



# Newsletter

May 2016

## Spring has sprung (maybe)

We have had an unexpectedly good spell of weather in the West coast. Not particularly warm, but dry and bright enough to start thinking that the worst of winter may be past.

We like to go away for a weekend in early May, and this year settled on Plockton as a destination. We stayed at The Haven on the recommendation of a friend and were not disappointed. Beautifully clean, off street parking, helpful staff and a superb breakfast - we sometimes complain about the standard of accommodation in Scotland, but here is a place that I'm looking forward to going back to. I can also recommend the Plockton Shores restaurant along on the front street.

Fort William was less busy than I expected considering the Six days Trials were in full swing, but heading north the traffic was getting thicker and slower. On the side of Loch Lochy the road was closed for ten minutes at a time due to tree felling. We landed lucky in that the road was clear enough to get right to the front so had an empty road right up into Glen Garry. I know its a fault on my part, but I can potter along at the speed limit and be quite contented at as long as I'm not in a convoy. And as Invergarry to Cluanie is one of my favourite roads in the country it was a treat not having to be constantly pushing past traffic just to make some progress. The ride doesn't get that good again until the Kintail section. Its not that I want to go fast, its just that that road is such a fabulous mixture of climbs, falls, swinging sweeping bends opening out to spectacular views all in such a short distance. Just sublime.

Saturday was a visit to Skye with Ann as a pillion, reminding me once again that my shortened Roadster seat is suitable for only short two-up trips.

If anything the run home on Sunday was even more enjoyable than the run up.

A great weekend, almost dry for the whole time and the Norton behaved itself. It doesn't really get better.

## Events

The SCMCC Spring Gathering at Muckhart was very well attended. Interestingly there seems to be an increase in the number of custom 'bikes attending and I'm not sure if that is a pattern seen at other events. It's not in anyway a complaint - the whole point of a custom 'bike is that it suits the owner, so while it might not be my taste, they can be interesting to view. The paintwork on the green HD was nothing less than artwork.



Interesting selection?

## June

TVNOC Camping Weekend  
Jun 10 2016 to Jun 12, 2016  
Cumberlands campsite, Glendoe Road  
Fort Augustus

If you are going to join us at Fort Augustus and would like to share a meal on Saturday, please let me know and I can pre book a table.