



# BikeBytes

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## JERRY DAWE 1953 TO 2007

Jerry was an excellent ambassador for the SMC and motorcycling in general. We will all miss the joking about his Multistrada.

Jerry always took our ribbing with good humour, knowing deep down that he had the best bike in the world (in his unbiased opinion). Jerry was an exemplarily rider and was always willing to help coach those who needed a confidence boost, taking less experienced riders under his wing for 1:1 attention. He had a vision of where we should be taking the club, and the committee will endeavour to push forward in the direction Jerry had set.



Abiding memories of Jerry include a stand off with a Highland Coo on Mull, him jumping off his bike and chasing after a Volvo driver who had failed to give way to our group on a single track road, always being there before anyone else at the meeting point, but most of all being a good hearted, kind and considerate bloke who was always ready for a chat and a laugh. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Below are some thoughts by club members.

"He struck me as one of life's a gentle souls who would not hurt a fly. I do remember that he had great enthusiasm for the club and the others in it."

"I've only known Jerry through the short time I've been with the SMC, but it feels like I've known him for years as he was always so helpful, cheerful and obviously, like most of us, loved his biking."

"When I went on the ride out with him late last year he seemed to have a good attitude and riding style on the bike. He essentially - and that ride-out- was the reason why I decided to join the club"

"He was a lovely man and always friendly and helpful to me. A terrible loss."

"That is very sad news indeed. While I only new Jerry for a short time, he seemed a top bloke."

"I have to say that I am very saddened to here this news. What more can I say, a very sad day and a great loss to the club."

Your Committee

## CRIEFF AND BEYOND - 6 MAY

This was the run postponed from 18 March when there was snow at the start and only three of us showed up. This time we had fair looking weather with a threat of rain, and there were five of us – Chairman Jerry Dawe (Ducati Multistrada) was shepherding Lorna Anderson (Honda CBR600) on her first run following some coaching, Steve MacKinnon

(Honda Transalp), John Moss (Honda Pan 1100) and Steve Middleton (VFR750). John volunteered as Tail End Charlie,



we decided there were too few of us to bother with the drop off system or day-glo jackets and set off.

We split into two groups at Airth so Lorna could go with Jerry for some more coaching on a more direct route – well done Jerry – and the other three set about the twisties through Culross, past Knockhill and over to Dunning before meeting up at the Visitor Centre in Crieff. Barbara the manager had an area set aside for us and we relaxed after a wetting on the climb up from Yetts of Muckhart towards Dunning. Luckily the rain not lasted too long, but it had been bouncing! We decided lunch and phoned ahead the order.

John and Steve did the full loop anticlockwise via Comrie and the moor road south towards Braco and back to Crieff before following the route of the others via Aberfeldy to Killin and the lunch arranged at the Coach House. Excellent as usual, we got a good welcome from the staff and locals, and the dogs.

After lunch and refuelling at Lix Toll we headed South via Lochearnhead, Loch Lubnraig and the Duke's Pass to Aberfoyle, and on through Thornhill, Fintry and the Carron Valley Reservoir to conclude under the M80 at Denny. The full run had been just about

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200 miles, and John and Steve added a few more chasing home to Linlithgow.

So, a good day not spoiled by the bit of rain because the rest had been good weather. A shame that so few had turned out - the similar run last year had filled the lunch room at the hotel, and we'd had snow during the run beside Loch Tay!

**Steve Middleton**

## CHIP SHOP RUN – 25 MAY

Am I doing something wrong? With only five on my Crieff run and just John Moss joining me to go for a chippie, I'm feeling like Billy-no-mates!! Anyways, you missed yourselves – we had a good run to Biggar via Breich cross-roads, Harelaw, Blyth Bridge, Stobo and Broughton before stopping at the excellent chippie on Biggar main street – they've had all sorts of awards and it shows in the good food, freshly cooked while we waited, eaten on the benches round a bush in the square next door. John was on Janet's Honda Hornet, giving it a run out while she recovers from her back surgery. He reported it went well. Must be quite a difference to his usual Pan 1100. Both of us took pictures showing we were in Biggar – I wonder why that was, eh, Mr. Secretary Quirk?

Returning back via Whitecastle to Carnwath revealed the only problem of the route – we were heading into the sun on some sections and had to almost stop for safety on several occasions on rises where we were pointing straight at it. Forward planning came to the fore to spot when the next face-full of sun would occur and to make preparations. The Lang Wang took us towards West Calder, Bathgate and past Beecraig into Linlithgow and home for 10pm. 100 miles in 2½ hours – including a leisurely meal.

**Steve Middleton**

## CRIEFF RUN – 18 MARCH

Ah well, at least I tried!

The day dawned cold and very windy, with a forecast of snow for the central Highlands area this run was aiming for. For once my plans seemed to have fallen into place, all the preparation and route listings, notification via [BikeBytes](#) and the website were all taken care of, and then the bl\*\*dy weather lets me down! Grrr. Cold I can accept in the middle of March, wind is OK, but given the current mild conditions and the promise of globally warmed better weather it's a bit much to get howling near-gales, zero degree temperatures and a strong promise of snow!

Anyway, two others and I turned up at Stirling – well done Neil and Gary – for



the meet at 9:45, and we quickly decided to postpone the event when no-one else appeared by the 10:00am start time.

I decided to make use of being in Stirling to visit some of the retail and car outlets at the outskirts of the City, only to find I couldn't think of anything I really wanted to check out. The car showroom where I wanted to check up on the type of car we planned to hire for our holiday was shut, and HEY! the wind was dying down a bit and the sun coming out. WooHoo!! – I set off for a devious route towards home involving the Ochil Hillfoots – and kept going!!

At the end of the day I covered about two-thirds of the planned route! Solo 140 miles. I had snow along Loch Earn, but I got a lovely view up Loch Lubnaig. I had wet roads in the Trossachs, but I got quiet roads and more good views.



My heated grips plus good kit kept the cold out and I got home in a great frame of mind. Good job too – I'd spent the previous afternoon repairing and patching the exhaust system and this was a fair reward for a good day's work. The repairs held together, and the next weekend I fitted a new exhaust system.

So folks, the route listings are still in the box and the catering I'd set up are keen to see us sometime. I'll reschedule the run and notify in the usual way – it's a good'un and test-ridden to prove it!

**Steve Middleton**

## LAST MONTHS £5 WINNER

The winner of the 'Article of the month written by a non-committee member' was Steve MacKinnon.

**Paul**

## B&B IN HOLLAND

A Bed and Breakfast, run by bikers, for bikers, in North Holland (between Groningen and Assen) are offering discounts for club members. For further details visit [www.bikemotel.nl](http://www.bikemotel.nl).

**Paul**

## CLUB CLOTHING DELIVERED

If you ordered clothing with the Club logo from Steve Middleton take note it has arrived. You can collect from Steve at the next Club meeting on 13th June - bring your money!! If you can't be there then phone him 01506 842626 to arrange posting / payment, or send a message via the Contacts page on the SMC website.

**Steve Middleton**



# Scottish Motorcycle Club



**SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007  
BLACK BITCH**

**SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD 27 MAY 2007 IN THE BLACK BITCH**

It was with deep shock and sadness that the Club had heard of the tragic death of its Chairman, Jerry Dawe, on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

**Present:** John Moss, Janet Moss, Brian Cotter, Steve Middleton, Paul Broughton, John Quirk, Judy Broad.

**Apologies:** Arthur Shepherd.

**Minutes of April's Committee Meeting:** Accepted. Proposed by John Moss, Seconded by Judy Broad.

**Secretary's Report:** 67 members, 3 enquiries. Majority of members on e-mail.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance - £800. £160 to be paid for merchandise but will be reimbursed as members pay for their orders. Kelso yet to be paid for.

## **EVENTS**

### **Past**

Judy's Run to Kinlochleven – 10 bikes – excellent Run.

Steve's Chip Shop Run – 2 bikes to Biggar. Fast ride.

### **Future**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Honda Phoenix, Falkirk. Test ride bikes. 9.00am onwards.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Bob Crawley's run. Details to be advised.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Steve Middleton to lead a Run. TBA

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Paul Broughton to lead a Run. TBA

**Website:** Website is paid up to April 2008. Events are on public site. There is a new Bulletin board for Committee members to access and test. Jerry's picture and any reference to Jerry as Chairman is to be removed. Brian to advertise for tributes and memories of Jerry.

**Bikebytes:** send material and it will be published. Steve McKinnon awarded "best" article in April Bikebytes. £5 merchandise voucher available for him to purchase item from catalogue. John M to e-mail all members on distribution list to send memories of Jerry to Paul for inclusion in May's Bikebytes and also send any photos of Jerry to Brian for the website.

**Merchandise:** order has arrived and ready for collection.

## **AOB**

Members requested to send any photos of 2007 Runs to Brian. John Q will send April's Bikebytes to Brian. Judy asked that Tips for Safe Riding on website to be updated – Steve to do this. John M is to Chair Club Meeting in June. A floral tribute in the shape of the Club emblem is being organised for Jerry's funeral. Anybody wishing to can meet at the the West Port Hotel car park at 11.30am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> to go to Jerry's funeral in convoy. Members are asked to send any photos they have of Jerry with his bike to Brian and these will be forwarded onto the Singles Club.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Moss' house, 8.00pm.

### **1. AGENDA FOR CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE, BLACK BITCH, LINLITHGOW.**

- 1 Any matters arising from Committee Meeting.
- 2 Video Club
- 3 Bikebytes Article
- 4 Events
- 5 AOB

Janet Moss