

D.A.M.

RIDER NEWS



August 2013

To All Members of Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists.

Our group is currently in an iniquitous situation. We are without a Chairman.

This is contrary to the constitution and needs urgent attention.

The Committee has therefore called an Extraordinary General Meeting.

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th September as per the official notice contained in this News Letter.

An E.G.M. is a very important meetings and I sincerely urge all members to attend. The outcome of this meeting vitally affects the future of the group and thus us as members.

Nominations for Chairman and other vacant D.A.M. committee posts are invited on the forms provided.

Either hardcopy or emailed, by the date indicated.

- : Nomination received for Chairman – Stephen Carr
- : Nomination received for Secretary – Dennis Jump
- : Nomination received for Newsletter - Mike Fourie
- : Nomination received for Webmaster - Peter Harris

Please note : to be eligible to vote you must be paid up members of the IAM and DAM

More information can be provided by contacting DAMTreasurer@DerbyAM.org.uk

**D.A.M. Meetings:
Third Wednesday each month.
The Royal Oak,
Ockbrook,
Derby**

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists will be held on

**Wednesday , 18th September, 2013
at 20:00 hrs
at The Royal Oak, Ockbrook, Derby.**

Agenda

- 1. EGM open and welcome by Treasurer**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Reason for EGM**
- 4. Election of executive committee ... Chairman**
- 12. Election of executive committee ... Secretary**
- 13. Election of the remaining committee members
 Newsletter ... Webmaster**
- 14. AOB**
- 16. EGM close**

Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists Nomination Form for Group Committee Members

Nominations can only be submitted on this form and must be received by the Group Treasurer by the closing date of 1st September 2013.

Full Name : IAM Membership number :

Address :
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..... Post Code :

Telephone : eMail :

I wish/consent to be nominated for the DAM Group Committee post of

Chair Secretary Newsletter Editor Webmaster

Signature : Date :
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Proposed by : IAM Membership number :
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Signature : Date :
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Seconded by : IAM Membership number :
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Signature : Date :
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Group Treasurer : Mick Ford, 1 Simon Fields Close, Stanley Common, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 6XD.
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Copy of letter of thanks received from Barbara Shelley .

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT THE IAM .

Just to say thank you so much for the cheque from the IAM, and also personal donations for the Combined Day Unit, given in Dennis's memory. We have managed to raise a total of £1,100.00, which is wonderful, and this will be extremely helpful to them I am sure. Thank you to everyone who attended Dennis's funeral to support him, I think everyone gave him the great send off he deserved.

My thanks to you all for all your kindness, cards and telephone calls, which have been most helpful during this difficult time.

I wish you all the very best in the future.

Kind Regards

Barbara

The great escape - Chapter 1

It was Geoff's idea, really. Why not assemble a few bikes and ride them round Europe for a couple of weeks, taking in a few WW II memorabilia on the way? Why not indeed, and a few months later there we were, planning for a thousand and a bit miles through Holland, round Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and back again through Germany and Holland, all in two weeks. I had the easy job, booking the Hull-Rotterdam ferry, while Geoff and Nigel together spent hours on the internet hunting hotels with bike-friendly parking. Nigel, by the way, is still thinking about joining the IAM, but he must have the right ideas, because he rides a K1600.



All was coming together, it was almost all systems go, ready to cast off and sail on the ferry of the last day of May, then disaster struck. Rosalind fell off a step awkwardly and injured her wrist. There was no way she could hang on to a grab handle all that way. "No problem." said Geoff, "We can't abandon at this stage. You try and change the bike ticket on the ferry for a car ticket, and we'll go round like that." "OK," I said, and, little knowing how prophetic that was going to be, I added "I'll be the backup truck". So that was what we did.



Friday 31 May. In the afternoon we met up with Geoff and set off for Hull. Nigel and Sue were due to link up just after Alfreton, but Rosalind and I pressed on for Hull, where we all met up.

The bikes have reserved space down the centre of the car deck with plenty of lashing points, and we found somewhere to sit while waiting for the restaurant to open.

The food is buffet service, plentiful and good; Rosalind and I, having used this crossing several times, were pleased to note that the menus had at last changed.

Once safely off the boat, our main destination was Berlin, but that was thought to be too much for one day, so we overnighted in Hildesheim, a pleasant enough German city which was only just off our route. Rosalind and I in the car got there first. This did not entirely surprise me, because the diesel Alhambra seldom needs a fuel stop, so we could push on via all the dual carriageways. Rather worryingly, though, the others related having to circulate a housing estate before finally reaching the target.

More on that later.

In Berlin:



An excellent dinner was had by all (the asparagus season was still in full swing).

The next day the two bikes posed for their photos and then set off for Berlin.



Rosalind and I stayed a little longer to go round the Hildesheim Museum, which boasted quite a large ancient Egyptian section...



**Ancient Egyptian
Biker Helmets?**



**Ancient Egyptian
Biker Jacket?**



**Ancient Egyptian
Biker Trousers?**

To be continued in our next . . .

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