

## Editors Ramblings

A Happy New Year to you all from Ed! A newsletter light version to start the year off as I have been far too busy munching through my selection boxes and not enough time in front of the computer this month to add extra content for you all. As always any contributions from your good selves is welcome, any motorcycling goodies received for Christmas could make a quick review article for instance?



Remember we have our Facebook page – please join and contribute on it - Only for club members – any weird names or business names let us know so we can allow you to join the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/362204533842150/>

Email me on [biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk) or 07590596380 for WhatsApp sending pictures or texts or phone!

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# South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter January 2019

## A Word from the Chair

Welcome to and our anniversary. discussions to celebrate will let you month.



everyone, a new year groups twenty-fifth We have had some on how we are going this already and we know more next

I would like to thank everyone who came to our festive meal at the Bleeding Wolf, it was great to see you all and we had a great night with great food and convivial conversation throughout. Not a night to be missed, looking forward to next year's already.

I would like to thank Sue for getting a club banner displayed at J&S near Northwich

Happy riding everybody, stay safe

Gordon



## Presidents Page

A graphic with the text "Happy New Year" in a blue, 3D-style font on an orange background.

Firstly I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year, I hope you had a good Christmas and spent quality time with family and friends.

Now we look forward to 2019 and what it holds in store for us, this year is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary a milestone which must be marked, so if you have any thoughts on how to celebrate this achievement please let us have your thoughts.

We will be running three courses during the year, this is what we do after all, and we will also run an Observer training course at the end of the year.

Dave Coomber and Richard Newnham will be running the social rides every Sunday from Costa Coffee, so why not turn out and blow off some of those Christmas cobwebs.

I will start my reflections of the last 25 years next month, giving an insight as to how it all started.

I hope the sun will shine and the roads will be dry, I am full of enthusiasm for the coming year and the people I am going to meet, see you at Costa.

That is all from me for this month, so until next month, safe riding.

Chris Steel

President.



## Northern Spain & the Pico's - continued

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 100 mile ride out

Today there was a choice of ride or no ride as we were staying over for a second night. Ride it was then! It was just a hundred miles circular round the National Park so the three of us went out to take our time and stop whenever there was a photo opportunity or to get the drone up for some aerial video and photos. It was out of the hotel and continue on the road down to Tortozendo another quaint town, cobbled - obviously being Portugal! And roundabouts with fountains or sculptures in them adding an artistic feel to them. Out of Tortozendo on the N-230 for more bendy fun on the edge of the Serra de Estrela before we headed right on the N-231 into the Park and upwards we went keeping a steady pace leaning the bikes further and further while keeping a pace of each other in line accelerating and slowing smoothly into and out of the perfect bends. A bit of a stop for drone launching to get an aerial view of the area before heading off for the same brilliant roads. The café stop reached for a small breather and coffee and ice cream before going further into the park and now back through the middle where we stopped at the big reservoir for further drone and photo memories to take home. Off towards the hotel again with a little bit more speed we said we wouldn't do but couldn't resist as the roads were just begging for a bit of progress. An early finish then and an afternoon with a few beers on the terrace of the hotel looking over the scenery below and lots of holiday motorcycle banter.



Near the highest point of the National Park with fantastic views

## Northern Spain & the Pico's

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 197 miles**

Leaving Portugal today to go back into Spain we left the hotel and twisted our way down the heights of the National Park, filled up with fuel which was pretty expensive compared to the UK, It was on to the motorway A23 for a few miles to Pinhel. Now on more rural roads and we got into the rhythm again of getting the bikes working on the quiet roads and bends that just make you smile. A stop for a mid-morning refreshment and it was onwards onto the N221 another road yes you guessed it made for motorcycles, sixteen bikes are a lot to manage but we were keeping everyone on the right roads but gaps were appearing and the road needed to be used to its full potential, so the three musketeers CK, PC Dave and myself picked off a few slower riders before getting clear air and picking the pace up to give the road our full attention which certainly got us a bit hot in the rising temperatures as we headed a bit more inland.



**Serra Da Estrela Highest Point**

## Northern Spain & the Pico's

Bikes suitably given a good workout we calmed down for the run into Mogadouro for lunch and fuel. Lunch was ham and cheese rolls or err ham and cheese rolls!!! We didn't need much in the heat anyway as long as we had a fair bit of water to rehydrate. Off again on to the final stretch of the day, the roads opened up a little and we all behaved ourselves in the heat as the road did straighten up on occasion arrow straight which seemed a bit odd from what we had been experiencing before. Another stop by a dam and some shade and the drone was up for a bit of aerial photography before we hit the road for the final few miles to the hotel in Zamora another very nice town with the garage down below and a small lift to the reception, and I mean small, especially with bags, helmets etc fighting for space so it took a few lifts to get us all into the hotel. A hot evening followed in the town which had lots of cafes, bars and restaurants in the squares in the centre with plenty of outside seating to enjoy the night warmth. OH and looking at my pictures a wedding too!



**We all needed shade  
Even the bikes!**

## The Bleeding Wolf Social in Pictures

The food was of great quality



## The Bleeding Wolf Social in Pictures



## Test Pass's

Andy Willis, Paddy McMaster  
Colin Cummins-White



### Club Events

## MONTHLY CLUB NITE

Last Thursday of the month at the Hawk Inn in Haslington by Crewe – starting August– Our own version of Conversation Street, I'm sure there will be plenty of discussion and maybe some of it repeatable too! 8pm onwards all welcome.





### **Other Events of a two-wheeled nature**

#### **Land Rover Experience Liverpool** - maximum 12 people to one instructor

Our Manufacturing Tours are £49.00 per person we can off a 5% discount for groups.

Morning Tours begin at 9:00am and finish at 12:00pm or at 13:00pm and finish at 4:00pm

A welcome drink and introduction before visiting the huge industrial presses stamping out rolls of steel into perfect 3D panels.

View our family of robots welding, riveting, bonding and measuring these panels with incredible accuracy time after time to create the finished body.

Then on to the mind-blowing logistics of Trim and Final, where everything comes together.

And the final stage - our dedicated quality team scrutinising each vehicle to ensure it meets our standards.

#### **Please let us know if you would like us to arrange a group visit for this**

5-6<sup>th</sup> January 2019! Carol Nash Classic Bike Guide Winter Classic – Newark Showground

6-19<sup>th</sup> of January – Dakar Rally – Peru

27-28<sup>th</sup> January – Springfields Motorcycle Show – Lincs

15-17<sup>th</sup> February – Carol Nash MCN London Bike Show

9-10<sup>th</sup> March – MCN Scottish Motorcycle Show – Royal Highland Centre - Edinburgh

### **Caption Competition – NEW = well after I lost it last month!**

**Let's give this one a try! It's Sue Rogers fault honest!**

**Answers as usual to [biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Fire Away!**

**Still no entries for this one!**



## Club Website Information

We have fresh hands going over our website <http://www.southcheshiream.org.uk/> reorganising it and updating the diary and Gallery to start off with.

We are now hosting the photographs through our Flickr account to make it easier to upload these and manage them. Link here: - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/155059034@N08/albums>

So please any pictures taken on any club or interesting bike ride out send them over to Geoff Highfield at [gh@highfieldassociates.co.uk](mailto:gh@highfieldassociates.co.uk) or directly to Richard Kinsey at: [richard.kinsey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:richard.kinsey@tiscali.co.uk) with a brief description and they will arrange for these to be put on to it. A Long or Short story will get a selection in the newsletter for an article too!

If you hold them in a Microsoft programme/file such as "Pictures" you can select the ones you want to send, right click on the mouse on one of them and select "send to", left click on "send to" and left click on "mail recipient". You will be asked what size pictures you want to send. Click on "large". An email will be formed in Microsoft Outlook. Complete it in the usual way and send to me. Use of this method significantly reduces the size of the picture so that several can be sent together.

If you hold them on a smart phone you can mail them directly but in small groups. Some smart phones such as the iPhone will ask if you want to reduce the size of the bundle if it is too big.

If you want a note of recognition/ownership for the photos, please tell us.

Holiday pictures, Presentation Evening, Anniversary Ride Out, Christmas Meal, A date with "Just Jane"? (Interesting) and more are there already.



## Group Events

Sunday Ride Outs – NEW WINTER TIME its 10am from Costa Coffee at the Grand Junction Retail Park - CREWE - arrive early with a full tank of fuel. Usually 150-200 miles but if you want to do a shorter one we will not take offence at you turning back early.

Wednesday Evening Ride Outs – In hibernation till Spring/Summer time

Last Thursday of the month – Club Night – The Hawk Haslington - 8pm onwards

## FOR SALE – New lower Price!

Oxford Paddock Stand

Never Used £30

Can Deliver

Phone Gordon 07590596380

Any other items you have for sale just get in touch with an email to the Ed



That's all this month

Hope you all get out on your bikes to give us some more stories

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