

# YOUR SEVEN DAYS

## Brilliant reasons to ride this week

### 1 See the GP at the Shed

**MotoGP at the Bike Shed**  
**Where** Bike Shed Motorcycle Club, London  
**When** Sunday, March 26, from 6pm  
**Entry** Free  
**Info** thebikeshed.cc

Join the whole gang at the Bike Shed for the first round of the 2017 MotoGP season screened live straight from Qatar. All the action is shown on giant screens in a separate room, so you can shout, cheer and cheer to your heart's content.  
**We say** While sitting at home on the sofa shouting at the TV is enjoyable (particularly when the object of frustration is Piers Morgan), doing it in a group is much better. Even more so, when the burgers are on demand and the beer is on tap.



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### 2 Northern exposure

**Manchester Bike Show**  
**Where** Event City, Manchester  
**When** Saturday, March 25-Sunday, March 26  
**Entry** £17 (£14 advance)  
**Info** manchesterbikeshow.com

The Manchester Bike Show returns for a sixth year and 2017 should be the biggest and best yet. This year there will be hundreds of new bikes from the likes of Suzuki, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Yamaha, Triumph, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Benelli and CCM.  
**We say** This year should be extra special as Hall 3 hosts the Northern Classic Bike Show, featuring over 750 classics, customs and one-off specials from clubs and individuals.



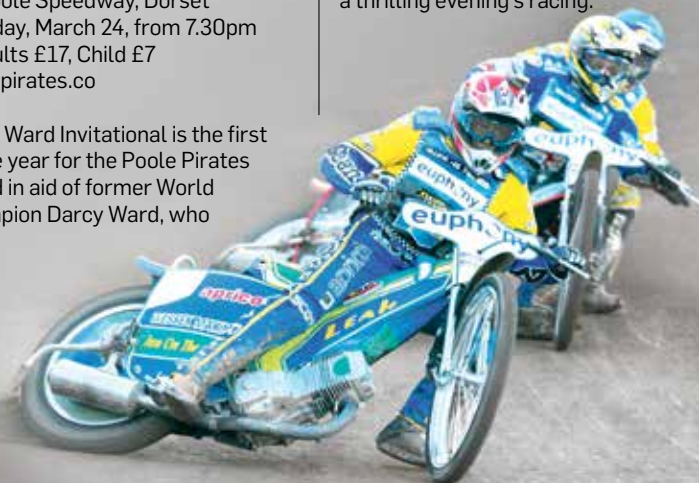
The Manchester show kicks off this weekend

### 3 Big night on Poole's shale

**Darcy Ward Speedway Invitational**  
**Where** Poole Speedway, Dorset  
**When** Friday, March 24, from 7.30pm  
**Entry** Adults £17, Child £7  
**Info** poolepirates.co

The Darcy Ward Invitational is the first race of the year for the Poole Pirates and is held in aid of former World U21 Champion Darcy Ward, who

suffered life changing injuries in a racing accident in 2015.  
**We say** The Invitational brings together a great collection of elite international riders in what should be a thrilling evening's racing.



### 4 Ride to great pubs (and a few churches if you fancy)

**The Book and Bell Challenge**  
**Where** Length of the UK  
**When** Friday, March 24-Tuesday, October 31  
**Entry** £29  
**Info** bikerralliesuk.com

The Book and Bell Challenge is a UK wide rally that involves riding to as many churches and pubs as possible on a list. The challenge runs

throughout the year with points awarded for each visit.  
**We say** Anything that gets you out riding is great in our book but ones that take you to places unknown are even better. If you're still pondering how to get started on with the MCN Ride5000miles challenge (see page 14), this could be just the ticket.

Here's a great way to build your #ride5000miles tally



### 5 'And then my bag caught fire...' it's Nathan Millward

**Leeds MAG – an evening with Nathan Millward**  
**Where** Squires Cafe Bar, Newthorpe  
**When** Saturday, March 25, from 8pm  
**Entry** £10  
**Info** leeds.mag-uk.org

Stuck in Australia, skint and need to get back to the UK. What would you do? Buy an old Aussie post office bike

and ride back? Share in an evening of Nathan's tales and adventures from his book *The Long Ride Home*.  
**We say** Mishaps seem to follow Nathan wherever he goes. Just last week we met him at an airport to go riding and he turned up with just the clothes on his back, as his bag had caught fire and torched the lot. Might still be a bit soon for jokes.



Postie bike action all the way home from Down Under



### 7 Scoot down to the Ace

**Scooter Sunday at the Ace**  
**Where** Ace Café, London  
**When** Sunday, March 26, 9am-5pm  
**Entry** Free  
**Info** ace-cafe-london.com

Sunday is for scooters so expect all kinds of old Italian wizardry from the likes of Vespa and Lambretta. If that's not enough, if you spend over £5 at the counter you'll be entered into a raffle to win tickets to the Jukebox & Retro fair and a copy of the Dr. Martens book.  
**We say** What could make a Scooter Sunday more complete than holding it at the same time as a Raleigh Chopper meet? To top it off, The Ska Faces are playing live.

### 6 Can you be a Lord of Lydden?

**Weekend trackday**  
**Where** Lydden Hill Circuit, Kent  
**When** Saturday, March 25, from 9.30am  
**Entry** £120  
**Info** lyddenhill.co.uk

An open track day where any bike is permitted. Do be aware that there is a 100dB noise limit in place that could catch out those with really aftermarket fruity exhausts.  
**We say** Lydden Hill has many claims to fame including being the site of the invention of Rallycross along with being the UK's shortest road racing circuit. Legend has it that when it was



Get yourself down to Kent this weekend

being laid in 1962 the circuit was to be longer, but the tarmac ran out at the Devil's Elbow.

### Road Watch

By Cambridgeshire County Council

The A14 is devilishly busy at the best of times, so we're widening the carriageway. To do this, we first need to narrow it obviously but don't despair, we'll be finished by 2020.



## NEW PRODUCTS

Official Rossi replica for your mantelpiece



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### Rossi Bike Collection from £2.99

**What's good** MCN have teamed up with Rossi's people to bring you this collection of 1:18-scale die-cast models. Each model comes complete with an eight-page magazine packed full of info on the bikes – from the all-conquering M1, to the NSR500,

and even his Aprilia 250. The first bike is £2.99; following issues are £9.99. There are plenty to collect but you can cancel at any time.  
**What's not** It's just a shame that you're not 1:18 scale yourself so you can swing a leg over!  
[www.rossibikecollection.com](http://www.rossibikecollection.com)



### Oxford Subway 3.0 jacket £99.99

**What's good** The Subway 3.0 packs an impressive spec list, as it's made from tough 600 denier fabric and features a removable thermal lining, water-resistant pockets, and CE armour.  
**What's not** It's only available in a choice of two colours – black/red and black/fluoro.  
[www.oxprod.com](http://www.oxprod.com)



### Cobrra Nemo 2 chain oiler £99.99

**What's good** Easy-to-fit semi-automatic chain oiler system, the Nemo's reservoir fits to your handlebar and, with just a quarter of a turn of the machined alloy cap, provides enough lube to your chain to cover you for 200 miles. Perfect for taking the faff out of chain maintenance.  
**What's not** It relies on you to remember to do it.  
[www.cobrra.co.uk](http://www.cobrra.co.uk)

### Kawasaki Akashi hoodie £69.95

**What's good** Tasteful grey, super-warm hoodie features a flock logo in the classic style, which celebrates Kawasaki's Akashi plant in Japan.  
**What's not** The green plastic bobbles on the pull ties can disappear up through the eyelets and into the body of the hoodie.  
[www.kawasaki.co.uk](http://www.kawasaki.co.uk)



### BKS Race gloves £159.99

**What's good** British brand BKS, creators of top-quality tailor-made leather kit, have released these all-new off-the-peg race gloves. Developed to the same spec as the gloves BKS make for many UK police forces, they're made from 0.9mm thick cowhide.  
**What's not** You need to order direct from BKS. But the upshot of this means that they'll help you get the perfect size.  
[www.bksleather.co.uk](http://www.bksleather.co.uk)

