

South Cheshire Advanced Motorcycling Club

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Monthly Events

June 12-14th. Something local, how about a visit to our very own version of the Goodwood Festival. 'Cholmondeley pageant of power'. Full of bikes, cars, planes & boats. Special guest will be trials wizard and many times World Champion Dougie Lampkin

For Details www.cpop.co.uk

June 7th. Fancy a trip to Portugal and a visit to the Portimao race circuit and the arrival of World Superbikes. Two races to watch and hopefully basking in the sun and you have a readymade holiday, whether you travel across Spain to the circuit or just fly in it has the making of a great holiday combination.

June 21st. Still on World Superbikes with that Italian flavour this time with a visit to Misano, travel across Europe and feel the atmosphere especially if either an Italy bike or rider wins. Will it be an UK Rider on the podium again and will Jonny Rea romp away on that Kawasaki?

June 20th-21st. Somewhere near to home and British Superbikes visit Snetterton 300 for a weekend of superbikes. Head to East Anglia for hot action

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June 27th. Assen and MotoGP visits and as all other motorcycling events held here, the brits head over on mass. Please note for reference main racing event is on Saturday and not Sunday as Assen does not have Sunday racing so if you turn up you will be on your own – for Sunday that is.

June 25-28th. How about watching Valentino Rossi at the Assen circuit on the Saturday. Then again at the Goodwood Festival of Speed on his Yamaha Motogp, helping to celebrate 60 years of Yamaha.

June 6th. South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists will be holding a Recruitment day @ Staffordshire Triumph Stoke. Anyone looking to be an advanced rider and take up the I.A.M. Skills for Life course come along and have a chat with us and join us on our Summer Course round Cheshire.

June 20th. South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists move their Recruitment day into the heart of Cheshire @ J&S Accessories on the A556 near Delamere. Same rules apply as the 6th June, come along and have a chat and a coffee/tea with us.

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Social Rides

All rides for the club commence at the Grand Retail Park, Crewe every Sunday with a start time of 09.00am. Please arrive early and have a full tank of fuel for a day's ride. On the subject of rides should any one wish to hold a ride out event throughout the year please contact Dave Coomber (contact details on website). Remember it would be a full day's ride so you would be averaging around 200 miles or if you would like to use the day to visit a particular point/place of interest please contact and we will advertise the event in the newsletter and on the club website.

Dave "The Cafe" Coomber's Corner

Well another month and yes another cafe from "Cafe Stig". We have got him to tell more secrets from that hoard of cafe locations. Try Cafe @ Mallwyd situated on junction of A458/A470 next to the BP garage. It is two hours from Crewe and about 80 miles in distance. Cafe Stig assures us it has a great menu with breakfast ranging from £4-6 and is open daily 8.00am – 3.00pm. Look out Cafe Stig might get there before you and eat that last large brekkie !!!!!!!

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Information/Tips

Keep it Safe & Secure.

Keeping your pride & joy safe from thieving hands is always a worry.

1. Simple as it seems the first thing to do is keep her out of sight, don't leave the garage door open for longer than needed or be seen polishing your machine to death on the driveway and leaving her unattended while you make that well earned tea/coffee. We never know who is watching or weighing up the place to relieve you of your pride & joy.

2. Have you some light where your bike is as most thefts are done in darkness, what a surprise so fit some lights, led spot lights are cheap, alarm your garage/shed the more obstacles you fit the less chance of a break in.

3. You have locked the bike in a garage/shed but is it secure, make it secure if you have windows put steel bars across them and if it has clear glass get some frosted vinyl to cover the glass, what can't be seen usually won't be stolen.

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3. Fit secondary locks to sheds and garage doors ones which when fitted have the lock mechanism internally and cannot be tampered with. If you have a side door to a garage fit mortise deadlocks to them.

4. Fit a ground anchor to the concrete floor with a good chain & padlock. Fit the anchor near to the wall but make sure it is suitable for the bike and you to use, so you are always prepared to use it.

5. An item which really does seem silly but I bet you all do it, leaving keys where it is easy for you to find them, well it helps the thieves to so put them somewhere safe, if you go to bed take them with you but don't leave them in the hallway etc or you may find your bike gone the next morning.

6. Remember to tell your insurance company on renewal if you have done some of the above list as you may get a discount as they now know you are security conscious, you have nothing to lose except your 'Pride & Joy' Keep it safe.

Biker Foot wear Repairs

Your favourite gear doesn't last forever , the leather wears well but it is usually the zips which break or the toe sliders wear out with Velcro not gripping and soles worn right through as you try to get the last dregs out of 'old faith full's'.

Cobblers if you can find one might help on some things but re-soleing the boot is a different matter and the D.I.Y bit of removing a sole and putting another one on yourself never seems to work properly and ends up a mess of glue and replacement sole everywhere. The problem is someone like Sidi supply the replacement to the above but not the professional to do the job .Well no more GB Bike Leathers can re sole them boots including Sidi for around £60 so great value, you keep your old boots and run them for a few thousand miles more and a great saving on a new pair of boots, they even do alpinestars boots as well. So if you need a repair contact Bernard Woolmer at www.gbbikeleathers.com

Choosing a new helmet

Pick a style that suits you and your type of riding, you wouldn't buy an open face helmet to go track day racing.

A full face helmet will keep out the rain & wind and protect from flying debris and protect your head in the event of an accident.

Peaked helmet styles are usually for off road and worn with goggles although some now come with a system visor like Shoei .

Open face helmets are for scooter riders and cruiser types who like the open air in the face and able to chat and drink without removal but are not so good in bad weather with a mouthful of dirt & rain.

Full face flip helmets give the best of full face and open face helmets but tend to be heavy and on long journey's can give neck ache.

Once you have decided which helmet you want try loads of them on as many as you can of all different manufacture as sizes vary. Try them on with your own riding gear – does the helmet catch you bike jacket collar etc.

Swivel your head round so you are sure of movement and if you wear spectacles try them with the helmet not all fit and if you go for a drop down sun visor make sure it is okay with your glasses etc.

Visor misting is a big issue so look for a pin lock system inside your visor some manufacturers supply them with a new helmet or go for a fog tech coating for the visor and if this doesn't suit try a foggy breath guard which removes breath away from your visor. We are all different so try them all to find the one that suits.

Now you have found the helmet check for the SHARP safety rating which can be found on the website to give you all the information on how safe your helmet really is www.sharp.direct.gov.uk

Now all you have to do is find the right price, colour/design and enjoy those motorcycling miles in comfort and safety.

Motorcycle Holiday/Trips

Fancy riding some stunning roads with great scenery and possibly get some brownie points by taking your partner with you to the Mosel region of Germany and a little village on Rhine called Boppard I feel you really cannot go wrong with this as a 4/5 day break or longer if you desire.

First travel across the water by ferry or tunnel whichever one floats your boat (no pun intended) and head out onto the A26 before picking up the A16 (Dunkerque) this section is motorway but keep with it and stay on A16 (E40) and cross the border (you will not notice) you have crossed into Belgium. Look for signs to Bruxelles which will change to the A18 (E40). It is here you will find a service area for fuel etc before you bear right onto the A12 (still the E40 it's a Belgium thing)

Further on the road does finally change to the E40 (E19) road signage for Luik/Antwerp just mile after this bear right on E40 then left onto the A3 Luik

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After approximately forty miles, exit onto the A602 (E42) for Luik/Liege.

Exit the motorway (finally you say) at junction 33 and head into Liege centre for a well deserved lunch. You have covered about 185 miles to here so make lunch a nice one but remember still a few to go.

Leave Liege centre following signs for Palais de Congres and merge right onto N61/N62 to Spa. At Spa continue on the N62 signage for Malmedy with a fuel stop near the Spa racing circuit. At Malmedy bear right onto N62 head for Waimes until first roundabout exit first onto N632 for Butgenbach and then take right turn at crossroads onto N632 for Bullingen/Stadtkyll.

Here you are entering Germany and will see some stunning scenery along with some amazing roads/twisty's to enjoy.

Just in case remember as you enter Germany no passports required due to us winning the war oops did I print that sorry. At next 'T' junction turn right for Koln and then onto Winterspelt on the L16 BEWARE this turn is easily missed a LEFT TURN (passed wind farm for Stadtkyll 421.

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At next crossroads continue straight on to Kronenburg (no stopping for a beer) with the river on your right. Turn left for Koblenz 421 and head for Dreis. In Dreis turn left at 'T-junction and the 410 Nurburg before turning left again at traffic lights for Nurburgring. At 'T' junction in Nurburgring stop at the Total garage for a fuel stop and a coffee but don't forget to walk across the road and up the embankment and view the Nurburgring circuit there in front of you – stunning. Keep right at T junction and turn right at next Junction onto 258 Koblenz/Mayen, through all the twisty's and take care of those hidden hairpins ohhh bliss I'm on heavens roads, sorry back to the directions. Entry A48 motorway and keep right to Koblenz , take a left at traffic lights and exit right onto A61 still for Koblenz. Wait for this, exit at junction 40 yes 40 !!!!!, signage for Pfaffenheck and no I am not swearing that's the name. Turn left and head down between the trees into Boppard and look for the river frontage and my choice of hotel Best Western Bellevue Rheinhofel , a four star to spoil you & your partner, HEY YOUR HERE !!!!!!!

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Your hotel in on the Rhine front and is amazingly busy – the river I mean, this village is so picturesque and is full of bars/restaurants in the main square and of course you hotel has an excellent menu and of course three bars and a veranda to have an aperitif and watch the world go by. Boppard has a ski lift with a secret little bar come cafe at the top if you fancy some brilliant photo shoots, see the Rhine from above and see what a great race track design it would be and of course enjoy the fun on the ski lift with no snow haha. For a ride out you are a stone's throw way from a famous German biker meet Cochem, head over the water and pick up the road to Cochem with the Rhine on your left, again some stunning long draw out roads with amazing vineyards up the banks of the river. Cochem is a great place to have lunch or just a coffee with good bike parking and friendly shops & people all happy to see you and is just perfect to break up a day's leisure riding and in June to Mid September the weather is usually hot & sunny. There are so many places to ride to how about Bernkastel with its castles and Doctor

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Information

Wine, which is supposed to be medicinal hey that's the one for me folks. There are so many roads even just to ride alongside the Rhine have any stories, holiday trips or motorcycling tales which you wish to share with us, please forward to your Chairman on the email below.

This holiday allows you to do the travel in a day but please remember the extra 225 miles from home to Dover and of course on the return and with a distance of 320 miles from Calais to Boppard be aware of

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Just a last thing German food is good but plain, their wine being in the Mosel is fantastic and the service is second to none along with vineyards, scenery & roads/places to visit you cannot go wrong, oh and one I nearly forgot a trip to Burg-Eltz a 15th Century Castle with the Countess & family who still live in the place. It has to be a MUST VISIT.

Sorry for the list with directions but you have to go I may be going in September – can't wait

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Can anyone guess where the "The Cafe Stig" is all answers to the club website under blog please

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Membership News

Dear Membership – Come on give us a clue to what you want from your Motorcycle club. Contact us your Committee & Chairman with any ideas for social evening/events.

Where would you like to go on those many ride outs on a sunny Sunday morning – we need to know so we can arrange for you – all ideas are welcome but remember we do have a limited budget so no renting a race circuit please I have already tried and nearly had heart attack at the insurance costs – sorry.

How about a club holiday or a number of teams entering the National Rally in July or Scottish Rally in September, fancy it let us know ????????

On a different note just to let you know of a move by your Committee – as from June all Committee meeting will now be held at Crewe Community Fire Station off Ludlow Road Crewe. Still the third Tuesday of every month and same time 20.00hrs, come along with your ideas.

Keep on Riding & be safe out there

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