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## **Membership**

**£10 per year. August to August.**

**Cheques should be made payable to: ECMC**

**Dartmoor Run.**

**David Denham has already received applications for this year's run. If you want a form let him know. Applications are trickling in.**

## **AGM.**

**AGM at the August meeting and fees due.**

**Volunteers for all posts always welcome.**



## Dates

<b>Ride your bike night &amp; ride out</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>Powderham</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Devon air Ambulance Ride out</b> <b>Www.daat.org</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>Dartmoor run</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Norton Festival (open to all)</b> <b>Www.nocdevonbranch.co.uk</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Classic vehicle gathering</b> <b>Exmouth</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Bedford square</b> <b>(Christmas collection)</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>

## Powderham

**Tickets have now arrived and will be available, to those who have signed up, on our July club night.**

## Odd Jottings

### Mayoral happenings

Ray and I attended the Lord Mayor's reception at the Guildhall on May 30th representing our club. The occasion was to thank all organisations which had donated to her fund during her year of office. Income after expenditure from the Dartmoor run was split between Ataxia (Her charity) and Hospiscare. A snack of sausages and potato wedges was provided. Thanks to the club were expressed. Upon the close of the of the event, whilst we were leaving, Ray offered the Lord Mayor a kiss. *But she declined his offer!!!*

### June 2nd Middlemoor Fire Station.

Apologies from Bryn who had been in Bristol re his forthcoming treatment there and Pete W who was still at work. A good turn out for this visit which was held on our club night. About 22 members were present and we were given a tour of two appliances which are used in the fire and rescue service. They certainly have some gear on board! After the visit we used the community room for the formal part of our meeting after being told by the shift commander that if there is a shout we can stay but shut the door as you leave! Adrian has sent a letter of appreciation.

### Nutwell fire Brigade Charity Show.

Last year some of us attended the show with our bikes and intended to do so this year with more members. On enquiring re the date Frank E was informed that it is held every other year so no show for 2014.

### Powderham

The marquee now has eyelets fitted and the sides can be pegged down, this should stop them flapping in the breeze. Mervyn G has volunteered to stay overnight as security, no doubt he would appreciate company. When the show closes the bar remains open and there is quite a community spirit during the evenings so I am told!

## Venue

At the fire station meeting the subject of our venue was discussed. This was because of the uncertainty of the Cowick Barton being available long term. Two places were suggested by members, these being the St Thomas Cricket Club (By Adrian E) and the Railway Club Summer Lane (By Bill J). Bill and I visited the Railway Club and found that the room would be suitable for purpose and that beer etc would be at club prices. Hot food such as pasties can be ordered at the bar. There is no charge for the room and parking is available to the rear of the premises.

In the evening of the same day, Ray, Adrian, and I visited the Cricket Club at St Thomas, it is on the edge of the Marsh Barton Estate. There we found a room of similar size with the same facilities as the Railway Club including enclosed parking. There is also a BBQ available if we wish to use it and a large grass area which could be used for the rare event when the sun shines. The charge was suggested as £10 per month but this is open to negotiation.

We then went to the Cowick Barton to see the new tenant (Forgot to tell you that he took over the place on the Wednesday after our visit to the Fire Station. I found out when I visited on the Tuesday just in case any members arrived thinking we still met on that evening.). He has great plans for the place and is quite keen to have us there. At present we are not paying for the room due to an oversight of the various tenants we have dealt with!! That might well change.

We now have a dilemma then, do we take up the offers of alternative accommodation or stay at the Cowick Barton to see what evolves. The three of us thought it best to stay at the CB for July and August because at present the club has a lot going on re Powderham and the Dartmoor Run and more upheaval might not be the best way forward. At the September meeting when we will know how the CB is progressing we will review the situation.

Thanks are due to those members who have suggested other meeting places.

## More Jottings

At a recent Dartmoor Run meeting we became aware that entries are very low, at the last count there were 12!! Marshalls, as usual will be a problem so any member taking part will be asked to be one. Be prepared! Exeter City Council requires a risk assessment for our Quay activities. We have prepared one which we feel will suffice.

### **Club Rules.**

It has been felt for some while that the rules are rather old fashioned and to that end they have been tidied up. They will need adopting at the AGM. As usual this will be at our August meeting.

**Chairman;** Chairs the meetings, prepares agenda items and is the mouthpiece for the club. At present also is responsible for arranging much of the admin for the Dartmoor Run.

**Vice chairman;** Keeps the chairman in order and substitutes for him/her when required. At present also doubles up as run chief marshal .

**Treasurer;** Keeps account of club funds, banks incoming money, arranges for bills to be paid, and ensures that raffle tickets etc are to hand for club nights.

**Secretary;** Liaises with local authorities with respect to use of the Quay and Bedford Square (not always easy). Ensures that letters of thanks are sent when required. At present also checks the run route.

**Regalia officer;** Liaises with our supplier with regard to ordering supplies after taking orders from club members.

**Membership secretary;** Collects subs, issues membership cards, keeps a record of club members names and addresses.

**Editor;** Seeks content for the magazine, types it up, prints draft copy to be read through by wife, takes prepared copy to printers. Distributes copy via email to most members (thank you all). Takes 30 copies to club night for those not on email or who would prefer a printed copy. Posts out remaining copies to members unable to access one by any other method.

**Welfare officer;** Keeps a track of the well being of members and visits those unwell when able, also arranges for cards etc to be signed by members before posting. (let this officer know of any sick members).

**Dartmoor Run Officer;** (New post) Sends out registration forms, answers queries from all and sundry, collects entry monies, and carries out admin duties on the day.

**Members without portfolio;** Give valuable input to the club and committee meetings through their knowledge of this and other clubs. And a willingness to take on tasks when required.

**Who's who in the ECMC**

**Chairman: Ray Martin 01392 274365**

**Vice Chairman: Nic Drew 078901 119939**

**Treasurer: Alan Cotterill 01392-874356  
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**Regalia: Pete White Tel: 01392-211474.**

**Newsletter Editor:  
Alan Cotterill**

**Sunday Runs Organiser  
Vacant**

**Welfare Officer: Trish Bainborough. Tel: 01392-851717**

**Annual Run Organiser: Committee**

**Annual Run Secretary: Committee**

**Annual Run Chief Marshal: Nic Drew**

**Committee Members without Portfolio:**

**Gerry Merchant, Mervyn Green**