



The Chairman's Notes by Paul

Welcome to the Newsletter and I'd like to start by congratulating Del Britton and Ant Clerici on passing their National Observer Test. A fantastic achievement – Well Done! (Congratulations to Paul, who has also passed his National observer test, Rog)

There are a lot of riders in the club keen to further enhance their riding, including First Pass, Masters and National Observer. If you are thinking about it please let a member of the Committee know.

We have a packed itinerary over the next few months so I am looking forward to experiencing different riding challenges, such as Trials, Speedway and slow riding – keep an eye on the programme for more details.



It was great to see so many of you on Den's Roof of Wales day ride. There were a lot of bikes out that day who thankfully kept to the A-roads. We didn't! The scenery was stunning and the roads technical. Despite riding in Wales for several years there were some fantastic new roads. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Den and Tony for organising the route.

Have you seen the new addition to our programme page? Tony has now added google map links of our routes which enable us to get an overview of the route easily. Please come and join us on a Sunday if you haven't already this year. There is always an observer or friendly member who will ride with you at your pace. We will endeavour to make you as welcome as possible at the café stop.

My thanks go to all the helpers who turned up for the Rider Skills Day in Bromyard, which was sadly cancelled due to the weather. Rest assured new members and riders are having observed rides at convenient times. Several riders have already signed up – Welcome to the club if you are reading! If you know anyone who is interested in further improving their riding please invite them to get in touch. Many riders join us to improve their riding and enable them to be safer on the road. We are a training organisation but also a friendly social club. Currently Wednesday natter nights start with a ride. We also have a weekend away planned in July.

Correction; Last months article 'Night Riding' was actually written by Eric Reynolds, not Ant Clerici. Apologies Rog

Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists. Affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorcyclists. Group No. 3260
DISCLAIMER: THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN WHAM! NEWS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE EDITOR,
THE IAM OR THE WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS



The News

Continuing the theme of good ideas from members I was pleased to be carrying my zip ties when the hinge fell off my screen. They actually secure it better than the original! Also the tip to use baby wipes to clean bugs etc off leathers – works on the helmet to.

Finally, thanks to those who have remained silent about my new bike kit, bought as an ebay bargain in preparation for my Ireland trip. At home I have had such compliments as “mmm –you look like a Lego Man.” Still not sure about the trousers so look out on eBay!

Enjoy your riding and I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and at the Slow Riding Day on Sunday 22nd June.

IAM Test Passes

Congratulations to the following members on completing their SKILLS for LIFE package!!!

Observers, please send a photo of your associate to the newsletter soon as possible after they have passed their test. whamnewsletter@gmail.com

Adrian Wheeler

Observer; Gary Barnes

Lorraine Sellick

Observer; Annie Morgan

Alex Howell

Ian Rivers



A very warm welcome to the following new members

Guy Jameson
Ian Craggs
Paul Smit
Neil Weston
David Wooldridge
Graham Kenny
Howard Croft
Jonathan Morris



Find us on:
facebook

To join just login to your Facebook account and type 'Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists' in the search box at the top of the page, then click on the 'Join Group' button at the top right of the screen - one of our Admins will then approve your membership (we don't just let anyone in, only WHAM Members can join!). And if your not on Facebook, this is a good reason to join.



WHAM! Regalia

Have you bought your WHAM! clothing yet? We've got polo shirts and T-shirts in stock - for £12 and £10 respectively. You can also buy fleeces and other wham regalia - just let us know what you want. To purchase wham! polo or T-shirts Please contact: Alex Hoyle.

whamsecretary@trackdown.co.uk



Club Notice Board

Please send notices to whamnewsletter@gmail.com

Up coming EVENTS

- Slow riding day 22 June
- Remember to check the 'Programme' section of the WHAM website for the SUNDAY ride out routes.

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

This months video's are from Derek M and Will H

[Nurburgring](#)

[KTM Adventure](#)

Members' Articles



WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Members' Articles

Please send your stories to whamnewsletter@gmail.com

Do you have a motorcycle project in the garage? Something to restore to its former glory? Does it need some Powder Coating?

Redditch Shot Blasting are a local business experienced in a broad range of motorcycle work. A visit will usually reveal some other motorcycle parts or even complete bikes, they do a lot of work for the National Motorcycle Museum. See their website at <http://www.redditchshotblasting.co.uk/>

The illustration shows a Ducati 600SS with a re-finished frame, wheels and engine covers.



Dens Trial Bike experience 17/18/19 July

<http://www.retrotrials.com/the-best-steve-saunders-interview-ever-2013.html>



For booking a place on this event please contact Den at info@domemSPORT.co.uk

The costs for the trials experience includes the bike and related kit.

We can't promise you'll be able to do this after after one day !!

Here are a few reasons to join up

Great fun day .

Make your riding more rounded.

Gives people another dimension to their riding.

Den

Members' Articles

Annual Slow Riding Day

Sunday 22nd June

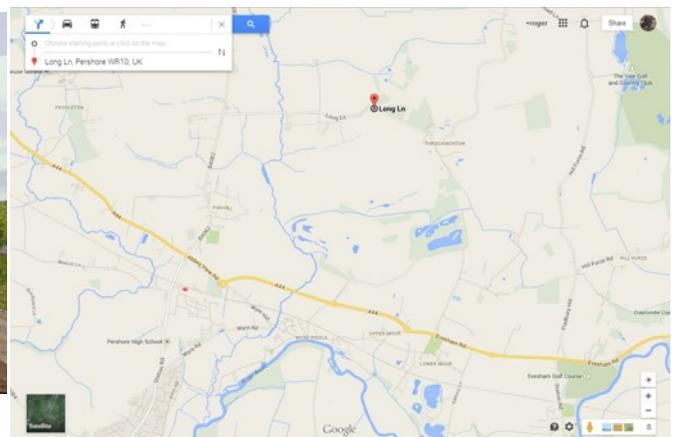
WHAM Slow Riding Day Our most popular training day of the year – held once again at Throckmorton Airfield near Pershore and organised by Dennis Osborne. A must for Associates and recommended for full members, especially those who have recently passed their test. Slow riding is an important skill and our Slow Riding day gives Members a chance to practice in a safe environment and have fun at the same time.

There will be a slalom course, figure-of-eights and Den's famous obstacle course. The afternoon session will up the pace with a chance to practice emergency braking on the runway.

This is an all day event, please arrive at 9:30 am prompt for the safety briefing. Coffee, tea, cold drinks, sandwiches and cakes will be provided for a small contribution.



Streetview of the entrance on the left



WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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



The Chief Observers page.

May 2014 WHAM Newsletter Chief Observer

Rider's Signals

Using signals may seem to be a basic skill, but many riders don't use the full range of available signals consistently or to best effect. Giving information to other road users is a key part of information processing in the system of bike control.



The purpose of signals

Signals inform other road users of your presence or intentions. Don't just consider those road users who can be seen – also consider those who can't be seen and those who you may reasonably expect to appear.

Give a signal wherever it could benefit other road users.

If you decide a signal is necessary, signal clearly and in good time. Always make sure the meaning of your signal is clear. Sometimes a signal is not in itself enough to make your intentions clear and other road users may use your position and speed to interpret what your signals mean. When negotiating a roundabout, for example, your signals may be misinterpreted if you haven't taken up the correct position for your intended exit. When appropriate, consider reinforcing the meaning of your signal with an arm signal.

Key points

- Consider the need for a signal on the approach to every hazard, and before you change direction or speed.
- Give a signal whenever it could benefit other road users.
- Remember that signalling does not give you any special right to carry out the actions you indicate.
- Follow the *Highway Code* – check your mirrors before you signal or manoeuvre.

The range of signals

The signals that are available to you are:

1. Indicators
2. Hazard warning lights
3. Brake lights
4. Headlights



WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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



5. Position of your vehicle
6. Horn signals
7. Arm signals
8. Courtesy signals (for example, raising a hand to thank another driver).

Select the most effective signal for the job. You must give your signal in plenty of time if it is to benefit other road users. Be aware that when you change the speed or position of your bike you are also giving information to other road users.

Using the indicators

The indicators on some low-powered machines aren't very effective because the lamps are of relatively low wattage. This is especially true when direct sunlight shines on their lenses. Check that the indicator lamps on the bikes you ride are bright enough to attract the attention of other road users. If not, consider the use of arm signals.

The *Highway Code* advises you to give a signal when another road user could benefit. Use observation to anticipate when a signal may be needed. This encourages you to be aware of other road users at all times, especially those behind you. If in doubt, it's better to signal than not to signal but always think before you do.

Using brake lights

Use brake lights to indicate either slowing down or your intention to stop. Always check your mirrors before using your brakes unless you are doing an emergency stop.

- Start braking well in advance of an anticipated hazard to alert the driver behind that you mean to slow down or stop, especially if the vehicle behind you is too close.
- Avoid 'dabbing' the brakes: if your brake lights flash on and off but you don't slow down, you will confuse the drivers behind you.
- Avoid resting your foot on the rear brake. This will distract a following road user and may also mean that they fail to react when you do actually brake.

Using the horn

The horns on some bikes have low power and may not be clearly audible to drivers. Check that the horn on your bike is effective in traffic conditions before you rely on it to signal.

Only use the horn when it is necessary to warn other road users of your presence. If you see that another road user is not aware of your presence, first choose an appropriate position and speed so that you can stop safely in necessary.

If you do need to use the horn:

- Use your horn in good time
- Adjust the length of the horn note to the circumstances

The Chief Observers page.

Consider using the horn on the approach to hazards where the view is very limited, such as a blind summit or bridge on a signal track road.

Never use the horn to challenge or rebuke other road users. Give a wave of acknowledgement following use of the horn i.e. beep and wave. This helps foster good relations between different groups of road users.

Always listen carefully for other road users' horn warnings and react appropriately – remember that your helmet can make horns difficult to hear.

Using Arm signals

If you need to use an arm signal, follow the *Highway Code* advice. Be aware that many road users may not understand arm signals as they are rarely used.

NORMANDY 2014

As an outline warning for those interested in the Normandy trip 2014 the dates are as follows: Brittany Ferries.

Thursday 25th Sept: Outward Ferry from Portsmouth departing at 14.45hrs arriving Caen/Ouistreham 21.30hrs.

Monday 29th Sept: Return Ferry Caen/Ouistreham Ferry departing 14.00hrs arriving Portsmouth 19.15hrs.

A number of people have already booked their places, the B&B can accommodate a maximum of 18 individuals, accommodation is; one double room annex, the remaining rooms are three and four person.

This year's trip, in order to save any complications with any last minute withdrawals full payment for the accommodation will be requested in late June/July 2014. The cost of the rooms has not changed from the 2013 prices:

3 beds – 90€

4 beds - 100€

Breakfast: at 6 Euros for continental and 9 Euros for full (Alex size) breakfasts per person.

B&B Location and details: <http://www.normandybeach.co.uk>

Address:

Normandy Beach 2 Avenue Mountbatten, 14117 Arromanches,
Normandy, FRANCE.

If you are a bit more hi tech the GPS details are:

N49° 20.258' 49°20' 15.5"

W00° 37.269' 0° 37'16.1"

MAID IN 99 QI

Details will follow during the year; interested parties please contact Del Britton on email vkr1200rt@hotmail.co.uk



WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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



Members Articles

WHAM Group Riding Guidelines – essential info

Most bikers often ride in groups. WHAM recognises that this activity becomes more enjoyable and safer if group riding is practiced with a greater awareness of the issues. Our guide sets out the principles for safe group riding and forms the basis for our training “master classes”.

This is a shorter version covering the essentials of Group Riding

Awareness and attitude

We know **the greatest concern for riders in Groups is about the behaviour of fellow riders**. The anxiety to “keep up” can lead to rash decisions with potentially disastrous consequences. The frustrations experienced when having to ride with others who do not match your ability or style can produce the same results.

The guidelines here are designed to foster a greater awareness between group riders and enable safe progressive riding. However there is no substitute for practice; WHAM encourages open discussion and will offer **Group Riding advice** to promote safe and effective Group Riding. **Our observers are there to help and answer questions.**

GROUP

Know your fellow riders

Have their mobile phone numbers

ROUTE

Know the route and planned stops

OPEN ROAD

Follow the 2 second rule for all traffic, group riders included

Adopt the overtaking position if wanting to pass other traffic or a group rider

Be aware of those in front and behind

At turning points allow the rider behind to see which direction you take, wait for them to appear if not in sight.

URBAN

Close up to keep the group together

PROTOCOL

Ride for yourself at all times

Be courteous to other road users

Always ride within your capabilities

Let others know if you intend to leave the group

Agree an Emergencies procedure



Members' Articles/Adds

Please send your stories to whamnewsletter@gmail.com

So far the following members have booked to go on Dels Normandy trip.

Stewart Morehead ,Derek M, Mike Franzen, Ali Lewis, Jeremy Davies, Del Britton, Paul Whitcombe
Roger Brooks, Alex Hoyle, Ian Rivers, Gill K, Eric Reynolds, Gerry West, Jeremy Davies
Ant Cleric, Gill Cleric, Noell Colledge +1, Garry Barns + 1 tbc

FOR SALE HONDA CROSSRUNNER VFR 800X



Full luggage system (worth £1200), heated grips, fender extender, rear hugger, centre stand, first registered Oct 2012. Taxed and Honda warranty and assistance until Oct 2014. 2,500 miles.

£6000.

Contact : John Hodges, 01432 890606 ; jhpanrider@gmail.com



WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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



The Chief Observers page.



Caught on Camera!!! Send in your 'WHAM' photo's



Ant Clerici has come up with the following formula to calculate the number of riders who will attend a ride out.

No of riders = 2 + Temperature (deg C) +/- 1 (- 1 if wet)

Explanation:

2 for the two riders who will turn up even if it's only for the coffee at McD's, Deg C is the 'fair weather biker' factor. +/-1 is a constant for the UK -1 if wet is the correction factor for the fwb figure above



A very proud Graham Foxhall next to his exquisite Yamaha Super Tenure



Paul and Stuart enjoying the sunshine



Ian patiently listens to Tony telling Simon how his Triumph won the Ride magazine power survey



Rog "wants a Morgan" Brooks