

# D.A.M.

*Rider News*



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**DRIVING ROAD SAFETY**

*Derby Advanced Motorcyclists*

**March 2013**

## *Next Meeting*

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm Start

The Meadows Inn, The Cattle Market,  
Chequers Road, Derby, **DE21 6EN**

This is the club **AGM**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30**

Easter Egg Run

Meet – 9:30 – McDonalds', Markeaton Park,  
DE22 4AA – Leave 10pm prompt.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30**

Prescott Bike Festival

Meet – 8:30 – Donington Services - DE74  
2TN – Leave 9am prompt

## *Next Rideouts*

## *Contributions*

If you would like to contribute to the News Letter please email  
[damnewsletter@derbyam.org.uk](mailto:damnewsletter@derbyam.org.uk)

## *Rideout News*

Date – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Destination – Hassop Station and CMC Chesterfield

Leader – John Tizzard

Route – Markeaton Island – Duffield – Ashbourne – Newhaven – Bakewell – Hassop Station Bookshop

– Chatsworth Park – Darley Dale – Chesterfield – CMC Clay Cross (70 miles)

Comments – A bit of a parky day, but generally dry with good road conditions for the time of year. The remnants of the gritter lorries was ever present but didn't cause problems. A gentle ride was enjoyed by 8 of us and, even though a little chilly, much better than vegetating indoors. Hassop Station Bookshop has a cafe and is open 7 days, a great little stop over if your in the area.

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Speaker – Tony Carter – McMillan Williams Solicitors

## *Club Night Report*

Tony was a man with a wealth of experience. His background included Police Motorcycle Instructing and Accident Investigation. He is also a CBT, DAS instructor. If that's not enough, he's also and Examiner for both IAM and RoSPA. To top it all, he is one of a small number of (4 I think) people qualified to be an 'Expert Witness' with regard to Motorcycle Accidents.

Tony spoke for an hour giving information about the process and pitfalls of how the 'Accident Claim' industry operates. It seems that we can all save a bit of money in the short term by not bothering with the 'Legal Protection' that is tagged on to most policies automatically. In stead, if we do have an accident, make use of the 'No claim, No fee' solicitors, and, it would seem, if we have a valid claim, get far more in compensation by using this route.

Tony also dispelled some 'Motoring Myths', undertaking for example, and others. There were certainly a few things that I'd not heard before.

Many thanks to Tony, and he'll be back again, maybe in September, to talk about Accident Investigation.



## *From the Chair*

*Well, that's another birthday come and gone. Thanks to the hardy few that braved the cold to have a trundle around Derbyshire.*

*Didn't get my new GS, but did get some golf lessons, so all not too bad.*

*March is upon us and this brings around the AGM. Later in the news letter you can see a list of the nominations received. I'm hoping that 2013 will see us taking the Advanced Riding message to a wider audience whilst at the same time building the club at it's new cosy venue.*

*There's never much to report on at this time of the year. The bike training world is still in a state of hibernation which is compounded by the economy and the law changes. I've put an article in later about the new licensing laws, not that it affects us directly, but it's good to know in case we're asked. Will it make a difference? I don't think so. Unless of course you're a Training School and you'll have to buy extra bikes if you want to cover the whole range of test options.*

*Anyway, looking on the bright side, Easter will be here soon (don't forget the Egg Run) and with it maybe some better biking weather. The weekend after Easter will be a club run to the Prescott Bike Festival. It's about 90 miles each way and the aim is to avoid the big roads where possible. Tickets are £15 on the day but only £12 if you book on-line before April 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*So, get cleaning and polishing, get rid of those SORN notices and get ready to ride.*

*Cheers*

*John*

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## *Observers Meeting*

April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cheery Tree Farm, Junction A50/A38 DE65 6DX, 11am start.

'IMI qualification and future training within the IAM.' the new road forward will be presented by John Lickley from Region 3

There will be a 40 minute presentation Plus an explanation of some common concerns. There'll also be an opportunity to review 'Briefing and De-briefing' followed by a forum for all Observers to ask questions on any concerns that they may have.

All observers please make every effort to attend.

Lunch will be provided from club funds.



# Routes to Riding

New regulations from January 2013



# 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> April
- . Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- . Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July
- . Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May
- . Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August.

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

- . [www.bikesafe.co.uk/Police-Forces/Derbyshire.aspx](http://www.bikesafe.co.uk/Police-Forces/Derbyshire.aspx)



*Check it out at [www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk](http://www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk)*

*Come and join the club ride on the 7<sup>th</sup> April*

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

# *Well I Never!*

So, you think you've had a hard day ....



**A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$9.40 please." The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.**

**The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.**

**This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man. "Same," says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62." Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.**

**The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?"**

**"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."**

**"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"**

**"That's right..Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "What's with the ostrich?"**

**The man sighs, pauses and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with a big ass and long legs who agrees with everything I say.."**





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*

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.

## *Destination*

## *Me and My Bike*

*Love your bike? Or maybe not!*

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

Come on Associates, how's it going?

Is training as you expected?

What has surprised you most?

Good or Bad, share your experience.

## *Associate News*

## *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 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Club AGM</b> – 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 <sup>th</sup> March, 9:30	<p><b>Easter Egg Run</b></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 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm	<p><b>Committee Meeting – Probably at the Foresters, Borrowash – Check your email before setting out</b></p>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>DAM Observers Meeting</b></p> <p>At the Cheery Tree Farm, Junction A50/A38 DE65 6DX</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 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Prescott Bike Festival</b> (<a href="http://www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk">www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk</a>)</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 <sup>th</sup> April, 8pm	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – with speaker – Gordon – at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.  'Overland to Egypt on a Bantam' – I'm looking forward to this, I sometimes struggled to get mine overland to Long Eaton!!!
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TAZ Tours</b> – see advert later in the News Letter
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 8pm	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.  Our Chief Examiner, Roy, will be making an appearance and answering your questions
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Rideout</b> – Led by Chris Tyler – details to be arranged
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b> – Nottingham Road Fire Station
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 8pm	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> or Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>National Motorcycle Road Rally</b>  Want a real biking challenge? See John Tizzard or Stuart Turner for details or visit <a href="http://www.nationalroadrally.co.uk">www.nationalroadrally.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 1pm	<b>Slow Riding</b>  Let's have some fun whilst practising Slow Riding.  Let's see if we can find the people capable of winning the ASHES for D.A.M.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>CLUB NIGHT</b> – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> or Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</b>

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

## Committee Nominations

Position	Nominator	Proposed	Seconder
1Chair	John Tizzard	Mick Ford	Bob Whitmore
3Secretary	Stuart Turner	Pete Macrorie	Mick Ford
4Associate Co-ordinator	Stuart Turner	Pete Macrorie	Mick Ford
5Treasurer	Mick Ford	Tony Grimshaw	Bob Whitmore
6Membership Secretary	Richard Ballard	Mick Ford	Bob Whitmore
7Test and Guidance	Tony Grimshaw	Mick Ford	Bob Whitmore
8Runs Co-ordinator	Gordon Constable	Tony Grimshaw	Bob Whitmore
9Newsletter Editor	Vacant		
10Webmaster	Vacant		
11Auditor	Dave Whitlock	Mick Ford	
15Committee Member	Pete Macrorie	Stuart Turner	Mick Ford
16Committee Member	Bob Whitmore	Tony Grimshaw	Mick Ford