

# Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists

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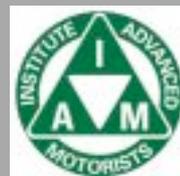
WHAM AGM 2012 (minutes)

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## Chairman's Notes



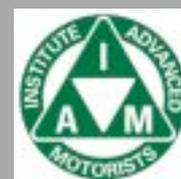
### March Natter Night.

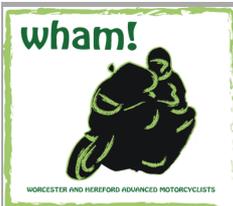
The main focus of this month's natter night will be a presentation on group riding by Ant Clerici. Many of you will be aware that we have visited this topic before and it has become quite clear that everyone who has attended has found them to be not only interesting but of great value - even the more experienced group riders among us. There is no doubt that a great many of the collisions involving motorbikes that occur do so when the persons concerned are riding in a group, when they are more inclined to exceed their own abilities as a result of peer pressure. By adopting a few basic principles we are able to make our group rides much safer and more enjoyable for everyone taking part and all credit must go to Ant for all the work he has put into this as well as the members who put it into practice. So, if you would like to take part in any of our organised rides but feel unsure about it - please make every effort to attend this presentation and all will become clear.

### Sunday Rides and Coffee Stops.

A lot of effort has been put into finding suitable, interesting routes for our Sunday rides, not to mention the work that Tony Davis has done with mapsource and Garmin files for the benefit of us all. We are still keen though to hear of any appropriate alternatives. If any of you has any ideas for new routes or reasonably tidy cafes then please let one of the committee know about it. All we need is an idea of the roads you have in mind or the coffee stops you like the look of and I'll blag Tony into doing the rest (I've been advised to leave the technical stuff to Tony - I can't think why!)

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### Photography competition.

You may recall that we held a photography competition last year, well - we're going to do it again. I'll make the details known - when I've worked out what they are! - but the idea is to gather a collection of interesting, bike related, photographs from your good selves with a view to awarding a (as yet unknown) prize. In addition, we hope to settle on twelve of the best in the hope of creating a WHAM calendar for next year. Yes, I know it's early to think about 2013 but I'm letting everyone know now so you can arm yourselves with your best box brownies whilst out and about biking. The only rules are that any photos submitted must relate to biking, they must be taken this year by one of our members (incl. associates) - oh yes - and they can only be of sheep if said sheep is riding a motorbike without any human assistance and the photo hasn't been subjected to any digital interference or enhancement (Ant).

And finally - I did arrange some tidy weather for last weekend (25/26Feb) and managed to get out and about. I can make arrangements for some more sunshine if needed but the chances of this are directly proportional to the number of you that turn out for the rides, so - it's in your hands.

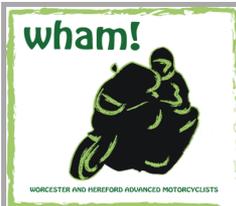
Keep smiling.

Brian.

## An appeal from the Editor



Wham members; you are I.A.M. advanced riders, you worked hard to achieve it and every time you ride your machine you put into practice the skills learned, so, why not take it a stage further, join our training team, help others by passing on your experience, knowledge and skills.



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## Noticeboard

### REMINDER

Newsletter e-mail address is: [whamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:whamnewsletter@gmail.com)

### REMINDER

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

### WHAM! MEMBERSHIP - FINAL REMINDER

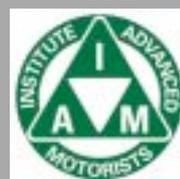
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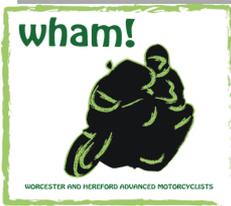
To renew your membership please contact John [Hodges](#) on 01432 890606 or [jhpanrider@gmail.com](mailto:jhpanrider@gmail.com) . If you have decided to leave us we are sorry to see you go but all our best wishes for the future.

### WANTED

Learner legal 125cc for 21 year old .Prefer good make, Honda,Yam etc .

Contact Den Osborne 07831-341217





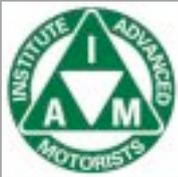
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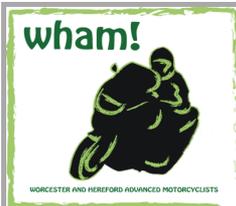
## Congratulations

I.A.M. Test pass - Stuart Poole  
Observer Brian Morgan

I.A.M. Test pass - Dave Aston  
Observer Steve Edwards

Ian Barnard - Freelance Writer, AA Man and all round good chap  
Congratulations on getting into print with Ride Magazine (April Issue)





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## Members Articles

### Road to nowhere by Gary Barnes (January 2012)

I am sure you will all agree the month of January has been exceptionally kind weather-wise. So far I have managed a couple of Sunday rides on days that would fit right into a spring morning. Amazing temperatures. great dry roads and routes to match.

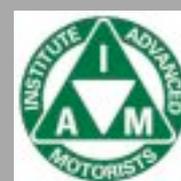
So when an opportunity came up in the middle of the week to nip out for a run I took the bait and was soon sat on the bike, engine warming and wondering where to go. Now that got me thinking, I don't need to be anywhere, I am not on any time schedule so lets just ride. The only rule I set myself was to ride locally but not on any usual routes. Before long I was riding roads not 5 miles from home that I did not even know existed.

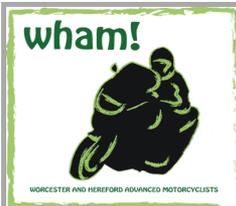
Now I know what you're thinking what's the point, well the point is when you use the same old road you are riding the road with a degree of preconception. When you are on a road you have never before used you have to read the road as well as use all the skills of IPSGA.

For myself, this is what I call a good workout It helps keep the skills we learn in check. It is so easy, especially this time of year to let the cobwebs settle in which makes it all the more difficult to get back to the level previously attained.

So if the opportunity arises even if its only an hour, get out there and set yourself a challenge, it's a good excuse to be on the bike and it makes a great hobby even more fun.

**PS.** For all the full members new and old who have not yet joined the Sunday rides out you are welcome any time, just turn up and ride some great routes





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## Members Articles

### Don't be a stranger by Paul Rodway

You may not know me as i have only just joined the club, please could you include this in the newsletter? I may not be the most interesting biker around and have the best conversational skills, now having been to a few club nights and the last AGM it would be very helpful if other members introduced themselves and chat, it would be useful to get advice and information from others

Thanks

Paul Rodway

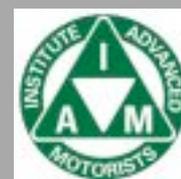
#### Editors Comment

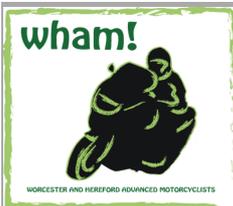
I received the above from Paul via an e-mail, (the heading is my addition), perhaps all of us could do a little more to help new club members.

### Punctures by Roger Brooks

On last Sundays ride (26/02/12) I had the unfortunate experience of getting a puncture in the rear tyre on my Superduke, Once I had managed to stop in a safe place the rest of the group that I'd been riding with swung into action, Alex whipped out a compressed air cartridge from his bike's tail pack! but he couldn't get it to fit onto the valve due to the space constraints on the wheel. Lynton went digging in his bikes tail pack and passed me a tin of "tyre weld" which did the trick to a point as the pressure in the tin had gone down, but it inflated the KTM's tyre enough for me to limp to the Crossgates petrol station with Mike on his pan behind me with his hazards flashing. At the petrol station a group effort came into play once more, with Mike trying his best to confuse the electronic air compressor, Del and myself trying to get air into the tyre and Derek "supervising".

But the whole point of this article is to highlight the point that if you carry any "puncture" repair gear, trial them on your bike to make sure they will fit OK, and secondly if like me you don't ride with any repair kits, make sure that you are with a great group of mates.





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## Interesting Web Sites

[http://trc.emv2.com/HM?  
a=ENX7Cr3ZEIzB8SA9MKLU\\_hXnGHxKCZFjwPcStGb5lw8WObBhOG5m  
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UK Driving Test - lack of motorcycling questions - sign please

Submitted by - Roger Brooks

<https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349>

Help our Air Ambulance, we need signatures

Submitted by Derek McMullan

<http://youtu.be/LYRhzYREk90>

Something Different

Submitted by Andrew Brazier

<http://www.28dayslater.co.uk/forums/>

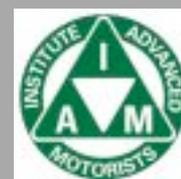
Old Buildings and processes forum

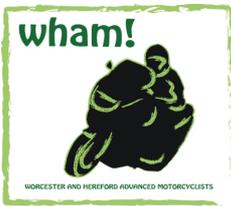
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<http://www.flightradar24.com/> (scary !)

[http://360vr.com/2011/06/22-discovery-flight-deck-opf\\_6236/  
index.html](http://360vr.com/2011/06/22-discovery-flight-deck-opf_6236/index.html)

Submitted by Andrew Brazier





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**BIKE FEST 2012**

**Worcester  
Rider Skills Day  
Sunday 22nd April**

County Hall  
Worcester  
10am-4pm

SatNav WR5 2NP

- **observed ride outs\***
- **bike simulator**
- **police bike**
- **blood bike**
- **refreshments**
- **free entry**

For further details or to pre book an observed ride out please visit [www.wham-motorcycling.org](http://www.wham-motorcycling.org) or call **07531 996 035**



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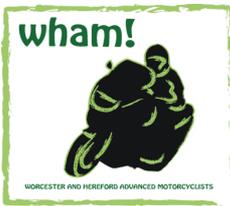
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## HELP NEEDED

Anyone who can assist Lynton on Saturday April 21st and/or early morning of 22nd please contact him (details as above)

Any assistance would be appreciated.





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**BIKE FEST 2012**

**Hereford  
Rider Skills Day**  
Sunday 29th April  
Sutton St Nicholas  
Village Hall  
10am-4pm

SatNav HR1 3SZ



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## HELP NEEDED

Anyone who can assist Roger on Saturday April 28th and/or early morning of 29th please contact him (details as above )

Any assistance would be appreciated.



# Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists - Annual General Meeting 2012

25<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.30 PM.

The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard

## Item 1. Welcoming Remarks.

The Chairman, Brian Morgan, thanked and welcomed all those attending.

## Item 2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from: Andrew Culley, Den Osborne, Richard Smith, James Dickson, and Paul Cooper.

## Item 3. Approval 2011 AGM Minutes and any Matters Arising.

The Minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

## Item 4. Chairman's Report

Brian reported that, as of the end of 2011, WHAM consisted of 90 full members and 33 associates. During 2011 there were 32 test passes and we currently have 17 observers and 7 senior observers. The natter nights included evening rides, group riding discussions, guidance on Garmin and Mapsource and guest visits from Paddy Tyson and representatives from Bridgestone tyres, all of which were well supported. Apart from the usual programme of Sunday rides, a number of long day rides were also organised mainly into various parts of Wales. In addition, a long weekend trip to Northumberland had been organised by Barb and Steve Dalloway with the help of Tony Davis as well as a trip to the Isle of Man, organised by Steve Edwards.

Other important events which took place were the rider skills days at Hereford and Worcester plus the slow riding day at Throckmorton organised by Den Osborne, all of these events proved to be very popular.

Training activities included the annual observer training day and a first aid training day, both of which were held at The Falcon

The regional 'Ashes' competition took place in October and was won by WHAM members Del Britton, Ian Ross, Roger Brookes and Annie Morgan. The team was thanked for their efforts in representing the group. Brian also thanked Derek McMullan, James Dickson, Tony Davis and Ant Clerici for their help on the day but particular thanks went to Mike Franzen who attended to support our team.

The final event of the year was the annual Christmas dinner which was attended by 48 people and it was noted that the event only took place due to the efforts of Barb Dalloway.

In conclusion, Brian thanked the observers, the committee and all those who have helped to make the various events a success throughout the year.

### **Item 5. Treasurer's report**

The treasurer, Eric Reynolds, provided a summary income and expenditure during 2011 as outlined below, copies of the accounts had been made available.

- The WHAM's bank balance had increased by approximately £500 during 2011
- Income is received in the form of Skill For Life, and membership subs.
- Expenditure has used for Rider skills days, Observer training, slow riding.

The treasurer's report was proposed for approval by Steve Edwards, seconded by Paul Whitcombe, and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

### **Item 6. Election of officers**

Chairman - Brian Morgan put himself forward for re-election, proposed by Ian Barnard, seconded by Mike Franzen and approved by unanimous vote.

Deputy Chairman - Tony Davies put himself forwards for election, proposed by Gary Barnes, seconded by Mark Silvester and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer - Eric Reynolds put himself forwards for re-election, proposed by Simon Manning, seconded by Del Britton and approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary - Alex Hoyle put himself forwards for election, proposed by Del Britton, seconded by Simon Manning and approved by unanimous vote

## Item 7. Election of Committee members

Newsletter - Ken Shaw put himself forwards for election, proposed by Gary Barnes, seconded by John Hodges and approved by unanimous vote.

Membership - John Hodges put himself forwards for election, proposed by Andy Nott, seconded by Phil George and approved by unanimous vote.

## Item 8. Presentation of certificates

## Item 9. 2012 Programme

Brian started by thanking John Hodges for standing in as secretary for the last few months. Thanks also went to Barb Dalloway for all the sterling work she has done in the role of secretary for the group. A suggestion was made that a letter of thanks should be sent to Barb to recognise her efforts, there was uniform support for this and Brian stated that he would deal with it. In addition, Ken Shaw was thanked for his work on the newsletter.

Brian stated that the group had unfortunately lost the services of Guy Butcher as an observer. Guy's workload had increased to the point that he didn't feel he could do justice to the group so he had reluctantly made the decision to step down for the time being. Albeit it was for a positive reason, it was a great shame to lose Guy and hope was expressed that he would be able to return as an observer in the future.

Members were reminded of the value of becoming an observer, not only in relation to the improvement in skills that can be attained but also the fact that it is a very rewarding way to help the group. It was pointed out that the IAM intend introducing new observer qualifications. The current system of having Group Qualified Observers and Seniors would be replaced by Locally Qualified and Nationally Qualified Observers.

It is planned to hold an observer training day in March, with thanks to Derek McMullan and John Nixon for their work in this area.

It was explained that there was going to be a change in the management of associate allocation. It has been decided to have one person responsible for overseeing the delivery of training throughout the group.

Brian asked all those present to give some consideration to taking up committee positions in the future. The group were reminded that all of the roles and responsibilities for committee members could be found in the library section of our website.

Future events will include:-

Off road training on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Den Osborne for information.

Rider skills days on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April organised by Lynton Jaynes and Roger Brookes.

A Slow riding day at Throckmorton organised by Den Osborne.

It is also intended to hold long day rides once a month and to arrange some weekend trips. Details will be made available via the newsletter and the website. Members were reminded to let the committee know of any suggestions for new routes or coffee stops.

It is intended to run the regional Ashes competition again this year and it is hoped that WHAM will enter a team of four. More details will be available via the newsletter in due course.

Members were reminded that the newsletter is available for all club and motorcycling matters but anything required to be included should be forwarded to Ken Shaw by the last day of the month.

Brian concluded by saying that he hoped that the group would continue with its past success and was looking forward to what this year brings.

Further details are available on the WHAM web site.

### **Item 10. Any Other Business.**

- Antony Clerici proposed that the committee wrote a letter of thanks to Barbara Dalloway
- The chairman thanked Ken Shaw for picking up responsibility for the News letter.
- Revised Observer management procedures were described by the Chairman
- Paul Whitcombe volunteered to become a committee member, proposed by Derek McMullan, seconded by Steve Edwards.

### **Item 11. Date of Next AGM**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.