

# D.A.M. RIDER NEWS

Derby Advanced Motorcyclists

**2013**

D.A.M. Meetings

**Change of Venue: !!**

The Royal Oak,  
Ockbrook.

When

**3rd Wednesday**

every month.

8.00 p.m.

Visitors welcome!!



**Winter  
2012**

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meeting day!!**



*Riding in the rain !!*



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**Venue and day!!**  
**Royal Oak,**  
**55 Green Lane,**  
**Ockbrook.**  
**Derby.**  
**DE72 3SE.**  
**3rd Wednesday each month.**

**Well,**

**Nearly Christmas!**

**Where did the year go?**

Riding the bike for a living, the only differences are more layers of clothes and the jet wash comes out more often to get rid of the salt.

This month sees our last meeting at the Wilmot with another discussion night fronted by Paul Hopwell. I hope that you will come along and give him your support and get involved. Also, let me know if you've enjoyed the 3 sessions that we have had on aspects of 'the System'.

I hope to have more of them next year, and hope that more of you will take the plunge and lead a session for us. The difference between us and most other bike clubs is that we exist to promote Advanced Motorcycling techniques. Passing on our own personal experiences, either by club night sessions or by news letter articles, is an important part of our club.

Looking forward to next year, I would like to see more guest speakers.

As with all aspects of the club, this needs your help. Speakers do not need to be motorcycle related. If you have seen or heard anyone that you think the club would be interested in hearing then let us know. If you undertake a trip this coming year, make sure that you take lots of pictures and notes and come along to a club night and share your experience.

Whilst I am on the soap box, a word about our AGM in March. I believe that nomination forms are being attached to this newsletter, if not they'll be out with you soon. We need Committee Members that are prepared and able to attend committee meetings as well as getting involved with some practical aspect of the club. As well as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, we need Ride-out Coordinator, News Letter Editor, Web Site Editor, Club Night Coordinator, Raffle Organiser etc. None of these things just happen on their own. They all need someone prepared to get involved

So, don't be shy, if you would like to do something practical then get nominated.

On the other hand, if you don't have time to actually put something in then give it a miss. We need a committee that will be proactive if we are going to build the club through next year.

Wednesday 16th January sees us return to the Royal Oak, Ockbrook with FOOD provided. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally I would like to wish each and every member a very Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year and many safe biking hours in 2013.

*Cheers*

*John*

# D.A.M NOTICE BOARD

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*I seek 'em here... I seek 'em there...*

*I seek 'em everywhere!!*

*News Letter Articles*

*from D.A.M members.*



## D.A.M. Diary

- December 10th - Club Night. Wilmot Arms:-  
Paul Hopewell leading a debate on 'Positioning'
- December 15th :- Toy Run - MacDonalds,  
Markeaton 9:45, leave at 10:00 -  
New toys only - mark with sex and age.

**2013          2013          2013          2013          2013          2013**

January 16th - 3rd Wednesday - New Club Meeting Day and Venue -  
Royal Oak, Ockbrook - free Buffet - Subs due

February 20th - Club Night - Royal Oak - Speaker Tony Carter -  
Specialist Motorcycle Accident Investigator

March 15th - **A.G.M.** - Watch Out -

There may be a 'one off' venue change due to prearranged event at Royal Oak

April 17th - Club Night - Royal Oak - Speaker Gordon 'Overland to Egypt on a BSA Bantam'

May 15th - Club Night - Royal Oak

June 19th - Club Night - Royal Oak

July 17th - Club Night - Royal Oak

August 21st - Club Night - Royal Oak

September 18th - Club Night - Royal Oak

October 15th - Club Night - Royal Oak BEER FESTIVAL

November 20th - Club Night - Royal Oak

December 18th - Club Night - Royal Oak

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Club Night - Wednesday 16th January 2013

**NOTE!!!**

**Change of Venue:**

**We are back to the  
Royal Oak in Ockbrook!!!.**

**3rd Wednesday**

**D. A. M. TOY RUN SAT 15 DECEMBER 2012**

**Meet at MACDONALDS**

**MARKEATON ISLAND, A52 ASHBOURNE ROAD**

**LEAVE 10.00 RIDE TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**D.A.M 2013 A.G.M.**

The Annual general meeting of Derby Advanced Motorcyclists will take place on Wednesday 20th March 2013.

Venue to be announced.



***Post Christmas Meal***

**Sat the 2nd Feb 2013.**

**The Black Horse Inn at Hulland Ward,  
Starting a 7 p.m. for a sit down 7-30 meal**

**Cost £16 per head**

**Full details in this issue!!**

GEOFF/GILLIAN ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FORTHCOMING  
**DERBY I.A.M CHRISTMAS DINNER.**



**VENUE-** THE BLACKHORSE INN. HULLAND WARD.  
**DATE-** SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2013.  
**START TIME** 7 PM, SIT DOWN 7-30 PM  
**PRICE** THREE COURSE = £ 16-00

We will require all monies to be paid by/at January club night.

For the menu details see next page.

Those without email can return menu choices together with a cheque to our address (below) or on Dec/Jan club night.

There will be raffle prizes on the night.

Lets have a good night. For those of you that have not been before it presents an opportunity to meet and chat to other members and do as we have done ; renew old friendships and meet new friends.

**Email-** [gsalt100@btopenworld.com](mailto:gsalt100@btopenworld.com)

**Phone-** 01773 746562

**Address-** 100 West Ave.,  
Ripley,  
Derbys,  
DE5 3JD.

***The Black Horse Inn.  
Hulland Ward –  
Sat. 2nd Feb 2013 7pm  
Three Course Dinner Party Menu***

*£16.00 per head*

*Vegetable Soup  
Chicken Liver Pate  
Potted Crab*

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*Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding  
Chicken in Mushroom & Brandy Sauce  
Salmon Fillet & Hollandaise Sauce  
Stilton & Vegetable Crumble  
Stuffed Red Pepper*

*All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables*

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*Apple Pie & Custard  
Sherry Trifle  
Fruit Salad & Cream  
Cheese & Biscuits*

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*Coffee & Mints*

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists will be held on Wednesday , 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 20:00 hrs at : Venue to be advised.

### **Agenda**

- 1. AGM open and welcome by Chair**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM**
- 4. Matters arising from previous minutes**
- 5. Proposal and vote for acceptance of previous minutes**
- 6. Chair's report**
- 7. Secretary's report**
- 8. Treasurers report**
- 9. Proposal and vote for acceptance of financial report**
- 10. Proposal and vote for Auditor**
- 11. Test and Guidance report**
- 12. Election of executive committee ... Chair ... Secretary ... Treasurer**
- 13. Election of the remaining committee members**
- 14. AOB**
- 15. Details of next AGM**
- 16. AGM close**

**By order of the Secretary.**

**Mick Ford.**

**Derby Institute of Advance Motorcyclists.**

## Minutes of 2012 AGM

Venue: The Wilmot Arms, Borrowash, Derby

Date: 8pm March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Total Present: Full voting members: 24

The meeting was opened by the then Chair Graeme Willett.

Apologies were noted from the following: Mike Barker Dave Whitlock.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were read by the chair.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2011 AGM.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2011 AGM was proposed by Mick Ford, seconded by Tony Grimshaw.

The chair report for 2011/12 was read by Graeme Willett. This is to be published via newsletter and website.

The secretary's report was read by Mick Ford. This is to be published via newsletter and website.

The treasurer's financial report was read by Mick Ford. This is to be published via newsletter and website.

Acceptance of the finance report for 2011/2012 was proposed by Tony Grimshaw, seconded by Graeme Willett.

Mick Ford proposed that Dave Whitlock be elected as auditor for 2011/12, this was seconded by Tony Grimshaw.

The test and guidance report was delivered by Tony Grimshaw.

Election of executive and committee: Graeme Willett read out the proposal for the executive, that being Chair John Tizzard, Secretary Mick Ford and Treasurer Mick Ford, this was put to the floor and carried unanimously there being no votes against and no abstentions.

Graeme Willett then read out the proposals for the election of the committee who stood en-bloc, these being: Richard Ballard (Membership secretary), Tony Grimshaw (Test & guidance, senior observer), Mike Barker (Test & guidance, senior observer), Peter Harris (Webmaster), John Lloyd (committee), Stuart Turner (committee), Bob Whitmore (committee) and Peter Macrorie (committee). The election of the committee members was put to the floor and carried unanimously there being no votes against and no abstentions.

Any other business. There was no other business from the floor.

The date for the next AGM was set as March 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

The meeting was closed at 20.30.

# Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists Nomination Form for Group Committee Members

Nominations can only be submitted on this form and must be received by the Group Secretary by the closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Full Name : ..... IAM Membership number : .....

Address :  
.....

..... Post Code :  
.....

Telephone : ..... eMail :  
.....

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

Chair ..... Vice Chair ..... Secretary ..... Minute Secretary ..... Treasurer  
..... Membership Secretary ..... Test and Guidance ..... Associate Co-ordinator ...  
Runs Co-ordinator ..... 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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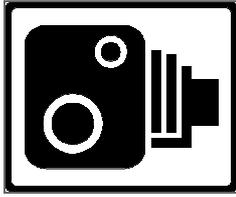
Signature : ..... Date :  
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Group Secretary : Mick Ford, 1 Simon Fields Close, Stanley Common, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 6XD.  
eMail : DAMSecretary@DerbyAM.org.uk

# The cost of a motoring conviction.

**N.B. !!  
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Been caught speeding,



Using a mobile phone at the wheel,



or drink driving?



What effect this will have on your car insurance costs?

Motor lawyer Jeanette Miller takes a look.

Many prospective clients will base their decision about whether to challenge an allegation of say, speeding, on the cost of the fine rather than if they are factually guilty of an offence or not.

But this isn't the only financial consequence.

There is [also the likely rise in insurance premiums following a motoring conviction](#).

## Your risk to insurers

Of course, insurance companies use statistics to assess a drivers' risk of making a claim.

And statistics show that drivers with a motoring conviction have an increased risk of being involved in a road accident.

So I decided to do a bit of mystery shopping.

I searched online for car insurance using my own driving record and a number of hypothetical motoring convictions\*.

I was very surprised to see the results.

If I were to be convicted of driving while using my mobile phone, my premium would increase by only 16 per cent.

But if I was convicted of drink driving, of the firms that would still offer me cover (many wouldn't), my [car insurance](#) premium would rise by a whopping 134 per cent on average - and rightly so, some would say.

## Shop around

"Our advice to motorists who earn a new conviction is that this changes your risk to an insurer.

"It is therefore time to search the market to see which insurers are more accepting of the specific conviction you have received."

Most convictions are taken into account for five years even though the majority of penalties will only count for the purpose of your driving record for three years.

The only thing that is certain when you receive a motoring conviction is your insurance will increase.

However, unlike the law of gravity, it may not come down again for some time.

*Motor lawyer Jeanette Miller is a senior partner at [Geoffrey Miller Solicitors](#), a UK firm specialising in defending drivers who face prosecution for motoring offences.*

\*Percentage increase in premium's based on the author's own research, not a comprehensive poll of all insurers.

**This Christmas and for ever after!!!**



## REGION 3 ASHES

Not sure if I've done something on this already, but here goes:



October 13th saw us once again at the Region 3 Ashes competition at the Motor Museum, Gaydon.

First of all a big thank you to Roy Aston and all the organisers for again putting on a good show.



Secondly, thanks to our Team, Paul Hopewell, John Lloyd, Sean Bounds and Steve Sharp. It takes nerve to put yourself up for this sort of public scrutiny, well done to you all.

The Ashes is made up of 4 tests.

1. Slow ride test - DAM, in the shape of Bob Witmore and myself, were in part responsible for the judging of this event. This really sorted the 'con dos' from the 'think they can dos'. I will admit, it did make a difference what bike you had as to how easy this was. Paul Hopewell was wishing that he left his Goldwing at home, but good on him for having a go. The winner wasn't on a small bike however, I think it was a VFR and he really threw it through the course.

2. An observed ride. We provided our 2 Senior Observers, Mick and Tony, to help out here. A really rigorous workout was given to all the competitors.



3. The fault find I didn't see but I'm sure it was challenging.

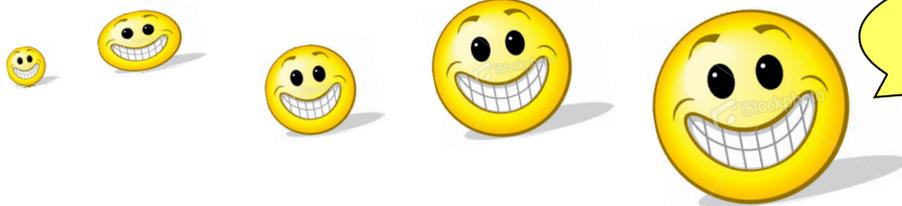
4. Questions from the Highway Code and How to be a Better Rider finish the tests.



Final result, we came 6th out of 7. If anyone thinks they can do better let me have your name for next years contest.

Anyway, rumour has it that the winners cheated. They actually practiced! How unsporting! Maybe we should do a bit of that before next year!!!

Next year, there may be a change to level the playing field in the slow riding. They're hoping to get some bikes especially for us to do the slow riding on. ie all competitors will ride the same bike. Should be fun. Get your name down for next year.



A young girl started work in the village chemist shop. She was very shy about having to sell condoms to the public. The owner was going on holiday for a couple of days and asked if she would be willing to run the shop on her own. She had to confide in him her worries about selling the contraceptives.

"Look," he said. "My regular customers don't ask for condoms, they'll ask for a 310 [small] a 320[medium] or a 330[large]. The word condom won't even be used.

The first day was fine but on the second day a guy came in to the shop, put out his hand and said "350".. The girl panicked. She phoned the owner on his mobile and told him of her predicament.

" Go back in and check if he has a yellow bucket hanging between his legs" her boss told her.

She peeped through the door and saw the yellow bucket hanging between his legs. "Yes "!!!! she said " He's got one hanging there" ....!

The boss said "Go back in and give him £3-50.....He's the Window cleaner"!!!!!!

### Biker banned from Tesco

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Tesco. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my wife received the following letter from our local Tesco.

Dear Mrs. Samsel,

Over the past six months your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store.. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband are listed below and are backed up by our video surveillance cameras.

1. June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in housewares to go off at 2-minute intervals.
3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. August 4: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
5. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he would invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department; to which twenty children obliged.
6. August 24: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
7. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
8. September 24: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.
9. October 8: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, whispered 'Pick me, pick me.'

#### **And last, but not least:**

10. October 22: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the assistants passed out.

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said. "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about £50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realise that our porch goes all the way around the house?"

"That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" he responded.

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes."

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?", the startled husband asked.

"Yes," the blonde replied, "And I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the £50 and handed it to her along with a £10 tip.

"Thank you," the blonde said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Mercedes."