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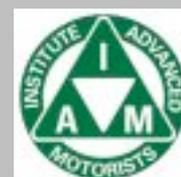
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NEWSLETTER



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Chairman's Notes



Natter night.

It was my turn to organise the weather for last week and, as I'm sure you'll have noticed, it was probably the best week of the summer so far. I've left it to Tony Davis to sort it for this week - and look what happened! Anyway, the weather wasn't the only high point of last week - we also had a very interesting and informative visit from Simon Ross who is a serving police motorcyclist with the Gloucestershire Constabulary. Simon is very involved with the 'Bikesafe' initiative and is the Chief Observer with Cotswold and Cheltenham Advanced Motorcyclists. The main focus of Simon's visit was a presentation and discussion on the subject of filtering which included some on-bike footage which Simon prepared for Severn Freewheelers (Blood bike riders). Owing to the fact that the visit was arranged at very short notice it was not possible to include it in the last newsletter but I am grateful to Tony for sending out a 'round robin' e-mail in an attempt to let you all know about the visit. The presentation, and the discussion that followed, was very well received by all who attended and I would like to thank you all for your support on the night. Many thanks also to Derek McMullan who sorted it all out.

Ashes.

We now have a ready, willing and very able team of four to represent WHAM at the Region 3 Ashes tournament. Without having to resort to any sort of pressure, blackmail, dirty tricks or skulduggery I've managed to obtain the services of:- Simon Manning, Stuart Poole, Steve Hackett and Richard Sumner who are all extremely eager to take on the challenge (honest). Now I don't want to put you on the spot guys but I should point out, in case you hadn't noticed me mention it previously, that team WHAM won the event last year - so all you have to do is win it for us again this year - simple!





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Day ride

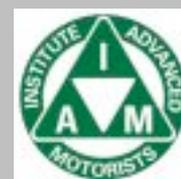
I'd like to just mention that this month's day ride, which takes place on Sunday 12th, will see us travel up to Llangollen with a stop off at the Ponderosa café. Tony has organised this one - I just hope he puts a couple of coins in the weather meter so we can have some sun. Please make every effort to attend whether you want to ride with the group or meet up at the café, you will be most welcome and, if riding with the group, there will be someone on hand to make sure that you are placed in suitable company and that nobody is put under any pressure to maintain pace. Remember - associates need to come to an arrangement with their observers if they wish to join the ride. As things stand, Annie and I both hope to be there and we both look forward to seeing you.

Photos

Remember - We are trying to devise a WHAM calendar for next year and we need suitable photographs for it. Any bike or group related (tasteful) photographs (without sheep) would be most welcome. I will let you know, in due course, where to send the photos but, in the meantime, please take a camera on your travels and get snapping. We aren't looking for professional artwork here - just pictures of us and our bikes - the funnier the better.

Keep smiling

Brian





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Noticeboard

REMINDER

Newsletter e-mail address is: whamnewsletter@gmail.com

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All articles for publishing to be submitted no later than last day of the month.

REMINDER

Photographs for the newsletter must be sent as a 'file attachment' to the e-mail
It would help if articles are submitted in Tekron Pro (bold extended) font

PHOTO COMPETITION

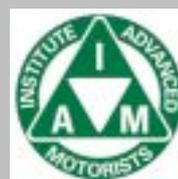
More entries needed, come on, get snapping

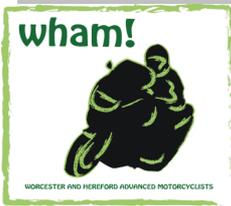
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www.guardian.co.uk/world/series/eyewitness

For anyone interested in Photography

The Editor





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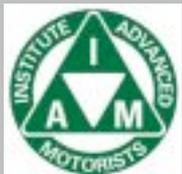
I.A.M. Test pass - John Conway
Observer - Derek McMullan



I.A.M. Test pass - Dave Jones
Observer - Brian Morgan



I.A.M. Re-Test pass Mac Gaskins
Presented by - Derek McMullan





Members Articles

This article was submitted by Den Osborne, it has been transcribed from the original newspaper report.

Den says he can't remember why he kept it?

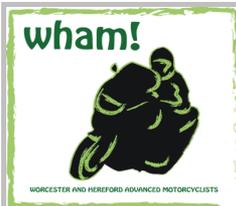
100 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 3, 1912

At Bromsgrove Petty Sessions, Basil Henry appeared to answer a charge of riding a motorcycle in a manner dangerous to the public.

Superintendent Chare said he saw the defendant riding down New Road at a very fast speed, turning into High Street at a speed of 16-18mph.

Superintendent Chare put up his hand to stop Henry, but the defendant did not stop.

In High Street, the defendant upped his speed to 20-25mph. Bench considered that the defendant was going too fast. Henry was fined 10 shillings with 12 shillings costs.



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Tree Hazard by Phil Williams

Sunday 8th July 2012 On my way back from Brecon Beacons Day!

Everything was ok to proceed with the overtake and get back in before the single white line then suddenly

³Whoops falling tree!² or words to that effect!

Travelling at approx. 65 mph I reckon I would have been in the middle of the tree about 3 seconds later!

(Thanks again to my Guardian Angel and a bit of BMW ABS !)

Fortunately no one was injured although a few shocked drivers & passengers along what is was a wet but straight section of the A456 (Wales - Birmingham) trunk road near Tenbury Wells which was completely blocked by the tree which probably fell due to sodden ground

I had an interesting detour along flooded country lanes in the Team valley in order to get back home.

PS My GSA is not un- stoppable after all !

