, the bottle of wine has been well drunk, and I've only just got round to writing it up – guilty of tardiness, M'Lud. A repeated feature of the day was the River Tweed; I reckon we crossed it seven times.

Steve Middleton

RELIVING MY YOUTH

I surprised myself when I put a bid on eBay for a 1977 MZ TS 250 and won, mainly because I had promised myself never again to buy and old bike after spending thousands on restoring a Superdream and only getting back buttons for it.

This latest addition to the Jerome garage is making me feel like being 17 again, but when I was 17, I had a 150, but now need a 250 to carry the extra girth along.

The bike's done 14k miles and is complete, but at nearly 30 years old is a bit tatty, however it does have a state-of-the-art Rickman topbox which gives the 1970's feel to the bike and the ring ding ding from the exhaust.

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Riding the bike back from Glasgow to Livingston on the motorway was an exercise in latching on to any car or lorry doing about 55mph and hanging on. Top speed is about 60 and downhill I saw 70.

With this bike there is none one saying "warp factor 7 Mr Sulu", but stopping is exciting as the brakes are truly awful even with a Honda drum conversion.

As you'd expect, it conked out 3 miles before home with a flat battery. I worked out that if I pushed it fast enough and bumped it with enough revs the generator would kick out just current to get a spark. It did start, but the problem was that it caught as I was running along side and nearly took off on its own. I did get a cheer from the people at the opposite bus stop who were watching intently.

Being a sad git (brought on more so by now owning an MZ) I worked out that I will have to take the bike to work 68 times to get back the purchase price and insurance.

David Jerome

FOR SALE : HONDA VFR 800 FI-X



1999 (V) 29,000 miles Pearl Yellow
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New front/rear tyres, new chain, recent service, heated grips, Double Bubble Screen, FSH up to 20K
Excellent sports tourer. VGC. £3000
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CHAIRPERSON DAVID'S SHOPPING CORNER

A colleague at work is selling a Caberg Flip up helmet which has only been worn a couple of times size medium in Blue £85.00 contact me 01506 464122 if you are interested.

David Jerome

CLUB REGALIA NOW ARRIVED

If you ordered clothing get in touch with me to collect. I will bring it to the meeting on 12th.or we can arrange some other way for you to collect – and pay!!

Steve Middleton

HERE IS THE SOLUTION TO AUGUST'S PRIZE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Arthur Shepherd

The July Prize Crossword Puzzle result has been lost by the editor. Oops, sorry. I hope the Club has passed on the £10 prize. Steve M

BIKEBYTES SUBMISSIONS FORMAT REQUEST

This month I struggled to deconstruct a submitted poster style item so I could use the text, then extract, crop and reduce the picture to an acceptable size and number of Bits. It took a long time. The sender had also taken time to create it, but I could not use it in the format supplied.

To help me and save your own time, **please** try to:-

Attach a report to an email, do not include it in it.
Use **Arial** font in size 10, single column.
Keep pix **separate** from text, using JPG format.
Filename pix and use name to refer in the text.
Crop pix then **Size** to 800 x 600 pixels maximum.
Use MicroSoft file **formats** if possible, or ASCII.
email to bikebytes@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk

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RUN LEADER EXPENSES

The Club decided at the AGM to refund £10 expenses to run leaders to cover recce fuel and handout costs etc.. If you organised a run and have not claimed the allowance then please contact Judy Broad, treasurer, to make a claim. You can do so in person at the meeting, or by emailing her at treasurer@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk or by letter to the Secretary, Jim, at the address on page 1 in the footer.

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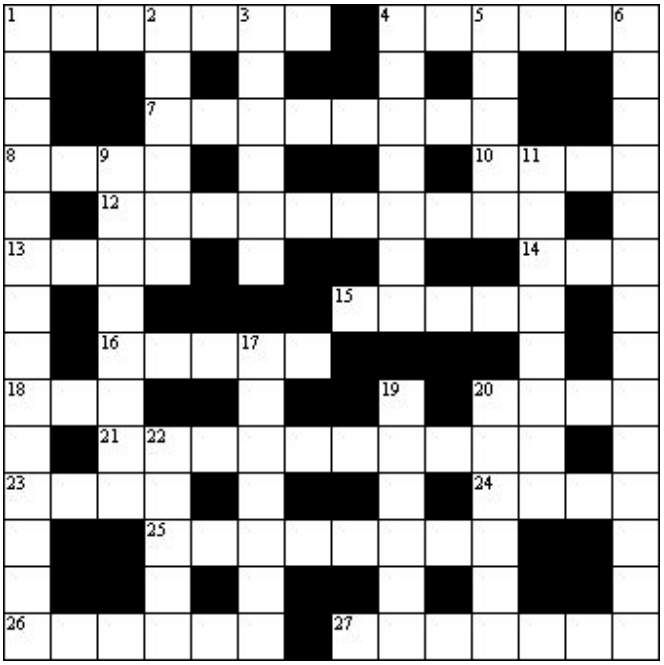
October prize crossword



Crossword and clues compiled by Arthur Shepherd.

There are several references to the Calendar of Events in this month's Crossword, as well as biking bits!

Across

1 Shoulder blade (7)
4 Member of the European Parliament (4, 1, 1)
7 *and 12 and 21 Across:* There's a Run to this event at Alford in Aberdeenshire this month (8, 10, 10)
8 You can feel one if something's not balanced or is loose. You can sometimes pick up good ones from a pretty girl if you're lucky (4)
10 Could be the Association of Trainee Experimental Specialists! (1, 1, 1, 1)
12 *see 7 Across*
13 Sounds like a complaint but the grass is cut (4)
14 Good to see bikes parked up in one of these; but if you don't park properly you might get one from the attendant! (3)
15 *and 16 Across:* Whose Picnic are Janet and John taking us to on 11th? (5, 5)
16 see 15 Across
18 Those long-chain twisted acid molecules which pass on hereditary characteristics; detectives use them (1, 1, 1)
20 Does this mean you get most power on top of a mountain? (4)
21 *see 7 Across*
23 They are the largest European/Asian deer (4)
24 List of dishes. The one at the West Highland Hotel, Mallaig where SMC stayed was excellent each day (4)
25 Roman amphitheatre (8)
26 Close at hand (6)
27 One of Scotland's languages; British foreigners! (7)

Down

1 Year after year, he writes, prints, models and sells clothing, and rides a VFR and a CBX but he doesn't shave (5, 9)
2 This animal doesn't grunt it flies! (6)
3 Induce to proceed on an unwise course (not at all what our SMC Run Organisers do!) (4, 2)
4 Cell that grows on but outside another cell (7)
5 To do with the kidneys (5)
6 David Jerome's Meal Run on 18th (9 for 5)
9 Headline declares: "German Motorcycle Manufacturer has returned!" (1, 1, 1, '1, 4)
11 ICI's tough polyester fibre (8)
17 Competitive state between two people who want the same thing (7)
19 Scattered (6)
20 Knob at the front of a saddle - thankfully not on a motorcycle! (6)
22 ... Lima, Mike, November, - …..; a US Academy Award (5)

Write your name here:

……

Send the completed puzzle (or your best attempt if you can't quite finish it) before the end of the month for entry into the £10 prize draw to:

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