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CHAIRMAN'S RABBIT

Greetings to all members particularly the new ones; I hope we see you on a run soon. One of which is the BBQ at the end of May. You have the option of staying over or driving home (using the ferry if you wish). Some of you may not have your two wheels available, this is not a problem, because there are a few people who will be bringing their non riding partner by car, they might even make a weekend of it by staying at the hotel. See elsewhere for details or contact John Quirk, but do it now please because we need to know numbers.



I have been on a couple of runs, Judy's and Les'. Judy had a good turnout of 13 bikes and a variation on her House of Bruar trip, thanks Judy it was a good one. Les run had a smaller number but was also good fun, see my write up elsewhere.

It has been decided to give the Crossword a break from the newsletter until October, Arthur who creates it noticed numbers entering were getting low so agreed rather than stop it permanently it would restart later in the year. In order to give members the opportunity to continue to win some money each month it has been decided that for non-committee members that a £5 club shop voucher will go to the 'best' write up submitted to **Bikebytes** each month. The decision will be made by the editor! You have to be in it to win it so get those write ups/stories submitted.

Having a couple of write ups about the same run is not an issue because it is unlikely you will write the same things. Even if it is about a particular incident e.g. how a certain unnamed (to protect the guilty!!) person tried to get me lost, I am pleased to say it only partially worked, I only went in the wrong direction for about 10minutes! Apologies to those behind who followed me, but at least I wasn't lonely!! I'll pay attention next time - well maybe!

Writing of embarrassing moments, at the first Chip Shop run, I didn't actually make it. The gremlins hit my bike and it stopped in Dechmont on the way to the start. I was stationary there from about 6.40pm until 11.45pm, I had 3 visits from the AA, the most important one being at about 9pm when they delivered a fish supper, I do have a couple of photos

of the AA in attendance, one of which it being loaded onto the AA truck the next morning to take me to Glasgow to get it fixed; for a large fee I might let it be published!! It would have to be large because I get enough banter as it is about riding a Ducati!!

I hope to see you at the next meeting or on a run. Go on come and say hello!!

Best wishes

Jerry

PLANE MAD



Paul Broughton

JUDY BROADS RUN TO HOUSE OF BRUAR APRIL 15TH 2007

The run started from Stirling and, in a change from the usual

Services rendezvous, we met up at Dobbies Garden Centre. Twelve bikes turned up with Judy Broad and Tommy Taylor the proud owners of shiny new machines, a TDM 900 and CBF1000 respectively. Bruce and Una Thompson made a stylish entrance on his 'n' hers Ducati Monsters. The group on departure were: Dave Jerome - Apriliam RSV Mille; John Moss - Honda Pan ST1100; Gerry Scott - Yamaha Fazer 1000; Judy Broad - Yamaha TDM900; Tommy Taylor - Honda CBF 1000; Ken Glendinning - Triumph Tiger 955i; Alex Muir - Suzuki Bandit 600S; Les Mackie - Honda VFR800FI; Steve MacKinnon - Honda Transalp 650 ; Una Thompson - Ducati

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Monster 620ie; Jerry Dawe Ducati Multistrada SDS;
Bruce Thompson - Ducati Monster S2R 1000

We headed up through Thornhill, Callander, Lochearnhead and Glen Ogle then turned off at LIX Toll for the first coffee break at Killin. Suitably refreshed, the route took us east along the north shore of Loch Tay as far as Fearnan where we turned north, soon passing the oldest living organism in Europe (cue tasteless joke), the Fortingall Yew. A local legend says that Pontius Pilate was born near Fortingall at which time the tree was already 3000 years old. Unlikely, but it has been around for at least two millennia. Past Schiehallion which was used in early experiments to determine the mass of the earth (calculations revealed that it was 'very heavy') and was also the first mountain to be mapped using contour lines. Enough history.

A few more miles of Breadalbane's excellent winding roads and then we passed under the A9 at Calvine, to arrive at an extremely busy House of Bruar where we met Susan Dundas on her Honda VFR750.

At least, some of us arrived. The rear half of the group had become separated but we were soon reunited for lunch. The House of Bruar doesn't do 'cheap' but it does do quality. There were cars and bikes everywhere and army vehicles, even a helicopter parked in the adjacent field. A deafening mechanical clattering suggested the chopper was about to take off, but it turned out it was just the three Ducatis arriving.

After a fuel stop at Blair Athol we travelled south on the A9 for a few miles then turned off at Ballinluig. From Aberfeldy we took the road over the hills and down through the Sma' Glen to Gilmerton then Crieff, Muthil, Auchterarder, through Glen Devon and stopped at the restaurant at Powmill to end the run.

As far as I know we didn't visit any of the locations in the SMC Challenge but anyone on the run who wishes to attempt it will now have three points towards their total.

Thanks to Judy Broad for planning and leading the run and arranging dry weather, to John Moss for back marker duties, David Jerome for photos and to everyone on the run who made it a grand day out.

Steve MacKinnon

ARROCHAR RUN

Les organised an interesting run which only 4 of us braved the iffy weather.

We went through Carron Valley and some back and A roads to Balloch. The back roads proved a bit marginal for Neil on his K1200S because a not so friendly farmer had managed to cover the road in thick wet mud for nearly half a mile; but it at least meant he got it dirty, it was far too clean at the start

of the run!! Alan Hopper joined us at Frazers shop at Balloch, Les is into a higher class of cafe!! We then ambled to Helensburgh and past the peace camp, and it was peaceful, but it didn't show up on the SatNav map! We then paused at Arrochar then back round the top of Loch Lomond where we had lunch at a nice little visitor centre. Then on to Crianlarich and Lochgilphead where we decided to head home. Of course the roads dried up immediately at that point, but at least we had a bit of a blast home. A good run and not a high mileage so we were able to have a good chat at the stops. Thanks Les.

Jerry

BARBECUE WEEKEND UPDATE

Rooms at the Esplanade Hotel, Dunoon, for anyone wishing to stay overnight on the 26th are running out! If you wish to take advantage of the special rate (£35 pp b&b) please contact me asap and pay the £10 deposit no later than the next Club night. I will need numbers for the barbecue by 23rd and you can pay on the day.

Hope to see you there.

John Q.

MOTORCYCLING LAW CHANGE IN FRANCE

The French have just passed a law, effective from 2nd March 2007, that all motor cycles in France must ride on dipped headlights during daylight, else you can be liable for an on the spot fine of 35 euros.

Paul Broughton

NAKED MOTORBIKE MAN ON THE LOOSE

Taken from <http://www.thelocal.se/7201/>

A naked motorcyclist is on the loose in southern Sweden. Police in [Höör](#) were informed at lunchtime on Friday that a man had been spotted riding naked by Nya Torget in the town. But by the time a police patrol arrived at the central square, however, the mystery biker had vanished. "We put it out on the police radio but none of our patrols have seen him yet," police spokesman Lars Mahler told The Local. There are no indications as to whether the man was properly protected. "If you ride a motorbike you need a helmet but there is no other protective clothing required," said Mahler. So the nude motorbike man is not breaking the law if he has a licence and a helmet? "Well, we would ask him why he was riding around naked. Also if somebody didn't like it they could report him for disorderly conduct," said Mahler.

Paul Broughton



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**SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 13TH APRIL 2007
BLACK BITCH**

Present: Paul Broughton, Brian Cotter, Jerry Dawe, John Quirk,

Apologies: Judy Broad, Steve Middleton, Janet Moss, John Moss.

Minutes: Paul Broughton taking the minutes (apologies for any inaccuracies and omissions)

Secretary's Report: 62 members, £575 in membership paid in, £50 to be paid in. 6 people have entered for the challenge

Treasurer's report: £350 in bank before membership money paid in

Events:

Chip shop run abandoned due to mechanical problems, to be rerun at end of March.

Crieff/Killin run abandoned due to poor weather, rescheduled for May 6th

There was 13 bikes on the House of Bruar run

Run leaders should advise of closest fuel station to the start of the run

Future Events:

Jerry to look at a weekend in September for Mull.

Newsletter: No Crossword until end of October, £5 voucher for use in the club shop for best article by a non-committee member

Website: The website will be revamped with the events being made public (but no personal information). A club mobile phone will be looked into to act as a club contact for non-members. The static text on the site will also be updated.

The members section of the site will have a notice board, pictures of runs, Bikebytes archive and a links page. These modifications will be done once the public pages have been updated

AOCB: Scottish BMF AGM May 12th and 13th

Next Meeting: Dunoon BBQ (26th May) at 2pm

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Events for 2007

Date	Destination / Meeting point	Details	Organiser	Contact Details
Sunday, 22 April 2007	Arrochar: Meet at Stirling Services 9:45am for a 10am departure	Arrochar via Helensburgh and Gairlochhead	Les Mackie	
Friday, 27 April 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA	Jerry Dawe	jerrydawe@hotmail.com 07710 569121
Sunday, 29 April 2007				
Sunday, 6 May 2007	<u>RE-SCHEDULED from March 18th</u> : Crieff and Central Highlands; Meet at Stirling Services; 9:45am for a 10am departure	Coffee stop at Crieff Visitor Centre(@58 miles), Lunch at The Coach House, Killin(@127 miles), run to finish via Criannlarich, Lochearnhead, Callander, Aberfoyle, Mentieth, Kippen and along Carron Valley	Steve Middleton	Steve Middleton - middleton27bha@aol.com
Wednesday, 9 May 2007	Club Night; Black Bitch Tavern @ 8pm			
Thursday, 10 May 2007	Recce for weekend away later in year. West Coast, Applecross	Details TBA	Jerry Dawe	jerrydawe@hotmail.com 07710 569121
Friday, 11 May 2007				
Sunday, 13 May 2007				
Sunday, 20 May 2007	Kinlochleven; Meet at Dobies Garden Centre, A84, off Jct 10, M9,Stirling. 9:45am for a 10am departure		Judy Broad	judy.broad@btinternet.com
Friday, 25 May 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA	Steve Middleton	Steve Middleton - middleton27bha@aol.com
Saturday, 26 May 2007	BBQ weekend at Secretary Quirk's place; Meet at Linlithgow, West Port Hotel car park at 9:30am, alternatively meet at 11am at The Real Food Cafe in Tyndrum (on left before you get to Green Wellie on the right). Arriving at John Quirk's gaff for 2pm.	Hotel accommodation available at the Esplanade Hotel, Dunoon @£35 per person per night (£10 deposit payable to John or Jerry when booking). Sunday Run to Campbeltown with an alternate meeting point of Tarbet for those just coming for the Sunday. Timings TBA for Sunday.	John Q and Jerry D	If you are not travelling with the majority of the party, check out http://www.western-ferries.co.uk/ for details of ferry times
Sunday, 27 May 2007				

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Monday, 28 May 2007	Open Day at Pheonix Honda, Grangemouth.	The Honda Truck will be on site with all Honda models available for test rides.		
Sunday, 3 June 2007				
Sunday, 10 June 2007				
Wednesday, 13 June 2007	Club Night; Black Bitch Tavern @ 8pm			
Sunday, 17 June 2007				
Sunday, 24 June 2007				
Friday, 29 June 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA		
Sunday, 1 July 2007				
Sunday, 8 July 2007	Seahouses via Borders; Meet at Sainsbury's car park at Straiton, A701, Edinburgh 9:45am for 10am departure	Details TBA	Bob Kibble	Bob Kibble - bobk@education.ed.ac.uk
Wednesday, 11 July 2007	Club Night; Black Bitch Tavern @ 8pm			
Saturday, 14 July 2007	BMF Kelso Bikefest; 10am-5pm, Springwood Park, Kelso	Club will have a stand again this year; looking into camping behind the stand		
Sunday, 15 July 2007				
Sunday, 22 July 2007				
Friday, 27 July 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA		
Sunday, 29 July 2007	RE-SCHEDULED from May 13th ; Kirkudbright; Meet at Dreghorn Services on Edinburgh Bypass (A720) 9:45am for a 10am departure.	Dreghorn, Moffatt (coffee), Dumfries, Dalbeatie, Kirkudbright (Lunch), New Galloway, Thornhill, Abingdon Services (End)	Janet and John Moss	Janet and John Moss - john.moss@sun.com
Sunday, 5 August 2007	Glendaruel (Argyll Peninsula); Meet at Stirling Services 9:45am for a 10am departure	Details TBA	Hamish Davidson	
Wednesday, 8 August 2007	Club Night; Black Bitch Tavern @ 8pm			
Sunday, 12 August 2007				
Sunday, 19 August 2007				
Sunday, 26 August 2007				
Friday, 31 August 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA		
Sunday, 2 September 2007				

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Sunday, 9 September 2007				
Wednesday, 12 September 2007	Club Night; Black Bitch Tavern @ 8pm			
Sunday, 16 September 2007				
Sunday, 23 September 2007				
Friday, 28 September 2007	Monthly Chip shop run	Details TBA		
Sunday, 30 September 2007				