

Club night - Monday 08 June 2015

1. A very warm welcome to everyone here tonight. Over 30-members were present.
2. I am delighted to welcome our new Regional Operations Manager, Mr Ian Firth. A very warm welcome to you, Ian.
3. Presentation of certificate to David MacGregor
4. Presentation of certificate to Christopher Burton
5. Presentation of certificate to Douglas Riach
6. Presentation of certificate of appreciation to Gordon Constable



7. Presentation of certificate of appreciation to Mick Ford



8. Next group rides are Leicester Loop on Sunday 14 June and a Chip shop run on Friday 26 June. Updates will be posted to the website and then emailed out by Gordon.
9. Next club night is with East Midlands Ambulance Service., then Intaride Radio Communications.
10. I need volunteers to facilitate the 'ride-in' on 11 July 2015. 09:00hrs from Donington Services to The National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham. Riders should be qualified observers or very experienced group riders. All who take part will receive a discount on the £10 admission fee, in fact the club might pay, subject to approval by the committee.

Mr Ian Firth comments:

- Ian encouraged groups to make a nomination for the Lord Strathcarron Award. In 2014, only three people were nominated. To help improve this, the IAM are now offering a prize of £250 to the club of the award winner.
- Regarding the test review, the test standard has been written but more work needs to be done. Once the whole package is written, it will be trialled in 6 groups around the country. The target date for national rollout is April 2016.
- The IAM is working hard to rebrand the corporate image. The roundels will stay, and motorcyclists will keep the green colour. What will change is the colour of the IAM logo and the strap line.
- The IAM Motorcycle homecoming event is on Saturday 11 July 2015. Please book early so that the IAM knows the numbers of riders to expect. If not enough people register, the event may have to be cancelled.
- The target for associates to pass their test is 170-days. Our group are about on target. The way groups report their figures on DTE determine the outcome, so group Secretary's will shortly be receiving advice on how best to do this.
- The target to increase Skill For Life sales in 2015 is 8%. This is very achievable.
- The target for group integration in 2015 is 8 groups. Ian already has three groups who want to integrate, with one other showing some interest. Groups will NOT be forced to integrate, but there are lots of benefits available from Head Office to groups who do.