

# *Burgess Hill & District Motorcycle Club Newsletter*



**Danielle Maskell winning Biker of the year**

**November/December 2011**

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## Chairmans Chat

The almost bizarre weather we have experienced has meant the riding season has been extended – certainly when compared to last year when the last week in November saw about a foot of snow!!! The annual prize giving evening on 21 November was well attended. The evening started with a presentation by Phil from Weald Engineering who has developed an electric bike for drag racing – the bike he brought in to show us was basically an old bike that he had stripped down and put an electric motor in to replace the engine. The biggest issue is the amount of batteries needed, the space they take and their weight.



The prize giving got underway with a thank you to Dave Dyke for his years on the committee in a variety of roles including treasurer and chairman. Dave was presented with a club fleece and a bottle of his favourite tipple.



The Carpe Diem competition was well supported this year with more interest and participants than we have seen for some time. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was won by Sheila Pope with the second prize going to Mick Mair and Danielle Maskell with Lindsey Harris winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize. The Barry Pope Trophy was presented to Lindsey by Sheila.



The committee consider each year if there is a member who merits the title of Biker of the Year – we decided that this year Danielle Maskell would receive this accolade as she had been with the club as a learner, taken her test and progressed her riding with many rides with the club and Mick.



As always the helmet throwing competition took place at the camping weekend and this years winners were Adam Drew Children's who's award was collected by his mum Wendy, Brandon Scott, Juniors with Ann Gregory and Geoff Curtis ladies and men's respectively.



Alan Johnson and Jen Drew won the skittles competition in March.

The Christmas meal is at the Roebuck and I hope that goes well on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December. For those with no hangovers there is the pet food run on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope to see you all at the social club during the winter months.

Mick

## Club Indoor Karting Championship 2011

Our inaugural Club Indoor Karting Championship took place on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. The afternoon started in a relaxed way with some friendly banter and of course with the one youngster amongst us declaring how he will wipe the floor with us “oldies” and win the race hands down. The self confidence of youth...



We all attended a drivers briefing about the racing rules, flags, safety rules etc. and then it was time for the qualifying session to determine the start order for the race. When we went to the trackside there was a group of teenage boys and girls who took a long look at us and smiled and had the “what are these old geezers doing here?” look on their faces. The smiles were not as wide when we started to take out our own helmets and gloves, their looks sort of turned into a more unsecure “what the hell is going on” type look.

The qualifying started, helmets where on and the friendly banter turned to serious competitiveness when the visors came down. It was time to determine the starting grid.

At the start of the qualifying all the drivers were trying to find where the limits were in each corner, as the track is made of plywood and was very slippery at various points. The track is over two floors so there was enough up and down hills to make the track interesting. There were a few yellow flags out when people spun their cars or hit the walls, but no serious accidents occurred. The times were pretty close between all drivers, with some positions determined by a difference of only 1/1000 second. The qualifying result was:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andy Brand
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andy Fairhurst
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt Springall

Funnily enough, after the qualifying session the teenage group didn't smile at us anymore, they had checked the lap times and noticed that the slowest driver in our group was more than a second faster than their fastest driver. Well, what can we say about old bikers, they are hard bunch...

We had a break between the qualifying session and the race, which some of us used to have a drink and a puff of “fresh air” and others were watching the teenager's race, probably hoping to spot a few good lines to take in the race.

For the race we lined up on the starting grid in the order we qualified. The lights went red, they stayed red, red...and the suddenly changed to green and it was all go. There was quite a chaos on the first two laps when we were all so close to each other but we managed the laps without a major incident. During the race there were of course a few excursions into the walls, people spinning etc and the yellow flags came out but on a whole there were fewer incidents than in qualifying, it looked that people were determined to finish the race and avoiding spins was crucial for a good result. It was a very competitive bunch of people out on the track and the racing was fierce but fair.

The race results was:

1<sup>st</sup> – Andy Brand – Club Karting Champion 2011!!!

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter Jackson

3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt Springall

Fastest lap of the race - Peter Jackson.



After the race some disgruntled racers suggested that some drivers had cheated and overtaken during yellow flags. This was dismissed as sour grapes, as all our club members are outstanding citizens in our community and would never consider breaking the rules, nor was any driver penalized by the race stewards for incorrect / unlawful overtaking. I guess it was all down to racing skills and experience in the end...

We also express an unreserved apology to the youngster that the “oldies” actually beat him both in qualifying and the race. Well, one day you will have the experience to be competitive amongst the biker men!

After the prize giving ceremony we all went to a pub for dinner and to celebrate a successful and really enjoyable event and, of course, our new champion.

It is planned that this will become an annual event, mark it in your calendars for October 2012 and you will have the chance to become the new Club Indoor Karting Champion.

However, before that we need to establish who will be the Club Outdoor Karting Champion so look out for an event announcement in the coming months.

Once again, congratulations to our new Indoor Karting Champion – Andy Brand!

## CRASH CARDS

You may well have seen these advertised in the press and at shows— they are a great idea—you put a sticker on the right side of your crash helmet and fill in the small card with details about you—in the event that you need help from a paramedic but are unable to communicate with them—they will know that inside your crash helmet they will find the card with useful information on. This may be particularly relevant if you have any allergies.

We have a plentiful supply of these cards so if you want one—or more—please ask any committee member

## Club Skittles Championship

Hi All,

You are all invited to join us for a great social family event to find a new Skittles Champion!

It is booked for Saturday the 17th of March 2012 at The Bull Inn, Henfield.

As usual there is a variety of food, from nibbles and garlic bread to pizzas, on offer as well as the skittle competition. We need to find a new Champion after Alan's lucky victory last year!

The cost per person is only £11.95 (drinks not included). So if you are booking for more than one person the cost is:

2 persons - £23.90

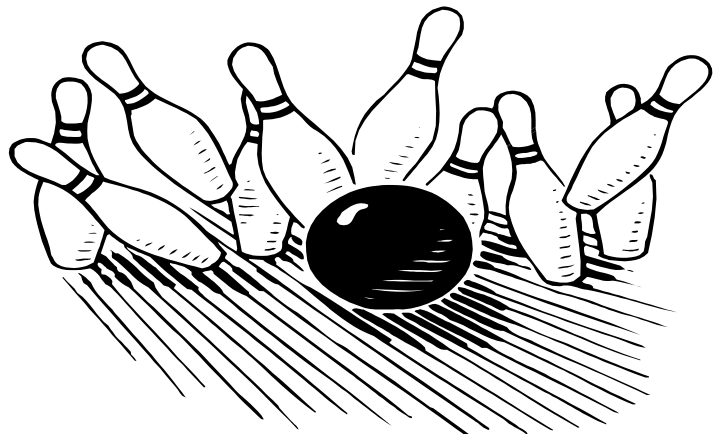
3 persons - £35.85

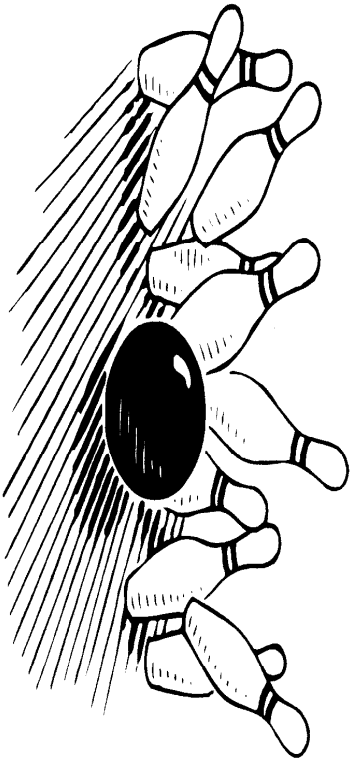
4 persons - £47.80

Please register by sending me an email to [peteruae@hotmail.com](mailto:peteruae@hotmail.com) stating the names of all attendees. You can complete the booking form with this months newsletter and please make a cheque payable to BH&DMCC or the appropriate amount and either post the booking form to me or hand in to any Committee Member.

Kind regards,  
Peter

Peter Jackson  
17 The Grove  
Haywards Heath, RH16 3SJ





INVITATION TO THE CLUB  
BEER & SKITTLES EVENING  
on the 17 March  
at The Bull Inn Henfield



Please come to our Beer & Skittles Evening  
at The Bull Inn Henfield on  
Saturday 17th March.

The evening will consist of a Pizza Buffet &  
Game of Skittles.

The evening will start from about 7.00pm for  
8.00pm finishing by 11.20pm.

### RSVP

**!We wish to attend the Beer & Skittles Evening  
at The Bull Henfield 17th March**

Name.....

£11.95 per person Number.....

I enclose a cheque made payable to BH&DMCC  
for £.....

Please return to: Peter Jackson, 17 The Grove,  
Haywards Heath, RH16 3SJ by 5th March 2012

The cost will be

£11.95 per person which includes a

Pizza Buffet & Game of Skittles

Let Peter Jackson have your booking form  
and  
money as soon as possible.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Motorcycle Toy Run



For the Golden Lions  
Children's Trust

(Toys distributed locally. New or quality used  
toys not wrapped please)

**On Sunday 4th December**

Meet 10.30am

Motorcycle Workshop

Old London Road

Bolney

For 11.00am run to

Gatwick Manor

Crawley

# NOTICE BOARD

Please let me know what you want to put on the Notice board or an article for the newsletter by the last Monday of the month. If you can email the club at [bhdmcc@talk21.com](mailto:bhdmcc@talk21.com) and in the subject box put either notice board or newsletter (use Word if you can) so it can go in the next newsletter. On a similar theme, when the club programme announces a run to somewhere like the BMF shows, members make ad hoc arrangements to go together. If anybody plans to go to these types of events, let me know where and when you plan to meet and I can then act as a central point to let others know what's happening.

## Summer Programme see web site for full calendar

### December

Saturday 3

Club Christmas Dinner, The Roebuck Hotel, Forest Row

Sunday 4

Toy Run, Meet 10.30am The Motorcycle Workshop, Bolney

### February

Monday 20

Crash Helmet Maintenance Evening with Vicky Green

### March

Saturday 17

Beer & Skittles Evening, The Bull Inn, Henfield

**NB—the details of events are as at time of printing and are subject to change without notice—please watch for emails for latest updates**




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T Shirts		Wearmaster (100% Cotton) (CC011)								
	Size	White or Black	Navy or Sky Blue	Royal Blue	Red or Maroon	Heather	Yellow	Bottle Green	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (33-37)									9.50
	M (38-40)									9.50
	L (41-43)									9.50
	XL (44-46)									9.50
Polo Shirts		Wearmaster Premium (50% polyester/50% cotton) (CC030)								
	Size	White or Black	Navy or Royal Blue	Ocean or Sky Blue	Red or Maroon	Khaki	Bottle Green	Yellow or Heather	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									15.00
	M (38-40)									15.00
	L (41-43)									15.00
	XL (44-46)									15.00
Micro Fleece		Wearmaster Classic – Medium Weight ( Two zipped pockets ) (CC045)								
	Size	Black	Navy	Royal Blue	Red	Maroon	Bottle Green		Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (38)									18.00
	M (40)									18.00
	L (42)									18.00
	XL (44)									18.00
Fleece		Regatta /Medium Weight - Full Zip (Two Front Zip Pockets) (CC043)								
	Size	Black	Navy	Royal Blue	Red	Maroon	Bottle Green	Charcoal	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (38)									26.50
	M (40)									26.50
	L (42)									26.50
	XL (44)									26.50


Fleece		Wearmaster Premium Heavyweight (Two Zip Pockets, Adjustable elasticated hem)								(CC040)
	Size	Black	Navy or Royal Blue	Red or Maroon	Bottle Green or Olive	Orange	Yellow	Grey	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									25.00
	M (38-40)									25.00
	L (41-43)									25.00
	XL (44-46)									25.00

Wearmaster Premium 1/4 Zip Fleece Jacket		Zip Neck Lightweight (Two Zip Pockets, Open hem with drawcord)								(CC041)
	Size	Black	Navy or Royal Blue	Red or Maroon	Bottle Green or Olive	Orange	Yellow	Grey	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									25.00
	M (38-40)									25.00
	L (41-43)									25.00
	XL (44-46)									25.00

Ladies Fleece		Wearmaster ladies classic fleece jacket (10% polyester)								(CC047)
	Size	Black	Navy	Sky Blue	Red				Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									21.50
	M (38-40)									21.50
	L (41-43)									21.50
	XL (44-46)									21.50

Ladies V neck T shirt		Wearmaster premium lady fit v neck – 100% cotton								(CC017)
	Size	White or Black	Navy or Sky Blue	Red	Fuschia or Pink	Heather	Yellow	Lime	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									8.75
	M (38-40)									8.75
	L (41-43)									8.75
	XL (44-46)									8.75
*Other Colours & Sizes may be available on request									Total	

Ladies V neck Long Sleeve Top		Wearmaster premium lady fit v neck – 100% cotton								without logo £11.25
As above with long sleeves	Size	White or Black	Navy or Sky Blue	Red	Fuschia or Pink	Heather	Yellow	Lime	Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									15.20
	M (38-40)									15.20
	L (41-43)									15.20
	XL (44-46)									15.20
*Other Colours & Sizes may be available on request									Total	

High visibility jacket		Zipped High visibility service waistcoat) without logo £6								(HV130)
	Size	Hi Vis Yellow	Hi Vis Orange						Logo Colour (Black/White/Gold)	Price
	S (35-37)									9.75
	M (38-40)									9.75
	L (41-43)									9.75
	XL (44-46)									9.75
*Other Colours & Sizes may be available on request									Total	

**Please print order form**

Contact details:

Name: .....address.....

We can supply a range of quality T Shirts, Polo Shirts & Fleecees all embroidered with our Club logo on the breast.

For enquiries contact: Alan Johnson directly on 01444 459118.

Cash or Cheque with order please. (Cheques payable to BH&DMCC)