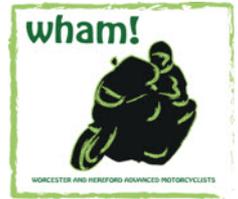




# WHAM! NEWS

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## HEREFORD RIDER SKILLS DAY - 25 APRIL

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## Editor's Bits and Pieces

### CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Andrew Wibmer and Martyn Newman for qualifying as Group Observers.  
( Trainers - Steve Edwards, Guy Jenkins, John Hodges)  
Congratulations to Colin Brown for passing the IAM test. (Observer - David Curzon)

#### ATTENTION - NOTICE FOR NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

The "Win a Yamaha" competition is open to all associates who have joined the IAM after 29th November 2009 and take their IAM test before 31st August 2010. The winner will be the "Best New Advanced Biker 2010" - the IAM will be looking for the rider who demonstrates the most skill and control on two wheels. For more details visit the [IAM Website](#).

**WHAM! QUESTIONNAIRE** Have you completed and returned your wham! questionnaire to Brian Morgan? This is your last chance!! The [questionnaire](#) is still available on the website - so if you want your views to count - please fill it in and return it to Brian as soon as you can. Thanks.

### ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR NEXT NATTER NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**Falcon Hotel Bromyard**

Tim Hutt, our Chief Observer, will be talking about "Signals - do you really need 'em". All are welcome to join in . Not a lecture - a discussion. Associates in particular are welcome - if you haven't been to a Natter Night yet then please come along.

### Chairman's Notes

At last some Spring weather! We have had some spectacularly good riding in the last few weeks – OK it has not been brilliant every day but a real improvement from the salt to which we'd all become accustomed.

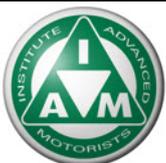
The lift in the weather has coincided with our early-season Rider Skills Days – one successfully completed and one yet to do – see other articles on these. The first of our own calendar "outings" is later in May and these days particularly herald the real start of the season – I hope to see as many of you as can make the "Roof of Wales" trip.

The other marker for a new motorcycling season is the advent of new models and I hear that certain members have been trying some promising new machinery – who knows, perhaps we will have a short "road test" or a more in depth "living with a ....." article soon.



*Our Flying Chairman - and scarf !*

Derek



## A VERY SUCCESSFUL HEREFORD RIDER SKILLS DAY

The "Hereford Rider Skills Day" was held on Sunday 25 April and was organised this year by Steve Edwards. It was a great success. Sincere thanks to Herefordshire Road Safety Group who funded the advertising, hall hire and a free "Skill for Life" prize draw. The event was also supported by the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia who kindly provided one of their "camera" bikes for the day.

Thanks go to all who helped on the day; the wonderful cafe personnel, the car park controllers, the rider/observer control team; the video operators, the "freebie" packers, the sign putting uppers and taking downers, the hall setting outers and putting awayers and of course the happy band of observers. Details of all involved are on the next page.

We took 33 riders out on assessment rides and 12 of them signed up to do a full "Skills for Life" course.  
**Simon Price was the lucky winner of the prize draw for a free "Skills for Life" course:**

## A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Peter Home, Paul Smith, Richard Gough, Michael Franzen, Shane Tippings, Simon Manning, Gordon Kinsey, Justin Lavender, Gill Kantolinna, Laurence Jenkins, Sandra Lampitt, Rob Gorle and Simon Price.



*Barb and Steve Dalloway running "Control".*



*Some members had bikes like this when they were new!!!*



*Guy Butcher gets ready for an assessment ride.*



*Three quarters of "The Cafe" staff  
 Lynda and Mark Silvester with Ann Culley  
 - Andrew Culley is taking a break*





*The Safer Roads Partnership trying to explain the benefits of speed cameras to Rich Smith.*



*Tony Davis explains that we usually wear helmets.*



*A well-earned break in the sunshine for Tim Wynn and Den Osborne.*



*Some of the hard-worked "Helpers"; namely Andrew Price, Lynton Jaynes and Andy Peckston.*

This successful day was only possible because of the hard work put in by so many people . Sincere thanks to:

**General Helpers:** Paul Whitcombe, Paul Smith, Lynton Jaynes, Andrew Price, Roger Brooks, The Ladies for making cakes, Deb Edwards, Simon Allen, and Andy Peckston.

**Organisers and Control Team:** Steve Edwards, John Hodges, Barb and Steve Dalloway.

**The Cafe Team:** Andrew and Anne Culley, Mark and Lynda Silvester.

#### **The Observer Team:**

Tim Hutt, Derek McMullan, Guy Jenkins, Dennis Osborne, Guy Butcher, Ant Clerici, Richard Smith, James Dickson, Phil George, Andrew Wibmer, Martyn Newman, Angus McCleod, Eric Reynolds, Tim Wynn, Brian Morgan, Gary Barnes, Tony Walsh and Tony Davis.

Many thanks to **Phil Collins, the Region 3 Group Coordinator** who came along to meet us all and helped us out by doing some observed runs as well.

Many of the above arrived early to help set up and many stayed at the end to help pack everything away. A special thanks to you.

Also our sincere thanks to the **Herefordshire Road Safety Group**; in particular Bob Maynard, Ann Mann, Barbara Isle and Sharon Amery - without whose help this event could not have taken place.



**COME AND VISIT THE WORCESTER BIKER SKILLS DAY  
SUNDAY 16 MAY**

# Biker Skills Day

**Sunday 16th May 2010**

**Hindlip, Worcester**

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

Phone: 0800 032 1155 to book a Free Assessment  
Ride with a qualified IAM Observer



Static Displays | Local Dealers | Refreshments  
Local Motorcycle Clubs | Learner Training



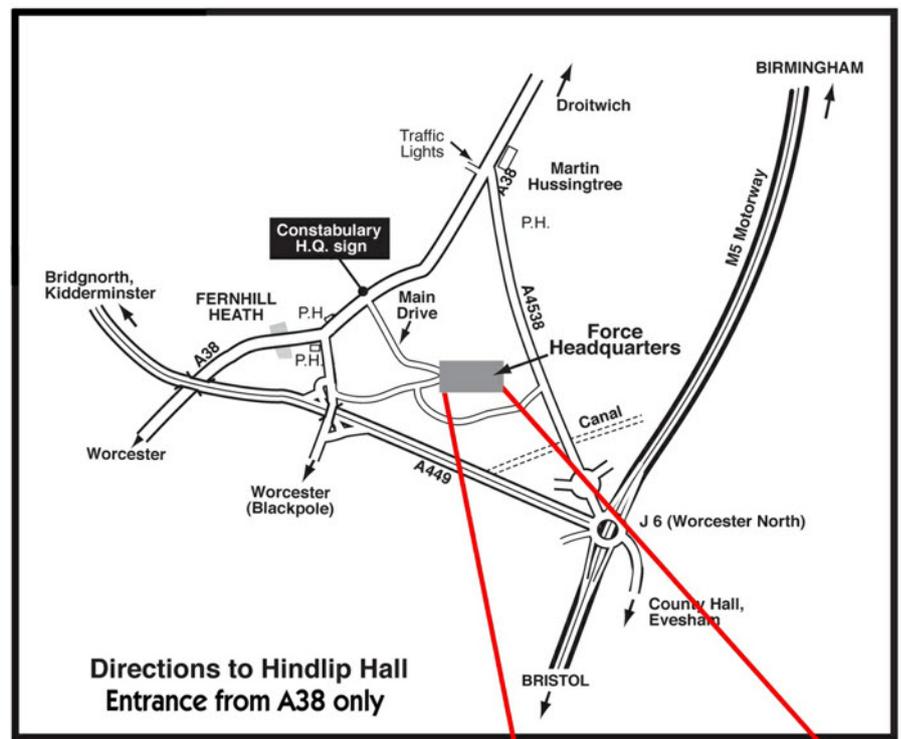
The Worcester Biker Skills Day is a bikers event being held at Hindlip Hall on Sunday 16th May. There will be dealers, bike stands, information stands, the fire and rescue service, police, Safer Roads Partnership, training organisations and refreshment stalls for all to see and enjoy. WHAM! is also taking part and our Observers will be taking riders out on assessed rides.

## **HELPERS NEEDED**

**We need more helpers for the Worcester Biker Skills Day. If you are a full or associate member and can spare a morning or afternoon (if not a whole day) please contact [Steve](#) by email or phone him on 01989 765765. We cannot participate effectively in these events without your help!**

## **HELPERS' JOBS**

**We need help in directing bikers, controlling the bike park, chatting to bikers about “Skills for Life”, preparing “freebie bags”, setting up and putting away. You will also get time to visit the rest of the event - so please join us and help us have a great day.**





### **The ROOF of WALES Tour**

The “Roof of Wales” tour this year will be on SUNDAY 23rd May. A brilliant day’s ride planned and led by Den Osborne. Last year it was a bit damp in places but this year Den believes the Icelandic volcanic ash will result in excellent weather.

Meet at Worcester McDonalds at 0815 for a 0830 get away. A Hereford meeting place will be arranged once we know how many Herefordshire based riders want to come on the ride.

Den will be booking breakfast for everyone and he needs to know who is coming so please inform [Steve Edwards, our Event Coordinator](#), if you’d like to come along.

Because of the length and complexity of the ride, it is restricted to full members and to anyone who a full member recommends and accompanies. This includes associates recommended and accompanied by their observers but it will not classify as an observed ride.

It is with regret that the Newsletter Editor, who thoroughly enjoyed last years damp (in parts) ride, cannot make it this year - but he is expecting some stunning photographs of the ride to be sent to him **a.** to make him really upset that he missed it and **b.** to be published in the next Newsletter. So, please send any good photos of the ride to the [Editor](#). Many thanks - in anticipation.



*The Ride Leader - Den Osborne*

Have you bought your WHAM! clothing yet? We’ve got polo shirts and T-shirts in stock - for £12 and £9 respectively. You can also buy fleeces and other wham regalia - just let us know what you want. To purchase wham! polo or T-shirts please contact [Eric Reynolds](#).



**ANSWERS TO THE CHAIRMAN'S QUERY.** The more diligent of you (ie those that actually read the Newsletter) will know that Derek asked for advice in the last Newsletter because he has left the safe world of shaft drive for the busy world of chains, sprockets, cush drives and the cleaning and maintenance involved. Tony Davis uses a Scottoiler and his comments and pictures are below.

Question. Are Scottoilers worthwhile?

Quick answer: Yes.

Long drawn out answer:

It has to be said that you need to keep an eye on them and make sure they are delivering the right quantity of oil. This depends on temperature and other unfathomable things. The manufacturers recommend setting the "drip rate" to 2 drips a minute. This is a good starting point but I gauge my setting by how much oil is flung over the back of the bike and how dry the chain is.... dry looking chain, turn it up two notches, oily bike turn it down. You will hear stories of people with oil all over the back tire tread, even with the most ham fisted adjustment I have never seen this and have now used them on 5 different bikes (over 100,000 miles).

Tim Hutt has fitted the latest electronic version that lets you set the flow rate via a switch on the handlebars; this lets you up the flow when it rains without fumbling around under the seat. However, they cost twice as much as the standard version and for me, because I like fiddling around anyway, not really worth the extra expense. I always buy either the large capacity touring options such as the behind-the-number-plate job (fitted to my Fazer) or the lube tube and, an absolute must, the dual injector.

One disadvantage is that the back end of your bike is usually filthy after a trip away. However there are compensations but I can only tell you about these in private - or you can ask the Editor.

In conclusion - the Scottoiler is a definite "THUMBS UP"

Tony Davis



*The Scottoiler Reservoir mounted behind the Fazer 600 number-plate.*



*The dual injector ensures that both sides of the chain and sprocket are lubricated.  
(The Scottoiler has just been fitted and not had time to work its wonder on the chain yet!)*

**ROAD SITUATIONS.** The photos below were used for the April Natter Night as a basis for discussion. For those members who could not attend, they are reproduced here for your information, delectation and consideration. If you come across a road situation that is of interest, please let us know and we will send our highly professional photography team to take some shots!



The A46. Some brilliant road markings by Worcester County Council. Two outer car lanes and two central bike lanes? And it is worse at the roundabout in one direction and the lay-by at the other. Confused? Wait until there's an accident and then see what happens!



Dotted lines - good to go? How can there be dotted lines on this bend? Thank you Worcestershire County Council!! (A4538)



If there is a car in front here, can we overtake? What factors are you going to consider?



You might need to zoom in to get the “full picture” for these photos. Once again, if there is a car in front of us, we need to be careful before committing to an overtake. Photo 1; the road can appear to be OK but in fact there is a car hidden by the curve. Photo 2; the car appears. Photo 3; It is only when we are a further 10m on that we can see 10/10 of the road. Hence, always make sure you can see 10/10 of the road before committing to an overtake.

