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Chairman's Notes



January 2012

I hope that by the time you read this you will have all recovered from the effects of the Christmas festivities and that 2012 has started off well.

Please keep in mind the 25th January – it is an important date for two reasons. Firstly, I am reliably informed that it the earliest date by which it is considered acceptable to dispose of any unwanted Christmas gifts – I know that sounds a bit ungrateful but I feel it is only right to share the information as a sort of public service.

Secondly – and most importantly – it is the date of our Annual General Meeting at The Falcon. I urge you to make every effort to attend to help us start off the new year. It is an ideal opportunity to have your say in how your group is run and to put some faces to names.

As has been mentioned previously, there are a couple of vacant places on the committee and it would be good for the group if some of our newer members were to get involved. If you want to know more then take a look at the committee roles document which is in the library section of the website or feel free to contact me.

I will give a brief outline on the night of what we've got planned for 2012 and I would be keen to hear of any ideas you might have on how you would like to see the group move forward.

Finally – I was hoping to include some photographs of our recent Christmas dinner but I don't consider any of the photographs I've got to be good enough. Nevertheless, it was a very enjoyable evening with good food and even better company (48 in total). As promised, I kept my speech acceptably short and even managed to include a greeting in Dutch for the benefit of Rob and Yvonne who had travelled from Holland to join us. My thanks must go to Matty Hodges for providing me with a translation and to John Hodges for not adulterating it (I would have!).

Anyway – I hope to see you soon. Take care.

Brian.





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Editor's Notes



This issue, is as you would expect, a little short of articles and news. However for me this issue is about January 25th Wham's AGM at the Falcon.

It's very important that all our members make their views known, the committee has vacancies so lets see some new names in the frame bringing with them fresh ideas.

I would also like to welcome some new members to Wham:

Stephen Antrobus, Ricky Francis and Julian Jukes

Enjoy your riding with us.

A note from Andrew Brazier

With regards to Brian's comments in last month's newsletter about allyearbiker, most BMW dealers provide a similar service. I've just had mine done at Cotswold BMW in Gloucester for less, and they collected and delivered the bike back to me on the same day for free as part of the service. I don't believe the service is limited to BMW's!

Photo sent in by Andrew Culley



Andrew did mention something about Herefordshire Agriculture, I think he was referring to the machinery?





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Never underestimate an 'old un' by Den Osborne

I was sat in my car at the traffic lights singing along to John Denver, as you do, waiting for them to change. No waiting cars behind and nothing in the lane on my right. A few minutes pass and an old couple in a red Yaris (probably in their mid 70's) drew up alongside. Not behind like so many would, but alongside. Unusual I thought. Our two lanes merged into one about 100 yards after the lights, so I thought "no problem" to be first into the chicane without too much rush (I was half way through "Annie's Song").

From the corner of my eye Grandad obviously had other ideas, had a fixed concentration and was obviously eyeing up the other lights to change and for green to go amber. No sooner had our lights thought about going green, the Yaris was off and pulling away!! A bit more accelerator from me (hard into the carpet) saw me draw alongside, still no lifting from the old guy with the flat cap. His lane actually merged into mine, so I thought he's bound to give way as my diesel VW black smoked and slowed a bit. Now one of us was going to have to give way, but the elderly couple were not letting up. Was he racing me? Had he not seen me on his left? No this "old un" was racing me and gradually easing over on me. Worst, he knew what to do! I was a short head behind and I had to back off - old couple had won!

To rub it in, he took the perfect line through the next island. This got me thinking - old guy, mid 70's - who was he? Was he a past racer? Done a bit a few years back? A hooligan biker on a Goldstar 40 years ago? I would have loved to have known; had a chat over a cuppa; found out what he'd been up to in his life. Best of all - he still had it. The "X Factor". I hope to have it one day.

I also belong to another bike club which formed in the 1930's. At club nights many of the bikers from the 50's and 60's are getting on a bit now - older than me!

One "Old Boy" rode dispatch bikes in the war and delivered messages to Montgomery - even after finding himself behind enemy lines! When the war finished he was instrumental in developing the BSA and was a works rider for them. Another did the TT many times on his Norton. One guy even became World Scramble Champion! When talking these "old boys" they make you feel quite humble.

If I had a wish it would be that people over the age of 75 wear a label telling us "Young Uns" what they've done in their life

Perhaps the 20 year old hooligans, on their bikes today doing 140 in the 70mph areas would have been Spitfire pilots 70 years ago,

So next time some old boy starts admiring your bike at Crossgates and says "I used to ride bikes years ago", take the trouble to find out more. He might just surprise you.

Take care out there, the wrinklies are taking over, 65 could be the new 25 - I'll give it a go!





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Noticeboard

REMINDER All articles for publishing to be submitted no later than last day of the month i.e. for February 2012 Newsletter articles in by 31 January

REMINDER

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012.

You will find the agenda for the AGM on Wednesday 25th January 2012, along with the minutes of the previous AGM, at the end of this Newsletter. If required, please print off your own copy to bring with you. Also, if you have any items for discussion please forward them to me at least three days before the AGM so they can be included on the Agenda.

WHAM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.

All members are requested to renew their membership before or at the AGM. **Only those members that have renewed will be eligible to vote at the AGM.** To help with renewals, a team will be available at the Falcon from 7.00 p.m. Please try to come early if you need to renew your membership on the night. It will help if you bring a completed Membership Renewal form (found at the end of this Newsletter) with you to the AGM and preferably pay by cheque. If you have to pay by cash please put your Membership Renewal form and your cash together in an envelope with your name clearly marked on it.

If you cannot attend the AGM or wish to renew earlier, please send your renewal form and remittance to me before 25th January 2012 (Details on the Membership Renewal form.)

(Associate members who joined after August 2011 are not required to renew their membership until 2013.)

John Hodges

Acting Membership Secretary





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Wham's Dirty Weekend March 17th / 18th

Den Osborne will be organizing the WHAM Off Road Day At Mick Extance`s Enduro school near Welsh Pool . For those of you that have never ridden off road then this is your opportunity to give it a go and learn new skills that will help your road riding .For those that have been before and want something a little more challenging, no problem. Expert tuition will be from Mick himself and what ever the weather you will have a fun day. The cost is £180 which includes your Honda 250X, all riding equipment and free mud .

On the Sunday Den has a ride out planned around North Wales but promises it will be on tarmac.

If you choose to accept the mission and take part in the whole weekend, the program will be as follows (hopefully)

Friday 16th, Ride or drive to Llangynog and stop B/B at local pub (£25 pp) . Evening meals about £7 for soup in a basket. Evening of winding your mates up over a couple of beers. In bed by 10 o`clock to save energy for the next day! Saturday 17th, Breakfast about 0800 hrs following a morning run Finish riding and falling off about 1630hrs after a day with Mick when you will be surprised how good you really are.

For those stopping on or joining for the Sunday run, B/B again at the pub and there will be an evening of eating , drinking and frolicking . Knitting lessons are available who do not want to frolic.

Sunday 18th, Breakfast 0800 after lie a in . Ride out will leave at 0900 for a tour around North Wales and finishing near Ludlow about 1700 if the weather is good. Naturally there will be tea and cake stops on route.

If you wish to take part just on the Saturday or Sunday you are more than welcome.

Please remember that should you share a room with somebody who is not your normal riding mate details of the `night` should not be discussed at breakfast!

Obviously the normal ride outs from Worcester and Hereford will be still going ahead as normal

Please give Den a call on 07831.341217 or Email if you need to know more.....



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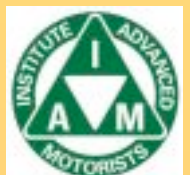
Caption Competition



OFF ROAD DAY

Win yourself a £50 discount by adding a caption to the above photograph.

All entries to: whamnewsletter@gmail.com before January 30th 2012. Winner (to be chosen by Denis Osborne) will be announced in February issue.



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Interesting Web Sites

"In the summer of 1953 my father Geoffrey Gander and his friends set off on their annual Motor Cycling holiday around Europe"

The opening words of a remarkable journey, this website is truly outstanding, anyone who visits will not be disappointed.

<http://www.go-faster.com/SS100.html>

Original pencil drawings by Keith Winter

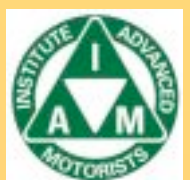
www.motorcycleartdrawings.co.uk

*Planning a motorcycle trip, tour?
Then this is the site for every kind of advice*

www.horizonsunlimited.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dhb3t-XOHM8&feature=related>

This was sent in by Andrew Brazier, it's a must for any motorcyclist. An amazing story.





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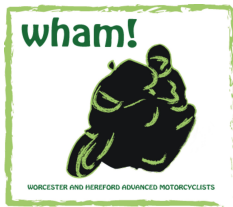
AGENDA

Annual General Meeting Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists

Wednesday 25th January 2012
Falcon Hotel, Bromyard 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

Item 1.	Welcoming Remarks	Brian Morgan
Item 2.	Apologies	John Hodges
Item 3.	Approval of 2010 AGM Minutes & any matters arising	John Hodges
Item 4.	Chairman's Report	Brian Morgan
Item 5.	Treasurer's Report	Eric Reynolds
Item 6.	Election of Committee Officers	John Hodges
Item 7.	Election of Committee Members	Secretary
Item 8.	Presentation of Certificates	Chairman
Item 9.	Programme for 2012	Chairman
Item 10.	Any Other Business	Secretary
Item 11.	Date of next AGM	Secretary





MINUTES OF WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011
HELD AT FALCON HOTEL, BROMYARD
28 JANUARY 2011 at 20:00HRS

ITEM 1. Welcoming Remarks.

The Chairman, Derek McMullan thanked and welcomed all present for attending.

ITEM 2. Apologies.

Martyn Newman, Simon Manning and Malcolm Gasking.

ITEM 3. Approval of 2010 AGM Minutes and any Matters Arising.

The minutes from 2010 AGM were approved and there were no matters arising.

Approval proposed by Andy Peckston. Seconded by Paul Cooper.

ITEM 4. Chairman's 2010 Report.

WHAM had enrolled 28 associates during the year, test passes were down this year as some tests had been postponed due to the snow in December, the group had a strong observer team.

WHAM is well represented in local Government and Regional IAM.

Slow Riding Days, Off Road Days, touring breaks and Sunday rides were all well supported.

ITEM 5. Treasurer's Report.

Audited and signed accounts were presented.

WHAM is in a strong financial position, surplus figure for the year being £1124.59 – this would be saved rather than spent as it may be needed to fund Rider Skills Days next year if Government funding should be withdrawn.

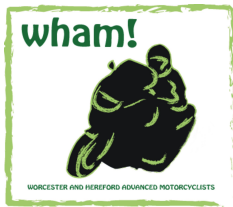
Proposer to accept the accounts – Steve Edwards, seconded Roger Brooks – Carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. Election of Committee Officers.

John Hodges took the chair for the election of the Committee Officers.

- **Chairman.** Brian Morgan put himself forward for election.
He was proposed by Derek McMullan, seconded by Andrew Culley. Carried unanimously.
- **Secretary.** Barbara Dalloway put herself forward for re-election.
She was proposed by Lynton Jaynes, seconded by Andy Peckston.
Carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer.** Eric Reynolds put himself forward for re-election.
He was proposed by Steve Dalloway, seconded by Barbara Dalloway. Carried unanimously.





ITEM 7. Election of Group Committee Members.

Barbara Dalloway took the chair for the election of Committee Members.

- Events

Lynton Jaynes put himself forward for election.

He was proposed by Derek McMullan, seconded by Barbara Dalloway. Carried unanimously.

- Events Assistant

Roger Brooks put himself forward for election.

He was proposed by Gary Barnes, seconded by Ian Barnard. Carried unanimously.

- Red Group Leader

Steve Edwards put himself forward for election.

He was proposed by Dennis Osborne, seconded by Brian Morgan. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. Presentation of Certificates.

Lawrence Jenkins by Observer John Hodges.

ITEM 9. Programme for 2010.

New Chairman Brian Morgan thanked those present for electing him to the position and commented on the amount of hard work carried out by so many (particularly the committee) to get WHAM where it is today. He also reminded everyone that the group is 'owned' by the members and it is for them to decide which direction they would like the group to take and that anyone with any concerns should make them known.

He reminded the meeting that WHAM is primarily a training organisation who, in his opinion, provides some of the best training available. He then made a request for more observers and that anyone interested in observing should please inform the committee.

He then went on to outline the programme for 2011.

Natter nights –

A quiz is being planned for February.

March natter night is a visit from Antone of Custom ear protection who will give a short talk and take orders for fitted earplugs, the impressions being taken on the night.

April is a presentation by Ant Clerici showing his work on a group riding policy.

Owing to the popularity of the evening rides last year it is intended to repeat them for the months of May to August (inc).

Details of further natter nights will appear in the newsletter and on the website in due course.

A small number of requests had been made for natter nights to take place on Fridays, these were outnumbered by requests to keep to Wednesdays for 'family' reasons. Further to this it is likely that the falcon would be generally busier on Fridays.

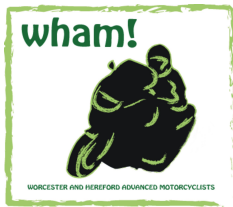
Planned Events. –

Rider skills days are being held on April 17th at Hereford and May 8th in Worcester.

It is hoped to have a Sunday long run into Derbyshire on 10th April

John Bennett is organising a weekend run to Pembrokeshire during late April / early May.





Den Osborne is arranging his 'roof of Wales' ride on 15th May

Den is also involved in the off road training weekends (there may be the option to stay at the hotel with the group without doing the off road training).

Track based skills days are being arranged by the IAM.

It is also hoped that another long run, possibly to the north of the country, can be arranged for later in the year.

Anyone interested in organising rides, particularly to specific events (BSB etc) is encouraged to communicate via the newsletter.

Sunday Rides-

Everyone was encouraged to take part in the groups Sunday rides. It is understandable that some might feel a little apprehensive at the thought of riding with so many experienced advanced motorcyclists and observers, but this was a way of maintaining and honing the skills learnt during preparation for the advanced test and all are welcome. Whilst different people have different reasons for getting involved it was pointed out that – the more you put in then the more you'll get out of joining in.

Finally.

A request was made to the effect that if anyone present did not have internet access could they please approach Brian at the end of the meeting.

Brian finished by saying that we are all advanced motorcyclists and we all want to get as much out of riding as possible. The riding must be safe but should also be fun. Nobody should feel excluded for any reason however, if anyone has any issues they should feel free to contact him.

ITEM 10. Any Other Business –

Dennis Osborne announced his "Roof of Wales" ride planned for May might have to be brought forward a week to the 15th to avoid clashing with a cycling event.

Ant Clerici suggested

- a) Members to bring Motorcycle magazines that they have finished with, along to natter nights to allow other members to take away and read. (It was suggested that if this should occur, the person bringing the magazines was responsible for making sure that if no one wanted the magazine he took it away, ensuring it was not left for the hotel to clear away).
- b) Members planning to attend events, ie BSB at Donington, should be able to post this on the website so that other members also interested can get in touch and travel together.

Steve Edwards suggested that immediately events were confirmed that they should be entered on the events page of the website no matter how far on in the year they were. It was confirmed that the website is currently undergoing changes that would ensure it was updated more often in the future.

ITEM 12. Date of next AGM – Wednesday 25th January 2012

Meeting Closed 21:15 hrs.



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
Wednesday 25 January 2012**

The Group AGM will be held at the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard at 8.00 p.m.

The main purpose of the AGM is to review the events and finances of the past year and to elect the committee for the coming year. All full members and associates are invited to attend but only paid-up full members of the Institute and the Group may vote. (*Those who have passed their Advanced Test*)

Committee Changes

The current officers – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, & Treasurer must stand down but can offer themselves for re-election. The current intentions of the Committee are given below.

Officers

Chairman:	Brian Morgan	Standing down/seeking re-election
Vice-Chairman		<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary:		<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer:	Eric Reynolds	Standing down/seeking re-election

Committee Members

Newsletter Editor	Ken Shaw - seeking election
Membership Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Webmaster	James Dickson
Events (Worcester)	Lynton Jaynes
Events (Hereford)	Rog Brooks
Region 3 Rep	Ant Clerici - seeking election
Routemaster	Tony Davis

Current Known Intentions:

Tony Davis will be seeking election as Vice-Chairman.

Note 1. Both Ken Shaw and Ant Clerici are co-opted members of the current committee.

Note 2. The positions of Chief Observer, Red Group Senior and Blue Group Senior are committee appointments. The Chief Observer is invited to sit on the committee although either Red or Blue Group Seniors can attend on his behalf.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Any WHAM full member wishing to put themselves forward for any of the officer posts or the vacant committee posts should complete the attached nomination form.

Voting will take place to fill the three officer posts and vacant Committee positions at the AGM. In the event of 2 or more nominations for a post, there will be a vote by show of hands on the evening.

Nomination forms are attached to this notice. Please remember, only fully paid up members of the Institute and the Group may nominate or be nominated.

Please return nomination forms to any of the Officers/Committee Members as soon as possible or hand them in to the Secretary at the start of the Annual General Meeting.

All members are invited and indeed, encouraged to attend the A.G.M., not only to participate in voting in your committee, but also to volunteer your ideas, express your views and discuss where/how you would like the Group to progress.

ITEMS FOR AGM AGENDA

Any member can submit items for inclusion in the AGM Agenda. Items need to be submitted to the Acting Secretary at least three days before the AGM.

Nomination Form

for the election of
Worcester & Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2012

*TO BE HANDED TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WORCESTER &
HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO THE AGM OR TO THE
SECRETARY ON THE EVENING OF THE AGM ON:
WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2012*

I
(Name in block capitals) **wish to stand for election to the position of:**

.....

Signature..... Date.....

Proposed by: (Name in Capitals)

Signature..... Date.....

Seconded by: (Name in Capitals)

Signature..... Date.....

Nomination Accepted by.....

In the event of 2 or more nominations for the same post, I agree to a vote by ballot on the night & will abide by the majority decision.

Please note: You may not stand for the committee if the law debars you from being a charity trustee.

If you wish to volunteer for the committee but do not know someone who can nominate you or second your nomination, please contact the A/Secretary, John Hodges on 01432 890606 or E-mail: whamsecretary@hotmail.co.uk

WHAM Membership Renewal Form 2012

Renewals due by Wednesday 25th January 2012

SURNAME _____ Initials: _____ First Name: _____

To renew your WHAM membership, please fill in the renewal form and give it, with the Group Membership fee of £15.00* (cheques preferred) (members who joined after 31 August 2011 are exempt) to a Committee Member or return it to me, at the address shown below before 25 January 2012. Renewals will be accepted at the AGM. We need this form completed to ensure our records are up to date.

No membership fee can be accepted without a completed form. If anyone has any questions regarding their membership please contact me on:-01432 890606 or jhpanrider@gmail.com

Remember - you must be a current member of the IAM to be a member of WHAM!

PLEASE LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS BLANK IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Address: _____
_____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone or preferred contact telephone number: _____

Email: _____

STATUS

Membership Status: Associate / Full

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want the charity to treat all donations I have made since 24 January 2007 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Signature

Date -- / -- / ----

NOTES

1. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).
2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self - Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Or ask your local tax office for leaflet IR 65.
6. Please notify the charity if you change your name or address

Please give completed form and membership fee to any Committee Member or return to:

John Hodges, 11 Pound Close, Tarrington, Hereford, HR1 4AZ

DATA PROTECTION ACT: As a member of WHAM, the personal information given on this form will be held in confidence on a computer file for membership records and newsletter distribution purposes only. If you wish to see your own details please contact the Membership Secretary.

Membership Fees £15.00*. Cheques payable to WHAM.

Membership renewals will be accepted at the AGM on 25 January 2012 which then entitles full members to vote.

* If paying by cash then please help us by putting your completed form and cash in an envelope with your name clearly marked on it. Please ensure you receive a receipt for any cash payment. Thanks.