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BikeBytes

The Monthly Magazine Of The Scottish Motorcycle Club

WELCOME

The dreich winter days are long behind us now and already we have enjoyed some excellent club runs, some of which are described in this issue. This is a special time of year as the club runs season gets into full swing, with the anticipation of long summer days ahead and long summer rides on roads both familiar and not so familiar.

So, welcome to the June issue of new-look BikeBytes. We hope you like the subtly updated logo.

A slightly belated but very warm welcome to new members Callum Dryden from Edinburgh who has a Honda CBR600, Robin McClintock from Bonnyrigg who rides a Suzuki V-Strom 650 and Martyn Wade who lives in Linlithgow and rides a Honda VFR. Also, a welcome back to the fold to re-joining members Gordon & Jan Graham from Balfron Station who have a Honda Blackbird and Andrew Porter from Bridge of Don who rides a Yamaha R6. We hope you all enjoy membership of the SMC and hope to see you on many of our upcoming runs.

Thank you to all members from 2007/2008 who have renewed their subscription. I'd like to remind any members from last year who have not yet renewed that the paltry sum of £15 for single membership is now due and will be gratefully received by me at 21 Parkdyke, Stirling, FK7 9LR. My other contact details are at the bottom of this page.

Steve MacKinnon

THE TREASURE HUNT

It started with a suggestion at the AGM (from Bob, I think) to have a treasure hunt. The challenge was bravely taken up by Paul Broughton and on a bit of a soggy Saturday (17th May) ten bikes, with three 2-up, congregated, armed with maps, at the Castle Campbell Hotel in Dollar. There was John and I on the Pan, Bruce and Una on Bruce's Monster, Ken and Fiona Eddie on their BMW, Judy, Steve Middleton, David Jerome, another David, Susan, and Alan and Vicky. We were given our instructions and seven location clues of which we had to complete six and one was compulsory, the answers all being numbers. We then had to meet at the Red Lion pub in Doune by 12.45pm. After a lot of map searching and route planning we all set off. God knows where everyone else went but we started in Pool of Muckhart, then down to Culross and onto Grangemouth where we spent a great deal of time examining the bikes at Phoenix Honda! From there we went to Dunblane where I did my Annika Rice impression running down to the river and quizzing the locals. We then went via the David Stirling Memorial onto the Priory at Monteith and then the pub in Doune where we met up with Paul on his Transalp and Ken Russell on his 125. We also met up with Susan and learned of Vicky's mishap with some diesel, so that was us two bikes down. (After a brief visit to hospital she was found to have a badly bruised shoulder but is fine).



Soon everyone else arrived and after a swift soup, sandwich and a warm-up, we were given the next set of questions and it was off to the Battle of Sheriff Muir memorial, down to Causewayhead where we missed

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the clue (this being the downfall of various members as the clue had been stolen overnight and David Jerome who lost his keys!!) and onto the Robert the Bruce statue at Bannockburn (where I did another imitation of Annika running across the field in full kit, much to the amusement of several dog walkers). From there we found an unusual clue at a roundabout at Tullibody and onto Alloa docks, then Powmill and finally down that great road to Dunning to search out a burnt witch. We returned via another good biking road through Glendevon to the finish in Dollar, where we all gathered for more soup, sandwiches and the results. Surprisingly, John and I were pronounced the winners (see photo of John sporting his prize!!).

Thanks to Paul for organising a super day. It was a real change to just going out for a Run but I still think those who did it on their own deserved extra points!

Janet Moss

EAR PROTECTION

Protecting one's hearing is a subject which is important for everyone, as I know only too well. I have some considerable loss of hearing - and it's not *all* just due to old age! Significant contributory causes were firing rifles, Sten submachine Guns (designed by Major Shepherd!), Bren light machine Guns, working in the butts (ie the target area being shot at) and throwing grenades in the Army Cadets, TA and Army - without any hearing protection. Fifty years of motorcycling (mostly without any hearing protection at all) have also taken their toll. The old ear plugs, even if you could get them properly inserted, usually fell out after a few minutes. There was also a sense of macho bravado – "I'm not wearing *those* cissy things!".

Loss of hearing is gradual and it's *irreversible* – you *cannot* get it back. At first, you may notice that some folk don't speak very loudly and/or they don't speak clearly "like they used to". You find yourself asking people to repeat what they've just said. "Speak up, for God's sake!" Do other people complain about the TV you're watching being too loud? There is, of course, an element of self denial. "There's nothing wrong with *my* hearing – it's everyone else mumbling"! This can become quite irritating and frustrating for yourself and other members of your family or business. You find yourself not fully participating in conversations or, embarrassingly, making a comment on something after the conversation has moved on to something else. And then there are meetings, bars, restaurants, theatres anywhere there's background noise and so on – and the telephone can be a problem.

Once your hearing loss reaches the stage when even *you* accept that hearing aids really are required, be prepared for some surprises. Free on the NHS? About two years' waiting. Private? Be ready to spend a few thousand pounds which could have been put towards a new bike. What's more, even with the very best and most expensive hearing aids, YOUR HEARING WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AS IT WAS.

Two professional NHS audiologists recommend ear protection whilst motorcycling and have set up a company called Plugzz supplying moulded ear plugs. You have ear moulds taken and your own personal ear plugs made. Moulded ear plugs are just one type of hearing protection available and I cannot personally recommend Plugzz because I haven't used them - but I do *very strongly recommend effective ear protection before it's too late*. They are medically qualified, exhibit at bike shows and can be contacted on info@plugzz.co.uk. So, check them out for yourself!

Arthur Shepherd (Old Fine Art)

LOOK OUT...BIKE!

THE MOTORCYCLIST AND THE CAR DRIVER CAN BE FRIENDS, PROVIDING THEY LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER, AS MOTORING JOURNALIST SPENCER MI ZEN DISCOVERS

IN ITS REPORT, 'Tomorrow's Roads: Safer for Everyone', the Department for Transport (DfT) claims that Britain's roads are among the safest in the world – and with some justification. Road deaths have fallen by over a third in the UK in the past two decades and, in 2006, fewer people died on our roads than at any other time in the past 40 years.

Yet not everything in the garden is rosy – especially if you're on two wheels. Motorcyclists may represent just 1 % of traffic, but they account for 18% of all deaths and serious injuries. In fact, motorcyclists are 40 times more likely to die than car drivers and, while our roads grow safer for most users, motorcycle fatality rates continue to travel in the wrong direction. Yet, by thinking ahead and raising our awareness of our fellow road users, both drivers and motorcyclists can do their bit to help reduce the death toll.

AT THE JUNCTION

Of all the areas of our road traffic network, motorcyclists are at most danger at junctions. "When approaching junctions, motorcyclists need to make themselves as visible to other road users as possible," says Dave Shenton, the Institute of Advanced Motorists' National Motorcycle Manager. "By moving away from the kerb into the middle of the road, bikers will reduce the chances of post boxes and lamp posts obstructing a driver's view of them, and also give themselves a better view of what's ahead."

ROUND THE BEND

Visibility should also be at the forefront of motorcyclists' minds when approaching bends as

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around one in four motorcycle accidents occur at corners. "Motorcyclists need to get a view of the bend as soon as they can," advises Dave Shenton. "So, if they're approaching a left-hand bend, they should move to the right – obviously keeping aware of approaching traffic. This should also stop them drifting wide when leaving the bend."

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Always ride within your limits and take into account the conditions you are riding in. "The speed limit may be 30mph, but if the road surface is wet, or you're driving past a school or through a busy shopping centre, 20mph may be too fast," says Dave Shenton. "If in doubt, slow down!"

Motorcyclists aren't the only road users who need to be more vigilant. Drivers also need to change their habits. In fact, the DfT report, 'In-Depth Study of Motorcycle Accidents', concludes that the most common cause of motorcycle crashes is a 'right of way violation'. The majority of these incidents occur at T-junctions and it is usually the motorist – rather than the biker – who is at fault. In fact, around 1,500 motorcyclists are killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads every year in incidents when drivers take a quick look at junctions but still don't see the bike approaching.

According to Dave Shenton, motorists can do a lot to improve their awareness of motorcyclists before they even start their engines. "Sit in your car and ask a member of your family to walk around the vehicle," he says. "Where your view of your family member is obscured, so your view of other road users will be obscured as well. This will tell you where your blind spots are and teach you how to adjust your position to see all around your vehicle when you're on the road."

See www.kwik-fitinsurance.com for more information.

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FIRST BIKE ON THE SCENE

In March we ran a First Aid course along the lines of the First Bike On The Scene. This was very well received by the participants, and there is interest in running a second session.

Please get in touch with me (events@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk) if you would be interested in attending this second session. The course runs for most of the day, and will probably be held on a Saturday.

Provisional details are:

*Date: TBA
*Time: *11am - 6pm
*Venue: *Linlithgow (TBC)
*Cost: *£25 a head
Maximum number of participants: 15

The instructor is Derek McNaught. He is an experienced instructor who has taught Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics on how to deal with RTAs, and has also given instruction to the Scottish Motor Racing Marshal's Club.

John Moss

BORDERS WEEKEND 27/28TH SEPTEMBER

As you will see from the attached booking form for the Borders weekend, the hotel has changed! We shall still be riding around the Borders but staying in Dumfries. The price is still the same, so if you are up for a brilliant weekend doing the best roads the Borders have, being led by the one and only Bob Crawley. get your order form in early as the rooms are going fast!

Janet Moss

BMF TAKES TO THE TRACK WITH RIDER EXPERIENCE DAYS!

The BMF has teamed up with the VNE Consultancy to deliver a series of circuit based riding experiences, but without the macho element and peer pressure often associated with such events. The BMF Rider Experience Days will take place at some of the countries favourite race circuits, i.e. Mallory Park, Cadwell Park and Knockhill. The aim of the day is to provide each participant with the knowledge and confidence to really explore their own abilities and that of their machines in a safe and controlled environment where the emphasis is very much on having a great day out and enjoying riding motorcycles, rather than seeking out that last 1000th of a second!

The BMF has long recognised that many riders have pre-conceived ideas on taking to a race circuit and therefore a degree of trepidation. Riders often choose not venture onto the circuit for fear of not being fast enough or stepping outside of their comfort zone. This is where the BMF days are different says VNE's Tim Bradshaw: "A race circuit enables participants to concentrate 100% on machine control and provides us with the perfect environment in which to further the motorcyclists skills without fear of oncoming traffic or prosecution for speeding." On the day, VNE's team of professional riders, including former British Super Bike riders, Isle of Man TT racers and F1 Sidecar pilots, will provide Instruction. As well as track sessions, riders will also be able to attempt a Buell skills course and attend lessons on how to select the best line through the corners. Buell Motorcycles will also support a number of the events where participants will have the opportunity to try a

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Buell on circuit completely free of charge. From start to finish the VNE team will ensure that riders receive as much help as they need to make the best of the BMF Rider Experience Day. The days are open to members and none members but with special rates for BMF members. To book, call Jane Longthorn at BMF Events on: 0116 284 5392.

John Quirk

LOANER

I took Janet's Hornet into Jim Allan's for it's 16K mile service yesterday, and they gave me a GSXR-1000 as a loaner for the day!

Unfortunately I had to go into work, but for the short opportunity I had to ride it I was very impressed. It was quite comfortable to ride (more so than the SP1 I had), not at all cramped, and what an engine! The one they gave me was a 51 plate, so heaven knows what the latest version is like after a further 7 years development! This bike is mind-blowingly fast, much too easy to attract the wrong sort of attention from the boys in blue, but, having said that, I did find myself checking out the used ones in the MCN Bike Mart . Had to give myself a slap before someone else did.

John.Moss

4 DAYS TOURING ON A SHOE STRING.(05/05/08)



You get that feeling that your gagging to get on yer bike and go for a run-you know what I mean? The sun was shinning and the Bandit was ready to go with only the tank bag for luggage-is that enough, who cares? Along the M9 and Comrie looking good

On to Lochearn and Crianlarich, settling down into touring mode, the Bandit gave a smooth ride to the green welly, cup of tea time & loads bikes parked up & the pilots all making plans. On to Glencoe with the little trials bikes wizzing by from Fortwilliam to the visitor center for lunch and over the Corran ferry to Ardgour, one of the bikes on ferry was a Ariel square 4 .The plan was to walk up the Corbet RISIPOLE about 3 hours hike up. Views of Muck, Rum,& Eigg and beyond was my reward over a cup of tea. Stayed overnight at Strontian in a hostel-cheap as chips with breakfast for £17.

Moved north to the Mallaig road and ferry to Skye, again the hostel at Carbost with a pub was the target, and made the most of the day with a walk in the Cullins and along the beach at glen brittle. Heading for Torridon in the morning after a large brekkie, via Plonkton & Lochcarron. Brilliant sunny weather-Scotland at its best. Parked up at Inveralligan, Torridon and set off up the hill track beside beautiful waterfalls and cristal clear waters heading for the Corbet Ben Dearg. At the summit stunning panoramic mountain views and the coast were soaked up over lunch and a lovely mountain walk back to the waiting Bandit. Heading for the coast road via Gairloch with petrol stations closed as it was after 6pm and the beast was needing a drink (not again)i had to stay the night at Dundonald and get petrol in the morning. I got the last bed in a hostel sharing a room with 6 other guys-by the way you'd think they unpacked their bags and just flung clothes at random. Headed the bike home in the morning to end a great tour, via Inverness and sunbathing at Loch Morlich for lunch as I gazed up at the Cairngorm Mountains with the last of the snow in the corries and ridges-perfect.

Les Mackie

COME AND JOIN US (THIS MONTHS RUNS)

Fancy a cream bun? Susan and Una are offering to share one with us on '"Susan and Una's cream bun run" with Lunch at The George Hotel in Inverary. Saturday, 7 June meeting at Stirling Services 9:45am for a 10am departure

Come along for coffee and sandwiches at the monthly club night on Wednesday 11 June in the Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow, meeting starts 8pm. The night's theme yet to announced, if you have subject that you would like discussed at a club night then please email a member of the committee.

The much cancelled jaunt over the Ochils and Campsies is planned again for Sunday June the 15th. The last two times this run was planned it was cancelled due to flooded roads, third time lucky? Meet at Dobies Garden Centre, Jn 10 of M9.

How well do you know the hills and backroads of the East Lothian coast? Your chance to improve your knowledge is on Sunday, 29th June meeting at Sainsbury's supermarket car park, Straiton junction, Edinburgh, 9.45am for 10.00am departure

Chips, chips glorious chips – don't forget the Monthly Chip shop run meeting at West Port car park, Linlithgow at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm departure

Paul Broughton

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

At the last club meeting I mentioned that I was thoroughly enjoying myself getting back to shooting, and in particular clay targets. For anyone not familiar with this sport it is usually a 12 bore over/under shotgun which is used to "bust" clay targets coming at you from various angles and heights simulating bird flights. One needs to be alert with quick reactions as the time frame is only between 2 to 3

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seconds on a fast moving target. (It should be good for bikers!)

I have contacted Cluny Clays who have a very professional set up and cater for individuals and groups with no shooting experience or equipment. Prices would be around £36 per person and this would include an instructor, cartridges, gun use and shooting safety accessories. Afterwards we could use the excellent restaurant lounge area for coffee and sandwiches or a meal if preferred.

Cluny clays is situated between the villages of Cluny and Kingglassie on the B922 in Fife, north east of the Forth Road Bridge. May I suggest meeting at the Lizzie Bryce Service Station, Livingston on Sunday 22nd of June at 0945 departing 1000. In order to book in advance please can I have names at the next club meeting

Norrie Millar

PAUL'S TREASURE HUNT

First of all I have to apologise to Steve Middleton who threw away his chance (albeit slim anyway of winning the challenge as he helped to look for my keys' that I had dropped at a park at Stirling.

Things started off very well, apart from being half an late at the start, I have a new SatNav, so what could go wrong, I had it in the bag. I saw the Moss' examine their map in great detail, whilst I listed 5 locations on a bit of scrap paper to tap into the screen and let the nice lady direct me to the points.



I managed 5 clues before lunch, Paul handed out the next set of clues and as usual I was late in leaving, but Paul gave Judy and I some extra hints for a couple of the clues.

Things were going well until we got to the children's park at Causewayhead, looking for a clue entitled *"Go to Causewayhead and scramble around till you can count the Peahen Tarts"*. Now Paul has said that the clue was in the park, Judy, Dave and I asked everyone in the park, the Café, the Chippy and random people walking about, blank faces abounded, we were starting to feel uncomfortable asking questions in a kid's park dressed in bike gear. Dave left to look for some more clues as Steve Middleton arrived at this stage we were giving up and it here that I realised that I had dropped my keys somewhere in the park. I know about the free bus to the Wallace Monument, the Café owners have been there for 30 years, there is a powered flight monument just by the roundabout, in fact just ask me about Causewayhead in Stirling and I will know the answer.



Paul organised a great day out which was good fun and challenging, I'm just pleased that I found my keys, as Steve was looking uncomfortable about giving me a backie to Livingston.

David Jerome

KELSO 2008

This years Kelso show is on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of July, and as usual the Scottish Motorcycle Club will be having a presence there.

This years musical entertainment includes Tilted Smile, who were voted Jack Daniel's best new UK band 2006, and the band I am looking forward to seeing, Limehouse Lizzy – a Thin Lizzy tribute band. This particular lot won the "Live Band Of The Year" award (handed out by Guitarist Magazine) in 2001.

As well as the music, there are also stunts and other shows in the main arena, custom bike show and all the bike stands selling gloves, helmets boots and loads of other stuff. And of course, the banter from other club members and the food



Want to help man the club stand this year? Then let a committee member know

Paul Broughton

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ARTHURS 10 LOCHS RUN 11TH MAY 2008

Decisions, decisions. Saturday had been so bright and sunny that I'd swapped Goretex for leathers for a trip through to Edinburgh. Predictably, on the way home the sky turned leaden and by Linlithgow I was riding through torrential rain and standing water on the M9. Fortunately the Transalp's fairing and tall screen kept the worst of the rain off, though the rivulets of water running into my boots made for an uncomfortable ride home.

Come Sunday and the skies over Stirling were slightly overcast. Erring on the side of caution I chose the textile option and bade goodbye to Linda. She said something as I left but with helmet on and earplugs in I couldn't hear a word. Trying my best to lip read, I'm pretty she sure said, "Why don't you replace that old bike with something reassuringly expensive?", but I might have been mistaken.

As usual, I stopped to fill up with fuel on the way to the meeting point. Unleaded was up another penny. I filled up and paid, half expecting another price rise during my walk across the forecourt.

There was a large turnout for the run with 16 bikes ready for departure at 10am. Too many folk to list but some of the people I hadn't met on a run before were Willie on his stunning blue Harley custom, Mike O'Neill on a beautiful black Moto Guzzi Griso 1100 and Ken Eddie on a very tidy red R1100RS.

We were waved off from the services by Arthur and Fiona. Arthur, who had planned and recce'd the run and organised lunch, was travelling by car and took direct routes to meet us at the various stops during the day.

This was my first attempt at the role of Tail End Charlie and my greatest worry was losing people or sailing past riders who had been 'dropped off' especially as there were so many bikes involved in our run, not to mention the hundreds of other bikers out for the day.

Loch Lubnaig was dispatched as the sun broke through and the temperature started to rise rapidly. We were soon passing Lix Toll and a couple of the minor Lochs, Iubhair and Dochart. Our first break was to have been at the Green Welly but it was so busy we stopped at the shop next door for ice creams and drinks.

Norrie, George and Willie headed for home while the rest, gently cajoled into movement by run leader Judy, said a temporary farewell to Arthur and set off on the A82 as far as the B8074 where we turned down into Glen Orchy. Heeding Arthur's warning of grit on the centre of the road we wound our way through the glen and along the river side. It would have been pleasant to stop and dip a toe in the icy water but we had a schedule and lunch appointment to keep.



The A815 from Dalmally along the shore of Loch Awe is as fine a few miles of bends as you could wish for. It was over all too soon and suddenly we found ourselves deposited in tourist packed Inveraray, bagging Lochs Shira and Fyne in the process. No stopping here, though, but out of town, over the bridge and past the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar with just a hint of smoked salmon detectable in the breeze as we swept past.

At Cairndow we turned off onto the narrow and winding B839 which took us to Lochgoilhead where we were met by Robin on his Fazer 1000. Arthur had made the arrangements for lunch at the Lochgoilhead Hotel and a pleasant break was had by all. Loch Goil was our eighth loch of the day and pretty soon number nine, Loch Long, hove into view. A stop for fuel at Arrochar and then across to Tarbet and north up the west shore of loch number ten, Loch Lomond. By now there was a lot of traffic on this narrow loch-side section of the A82 and making progress became a bit of a chore until the end of the loch was reached and the road opened up into longer straight stretches which allowed safer overtaking. From Crainlarich we retraced our route from the morning as far as Lochearnhead where we took the recently reopened, and quite gravelly, south Loch Earn road to St Fillans. It was only a short hop from there to the next stop at the Tullybannocher Restaurant where we again met Arthur.

For some folk this was a convenient point at which to head home while a few of us completed the run via Crieff and Muthill to finish at the restaurant at Powmill.

A great ride out. Thanks to all who turned up to make it a thoroughly enjoyable day and to Judy for leading us round the 10 Lochs and 200 miles of finest Scottish roads and scenery. Special thanks to Arthur for planning an excellent route and organising lunch.

Steve MacKinnon

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Scottish Motorcycle Club

SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 7TH MAY 2008 AT THE MOSS' HOUSE

Present: Janet Moss, John Moss, Paul Broughton, Paul Heuvelmans, Steve Middleton, Steve MacKinnon, Arthur Shepherd, Judy Broad, Norrie Millar

Apologies: David Jerome, Bob Crawley.

Minutes from April's Committee Meeting: Accepted. Proposed by Arthur, seconded by Norrie.

Matters arising: none.

Secretary's Report: 55 paid up members. 6 brand new members. Reminders have gone out. Arthur has done 57 letters to lapsed members which have not gone out yet as waiting for David to print out **April's** Bikebytes to out with them – will go out asap.

Treasurer's Report: Balance just under £500. More to add to this from merchandise and subscriptions.

EVENTS

Past: 4th April – Steve's chip shop run – 3 bikes.

20th April – Steve's run to Crieff. 19/20 bikes involved.

1st May – John's chip shop run. 7 bikes including 2 new members.

Future:

Sunday 11th May – Arthur's 10 Loch's run. Judy to lead, Steve Mac to TEC. Meet 9.45am Stirling Services for 10am departure.

Saturday 17th May – Paul B's treasure hunt. Meet at 10am Castle Campbell Hotel, Dollar. 2 sets of 7 questions (am and pm) Pick 5 to do. Doune for lunch at 12.45pm. Need maps from Aberfoyle to Oakhill. John to send out email with details.

Sunday 25th May – either Steve Midd or Judy to lead a run possibly to Kinlochleven.

Thursday 5th June – chip shop run. Paul Broughton to lead.

Saturday 7th June – Una and Susan's cream bun run. Meet Stirling Services for 10am depart. Lunch in Inveraray.

The hotel for the September Borders weekend has changed to the Clonyard House Hotel at Colvend but Bob will still cover Keilder Forest, Hadrian's wall etc. Janet to do note and new form for June's Bikebytes.

Website: email addresses have been updated, committee1 is Steve Middleton, committee2 is Norrie Millar and committee3 is Bob Crawley. A complete revamp of the website is proposed by Paul H (in consultation with Paul B) which will allow people to put their own articles etc. on it. Paul H is to put up a temporary, basic 4 page website with main points on e.g. How to get in touch. He will develop new website in the background, then when ready get it out to members. There will be a calendar of events, a forum (which will need a moderator to keep it on track), things for sale, have Bikebytes on so can be downloaded rather than sent out each month. Skeleton structure already sorted. Paul H to put a plan together which will be sent out to Committee members to ask for help/comments. He asked for views on the slightly altered logo and the temporary website to be sent to him by Friday. His plan is to get the new website up and running by Kelso weekend (12/13 July).

Bikebytes: Lots of articles wanted, they do not have to be particularly bike related. Steve Midd to look in archives to see what happened this time a few years ago.

Merchandise: new order is being made up.

AOB: new website should help with recruitment of members. Steve Midd to draw up a list of dealers whom we have a discount with, do we still have a discount and how much is it? Requested that if any committee member goes into a dealer, they should find out and report to him. Discussion about getting business size cards with club details on to hand out to anyone. Paul B to look into. Steve Midd is to organise Kelso again. To be discussed at next meeting re manpower needed. Theme for club night to be road safety.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd June at Judy Broad's house.

Janet Moss

Scottish Motorcycle Club

BORDERS WEEKEND 27TH/28TH SEPTEMBER 2008

The Plan (so far!)
Bob Crawley will be leading the weekend around the Borders area. More details are to follow but be assured that this will be an excellent trip taking in the best roads the Borders have on offer!

The Accommodation
Fourteen rooms (7 twin and 7 double) have been booked at The Clonyard House Hotel, near Dalbeattie. The price is £30 per person bed and breakfast, with dinner extra. If one person takes a double/twin room then the cost will be £35. Visit the hotel's website www.clonyardhotel.co.uk for more info.

If you are interested, fill in the booking form below and return it to me as soon as possible with a £10 per person deposit. Please make cheques payable to Scottish Motorcycle Club.

The Booking Form

NAME(S) _____

BIKE(S) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NO. OF ROOMS REQUIRED **DOUBLE** _____

TWIN _____

ARE YOU PREPARED TO SHARE? _____

I ENCLOSE CHEQUE FOR £_____ PAYABLE TO SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

SEND FORM AND CHEQUE TO: JANET MOSS, 38 LOVELLS GLEN, LINLITHGOW, EH49 7TD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ANY QUERIES YOU CAN MAIL ME AT meetings@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk

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