

# WHAM! NEWS

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*Photo by Anne Culley*

## ***DAY TRIP TO ABERDOVEY VIA THE WINDING WELSH ROADS***

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## Chairman's Notes

I'd like to start by making a special mention about the actions of Tony and Ali Davis when they came across the scene of a serious accident which occurred last Saturday morning whereby a motorcyclist had collided with a car. Tony and Ali took immediate action to protect the scene with Tony taking care of the scene management while Ali attended to the casualty. My understanding is that Ali spent the better part of an hour performing CPR on the casualty and even guided an attending doctor in how to deal with what lay before them. Paramedics eventually arrived and the he was evacuated by air ambulance. Unfortunately, the rider never regained consciousness and passed away as a result of his injuries.

Various members made comment to me later regarding the actions of both Tony and Ali. One described Ali as having acted 'heroically', 'without hesitation' and said 'she just didn't stop until the paramedics arrived'. Tony's controlled approach was described as having a calming effect which, take my word for it, can really help at such scenes. Ironically, one comment I remember Ali making later on was 'the paramedics really know what they're doing', clearly dismissing her own efforts.

Albeit Ali is a nurse by profession, both she and Tony attended the WHAM! Motorcycle specific first aid training that was organised by Derek earlier this year and there is no doubt that the training helped them both to act.

On behalf of all WHAM members I'd like to say how proud we are of the way you both acted to try and save the casualty, he really could not have had better care.

On a different note; the last of our summer Natter Night rides was well attended and once again it was curious that the only person who got lost in one particular group was the only one using a sat nav (I can't say who that was of course). The Natter Nights will now revert to the usual format and for the September night we will be having a visit from two members of Bridgestone Tyres Technical team. I have been asked to let them know, in advance if possible, if any of you have any specific, tyre related, queries. If so then please send me a quick e-mail and I'll let them know. It promises to be an interesting presentation so I urge as many of you as possible to attend.

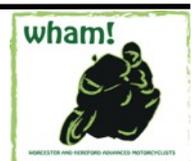
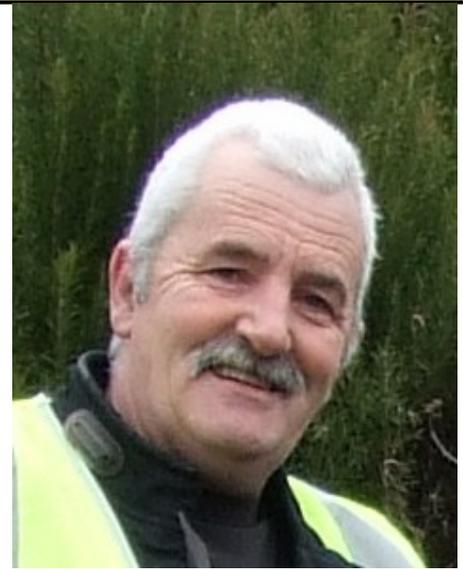
You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that some of our group recently took part in a day ride to the Aberdovey area. It is intended to organise more day rides of this nature with the next being planned for 18 September which will take us through some interesting countryside into Ceredigion. If there are any 'Little Britain' fans among us you may even recognise one of the villages! For this ride it has been decided that the food / coffee stops will be the usual café type places rather than us having to worry about making reservations for lunch - so there's no need to book - just turn up on the day. The frequency of the day rides will be influenced by the number of people interested in joining in so, if you know of any suitable places to visit or routes to ride then please let me know.

I have been asked to point out that the number of tests being taken tends to increase at this time of year but we need to avoid having associates book their test unless they are genuinely ready. There have been some instances of tests being booked too soon with the result that the associate ends up being put under too much pressure; so please only book it if you really are ready.

And finally – I know it seems a bit early to be talking about Christmas but we do need to make sure that we book the right room. This will depend on numbers attending so we really need to have some idea as soon as possible. There is more information under "Notices" on page 5 but I'd like to say that I'd love to see you there. It will be quite informal and there will only be one speech – and it'll be a short one!!

Hope to see you soon.

Brian.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Well done to Ian Holmes, Martin Wedd and Chris Lewis-Todd** on passing the IAM Test. Their observers were Phil George, Paul Whitcombe/James Dickson and Eric Reynolds respectively.



**John Burbeck**, who passed his test in March - receiving his certificate from his observer, Angus McLeod.



**Annie Morgan**, who passed her test in August, receiving her certificate from her observer, John Hodges at the August Natter Night.



**Steve Hackett**, winner of the WHAM! 2011 Photo Competition, nearly receiving his prize from the Newsletter Editor who had unfortunately picked up the wrong package. However, to make amends he made a personal delivery to Steve the following day with the correct software package.

### WHAM! Regalia

We've got polo shirts and T-shirts in stock - for £12 and £10 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](mailto:Eric.Reynolds@iam.org.uk).

**FOR ASSOCIATES BOOKING A TEST**  
**When your observer says you are "Test Ready" you can book your test online at**  
<http://www.iam.org.uk/testbooking/> **or**  
**by ringing IAM Head Office on 0208 996 9753 or by sending in the "Test Application" form that is included in your IAM Membership pack.**



## Day Trip to Aberdovey - Sunday 21 August Organised by Tony Davis



We gathered at the Little Chef at Woofferton. A good turnout (indeed, more than had booked for lunch) of about 20 riders. We rode in small groups of about 4 and amazingly all turned up at the far end - regardless of Garmin.



Photo by Steve Edwards

We're a hard bunch of bikers! After lunch we gathered for a ice cream on the promenade. Unfortunately Den's hand appears to be empty.

Alex Hoyle, Del Britton, Andy Peckston, John Hodges, Clifton King and (without an ice cream) Den Osborne.



Photo by Tony Davis

Den Osborne (leading) shows John Hodges how to do it as they bimble along on a sunny afternoon over the Welsh hills.



We had a great day. Good roads, good lunch, good ice cream, good weather and some pretty good riders. Some had to leave straight after lunch but most of us made it to the Elan Valley Visitor Centre for the final refreshment break before heading home. Many thanks to Tony Davis for organising the trip for us all.

Lynton Jaynes, Andy Peckston, Del Britton, Den Osborne, Andy Dutnall, Alex Hoyle, Eric Reynolds, Jeannie Reynolds, Tony Davis, Anne Culley, Steve Dalloway, Andrew Culley, Rich Smith, Barb Dalloway and Ian Barnard.

## Notices

### WHAM! Sunday Ride 18th September

An "all day" ride to Lampeter & Llandovery.

Brian Morgan has put together a route through mid and South Wales. Open to all full WHAM! Members, Pillions very welcome! Meet at the Little Chef in Woofferton at 09:00 am for a 09:30 start. Brunch will be at the Halt Cafe by Rhayader and tea stop at the popular West End Cafe in Llandovery. Download routes:

The route is available on the website; visit the "[Programme](#)" page

Can't make it for the whole day? Then join us for part of the ride and return when it suits you.

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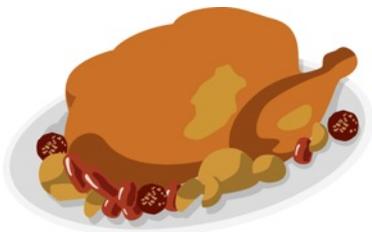
### WHAM! NATTER NIGHT WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER at 7.30 pm.

Gary Hartshorne from Bridgestone Tyres will be visiting us. Open to all members.

Gary will do a presentation followed by a question and answer session - Please let our [Chairman](#) know if you have any specific questions for Gary.

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### BOOKINGS FOR WHAM! CHRISTMAS DINNER



**Yes, we are sorry to have to mention Christmas at this time of year but we do need an estimate of numbers so that the Falcon Hotel know whether to put us in the Ballroom or the Poet's Room.**



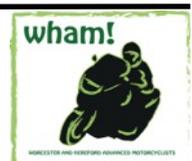
*WHAM!'s Christmas Party is again being held at the Falcon; this year on Friday 9th December, the cost is usually less than £20 per head, and a choice of 3/4 dishes (inc Vegetarian option) per course is the norm!*

*The party is open to all Members and Associates, and a warm welcome is extended to partners - a chance for them to come and meet us. (We will endeavour to keep the Chairman's speech short - and he has agreed - but we'll see on the night!).*

*Please email Barb on [whamsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:whamsecretary@hotmail.com) to reserve your place, or if you do not have email please ring 0300 365 0556.*

*Times, menus and price will be confirmed as soon as Sylvia releases them!*

*If you wish to stay overnight at the Falcon, please contact the hotel direct on 01885 483034.*



# WHAM! Photo Competition 2011.

Most of you will have seen the brilliant action shot taken by Steve Hackett which was on the front cover of last month's Newsletter and was the winning photo for the WHAM Photo Competition this year. Here are some of the other great entries that we received. Remember, if you take a good biking photo please send it to the [Newsletter Editor](#) for publication. (Photo captions - any ideas? See next page.)



Jill Clerici



Steve Hackett



Ant Clerici



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Roger Brooks



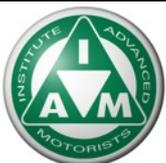
Steve Hackett



Ken Shaw



Ken Shaw



# WHAM! Photo Competition 2011 - continued



*Jill Clerici*



*Roger Brooks*



*Roger Brooks*



*Ant Clerici*



*Tony Davis*

Can you think of a good caption for any of the photos? Please send them in to the [Newsletter](#).



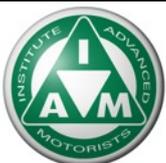
*Steve Hackett*



*Will Hopkins*



*Ken Shaw*



## For those who do not know what a bucket seat is...



### Now you do!!

With thanks to Derek McMullan

## ALL IN A DAY'S RIDE by Den Osborne

'Just a normal day'

I was on top of my workload so I decided to bunk off for a few hours early the other morning to check out a new Sunday ride route I'd planned. Six hours of riding proved to be enlightening so I thought I'd fill in the details of things encountered on route!

Road kill counted .....7 Badgers various sizes,2 Foxes,5 Rabbits,4 pheasants,2 pigeons,2 Squirrels,1 big Bambi, 0 Hedgehogs(obviously learnt to cross roads now) Managed to miss several pheasants and pigeons too fat to fly( full of corn).

1 large round straw bale in opposite lane.

1 tractor and trailer minus 1 bale half a mile further on.

2 very large patches of wheat and wheat trail for 400 yards.

3 cars that pulled out in front for no reason apart from not seeing me.

1 farm tractor with big spike on front emerging from a hedge.

1 Quad bike with three children and Collie aboard on A458.

1 American lady running tea stop on A470.

Followed logging truck(with logs) at 70mph!

Picked up diesel nozzle to put petrol in bike while looking at pretty girl on another pump ! (Is that a sex thing?).

6 gates closed on mountain road (on/off bike 12 times).

Discussed the strength of coffee with Police traffic officer doing driver training at cafe.

Farmers cutting hedges with no signs out.

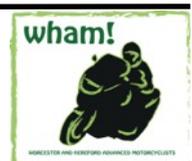
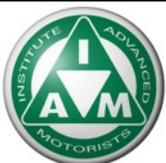
Logging truck and oil tanker face to face on road wide enough for one.

Combined Harvester stuck in narrow lane.

Driver with the sun in his eyes coming towards me straggling white line.

1 crashed motorbike rider with broken arm.

All in All not a bad day.....Take Care out there.....Den



## 2011 Motorcycle Live 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November

Last year group bookings were able to get a 10% discount for the bike show as long as there was a minimum number of tickets sold which we only just managed to achieve (though the offer came quite late and many of you had already fixed yourselves up) . This year we can get the same discount with “sale or return” tickets **but** they want a non-refundable deposit of £160. I’m happy to do the paperwork as long as I can get enough interest (and payments!) to cover the deposit.

Advance ticket prices (which suggests gate prices are higher) are as follows:

	Full price	Discounted
Adult	£16	£14.40
Senior	£10	£9
Child (6-16)	£6	£5.40
Child (6 and under)	Free – no ticket required	

This year the ticket price includes entry to the Ramp’d Up Freestyle Arena (an extra £5 in 2010) and last year we also got some meal discount vouchers thrown in unexpectedly. Tickets are for one day only, but any day.

If you have any questions please email me:

ANDREW CULLEY [[aanda.llanfair@virgin.net](mailto:aanda.llanfair@virgin.net)]

Once I get enough orders to pay the deposit, (ie a minimum of 12 adults at discounted price), I’ll order a bunch of tickets.

To give me a deposit please see me on a Sunday ride out or post payments to:

Andrew Culley, Llanfair, Bishopstone, Herefordshire, HR4 7HX.

### UNCLE JOHN

*Luckily I’ve received no letters this month which hopefully shows that we are getting on top of the numerous emotional and stressful problems that many of our members suffer from. I am, of course, very conscious of the difficulties we all face in our everyday lives and it is with regret that I have to point out to my dear friend, Den Osborne, that he really does need to consult with me more often. If you notice on the Aberdovey trip Den happily joined the photograph of the “Ice Cream” eaters - but he didn’t have an ice cream! Even worse, in his own piece “All in a Day’s Ride” he states :Picked up diesel nozzle to put petrol in bike while looking at pretty girl on another pump ! (Is that a sex thing?). Oh Den, what do you mean? When you ask “Is that a sex thing?” are you talking about holding the nozzle (in which case I don’t think we should ride together again) or have you forgotten that pretty girls are a sex thing!! Either way, you do have a problem. Because of the sensitivity of this issue, I think that future correspondence on this had better remain confidential between us. Take care - especially at petrol stations and ice cream parlours.*

Uncle John

