

Your Monthly Newsletter



December 2014

WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Welcome to the December issue of WHAM NEWS, well its the end of the year and Christmas is just under a year away! This issue will concentrate on the forthcoming AGM, Please print out any parts of the AGM notes etc and bring them along to the meeting if there is anything you would like to discuss.

I do have an ulterior motive for keeping this issue short and that is I've decided to step down as Newsletter Editor and allow someone else to take over with new idea's. So all the articles and photo's will be handed to the new editor to ease them into their new role.

So keep those articles coming in as without your stories and pictures there is no newsletter, forthcoming issues will have the photo's of John's farewell, Derek has put together a great piece following on from the GARMIN inspired natter night and Stewart Morehead has put together an article on his 50years of motorcycling to mention but a few.

January's issue will have all the latest IAM Skills For Life test pass photo's, so OBSERVERS please remember to send in recent pic's of your newly qualified associates.

Well that's all from me

Rog Brooks

A few memories
from 2014



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Wednesday 28th January 2015

The Group AGM will be held at the Falcon Hotel, Bromyard Starting at 7.30PM

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

Officers

Chairman: Paul Whitcombe	Standing down/seeking re-election
Secretary: Alex Hoyle	Standing down/seeking re-election
Treasurer: Eric Reynolds	Standing down/seeking re-election

Committee Members

Vice Chairman: Roger Brooks	Seeking re-election
Newsletter Editor: Stuart Poole	Seeking election to this role
Newsletter Editorial Assistant: Ali Lewis	Seeking election to this role
Membership Secretary: Roger Brooks	Seeking election to this role
Webmaster: Tony Davis	Seeking re-election
Routemaster: Tony Davis	Seeking re-election
Region Rep: Ant Clerici	Seeking re-election Associate
Coordinators: Stuart Morehead/Ken Anderson	Seeking re-election Committee
Member: Paul Gill	Seeking election to this role
Chief Observer: Delmore Britton	Committee Appointment

Any fully paid up members of the IAM and of WHAM are free to apply for any of the above posts.

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 five days before the AGM.

Nomination Form

For the election of
Worcester & Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2015

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 28th JANUARY 2015 STARTING AT 7.30PM

I.....

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

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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 Secretary, Alex Hoyle on 01885 400772 or E-mail whamsecretary@trackdown.co.uk



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Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists – Annual General Meeting 2012

29th January 2014 8.00 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: Ken Shaw, Richard Smith, Simon King, Andy Peckston, Guy Jenkins, Stuart Poole, Martyn Newman, Simon Manning, John Wilshaw, Callum Rees, and Lynton Jaynes.

Item 3. Approval 2013 AGM Minutes and any Matters Arising.

The Minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

Item 4. Chairman's Report

Lynton Jaynes. As you will be aware, Lynton was involved in a serious rtc on 19th January. As a result, he was conveyed by air ambulance to the Heath hospital in Cardiff having sustained numerous, and serious, injuries. To date, he has not regained consciousness but is receiving the very best of medical attention. His condition is described as serious but stable'. The family are in regular contact with Ian Barnard, who was with Lynton at the scene, and they are aware of the numerous enquiries and offers of help that have been made by the membership. For the benefit of the family, it was decided to limit the point of contact to one person (Ian Barnard) but both Ian and I have received many messages of support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank, not only those members who have sent their best wishes and offered to visit Lynton or help with the transport arrangements but let us not forget those who looked after Lynton, as best they could, at the scene. There were a number of people present but I am aware that both Derek and Ian did their best at the time. It is traumatic enough to try and deal with the aftermath of any collision but, from personal experience, I know that it is much more challenging when the victim is someone you are close to. On behalf of Lynton, his family and WHAM, I thank you all. (Toast to Lynton's health and recovery)

Presents for Linda Sylvester and Niki Brookes as a thanks for their support at the various events that have been organised by the group.

As of the end of 2013, WHAM consisted of 149 in total (members and associates) and the group continues to grow year on year at a rate of roughly 10%.

During 2013 there were 30 test passes and we currently have 19 observers and 7 senior observers. Collectively, the observers have carried out 420 hours attending various events and activities on our behalf and have conducted 1307 hours of observing.

The committee have attended regular meetings as well as numerous – 'on line' discussions as regards the running of the group. WHAM has also had a presence at the National Conference as well as numerous regional meetings and srp meetings.



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The natter nights included evening rides, a group riding presentation, a discussion on cornering/steering by Derek and guest visits from Lee Lowry (Helite airbags) which included a very informative presentation on how the airbags function and, as a result of which, a number of members made purchases – Nigel Bowers who gave an interesting presentation on the use of ‘on board’ cameras - and Martyn Hillier (who has since been awarded the Queens Police Medal in the recent new Year’s Honours list) – Martyn is one of our examiners and it is hoped that he will visit again. All of these natter nights 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 but also to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas where a wreath was laid on behalf of WHAM. In addition, there have been two foreign trips organised by Derek and Del.

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 ‘biker down’ first aid training day, organised by Derek and provided by Mid and West Wales fire service. ‘Biker Down’ is provided free of charge, albeit the group made a donation to the fireman’s charity and the course has been designed specifically for motorcyclists and trained us on what to do in those first important minutes before the arrival of paramedics.

The regional ‘Ashes’ competition took place at the end of September. Owing to the fact that I, and a number of others were on a pre-arranged holiday in Normandy, Stuart Poole and Mrs Anne Culley kindly took on responsibility for attending, looking after our ‘team’ and running the slow riding element of the competition. Team ‘WHAM’ in 2013 consisted of Andrew Culley and Richard Hewitt as ‘members’ with Matt Fletcher and Jeremy Davies as ‘associates’. Not only did our team take first place overall but Richard Hewitt and Jeremy Davies took joint 1st place as individuals. This is the third ashes competition to take place involving advanced motorcycle groups from the midlands and Wales – and it has been won every time by a team from this group. The 2014 ashes is booked for the end of September.

The final event of the year was the annual Christmas dinner which was attended by 57 people.

In conclusion, as I am standing down tonight, I wanted to say something about WHAM and my experiences over the last 3 years in the chair. I started out with no clue what I was doing and, already having pre-conceived notions about committees, I was soon very pleasantly surprised. The committee, certainly the founding members, are all strong personalities and I was concerned as to how I would fit in. It very soon became apparent that my fears were ungrounded. The way in which this group was founded has provided us with the most excellent of foundations on which to build. Help, advice and guidance has always been readily given and gratefully received with each and every member of the committee working together, with common goals, and at all times acting in the very

Best interests of the group and its members. There have been a number of ‘new ways of doing things’ developed but, importantly, those involved haven’t been afraid to acknowledge when something isn’t working, returning to the drawing board and starting again. The group has accomplished a great deal directly as the result of the ability, enthusiasm and ethical standards of a



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great many people including the committee, the observers and the general membership. Not only have I found this last 3 years to be very rewarding but I have also been fortunate enough to meet so many people and to make many new friends.

To steal someone else's (Derek's) phrase – WHAM is a great deal more than the sum of all its parts and I am convinced that it is the collective attitude of the membership that has allowed us all to do our part in improving road safety generally but particularly so for the benefit of motorcyclists within our two Counties.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support I have received over the past 3 years. It is accepted practice within this group that whoever holds the position of chairman, does so for no more than 3 years so it is high time for a new face, and a new voice, to take over. Many of you know Paul much better than I do but, what I do know, is that he has an enthusiasm that bodes well for us all. Paul is an experienced 'people' person and already has the full support of the committee and the training team. I know that you can all be depended on to give Paul your full support also and to help him to develop the group further. I'd like to give my best wishes to Paul, the committee, the training team and observers and to each and every member of WHAM. Thank you all.

Item 5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer, Eric Reynolds, provided a summary income and expenditure during 2013 and copies of the accounts had been made available. See Below.

- The WHAM's bank balance was in a fairly healthy position, so the group had decided to purchased 8 new video cameras to help with training at an approx cost of £2000
- Income is received in the form of Skill for Life, and Membership Subs.
- Expenditure is used for Rider Skills Days, Observer Training, Slow Riding, and Promotion.

It has been a very successful financial year for WHAM. We have increased our income by 84%. We used this increase to provide the Group with equipment and observer aids to help the Observers to achieve a better standard of training and to present a more professional approach. A look at the detail will show that we have purchased 8 "sports" video cameras to be passed round the Observers and have obtained the materials to create an Observer Portfolio which will be given to all current and future Observers. This expenditure totals £2745 which has led to a reduction in the Group's cash balances. There is a small risk associated with this, as we rely on grants from the Safety Roads Partnership to help us recruit new associates but the 2014 membership fees are rolling in at a rate, we have in excess of 100 paid up members already, so I feel confident that the Group will maintain a high level of viability.

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



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SUMMARY 1st Jan 2013 to 31st Dec 2013

Current Account	This Year	Last Year
Bought Forward	£4,774.38	£3,352.79
Income	£6,946.52	£3,778.89
Expenditure	£7,793.28	£2,357.30
Current balance	£3,927.62	£4,774.38
Physical Assets	£2632.85	£511.39
Total Worth of Group	£6,560.47	£5,285.77

Item 6. Election of officers

Brian Morgan the current chairman stood down after three years at the helm. Paul Whitcombe put himself forward as the new chairman. The Treasurer and Secretary also stood down but had put themselves up for re-election, all three were elected on block. Proposed by Gary Barnes, and seconded by Mark Sylvester and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Item 7. Election of Committee members

Ken Shaw stood down from his role as associate coordinator. So the 2014 committee will be

Vice Chairman and Newsletter Editor, Roger Brookes.

Membership Secretary, John Hodges.

Webmaster and Route Master, Tony Davis.

Regional Rep, Ant Clerici.

Associate Coordinator, position still vacant.

Equipment/Regalia Officer, Lynton Jaynes.

General Committee Member, Ali Lewis.

The committee were elected on block proposed by Del Britton, and seconded by Ian Barnard, and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Item 8. Presentation of certificates

Certificates were given out to, Colin Smith, Matt Fletcher, Lynne Sherwood, and Paul Gill.



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Item 9. 2014 Programme

Paul Whitcombe our new chairman gave a brief resume of the forthcoming programme for the new year. This included track days, off road courses, possible speedway day, as well as the usual skills for life courses, slow riding day, day trips out, and trips abroad.

Further details will become available on the WHAM website as soon as we have them.

Item 10. Any Other Business.

- Antony Clerici endeavoured to give an explanation of what was happening to region three which was to cease and to become part of a larger group. At this moment in time there seems to be some slight confusion as to the road ahead (excuse pun) so Ant will continue to attend the meetings, and keep us in the picture. Again more news as and when we have it.
- Del Britton gave a brief explanation of the new video cameras, and details of observer training days coming up in March.
- In the event of no other business Derek McMullan stood up and gave a very sincere thank you to Brian Morgan for serving as chairman for the last three years.
- A presentation was made to Brian in the form of a picture/caricature with him on his the Pan, and a very good likeness it was too.

Item 11. The meeting was closed at 8.45 PM 48 members had attended and the date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday the 28th of January 2015 at 8.00PM

As recorded by Andrew Dodswell on Wednesday 29th January 2013.

Many thanks to him for taking the notes.





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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting of Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists.

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At the Falcon Hotel Bromyard Starting at 7.30PM

Item 1	Welcoming Remarks	Paul Whitcombe
Item 2	Apologies	Alex Hoyle
Item 3	Approval of 2014 AGM minutes and any matters arising from them.	Alex Hoyle
Item 4	Chairman's Report	Paul Whitcombe
Item 5	Treasurer's Report	Eric Reynolds
Item 6	Election of Committee Officers	Alex Hoyle
Item 7	Election of Committee Members	Secretary
Item 8	Presentation of Certificates	Chairman
Item 9	Programme for 2015	Chairman
Item 10	Any other business	Secretary
Item 11	Date and time of next AGM 27/01/2016	Secretary



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