

## DAM Club Night - December 2014

1. Welcome everyone. There were no new faces. 28-members and guests present
2. A very warm welcome to our guest this evening, Mr Paul Halliday and his colleague Bryn from The Automobile Association (The AA)
3. Presentation of certificate to Richard Dawe
4. Presentation of certificate to Keith Jackson
5. Toy run Sunday 21 December 2014. Meet at 09:30hrs at Markeaton McDonalds
6. Club nights in 2015 will remain third Wednesday at The Royal Oak
7. Please pay your £10 club subs. Thank you to everyone who has paid these vitally important fees. Derby RoSPA is £25 per year! You get excellent value for money with us. We are busy negotiating local discount schemes exclusively for IAM members, such as tyre dealers, etc.
8. DAM Christmas dinner Saturday 17 January 2015. See Gordon for more details

Our guests from The AA spoke for about 40-minutes and offered us some excellent advice. Paul demonstrated how The AA use a glue-less system to repair punctured motorcycle tyres. This amazing device is designed to cover up to 500-miles at 65 mph.

Following this, we went outside to see their patrol vans and we were shown a demonstration of the brand new Compact Recovery Trailer, which is capable of recovering motorcycles! Thank you to John Cowley for loaning his bike for the demonstration! Very much appreciated, John.

### **Breakdown - what to do**

1. Look after YOU!
2. Know where you are There is a smartphone app for that! Search The AA in your app store
3. Carry a fully charged phone
4. Keep the telephone line free in case we need to contact you
5. Don't carry out your own repairs
6. Stand behind your bike and stay well clear if in a dangerous location
7. Move to a safe place if possible
8. Inform the AA if you get going or move location
9. Be visible
10. Consider phoning the police

### **General Advice**

- Our aim is to get you mobile again, back on the road asap.
- We can now recover motorcycles very easily using modern equipment.
- We are both avid bikers

- The AA was initially formed to stop speeding motorists
- The AA was the first to introduce roadside filling stations
- The AA were the first to install roadside telephone boxes with free calls within a 5-mile radius
- We cannot stop or do repairs in a live traffic lane.
- We now use a glue-less plug to temporarily repair punctures. It has a range of up to 500-miles at 65mph
- Water soluble goo does not harm your tyre so you can have it repaired
- Carry a spare capacitor to help out with battery problems. The bike won't start from a capacitor but it will stay running. There needs to be a current running through the capacitor for it to work.
- The level of service you receive depends on the type of cover you have bought. Upgrades are available at the roadside but you pay a hefty premium for doing so.
- All 14-plate onwards AA vehicles have the facility to recover bikes with their new Compact Recovery Trailer (see below for photos)



AA Patrolman Mr Paul Halliday talks to the group



The group getting a close-up view of a modern-day AA patrol van



John Cowley loading his machine on to the new Compact Recovery Trailer, an amazing bit of kit that can now recover your bike if it can't be repaired at the roadside. Available in all modern-day AA patrol vans, from 14-plate onwards



The Compact Recovery Trailer being stowed away in the back of a Ford Transit AA van