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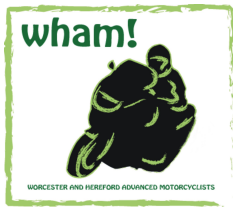
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



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Happy New Year everyone.

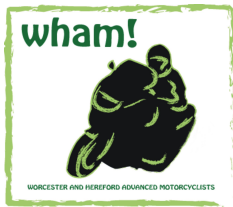
I hope that everyone has recovered from the Christmas festivities and that you are all looking forward to what 2013 brings us. I'd like to start by sending our very best wishes to Eric and Jeannie Reynolds. You may already be aware that Eric was taken ill on New Year's day and found himself being hospitalised for a few days. Well I'm glad to say that Eric is now back home and on the mend. Jeannie has asked me to say a big 'thank you' to all those who – phoned, visited, gave free parking and supported her and Eric during the time he was laid up. In true 'Eric' style – he wanted to go to the football two days after being released from hospital – good luck with that one Eric! From everyone in WHAM I'd just like to say – get well soon.

Christmas Dinner.

The 2012 WHAM Christmas Dinner was well supported with a total of 59 people booking places. Unfortunately, 5 of those were unable to make it on the night because of illness but those who could make it seemed to enjoy themselves. It was decided (ok I decided) to change things slightly this time by booking an entertainer for the night. As a result, a local singer by the name of Steve Palmer joined us and performed a selection of 60's and 70' songs. I know I'm not the only person who was quite impressed with Derek and Diana McMullans' fancy footwork as they braved the crowd and were the first to get up on the dance floor. They were eventually followed by quite a few others and I even got up and had a go (three pints was about enough to get me started). I also noted that Ali Lewis plays a mean air guitar (yes Ali, I did spot it). All attempts to get Tony Davis dancing failed but, in his defence, he did take some photographs on the night and these can be found in the gallery section of the website. I would be interested to hear any comments (good or bad) about the evening, specifically if you like the idea of having an entertainer. In an attempt to please as many people as possible I could use the feedback to find out if it worked.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



AGM.

Wednesday 30th January sees the 2013 AGM take place. As usual we'll be at the Falcon hotel in Bromyard and I would urge everyone to try and attend. This is an excellent opportunity to put some names to faces and to get to know other members of the group. All being well, I will give some details of how we've all done in 2012 and outline what's in store for 2013.

Whilst we already have a good idea of who is standing for what position, there are a couple of current committee members who will be standing down.

Lynton Jaynes, who has been organising the Worcester events/skills days and Ken Shaw who has been looking after the newsletter are both stepping aside from their respective roles due to other commitments however, I'm glad to say that Ken will keep hold of the reins of associate allocator. I would like to thank both Lynton and Ken for the work they've both done to help keep the group running as well as it does.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee and getting more involved with the group then you can find descriptions of the various roles in the library section of the website and I know that those already 'in post' would be only too happy to tell you more about what their respective roles involve so please don't be afraid to ask.

Hopefully, I'll see you on the night.

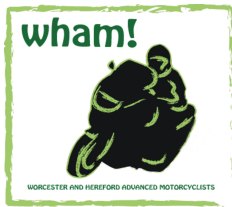
Brian.

CONGRATULATIONS

LAWRENCE ARMS - I.A.M. TEST PASS

DEREK EVANS - I.A.M. TEST PASS





NOTICEBOARD

DEL BRITTON - WHAM NORMANDY TRIP SEPT 26TH TO 30TH 2013

I am intending to run a short weekend break to Normandy France; the intension is to visit Second World War sites combined with at least one full days ride around the beautiful quiet roads of Normandy itself.

I have a few names who are interested at present; I will require £20.00 deposits by the end of February 2013 to secure the rooms, tariffs are below per person.

At present there is no one else booked into the B&B, it has a full capacity of 17 beds consisting of 1 x double room, 1 x room 4 beds, 3 x rooms up to 9 beds or made into double rooms for couples. One double room has already been reserved by Brian.

Deposits:

A £20.00 deposit per person due in February is required to confirm placement, however as long as the B&B is not filled we can ask for more beds it required during the year, female riders are encouraged to join the trip to make up a room.

<http://www.normandybeach.co.uk/>

Individuals are requested to book their own ferry bookings:

(If you book before 31st Dec 2012 you can get a 10% discount using the NEC bike show offer on www.brittanyferries.com/showoffer

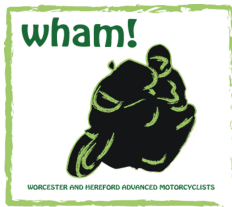
1. Thursday 26th Sept on the 14.45hrs Portsmouth to Caen Ferry with Brittany Ferries to arrive Caen at 21.30hrs.
2. Returning on the Caen to Portsmouth ferry Monday 30th Sept departing at 14.00hrs arriving Portsmouth at 19.15hrs.
3. Total cost with this discount and reserved seats as at the 28 Nov 2012 is £106.20 (£25.00 deposit now with £81.20 taken out on the 11/08/2013.
4. There is a later ferry for those who cannot make the 14.45hrs sailing.

Outline costing's (**please pay in euros cash at B&B on departure**, less deposit)

B&B Normandy	
Double room	38 euros per person, total per person for four nights 152 euros
3 x Man room	26 euros per person, total per person for four nights 104 euros
4 x Man room	25 euros per person, total per person for four nights 100 euros

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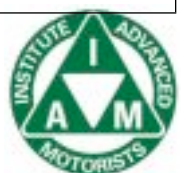
Home cooked meals with wine!

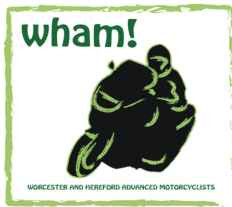
Meals	
Full English breakfast	7 euros
Continental breakfast	6 euros
Evening meal (4 course)	22 euros

The following is an outline programme but obviously individuals can do their own thing if they wish. I have stayed at the B&B several times and both Adrian and Karen are biker friendly and very hospitable (link below to B&B), they often lay on wine and beer at no cost during the meals. A rough outline programme (but subject to change!):

Date	Event	Time	Remarks
Thurs 26 th Sept	Depart Caen. Arrive B&B.	21.30hrs. 22.15hrs.	35km to B&B.
Fri 27 th	Pegasus Bridge. Merville guns. Grand Bunker, Ouistreham. (Caen) 360 Cinema.	12.00hrs depart. Return for wash up and evening meal.	Midday start after look around Arromanches town and beach. Distance to Merville guns 42Km.
Sat 28 th	German gun battery. Omaha Beach and cemetery. Pont du Hoc. Utah beach. Sainte-mere-Eglise.	Depart B&B 09.00hrs.	Links to locations will be sent out nearer to the trip.
Sun 29 th	Day ride out 272Km. Alternative route of 180km also available.	Depart 09.00hrs lunch on route.	Fuel up Sat – most cash petrol stations closed, cards can be used.
Mon 30 th	Visit Bayeaux Museum and Commonwealth War Grave. Depart for Caen ferry port.		Ferry sails 14.00hrs docks Portsmouth 19.15hrs.

Visits to Bayeaux (Tapestry).
13 Rue de Nesmond.
14400 Bayeux, France
Caen (Castle) can be fitted into itinerary or visited independently.





MEMBERS ARTICLES

Paul Rodway asks:

I have passed my test a while ago and now thinking about doing some small scale touring to start with to Ireland, I would be grateful if any of the group could give help advice and information, on what kit would be best to take i.e. Tools, first aid, repair kit, clothes and any legal requirements.

Many thanks.

Contact me at: mrpaulrodway@hotmail.co.uk

IAN BARNARD AT THE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

For the third year running a bunch of us made our way to the NEC Live Motorcycle show. This year it was unanimously agreed that this was a boys' only day out and seven WHAM regulars met up in the main hall.

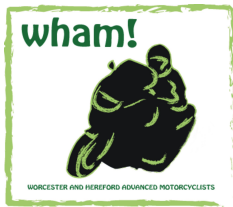
This year the must see bike was definitely the new BMW GS1200R. The general opinion was that BMW have produced a great looking bike that has moved the GS on without losing the essence of what makes the bike so enjoyable. Of course the proof of the proverbial pudding will be in the riding which will be in early March.

While the bike looks a huge step forward in design it is so completely new that nothing from the current model transfers over to this one. That is definitely an issue for me so I am pleased that I bought the Rallye this year. We all agreed that the bike needs to be out for at least a year to get any possible minor problems resolved.

The day seemed to fly by and we made good use of the free coffee and cakes available on the Honda stand. I'm afraid that was pretty much all we saw on the stand as none of us seemed very interested in any of the Japanese bikes on offer. That said Tony did get rather misty eyed as he sat on the Goldwing as he thought ahead to next years American trip.

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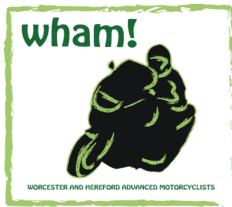
The triumph stand was well supported with Andy and Tony taking an interest in the Explorer. We listened to an in depth explanation of the “rocking panniers” from the Triumph rep but he seemed to be at a loss to explain why, if the system was so good, no other manufacturer offered a similar setup.

I think it would be fair to say that the bike that caught everyone’s eye was the new KTM 1190 Adventure. It looked to be thoroughly well thought out and very nicely finished. The KTM guys were saying that the bike was a quantum leap forward for the company and I think one or two of us will be taking a test ride in the spring.

We took a peak at the Watsonian stand and found that they produced a sidecar for the GS Rallye in matching colours. Now I have never been a sidecar person and I am even less so once I realised the price was almost the same price as the bike. Andy tried a more normal chair for size but decided against having one as he couldn’t get himself out of it. This year was not so great for bargains although Gary got a great deal on a rukka jacket and also a good discount on a Starcom comms unit. He had originally tried for the Autocom version but we found that they have gone “up market” and no discounts were available. Given that the Starcom comes from the same place we thought he got a good deal.

I was pleased to meet up with a few old friends who take stands at the show and couldn’t leave without buying yet another pair of gloves, this time a rather nice pair of Held winter gloves. Tony was also pleased to find that Infinity would exchange his leaky Rukka gloves if he could find the credit card bill. All in all the day was a really good social outing with the benefit of bikes all around. The day was rounded off with a meal in the pub opposite Gary’s house where we continued the discussions of the day.





NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS**

Wednesday 30th January 2013

The Group AGM will be held at the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard Starting at 8.00PM

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: Tony Davis	Standing down
Secretary: Alex Hoyle	Standing down/seeking re-election
Treasurer: Eric Reynolds	Standing down/seeking re-election

Committee Members

Newsletter Editor: Ken Shaw	Standing down
Membership Secretary: John Hodges	Seeking re-election
Webmaster: Tony Davies	Seeking re-election
Events (Worcester): Lynton Jaynes	Standing down
Events (Hereford): Roger Brooks	See note below
Region 3 Rep: Ant Clerici	Seeking re-election
Routemaster: Tony Davis	Seeking re-election
Co-Opted Member: Paul Whitcombe	See note below
Chief Observer: Derek McMullan	Committee Appointment

Current Known Intentions:

Roger Brooks and Paul Whitcombe to seek election to share the role of Vice Chairman.
Delmore Britton to seek election to the committee.

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.

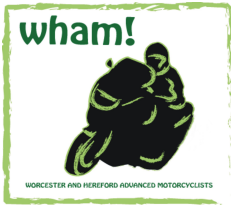
Please return nomination forms to any of the Officers/Committee Members as soon as possible or hand them in to the Secretary at the start of the Annual General Meeting.

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 Secretary Alex Hoyle on 01885 400772 or E-mail whamsecretary@trackdown.co.uk at least three days before the AGM.





Nomination Form

For the election of
Worcester & Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2013

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 30th JANUARY 2013

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.....

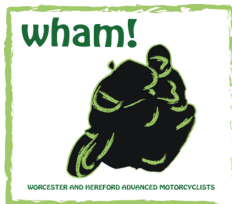
Nomination Accepted by.....

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





Please renew "Online" if you can – otherwise use this form!!

WHAM Membership Renewal Form 2013
Renewals due by Wednesday 30th January 2013

Initials: _____ First Name: _____ SURNAME _____

To renew your WHAM membership, please fill in the renewal form and give it, with the Group Membership fee of £16.00* (cheques preferred) (members who joined after 31 August 2012 are exempt) to a Committee Member or return it to me, at the address shown below before 30th January 2013. Renewals will be accepted at the AGM.

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!

STATUS

MembershipStatus: Associate / Full

Paying by: cheque/cash/BACS

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

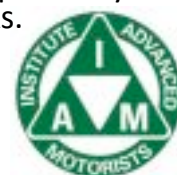
Please give completed form and membership fee to any Committee Member or return to:
John Hodges, 11 Pound Close, Tarrington, Hereford, HR1 4AZ

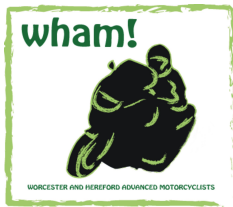
DATA PROTECTION ACT: As a member of WHAM, the personal information given on this form will be held in confidence on a computer file for membership records and newsletter distribution purposes only. If you wish to see your own details please contact the Membership Secretary.

Membership Fees £16.00*. Cheques payable to WHAM.

Membership renewals will be accepted at the AGM on 30th January 2013 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.





WHAM! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – YOU CAN NOW DO IT ONLINE!!!

Dear Members,

WHAM! Membership renewal fees of £16.00 are now due and should **be paid before the AGM on 30th January 2013**. (You might want to pay now in case you forget!)

To help you overcome the pain of this transaction we now have a PayPal account so you can pay your fees online via our website – just go to:

<http://www.wham-motorcycling.org/wham-shop/>

Note – you do not need a PayPal account to take advantage of this easy payment method.

We are really keen that as many members as possible pay by this method as it greatly reduces the admin load and avoids unnecessary paperwork and the possibility of mislaid cheques and cash. However, if you do not want to renew online then you'll find the Membership Renewal Form at the end of this Newsletter.

For those of you who haven't already signed up to **Gift Aid** and would like to do so, there is also an online form that you can complete and submit. We would obviously like you to do this if you can because every little penny helps.

Please remember that you also have to pay your subscription to the IAM (payable annually on the anniversary of you joining the IAM) to maintain your WHAM membership.

If you have any queries about membership please contact me;

jhpanrider@gmail.com or 01432 890606.

All the very best for 2013.

John

John Hodges

WHAM Membership Secretary

