



Pottsie's BIG award - This year at the annual "Bash Oscar's" John "Pottsie" Potts was awarded a prestigious enormous "Life time achievement" award for his services to the bash. Over 16 years ago Pottsie had the revolutionary idea of combining beer drinking and cycling together to form the "Teign Valley Peddle Bashers" and the rest is history.

Under his watchful gaze, strategic planning and bugle blowing a club like no other developed providing a sanctuary for all the local "odd bod's" to meet, form friendships and have fun whilst keeping fit and supporting the local brewery establishments!. During this time the bash



has seen many bashers coming and going often returning during times of need. Many relationships have developed during these years blossoming into raw passion, marriage, affairs and divorce!!! Many long lasting friendships have been formed, hospital visits and injury discussions had and bike repairs performed. The bash has seen and embraced the massive technological cycling transformation which has taken place extending the cycling experience from tarmac to rough terrain. This has allowed new clubs to emerge with a variety of cycling trips and holidays to satisfy these new cycling and adrenaline requirements, with bashers being encouraged to push themselves to new limits of endurance and experiences.

The bash has many behind the scene workers that without which the it would not survive. However all groups need an exceptional figure head and role model to lead with style, motivation and grace - that we certainly have with POTTISIE!!!!!!!

Christmas Bash: The annual bash Christmas bash took place on an icy cold but dry Sunday morning at the Starcross fishing and cruising club. A motley group of bashers congregated in a variety of disguises ranging from the simple to the intricate to the plain stupid with the sole aim of circumnavigating a set course on 2 wheels under the influence of mulled wine and mince pies.



Inset into the ride was a variety of festive watering stations. To add culture and sophistication to a usual un-



cultured day a group of theatrical minded bashers performed a play which unfolded as the cycle progressed at various



watering holes (no-one's really sure what it was about but we all enjoyed it, especially the finale which saw tripee publicly being lanced by Shinpad's silver weapon on the Dawlish bandstand!).

The entertainment continued with the bashers devouring a scrumptious Christmas dinner washed down with copious amounts of fluid then worked off by bopping away to a live band until the early hours of the evening! As usual a great start to the festive period



Christmas Bash 2009



Bobbiball's weekend - Exford 2010 - what a result this year it actually happened!!!! 47 on and off road cycling bashers descended on the quiet village of Exford in Exmoor for the annual Bobbiball festival! With 32 in the hostel and 14 in camper vans it was possibly the biggest bobbiball fest ever! As usual with a hard ride planned on Saturday Friday night was "party" night! With copious



amounts of alcohol being consumed there was dancing and frivolities till the early hours with Spoons defiantly having a smashing time!. With good weather on Saturday V2, Mayhem & Snakey had organised a great cross country ride meeting up with the roadies for soup and beer halfway round (at the lowest point of the ride!!). Some returned to the hostel using the uplift provided whilst others slogged



back up the hill on & off road congregate back at Exford either in the local pub to watch the rugby or some even slept off the previous evenings excesses's!. The Saturday evening was a more sedate affair involving conversation and alcohol in moderate amounts!. Sunday was

overcast, cold and misty, Gary Litter organised a shocking Off road ride !!!! Involving an uphill off road slog in ankle deep muddy fields! Its redeeming features were watching Stonewall hilariously careering down a muddy cow shitty slippery field managed to stay upright on his bike using extreme skill (or just luck) much to the disappointment of all watching! Also seeing (as I walked down!!) bashers crazily cycling over the lip of the steepest field descent possible was also a sight to be remembered! Bucktu produced an amazing cooking effort actually managing to provide enough tasty food to feed all these bashers (especially as we hadingle and an arkle in our ranks!). With 5 new guest bashers and the return of old bashers Bobbiball festival 2010 was a great success - look out for the details of Bobbiball fest 2011!! And from me a big thank-you to all who chipped in to replace the broken glasses and for the lovely orchid

Bashers that are Crashers - Ice 3 Bashers 0 is the score for winter!! The ice caught out at least 3 bashers that I am aware of. Tonto and Fallen Man both succumbed to the effects of Ice on the Christmas bash sustaining minor scuffs. Bothways hit a patch of ice on a Thursday ride causing her to fall/slid off the bike sustaining a large heamotoma (bruise to the non medical people) to her thigh/elbow and hand. Whilst Brandon and lee helped her up Lee also sustained an injury break his finger nail in the process!!!

Thought for the day:

Life is like a roll of toilet paper.

The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

Love is in the air!!!! With Valentines day just passing are the bashers becoming a romantic bunch of people? It appears that there is defiantly romance in the air!!!! But what does the kissing style say about them?



Lust - the Stolen kiss - quick no-one is looking!!

Best Friends - The Sloppy Kiss - but don't smear the make up!!



The serious kiss - wait till I get you home!!



Forbidden love - But Father is just happy that he's still young enough to pull!!

Bash "Oscars" 2009: These prestigious ticket only awards were held at the Abbrook Centre in Kingsteignton. A Posh affair with roast dinner and entertainment laid on prior to the ceremony its very similar to the Oscars but on a slightly lower budget! This year we were subjected to the musical talents of Sticky, Noddy and Pottsie on their wind instruments! Although not quite ready to audition for Britain's got talent it was a good effort (although I must admit to envying the people with hearing aids that could turn them off!!!!) The



awards ran smoothly with the thank-you speeches limited to a few words- "Thank-you", there were interludes between awards with Pottsie and his band of jokers reciting various stories to keep the crowd amused. Bashers honoured included-Tripee for his ride organising, Fallen women and Truck-er for their amazing drinking abilities, Sat nav and DVD as new bashers (hopefully

they will till be here next year!), Pottsie for re breaking his leg, RJ's mini tour, Bothways for cycling around Canada and slimmer of the year, Always for his poor bike maintenance, Ingle for his eating abilities, Unda for losing his previous award, broken man for being the bash beast, buck-tu for all his catering efforts and



Mash for a disastrous ride. Special awards were presented to Beano for his amazing sore arse experience, Sticky for being the bash womaniser and bobbiball for being the loser of the year with Flossie and Blaster receiving the tandem award

Is Aunt Sally a Fraud?- Has aunt sally finally been found out? Is he really an ace bike maintenance man? Or doe's he secretly take the bikes to Partridges for repair?. Why are these questions even being asked about one of our best loved bashers? - well apparently on a recent bash ride he was heard to ask Pottsie for a lift home (and seen to get in the car) as he could not repair even his own puncture!! AUNT SALLY COME CLEAN WITH THE TRUTH NOW - DO YOU REALLY REPAIR ALL OUR BIKES?

Are Ingle and Aunt Sally really just bashers or do they lead a secret crime bashing second life as Batman and Robin? This recent picture suggests that the two may hold a similar resemblance to the crime stopping super hero's

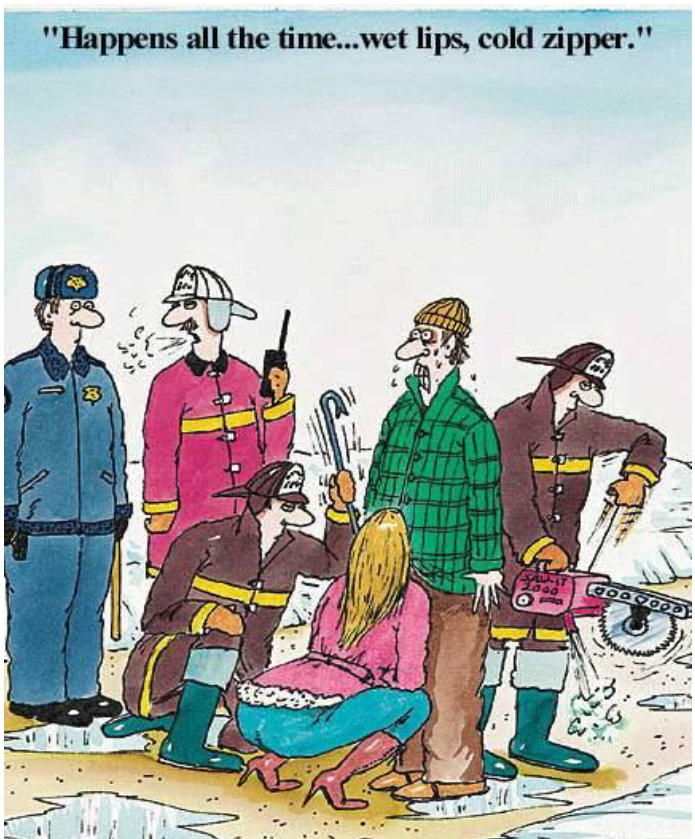
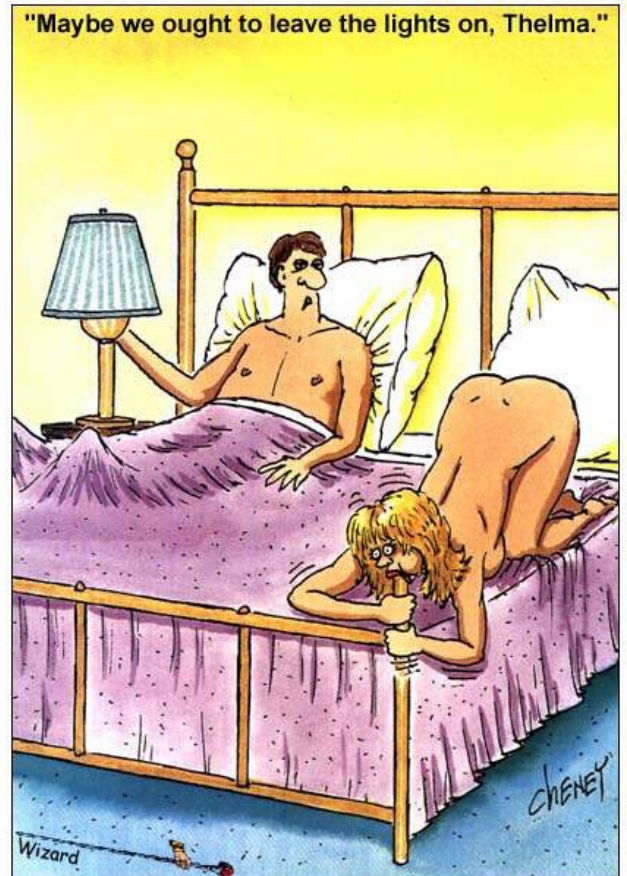


A date for your diary - here is the birdseye challenge for April - any off roaders up for a little jaunt a cross the Devon country side? Then think about the Devon Dirt. Its a fun (and it is as I did it last year) 50km off road ride covering tracks, lanes and moors not too technical. Its supported by both Big Peaks and the CTC. With an £8:00 entry fee (£4:00 for the OAP's) its great value including loads of refreshments, cakes, and goodies. Have a look on www.devondirt.co.uk - you can register on the day





Bobbiballs secret to eternal youth revealed - Bobbiball has finally come clean on how he maintains a body of such physical perfection and fitness for bashing. He admits to rarely eating his 5 fruit and vegetables a day, eating as much junk food as he can and consuming copious amounts of real ale and red-wine per night.



After a recent visit to a Paignton Brothel Bobbiball was given £1000 pounds on leaving, he was very happy with this money making scheme so he tried again the next night with the same result. On his third visit he left with nothing. Disappointed he asked the manager what he had done wrong he was told "Oh sorry sir were not televising tonight"!

Did you know:

2007 was the Chinese year of the chicken and Bird flu pandemic devastates Asia

2008 was the Chinese year of the horse and eqine influenza decimates Australian racing

2009 was the year of the pig and the swine flu pandemic caused chaos

2010 is the Chinese year of the Cock....what could we possibly be worried about this year?!!!

Breaking news - the Isle of dogs banking system has collapsed. They've called in the retrievers!

Amazing medical facts:

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 3 kg (6.6 lb)..
The average man's penis is three times the length of his thumb.

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.
There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet..

Women blink twice as often as men..

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

Women reading this will be finished now.

Men are still busy checking their thumbs!!!!!!

