

# BikeBytes

The Magazine of The Scottish Motorcycle Club

## **WELCOME...**

To the newest edition of BikeBytes. There's been some bikes out on the road with the sunnier weather, despite the cold, so I guess it's time for the warmer weather bikers to start preparing their bikes for the onset of Spring. It's a lighter issue of BikeBytes than usual, but, as ever, if anyone has anything they'd like to send in, please do!

## **Stickers**

We have (finally) got to the end of the batch of stickers that were bought a few years ago, so we have duly bought a new batch that have a slightly updated design. Each member will get a free sticker with their renewed membership this year so you will all have the chance to get a new sticker for your bikes!

## **Club Merchandise**

Why not treat yourself to some new club merchandise for the start of the season – we have a wide range of items including t-shirts, polo shirts, rugby shirts, long sleeve roll neck tops (ideal to keep you warm on the bike!) and fleeces as well as beanies, baseball caps and patches.

Merchandise is available exclusively to club members and can be ordered online and delivered to club natter nights / runs or to your home address for a small postage charge and 10% commission is paid back to club funds on all items purchased – so what are you waiting for?

To view the full range available, just go to the SMC Website at [www.scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk](http://www.scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk) then log in and click Merchandise Shop from the panel on the left hand side for further links direct to the dedicated web site.

If you have any queries then email myself or my wife Mandy as we run the merchandise shop as well as being active club members ourselves and we can be contacted on [info@inch-embroidery.co.uk](mailto:info@inch-embroidery.co.uk) or speak to us at one of the club runs or natter nights.



**Peter Johnson, Merchandising Officer**

## **AGM**

The AGM will be taking place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Black Bitch in Linlithgow. There have been two proposals submitted this year for changes to the Constitution. If you have any strong feelings about these proposals, please do come and vote – every Club Member is entitled to have their say.

### **Motion 1 - Proposed Changes to the Club Rules and Constitution**

The Committee are proposing some changes to the Club Rules and Constitution.

The reasons are as follows :-

- a) We recognise that communications with the Membership has changed since the days when a monthly newsletter was posted out to the Members to convey the information on forthcoming events etc. This is now done by a combination of direct e-mails to Members; our Web-site; and to a lesser extent in Bikebytes. For this reason we propose the changes noted to sections 5.2, 7.5, 7.6.
- b) There is a conflict in the wording as to when Members would be advised of any proposed changes to the Constitution. This also brings the words in to line with how this has been dealt with in recent years. Hence the proposed changes to 9.6 and 10.2.
- c) We feel that the Club should be open to all bikers including learners, to encourage the growth of new bikers in the Club and help increase and widen our Membership. We have included a restriction on the runs that learners would be allowed to attend. See proposed change to 12.1.

## **5 COMMUNICATION**

Present wording :-

5.2 The Club recognises that not all Members are able to attend all meetings so a Club Newsletter is provided, normally monthly, to Members with news of Members, events and other activities.

Proposed wording :-

5.2 The Club recognises that not all Members are able to attend all meetings so news of Club events and other activities will be posted on the Club Website and in the Club Newsletter.

## **7 COMMITTEE**

Present wording :-

7.5 The Editor produces the Club Newsletter normally every month. Distribution involves the Membership Secretary and Web-Master.

7.6 (Last sentence) A summary of upcoming events is circulated to Members in the Club newsletter.

Proposed wording :-

7.5 The Editor produces the Club Newsletter and distributes to the Members.

7.6 (Last sentence) A summary of upcoming events is communicated to Members.

## **9 MEETINGS**

Present wording :-

9.6 Proposed changes to this Constitution will be voted upon only at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any proposed changes will be included in the notice of that meeting.

Proposed wording :-

9.6 Proposed changes to this Constitution will be voted upon only at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

(i.e. delete last sentence as this conflicts with 10.2 , 5th sentence, which needs some modification)

## **10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Present wording :-

10.2 (last sentence) The closing date for receiving these will be the date of the Club meeting before the AGM.

Proposed wording :-

10.2 (last sentence) The closing date for receiving these will be the date of the Club meeting before the AGM after which this information will be communicated to the Members.

## **12 CLUB EVENTS**

Present wording :-

12.1 (1st sentence) For reasons of safety, all riders (both Members and their guests) participating in Club runs must hold a valid full UK motorcycle licence or legally acceptable equivalent and a valid certificate of motor insurance.

Proposed wording :-

12.1 (1st sentence) For reasons of safety, all riders (both Members and their guests) participating in Club runs must hold a valid full or provisional (with valid CBT Certificate) UK motorcycle licence or legally acceptable equivalent and a valid certificate of motor insurance.

ie. INSERT THE WORDS “or provisional (with valid CBT Certificate) ” after “full”.

Add new sentence after 1st sentence “Holders of provisional licences will only be permitted to participate in Club runs that are specifically designated as being suitable for learner riders

Motion 2 - Proposed Change to the “Drop-off” system as documented on the club website This concerns a rider inviting an overtake.

There is a proposal, agreed by the Committee to alter the wording in the the section on The “Drop-Off” System from ‘consider inviting’ to ‘you should invite’ them to pass and “make progress”.

## **Upcoming Events**

There are not many upcoming events in the calendar at the moment, just the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> March. However, this means there are lots of available spaces in the calendar. If anyone would like to lead a run, or has idea for a run but would prefer not to lead, get in touch with the Events Coordinator (John Nicol) and it will be put in the calendar. Anyone can lead a run, or suggest a run so don't be shy!

**And Finally**

Please enjoy this dancing bird:

[https://video.twimg.com/ext\\_tw\\_video/702212299419832320/pu/vid/240x240/qtTI3tTbFOf5uVD-.mp4](https://video.twimg.com/ext_tw_video/702212299419832320/pu/vid/240x240/qtTI3tTbFOf5uVD-.mp4)

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