
The Monthly Magazine Of The Scottish Motorcycle Club

Welcome

Welcome to July's edition of **BikeBytes** and to two new members. **Stewart Lockhart**, decided to join after speaking to Sarah Eddie while we were on the Treasure Hunt. Stewart hails from Grangemouth and rides a BMWK1200RS. **Graeme Leask** recently became our latest member, having been persuaded to join by Martin Pennycook. Graeme comes from Livingston and rides a Honda Hornet 600. We hope you both enjoy your membership of the club and look forward to seeing you at upcoming runs and events.

Coming up in the next few weeks:

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th July – BMF Bikefest, Border Union Showground, Kelso

Wednesday 13th July - Club night. Black Bitch Tavern, West Port, Linlithgow. 8pm.

Sunday 17th July – Ken Eddie's half day run. Details TBA. Meet at Dreghorn Services on Edinburgh bypass at 12.45pm.

Sunday 24th July – Steve MacKinnon's run to Lindsfarne. Meet at Dreghorn Services on Edinburgh bypass at 9.45am.

Saturday 30th July – Ken Eddie's Annual BBQ at his house.

Thursday 4th August – Sarah Eddie's Posh Chip Shop Run to the Sheriffmuir Inn. Meet at Dobbies, Stirling at 6.45pm. As this is a 'sit in' meal, please let Sarah know if you wish to attend.

Please keep up to date by checking out the website:
www.scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk

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Editorial

I'm afraid that this month's **BikeBytes** is a bit 'skinny'. With all my preparations for the Kelso Bikefest and, I'm sure, other club members work putting the stuff together for the club stand, no-one has had time to do any 'copy' to fill the wide, blank spaces. ***(It's a good time now to start thinking of something for next month!)***

Anyway, I hope everyone has a great weekend at Kelso, whatever the weather and maybe there will be a few bargains to be had.

Remember to take both parts of your driver's licence as you'll need those to get on some of the demo rides of new Suzuki and Harley machines that will be available from local dealers attending the show.

I had a beautiful day out in the Borders last Sunday scouting out routes for the Saturday afternoon run from Kelso. I managed to get out early and make full use of an absolutely gorgeous day. The Borders was beautiful...sadly, it doesn't look as good this weekend, but you never know.

Ken Glendinning

Events

If you check the calendar of events on the website site you will see there are a few free spots in the coming and future weeks. If you fancy organising a run or other type of event, or just suggesting something that we can arrange for you, then please let us know at events@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk and we'll see what we can do.

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Run reports

Remember, there's lot's of reports online and photos in the gallery!

<http://www.scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk/>

Here's some extracts from the website on recent runs.

2nd July 2011: Keilder Water

What a fantastic day!! Weather was brilliant. 15 people on 14 bikes (on and off). Welcome to Robert (new member) on his first ride out. Great roads, especially the piece from Hawick down to Kielder. Coffee stop at The Water Wheel cafe in Selkirk. Lovely picnic for some overlooking Kielder water, lunch in the visitor centre for the rest. Afternoon tea at the garden centre in Kelso. Good run back via Coldstream and over the Lammermuirs to finish back at the bypass. Roads were really quiet considering the weather. 253 miles door to door for us. Cheers everyone. **Janet Moss**

26th June 2011: Distillery Challenge – Springbank, Campbeltown

Steve has summed up the day perfectly. It was very wet at times, we're having trouble finding places to dry everything out! I'm sure it's character building or something! Despite the rain, I enjoyed the day very much, I think Janet enjoyed getting home more than anything. Thanks again to John for stepping up and taking this marathon on, it's much appreciated. A quick count of bottles and I now have 9! Over half way there. **John Moss**

18th June: Thornhill/Moffat

The weather forecast got steadily worse from the moment I published this run, but I thought it was time I got out in the rain again, so headed down to Abington anyway and was enormously surprised and delighted to find Gavin and Allan already there! They were there for the first bit of the

run which is their local patch anyway, so with the rain still holding off we had a pleasant trundle over the Leadhills road avoiding sheep and lambs as we went, and stopped for a second cup of coffee at Drumlanrig Castle. They then turned off for home up the A702, while I decided to do some of the rest of the run and have lunch in Moffat before heading home. My satnav had ideas of its own and sent me round in circles twice near Lochmaben, after which I ignored it and did a lot better. Setting off from Moffat, the rain started and got heavier and heavier, so I got home drenched after doing 215 miles - enjoyed it though, as only the boots leaked!

Thanks for turning up, Gavin and Allan, also for the coffees; is there an award for the run with the least participants? **Judy Broad**

Articles for BikeBytes

PLEASE! Send any articles, pictures, funny stories or anything vaguely motorcycle related to:

bikebytes@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk

FOR SALE

- 1/ 04 Honda CBF600. In Saltire Suzuki for sale. Immaculate condition, only 19500 miles approx.
- 2/ Front and Rear Paddock stands
- 3/ New Open Faced Helmet Black with detachable sun visor size small
- 4/ New battery Optimiser III

With reference to 2/3/4/ above all reasonable offers will be considered.

Contact **Norrie Millar** at: maureen.millar@blueyonder.co.uk or home number 01506 493783

BikeBytes Crossword

Here are the answers to last month's TT-based crossword quiz...I hope you managed to get all the clues.

A new quiz next month.

