



The Magazine of The Scottish Motorcycle Club

## **WELCOME...**

to March's edition of Bikebytes, the last one before our AGM and my last one as Editor. I would to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed articles, photos and 'volunteered' pieces over the last three years and hope that we, the membership, all continue to support Bikebytes over the next term of the new Editor.

**Cheers, Janet Moss**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 10 March 2015** upstairs in The Black Bitch Tavern, 14 Westport, Linlithgow EH49 7AZ at 8.00pm. Please note the change of date/day as we are unable to hold our usual Club Night on the Wednesday. Our membership now stands at 66, so please try to attend the AGM, your voice and votes are important to the future of the Club. Sandwiches, tea and coffee will be provided!

## **HERITAGE SITES CHALLENGE 2015**

**The SMC 2015 Challenge is now open!**

The Heritage Sites Challenge, the sixth Challenge organised by the Club, is offered to give members an opportunity to take part in a Club activity without a fixed date, so that you can decide where to go and when to go, but still be able to share in the experience with other members. As usual the challenge is to visit eight or more of the sites during the calendar year 2015, record your visit by a photograph showing your motorcycle and the site, and submit the photo to record the visit in the Gallery (Club Challenges, then 2015 Heritage Site Challenge) on the website. Eight visits qualifies you for a Bronze award, twelve for Silver and the full sixteen for Gold.

We have chosen sixteen sites scattered around Scotland, each of historic interest and with an interesting location for us bikers. The Challenge rules and procedures are detailed [here](#) on the website and information on all the locations can be found [here](#) on the Forum.

So, get registered with a photo of you and your bike (showing the number plate) on the Members Register in the Gallery and let's see who can be first to register a visit!

## Rabbit in the Headlight

As it's my last Bikebytes and I initiated the 'Rabbit', I thought I better interview myself!



### **How long have you been a member of the SMC?**

Since the AGM 2002 (I think) before I passed my test. I used to go pillion on John's first BMW.

### **When did you pass your test and what was your first 'proper' bike?**

Autumn 2002 and I bought the Hornet 600 the following March.

### **What would be your dream bike?**

I'm really happy with the Fazer at the moment, but something fairly lightweight, upright, with a bit of solid luggage, very responsive and able to make 'good progress' would be my dream bike – any suggestions?

### **What is your favourite biking road?**

I have a few but I think the top of the list will always have to be the A86 Dalwhinnie to Spean Bridge (either way).

### **Where were you born and when (optional)?**

Shrewsbury, 1 April (Yes, ok, it probably explains a lot) 1961, but I don't consider myself a Salopian as I moved to Old Trafford when I was 6 months old.

### **What do you do for a living?**

I'm a Pupil Support Worker in a Primary School, supporting children with additional learning needs, helping the classroom teacher and doing playground supervision.

### **What's your favourite film?**

Pride and Prejudice.

### **What's your favourite food/drink?**

Sirloin steak with a well chilled Chablis.

**What's your pet hate?**

Inconsiderateness towards other people.

**What 3 items (not including your family) would you rescue from your house if it was burning down?**

The external hard drive on my computer which holds all our photos, the dishwasher (and I don't mean John) and my bike keys.

**Who from history would you like to meet and why?**

William Shakespeare, to see what kind of man he was, where he got his ideas, developed his style of writing and to explain what a lot of it actually means!

**Janet Moss**

**SOLUTION TO JANUARY'S CROSSWORD**

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**ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

Seventeen members met up at the Mercat Bar in Edinburgh for an evening of catching up with friends not seen over the winter, food and with the mode of transport for the night being the train, a drink or two to toast the award winners!

For those of you who weren't there to see who won which award, there's a list below. This also includes those who gained certificates for their efforts in the 2014 Golf Course Challenge. The main award, the Merit Shield, went to Steve MacKinnon for all his brilliant work over the years as Membership Secretary. Steve is resigning this year but thankfully will still be taking an active part in the Club.

**Most club runs attended by a non-committee member -**

Kenny Anderson : engraved glass

**Most club runs organised** - John Hill : engraved glass

**Most club runs organised by a non-committee member** - John Nicol : engraved glass.

**Members favourite photo on club website** - Alex Muir : engraved glass.

**Golf Course Challenge: certificates and coasters for all**

**Gold** : Sarah Eddie, Ken Eddie, Janet Moss, John Moss, John Hill, Tommy Taylor, John Nicol, Steve Middleton, Alasdair Wood

**Silver** : Gordon Robertson, Helena Morton, Jonathan Douglas

**Bronze** : David Goodenough, George Kay, Michael Wight

**Merit Shield** - Steve MacKinnon : Shield and engraved glass

**For long service to the Club** - Janet Moss and Ken Eddie : engraved glasses





