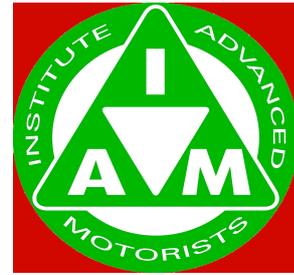


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Rider News



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DRIVING ROAD SAFETY

Derby Advanced Motorcyclists

February 2013

Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th February, 8pm Start
The Royal Oak, Ockbrook, DE72 3SE
Speaker - Tony Carter, Accident Investigator,
McMillan Williams Solicitors

Sunday 24th February, 9:30
Chairmans Birthday Jaunt
Meet – 9:30 – McDonalds', Markeaton Park,
DE22 4AA – Leave 10pm prompt

A local ride to blow away the winter
cobwebs. Finish up at CMC Clay Cross

Next Rideout

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the News Letter please email
damnewsletter@derbyam.org.uk

Members News

If you weren't there then you missed a great night. The Black Horse at Hulland Ward. Over 40 members and partners enjoyed a 4 course meal and each others company.



Our thanks go out again to Geof and Gillian Salt for all their efforts in putting this together. It doesn't have to be the festive season for us to get together with or without our bikes! If you can think of a venue and an idea for a social then let's hear about it. Summers coming, I can smell the BBQs already!



Our old bike stand no longer clutters up Mick Fords garage. It's new home is with Shaun Bounds who successfully bid £75 after a spirited exchange with Stuart Turner and Tony Grimshaw.

From the Chair

Welcome to a new look News Letter. Let me know if you think it's ok, if you don't like it I'll find someone else to blame!

The previous News Letters were kindly put together for us by Mike Fourie. Mike moved away some time ago and is now active in the IAM in Harrogate. He continued however to do our News Letter until a new editor was found. I thought that he'd done more than enough for us so I've taken it on until we can find someone on the new committee to take it up. If you fancy the job then get yourself nominated for the committee and come and have a go.

Which is a nice link into the AGM and elections for a Committee to take the club through 2013 and into 2014. Firstly, I must apologise as I will not be able to make it to the AGM. My travel agent has booked us some sunshine for a week in Tenneriffe and I can't argue with that, even if I wanted to. The evening should be run by Stuart Turner, with the elections being run by John Lickley from Region 3 HQ.



I've attached nomination forms for the committee to this newsletter. It's not too late to get involved. We have about 4 committee meetings a year, the rest of the business is done at club nights, so it's not a megga commitment.

Anyway, want a great day out? Above is me pictured in the 'back lot' of the Harry Potter movie set on Hagrids' combo. How cool is that! We spent nearly 4 hours at the Universal Studios Harry Potter Experience. The excuse was taking the granddaughter for a birthday treat, I'd have gone anyway.

And finally, just in case you're not sure what to get for my birthday



Water cooled, whatever next ! Chain Drive !!!

Well I Never!

Stories from Dennis Jump

The following story occurred when I attended the Bike Show at the NEC a couple of years ago....

As it was a fine morning, I made the decision to ride to the NEC on one of my BSA's. A straightforward run down the M42.

As I swung off on the NEC sliproad and crossed back over the flyover, I saw a line of police checks in the car park where they were pulling bikes over for spot checks.

They were not too busy and the guy who flagged me in said "Sorry Sir, had to flag you down, the first proper bike we've seen all morning...."

A few police officers from idle check bays came over to look as I put the bike on its stand.

Just then, an 'officious senior officer' wearing a 'cap and attitude' walked over and announced that **he** would perform the inspection while he had everyone's attention...

He gave the bike a thorough going over, as to be expected, pulling levers, depressing pedals and spinning wheels...

"And this bike is a very good case in point gentlemen...."

he said as he depressed the right foot pedal and spun the back wheel. "All that glitters, is not gold! This gentleman assumes that because he has a nice shiny, fancy chromed bike, that he has a SAFE bike! Wrong, what he in fact has is...." he ranted on, in an obvious attempt to humiliate me.

"Excuse me", I had to interject.... "Excuse me, but that's the gear pedal you're pressing, this is a Brit bike!"

The laughter from the assembled constabulary had to be heard to be believed, at which point the senior officer strutted off in 'high dudgeon' reminiscent of a scene from "Porridge", where the Officer McKay stalks off after another losing encounter with Fletcher!



Well I Never!

More from Dennis Jump

Another day, another trip, and I was riding down the M42 with a girlfriend as pillion on a BSA Royal Star. My fault, not checking and not having the benefit of a fuel gauge either, we ran out of petrol and coasted to an

ignominious halt on the hard shoulder just short of a bridgeway.

Girlfriend **definitely** not amused, and all I could do was try and defuse the situation by promising that I would get petrol and say "We'll be on our way again sooner than you think!" Little were either of us to realise.....



I left "She who was not amused" with the bike and scrambled up the bank next to the bridge, to access the road that ran across it.

Among the young trees growing on the embankment I found - a fuel can! A green, plastic fuel can - brand new and complete with pouring nozzle!

Great! What luck!

I hopped over the fencing at the top and landed on the pavement alongside a small 'B' road.

No sooner had my feet touched the ground than a Jag pulled into the kerb, the window glided down, and a voice purred "Do you need petrol? Hop in, I'll take you to the BP station down the road..."

A lovely young lady, who did as she promised (help fetch fuel) and took me maybe three miles to a BP

station, and back again.

I had to decline any further offers (Hmm, senility prevents me even remembering if there even **were** any now!) as I was sure that my girlfriend must be glaring up at me from the motorway below!

I scrambled down the bank and the rest is history...we were on our way again in 'a few ticks' short of ten minutes!! A lucky day or what?!

Don't Mess With Old Geezers

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight.

The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could get one over on them easily.

So, the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game.

The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun.... "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00," he says.

This catches the senior's attention and, to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?"

The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?"

The lawyer uses his laptop to search all references he can find on the Net.

He sends E-mails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up.

He wakes the senior and hands him \$500.00. The senior pockets the \$500.00 and goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Adverts

This section is to advertise trips, events, things, pretty well anything with a vague bike connection. There is no implied recommendation, so if it's

going to cost you money, then make sure that you check it out for yourself. Good luck.

TAZ TOURS 2013

Aberdovey, wales
May 3rd 4th 5th.
We will be staying at the
Penhelig Arms Hotel.

Cost;
3 nights dinner bed and breakfast
£210.00 per person based on sharing
a double or twin room
There are also 4 large suites; up-
grade available .
If you would like to join us please
send me an
E-mail or give me a call
07973 742595
or
mel4taz@yahoo.co.uk



We look forward to seeing you all soon Mark and Mel xx



Derbyshire Blood Bikes are coming up to their 2nd birthday. They are currently operational in connection with the Milk Bank and have completed several runs to the Womens Hospital, Birmingham with Breast Milk and Blood Samples. They should soon be running samples for the NHS in Derby. If you want to become a Blood Bike rider, check their web site for details. www.derbyshirebloodbikes.org

Adverts

BikeSafe is running again throughout the summer. If you know someone who wants a crack at Advanced Riding, but don't want to join us for whatever reason, then here's an alternate route for them. Full day courses are being run on :



- . Sunday 28th April
- . Sunday 30th June
- . Sunday 28th July
- . Sunday 1st September

A new departure is to do the Theory Sessions over 2 evenings and the On Road Session at a date convenient to the Rider and the Instructor. The dates for the evening sessions are:

- . Mondays 13th and 20th May
- . Mondays 12th and 19th August.

Check out their web site for details of how to sign up:

- . www.bikesafe.co.uk/Police-Forces/Derbyshire.aspx



Check it out at www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk

We're hoping to do a club ride to this event

You can save £3 by booking a ticket on the web site.

Here are a few suggestions for other sections that could be included in the news letter.

If you can think of any others I'd be pleased to include them

Know the Law

Ignorance of the Law is no excuse.

Pass on any tips or new legislation

Destination

Do you know of any Cafes, Pubs, Shops etc that are good destinations for a ride?

Share with us, we could do a club rideout.

We can always find a leader if we have a route.

Me and My Bike

Love your bike? Or maybe not!

Lets hear about your love/hate relationship with your current or a previous bike.

Associate News

Come on Associates, how's it going?

Is training as you expected?

What has surprised you most?

Good or Bad, share your experience.

Any More Ideas?

If you can think of a relevant topic area let us know and we'll get it included.

This is your News Letter so make a contribution!

Events Calendar

Date	Event Details
Wednesday 20 th February, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – with speaker Tony Carter, Accident Investigator, McMillan Williams Solicitors
Sunday 24 th February, 9:30am	<p>Chairmans Birthday Rideout</p> <p>Meet – 9:30 – McDonalds', Markeaton Park, DE22 4AA – Leave 10pm prompt.</p> <p>Blow the winter cobwebs off with a local ride finishing at CMC, Clay Cross. Mileage will be weather dependant</p>
Wednesday 20 th March	<p>Club AGM – 8pm at the MEADOWS INN, The Cattle Market, Chequers Road, Derby DE21 6EN.</p> <p>Election of officers for 2013-2014</p> <p>Speaker – 'Flipper' from Emergency Bikers</p>
Sunday 24 th March, 9:30	<p>Easter Egg Run</p> <p>Meet – 9:30 - McDonalds', Markeaton Park, DE22 4AA – Leave 10pm prompt.</p> <p>Bring an Easter Egg for distribution to the children in the Royal Derby Hospital. Length of the ride to get there will depend upon the weather.</p> <p>There may be a ride around afterwards if there is enough interest.</p> <p>Friends and non DAM members are welcome to join us on this event.</p>
Monday 25 th March, 7:30pm	Committee Meeting - Venue to be arranged
Saturday 6 th April	<p>DAM Observers Meeting</p> <p>Probably at the Cheery Tree Farm, Junction A50/A38 DE65 6DX</p> <p>Full details to be confirmed.</p> <p>A chance to exchange views and catch up with fellow Group Observers. Lunch will be provided. Probably go for a ride afterwards.</p>

Sunday April 7th	<p>Prescott Bike Festival (www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk)</p> <p>Join us for a ride to this all day event. Entry is £15 with profits going to the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes.</p> <p>The ride will be about 100 miles each way, avoiding dual carriageways where possible.</p> <p>Meet point will be Donnington Services, Junction 23A, DE74 2TN</p> <p>Destination is Bugatti Owners Club, Prescott Hill, GL52 9RD</p>
Wednesday 17 th April, 8pm	<p>CLUB NIGHT – with speaker – Gordon – at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.</p> <p>'Overland to Egypt on a Bantam' – I'm looking forward to this, I sometimes struggled to get mine overland to Long Eaton!!!</p>
Saturday 20 th April	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
3 rd to 5 th May	TAZ Tours – see advert later in the News Letter
Wednesday 15 th May, 8pm	<p>CLUB NIGHT – at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.</p> <p>We're looking at a having a First Aid event.</p>
Saturday 18 th or Sunday 19 th May	Rideout – Led by Chris Tyler – details to be arranged
Monday 17 th June, 7:30pm	Committee Meeting – Nottingham Road Fire Station
Wednesday 19 th June, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 22 nd or Sunday 23 rd June	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Saturday 6 th and Sunday 7 th July	<p>National Motorcycle Road Rally</p> <p>Want a real biking challenge? See John Tizzard or Stuart Turner for details or visit www.nationalroadrally.co.uk</p>
Wednesday 17 th July	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 20 th or Sunday 21 st July	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Saturday 27 th July, 1pm	<p>Slow Riding</p> <p>Let's have some fun whilst practising Slow Riding.</p> <p>Let's see if we can find the people capable of winning the ASHES for D.A.M.</p>
Wednesday 21 st August	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Saturday 24 th or Sunday 25 th August	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Wednesday 18 th September	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 21 st or Sunday 22 nd September	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Monday 23 rd September, 7:30pm	Committee Meeting – Nottingham Road Fire Station
Wednesday 16 th October	CLUB NIGHT – with a difference - Royal Oak, Ockbrook – BEER FESTIVAL
Saturday 19 th or Sunday 20 th October	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Wednesday 20 th November, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 23 rd or Sunday 24 th November	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Wednesday 18 th December, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook

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 1st March 2013.

Full Name : IAM Membership number :

Address :

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..... Post Code :

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Telephone : eMail :

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

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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.

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