

WORCESTER AND HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS



20/12/2021



EDITORIAL

After a month without a newsletter, I'm pleased to say we are back with the Christmas issue, within which you will find many gems, - including the Chairman's chat below this, followed by the [Chief Observer's report](#) by Alex Hoyle, and a [review of his new Triumph](#) from Ant Clerici.

You may have noticed that the IAM skills days are back on for 2022. If you haven't been on one you may find it useful. Its surprising how many riders have accidents with no other vehicle involved; and this is often because they have simply run off the road. In the vast majority of cases this is not because they ran off the edge of their tyres, but just ran out of skill way before the machine was actually being pushed. A day of good instruction at a race track will help you to avoid ever finding your self in that situation. [Del Britten has written us an explanatory piece](#) about what is involved, and you can find lots more information at <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/events/skills-days>.



We end with some photos of happy members getting their certificates at a recent Falcon natter night, and the info you need about the [club AGM](#), which is coming up in January..



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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Last month I found myself buying winter kit and dreaming about touring holidays next year. Finally, the Covid pandemic, at least for me, seemed to be abating and business trips had re-commenced seeing me able to meet-up with people I had not seen for nearly two years. It was clear from meeting up with these folks that there had been a minority of people that had ventured abroad this year, by any means of transport, yet they were now eyeing up what to do in 2022?

Obviously, I cannot avoid following up with the fact that now, in mid-December, the future is uncertain again. I do not have the benefit of a reliable crystal ball, so I will leave that chain of thought right there.



At last month's natter night our very own Tony Reusser re-ran a presentation he had given some time ago, supported by some very nice pictures, recounting the trip he took across America on his Pan European. Whilst a month in the USA is not within everyone's reach, I would venture a weekend, a week, or a fortnight touring the UK or mainland Europe is eminently doable and Covid allowing there will be further opportunities with WHAM to do that in 2022 in the safe and amiable company of your fellow club members; watch this space...

The NEC bike show and the WHAM Christmas celebration at the Falcon in Bromyard on Friday 17th December were a tremendous success. Thirty-eight members came and enjoyed themselves and I was pleased to make special gift presentations to Alex and Tony D for their sterling service to us all in WHAM in 2021.

Sunday rides now have a mix of Malvern, Hereford, and other start points with riders starting off at 0930. With the weather holding pretty well into November these rides have been well attended and I have found that a ride out on a crisp morning seems to clear the head nicely for the week ahead. If you are a new member and have not completed a Group Sunday ride, please do either contact your Observer, me, or any other group official and we will get you in a riding group appropriate to your tastes and experience.

All that is left for me to do now is wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you out on the road in 2022.

Yours in Sport

Richard Hewitt

WHAM Chair



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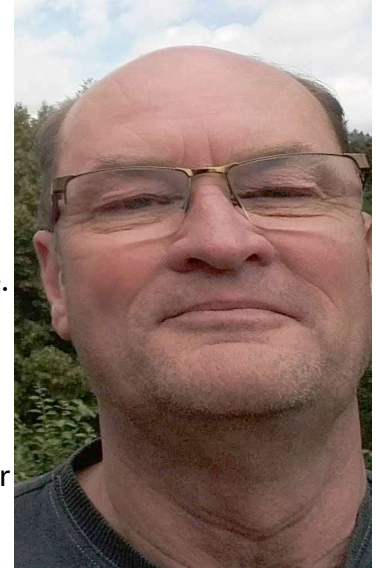
CHIEF OBSERVER'S REPORT

Your Safety is Paramount

Following on from my last article on winter riding, I just thought that I would expand on this issue a little bit more.

At the bottom of the WHAM Events Page: <http://www.wham-motorcycling.org/events/> you will find these words of wisdom.

All riders are reminded to check the weather forecast before each ride. If the temperature falls below 3 degrees, please remember that the road temperature can be lower and there will be a risk of black ice. In addition, heavy flooding and high winds add considerable risks to motorcyclists. WHAM will not normally cancel rides due to weather conditions, so it is up to each rider to make their own decision whether it is safe to ride or not.



You are deemed to be in control of your machine at all times. Anyone taking part in our group rides is expected to comply with road traffic regulations.

These words are there for a reason, and that is to make you think about your safety.

We all enjoy our Sunday ride, and at this point I make no bones about referring to my love of a big breakfast. However, at this time of the year in particular, the weather situation outside may not allow us to do so. And one of the biggest problems in the winter is when the numbers on the thermometer start to head south towards zero degrees.

Now at this point I refer to a situation which happened to me many years ago when I was new to WHAM. I was desperate to get out on a Sunday morning ride and get to the café to get my breakfast. However, the temperature at the farm was around 2 degrees, but by the time I got to the top of our drive it was nearer zero. Being keen, and relatively inexperienced, I carried on and headed down the hill towards Lower Hope, unbeknownst to me there is a frost pocket in the valley, and just as I was about to approach the end of the lane to the A417, the bike and I parted company because I had hit a patch of black ice.

So now the bike and I are heading out of a minor road on to the main A417, but thankfully we stopped just in time, I don't want to think what might have happened if we had not stopped. At this point the bike is fairly well smashed up, so very gingerly I jump back on it and try to get back home. I lost the back end of the bike five times that morning, I managed to hold it for three of the slides but fell off on the other two.

It cost me over £700 to have the bike straightened out, courtesy of The Plastic Surgery at Hanley Swan. By the way they're nothing to do with cosmetic surgery for people; it's a bike repair shop, and they did a truly fantastic job on the bike. Since that day I've never ridden if the temperature is around two degrees and going down. It's simply not worth it.

As a rough guide if you look outside, and your road or driveway is covered in frost, and the puddles are frozen, then go back to bed, because it's going to be far too dangerous to try and go out on your bike.

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WHAM will not normally cancel a ride, so it's entirely up to you to make that decision, about the conditions, and about whether or not you want to put your safety, or more importantly your life, on the line.

As a rule, we don't generally ride on the main roads very far, and in this part of the country at least, most country lanes and B roads will not be gritted, so the moment you turn off a main road, you could be on sheet ice. You may want to go out, but sometimes you have to let discretion be the better part of valour, there's always next week, when it might be warm and sunny.

Whatever happens your safety is paramount, it is, and it always must be, so if in doubt, leave it out, and stay at home in the cosy.

Alex W Hoyle

Chief Observer WHAM

MY YEAR WITH A TIGER – ANT CLERICI

My first British bike since my first bike, a D14/4 BSA Bantam; a 'triple' rather than the numerous 'twins' which preceded the Tiger – BMW GS's 1100 and 1200's, a Multistrada and an Africa Twin.

A bike with significant 'extras'.

So a bit different.



October 2019 - brand new and gorgeous in red

The thinking behind going for the Tiger was to recognise a lighter bike would be easier manoeuvring in and out of my garage and gently sloping driveway but a bike with a performance that was close enough to what remains the WHAM benchmark – the fleet of GS's. I considered the

950 Multi, KTM 790 and Tracer but after a short test ride around Cheltenham I put money down for the Tiger. Going for the GT PRO meant luggage, heated seats, cruise control, programmable suspension and mapping and a quick shifter. Although the bike mags preferred the Rally version I recognised I would be spending most of my time on tarmac so it was the GT for me.



Snowdonia trip



Shropshire Hills

As I've said this is my first triple and it still feels more 'revvy' than the twins but I've got used to that.

It is comfortable and the 2-stage heated seats have come into their own as the thermometers dip towards freezing and compliments the 3 stage heated grips and my heated waistcoat.

It took a while to get used to cruise control but now find I'm using it a lot, even in 20's and 30's where speed creep is a real risk. The quick shifter is brilliant, smooth and without drama it allows progressive acceleration through the gears and enables a simple click down through the box for corners and the "G" of IPSGA.

The luggage is robust, labelled 'Triumph' but is really Givi. And plenty big enough for two up touring.

Recently the pannier locks have become very stiff but I'm sure that can be resolved.

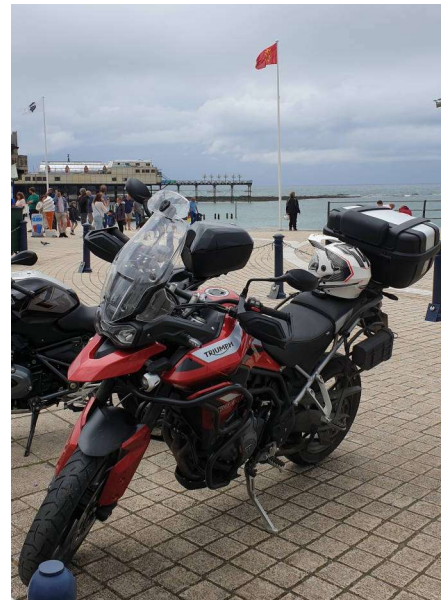
The 20 litre tank is good for 200 miles or more. The display shows a very clear "miles to go" when the tank approaches empty. Speaking of the display the TFN screen is big and bright and has a zillion options to scroll through. As with every new toy the first few weeks were spent scrolling and adjusting but now I just ride, usually with the digital rev counter on show.

The Bluetooth connection has been flakey and the google based directions are OK but not as good as my Garmin. Following its first service and an update I still need to resolve the full range of Bluetooth connections for Garmin, phone and Triumph itself.

There are two minor design faults: the top corner of the number plate has been affected by hot exhaust gases and the space in the rear mudguard channels mud and spray onto the rear light and top box lock. Fortunately Pyramid plastics have a cheap solution.

So overall after a year and 7k miles...the Tiger is a well-designed, comfortable and capable bike. I'm looking forward to the next few thousand miles (but not looking forward to the cost of the 12k service...anyone know of a cheap mechanic?)

Ant Clerici



IAM SKILLS DAYS 2022 – DEL BRITTEN

So, what are 'IAM Skills days'? They are IAM run training days on well know racetracks such as Thruxton, Mallory Park and Croft circuit. They are definitely not 'Track days' as most riders relate to. If you are looking for race circuits, the skills days will be disappointing for you. (Dates for 2022 skills days below.)

The Skills days are exactly that, skills being practicing within the 'system' and in a controlled environment on a track , - and what I mean by that is: Being in a position to practice all the Roadcraft techniques safely on a race circuit that has no roadside furniture (lamp posts, traffic lights etc) and no potholes or white van drivers to get in the way.



I experienced my first skills days some eight years ago, the experience gave me confidence in leaning the bike; and hard braking, something I could not have practiced safely on the open road. I was fortunate to have been chosen as an IAM skills day instructor after completing my Master's assessment and skills day instruction.

You will need to pre-select your A/B/C group choice prior to arrival on the electronic return, the link to this is sent to you with your joining email. As an indication, the groups are split as follows:

A GROUP: Meant for those who have completed skills days (at this circuit) before and/or have circuit experience and are confident in that environment and/or have undertaken other rider training in a similar environment.

B GROUP: Consider themselves to be improvers. Have some circuit experience, have attended a skills day before.

C GROUP: First or second time on a skills day, looking to improve. When you grade yourself, please be honest with yourself and remember the day is structured to help you with your own skills development. We may move your selected group to ensure the correct distribution of participants but will not place you in a group that makes you feel uncomfortable.

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The Instructor Team Have the following backgrounds:

- ACU Qualifications
- Examiners - Police Advanced Riders
- IMI National Observers – Masters
- They are handpicked to help you.

They will help you:

To learn in a controlled environment

- To really get to know your bike
- To enhance your skills
- Using both theory and practical sessions.

Core Competencies:

I - Information & Observation

P – Positioning

S - Speed selection including braking

G - Gear selection and experimentation

A - Acceleration including steering/balance = IPSGA.

You must:

- Ride a bike that is fully road legal
- Mirrors & brake lights must be in use
- Take off all removable luggage/tank bags etc.
- always Wear an approved (ECE/UK) helmet when riding – even in the paddock!

You must not:



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- Have a camera fitted to your helmet - fit it to the bike only
- Remove your registration plate.

Machine: your motorcycle must be fully road legal. There is further guidance on machine preparation below. Daylight MOTs are not sufficient. Do not attempt to remove or tape up mirrors or remove or conceal your registration plate.

Insurance: Most policies specifically do not cover use on a racing circuit. IAM RoadSmart advise you to check with your insurance company regarding the level of cover you have for this event. The letter prepared by IAM RoadSmart can be sent to your insurance company. This contains all the information about the day and can help them decide on extending insurance cover for the event. Whilst Cornmarket Insurance will cover members to take part at IAM RoadSmart approved driver & rider skills days, there is no cover automatically.

You must advise Cornmarket who will arrange cover with their selected insurers for a small fee. Cornmarket will issue a letter on behalf of insurers that says the normal track day exclusion is removed for the purpose of the IAM approved Skills Day event. You cannot purchase Skills Day cover from Cornmarket unless you are an existing policyholder. Please note IAM RoadSmart will always advise you to discuss insurance with your provider not with our Support Team.

Clothing: Full and approved motorcycle protective clothing is mandatory. Leathers or textile clothing is permitted. Road legal helmets/visors/goggles must be worn. You do not need a Gold ACU sticker, just an approved road legal (UK) helmet. DOT only (USA) approved helmets are not permitted. NOTE: Helmet Cameras will not be permitted, but machine mounted cameras will be allowed provided they are securely mounted.

Noise: is an extremely sensitive local issue. Random static noise testing is in operation throughout the day by both handheld and static monitoring points on the circuit. Overly noisy machines may be prevented from entering the circuit by track officials. Only arrive on a machine with a standard homologated exhaust or an aftermarket exhaust that meets the same noise criteria. No open exhausts are permitted on circuit. Baffles MUST remain fitted.

Conduct: The instruction is based around a set of core competences directly related to The System of Motorcycle Control (IPSGA), which will be developed by your instructor. This event is a Skills Day not a Track Day, no timing, pace making, or racing will be allowed. You will be expected to ride within your capability. Due respect must be given to all participants, by all participants. Failure to adhere to these criteria will result in a warning; if there are any further infringements the rider will be removed from the event.

The 2022 season bike day schedule has now been confirmed as follows:

12th April – Mallory Park

26th April – Thruxton

16th May – Thruxton

31st May – Thruxton

14th June – Thruxton

30th June – Croft

5th July – Mallory Park (Ladies)

12th July – Thruxton

6th September – Thruxton

20th September – Mallory Park

26th September – Thruxton

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/media-policy/media-enquiries/news-details/2021/12/06/iam-roadsmart-s-skills-days-are-back-for-2022!>

Del Britton

DECEMBER HALL OF FAME

We have two hard working riders to celebrate this month, firstly a delighted Tony Reusser receiving his Masters certificate, swiftly followed by a proud Simon Tibbetts accepting his F1st from a slightly startled looking Chairman Richard!



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WHAM AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

AGENDA

Wednesday the 26th of January 2022

AGM Meeting Starting at 7.30PM at The Falcon Bromyard

Item 1	Welcoming Remarks	Richard Hewitt
Item 2	Apologies	Tony Reusser
Item 3	Approval of 2021 AGM minutes and any matters arising from them.	Tony Reusser
Item 4	Chair's Report	Richard Hewitt
Item 5	Treasurer's Report	Eric Reynolds
Item 6	Election of Committee Officers	Richard Hewitt
Item 7	Election of Committee Members	Secretary
Item 8	Presentation of Certificates	Chair
Item 9	Programme for 2022	Chair
Item 10	Any other business	Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday the 27th of January 2021

Zoom Meeting Starting at 7.30PM

Item 1	Present & Welcoming Remarks	Ant Clerici
Item 2	Apologies	Tony Reusser
Item 3	Committee Introductions	Ant Clerici
Item 4	Approval of 2019 AGM minutes	Tony Reusser
Item 5	Actions arising: AP1 Support for Re-tests	Ant Clerici
Item 6	Chairman's Report	Ant Clerici
Item 7	Treasurer's Report	Eric Reynolds
Item 8	Chief Observers Report	Alex Hoyle
Item 9	Election of Group Officers	Tony Reusser
Item 10	Handover to new Chairman	Ant Clerici
Item 11	Election of Committee Members	Tony Reusser
Item 12	AOB	Richard Hewitt
Item 13	Date of next AGM Meeting (26 th January 2022)	Richard Hewitt
Item 14	Meeting close (General discussion)	Richard Hewitt

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Item 1 Present & Welcoming Remarks

Ant Clerici

Ant Clerici, Richard Hewitt, Eric Reynolds, Alex Holye, Del Britton, Gary Barns, Matt Dent, Paul Whitcombe, Alison Whitcombe, Tony Davis, Sam Furminger, Mark Saxton, Lynne Sherwood, Daniel Freeth, Rob Edwards, Will Morgan, Alan Anderson, James Rolt, John Powell, Andrew Peckston, Richard Stilwell, Ian Barns, Paul Gill, Andrew Culley, Ken Anderson, Steve Hackett, Andy Chambers, Simon McGowan, Matt Sheen, John Nicklin, Gordon Price, Gerry West, Christopher Lawton-Smith, Peter Rogers, Duane Sanger, Ian Stockwell, Craig Shaw, Peter Relf, Roger Brooks, Christopher Brown.

Ant warmly welcomed the 39 club members who logged into WHAM's first virtual AGM via Zoom. He mentioned that this would be his last meeting as Chairman after his 3 year tenure, and many years on the committee in one form or another. Adding that it had been a privilege and thoroughly enjoyable, but also the credit should go to the membership that had worked to make the club so successful.

He then covered some of the technical aspects of Zoom that the participants could use to communicate during the meeting.

Item 2 Apologies

Tony Reusser

Apologies were received from: Phil George, John Nixon, Chris Brown

Item 3 Committee Introductions

Ant Clerici

Ant briefly introduced each committee member in turn and they made themselves known to the meeting by a real or virtual wave, to assist new club members know who's who.

Item 4 Approval of 2019 AGM minutes

Tony Reusser

2020 Minutes proposed by Andrew Peckston and seconded by Matt Sheen, using the thumbs up on Zoom.

Item 5 Actions arising

Ant Clerici

AP1 Support for Re-tests.

Ant confirmed to the meeting that financial support for member retests had been discussed at Committee during the year and agreed.

Item 6 Chairman's Report

Ant Clerici

Chair's report - as published in the January 2021 WHAM Newsletter

Standing down after 3 years as WHAM chair naturally leads to retrospective thoughts. So here are my notes about what happened "on my watch". But first, I would like to emphasize I did very little of the following but was a privileged participant, so thank you to the committee and all of you – our

membership.

In 2020's IAMRS group review we have ended up with 'Commended' across all criteria.

"A good performance standard which achieves the competency areas being assessed and does not require any additional action".

Robbie Downing's summary said: *"WHAM is a well-run group that causes me no concern. They are willing participants when working with adjoining groups and have a structured approach to training and recruitment. It's refreshing to see a positive succession plan which will secure WHAM's future for many years to come. I can see the Group continuing to grow, perhaps not quickly due to the current financial climate but I do believe they have a positive future."*

What does that really mean?

The main areas are:

- **Training:** our National and Local Observers is WHAM's expert core, led by Alex Hoyle and his team of experienced observers. We have shown that our observer team is delivering a great programme of individual training and other events such as slow riding.

Our 2020 summary, despite lockdowns, is over 500 hours of observed rides which relates impressively to our 2019 of 602 total!

- **Communications:** I've always thought we have the best website and best newsletter. If you don't believe me then trawl other IAMRS groups! The newsletter has always provided a great mix of technical (occasionally nerdy?) articles, travelogues and humour. Thanks Richard!

Richard's role as editor moves to Jim Rolt (subject to the AGM's election)

Our closed Facebook page has grown with, as I write this, 120 members out of around a total of 150 in WHAM.

- **Ride outs:** Tony Davis has a key role within WHAM creating and publicising our ride outs. Always making best use of the region's best motor biking roads with biker friendly café stops. We've also introduced Malvern McD's as a start point.

Many IAMRS groups don't ride every week! Our programme of Sunday rides, Summer evening rides and day rides is possibly the most comprehensive opportunity to practice our skills with like-minded riders.

- **A social group!**

Well perhaps not so much in 2020 but once restrictions allow there's a load of great ideas for natter nights and social events. However for those who can remember we did have Christmas at The Falcon and trips to Belgium and Brittany.

- **Supporting our membership**

People are taking up our offer for re-test training and we continue to support Severn Freewheelers.

- **Accounts:** We are financially sound!

Thanks to Eric Reynolds, who is also an important interface with IAMRS's database, and with assistance from David Curzon our auditor, we are in a good place with sufficient funds to be able to run some great events in 2021 and beyond.

And so inevitably to the pandemic. We ran two special COVID newsletters with the second

summarising information arising from a phone round of all of our membership during the first lockdown. I managed to speak with 100 of you! And with the future looking better with the roll out of jabs WHAM is in a strong position to ensure we make best use of our new found freedoms....they can't come quick enough. But first 'lockdown 3' to endure....

Finally, a huge thank you to the committee. It takes a small but dedicated team to keep WHAM on the straight and narrow. My best wishes to the new chair!

Item 7 Treasurer's Report

Eric Reynolds

Eric led a review of the year which he said had seen our expenditure drop significantly due to the restriction in club activities due to the Corona virus. This has increased an already health balance of current assets. Questions were invited from the membership and the resultant discussion focused agreement that the moneys should be spent on the members.

Our auditor David Curzon would be sent the accounts in due course by the treasurer.

Balance Sheet 1st Jan 2020 to 31st Dec 2020

Fixed Assets	This Year			Last Year		
	Equipment at Cost		£7,060.78		Equipment at Cost	£7,060.78
	Depreciation		£6,138.00	£922.78	Depreciation	£5,638.00
Consumable Assets						
	Observing Stationery (5)		£100.00		Observing Stationery	£100.00
	Club clothing		£0.00		Club clothing	£0.00
	HI Viz Jackets (11)		£89.60		HI Viz Jackets	£49.55
	Current Account		£6,588.04		Current Account	£3,620.40
	Unpresented Cheque		£16.00			
	Deposit Account		£4,811.68	£11,605.32		£4,809.96
Current Assets				£12,528.10		

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Equipment Table							
	Equipment	Purchase price	Accum Deprec Last Year	Deprec This Year	Accum Deprec This Year	Current value	
	Gazebo	£139.00	£123.00	£0.00	£123.00	£16.00	
	Banner Sign	£85.00	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00	£0.00	
	Video cameras	£2,000.00	£1,950.00	£0.00	£1,950.00	£50.00	
	Radios	£3,808.48	£2,680.00	£500.00	£3,180.00	£628.48	
	Projector etc.	£1,028.30	£800.00	£0.00	£800.00	£228.30	
	Miscellaneous	£39.00	£20.00	£10.00	£30.00	£9.00	
	Totals	£7,060.78	£5,638.00	£500.00	£6,138.00	£922.78	

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Income and Expenditure 1st Jan 2020 to 31st dec 2020

	Surplus/(Shortfall)	This Year	£2,969.36		Last Year
Income	Membership Fees	£2,132.40		Membership Fees	£2,074.88
	Skill For Life	£589.00		Skill For Life	£1,209.00
	Donation for recruitment	£500.00		Donation for recruitment	£500.00
	Gift Aid	£316.59		Gift Aid	£324.36
				Slow Riding day	£104.32
				Donations	£1.00
	Interest on Deposit	£1.72		Interest on Deposit	£2.39
				Misc	£9.99
				Annual Dinner	£154.16
		Total	£3,539.71		Total
Expenditure	Room Hire	£45.00		Room Hire	£150.00
	Retest Support	£39.00		Members Perks	£510.05
				Observer Training	£190.00
				Slow Riding day	£355.06
				Incentive for recruiting Associates	£1,025.00
				Insurance	£145.00
	Observer vests	£57.71		Observer vests	£317.31
	Web Charges	£178.64		Web Charges	£182.34
		£250.00		Auditors Fee	£12.00
				Annual Dinner	£154.36
				Committee Expenses	£13.05
				Donations to Other Bodies	£100.00
				Free Taster Facebook	£30.00
		Total	£570.35		Total

Item 8 Chief Observers Report

Alex Hoyle

Dear WHAMers,

All things considered, in the end we managed, and I am not quite sure how we did it, but we did, to get nineteen associates through their advanced test.

Considering that we lost most of the first half of 2020, personally, I think that is a truly fantastic achievement by our group observers.

So, at this point I must say a huge thank you to all the observers and also to the other members of the group who in the end came up trumps (excuse the Presidential pun) and made it into a pretty

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good year, despite all the rules and restrictions we have had to deal with.

The Sunday morning ride out regulations meant that we had some new and interesting routes provided by some different members. I went out on several of these new routes and it was a joy to ride around on some different roads. Again, many thanks to all those both from Hereford and Worcester who stepped up to the plate and sorted out some new rides for us.

Finally, we always have a bit of a competition between the observers as to who did the most hours. Firstly, I should say that as Chief Observer I did in fact record the most hours, but then you would expect me to, as I not only training associates, but do lots of check rides for other observers, and assessment rides of new associates, so I can't really win it, can I. (It's also my main source of food.) So, cue the drum roll.

In third place, with 49 hours observing, Ant Clerici.

In second place, with 52 hours observing, Tony Reusser.

And our winner with a massive 83 hours observing and four, yes four, test passes Rob Edwards.

But very well done to all the observers no matter how much or little they managed to do in the year. Thanks again.

So, Stay Safe and Take Care.

Alex Hoyle

WHAM Chief Observer

Item 9 Election of Group Officers

Tony Reusser

Tony briefly informed the meeting that there were 12 members of the committee. Three were Officers; Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary with 9 other members. Their roles were identified on the meeting notes sent to the membership and also mentioned individually by the Secretary. No new nomination forms had been received in the last 5 days, but three had been received over the past few weeks for the following posts: Chairman (Ant Clerici Standing down after 3 years), Vice Chairman (Richard Hewitt standing down from both Vice Chair and Newsletter Editor) and Newsletter Editor.

Nomination of Richard Hewitt as our Chairman. Proposed by Gary Barns and seconded by Tony Reusser.

Nomination of Paul Whitcombe as Vice Chairman. Proposed by Richard Hewitt and seconded by Tony Reusser.

Nomination of James Rolt as Newsletter Editor. Proposed by Richard Hewitt and seconded by Ant Clerici.

The above nominations were unanimously carried in a vote by the meeting using the zoom thumbs up.

Item 10 Handover to new Chairman

Ant Clerici/Richard Hewitt

The handover to the new chair was initiated with a gift that was introduced by Richard before his speech of thanks to Ant for all his hard work over the last 3 years. Ant was delighted with a Caricature of him and his beloved Bikes over the years.

Richard went onto say that Ant had led the Club, the Committee, with care and inclusion and that doing so within 2020, with C-19 restricted club activities, had been quite some achievement.

Richard specifically thanked Ant, on behalf of the whole membership, for his action of telephoning

each and every member with 2020, asking how they were, and providing reassurance that as a club we were there to do everything we could, as colleagues, to support each other through C-19 in 2020 and beyond. Richard said this was the mark of a caring Chair and that he would try hard to emulate Ants approach.

Item 11 Election of Committee Members

Tony Reusser

The remainder of the Committee member posts identified in Item 9 and on the notes accompanying the meeting, were all covered as one item with no disagreement. The continuing roles were again proposed by Andrew Peckston and seconded by Matt Sheen and agreed by the meeting.

Item 12 AOB

Richard Hewitt

Richard opened AOB with a brief review of his biking background that had led to his Chairmanship today. He outlined an optimistic future as the world opened up again and what that might mean to WHAM. Mention was made of the benefit of our closed Facebook group and how it had helped bring back our Sunday rides back from Lockdown1, from some new starting points that helped integrate the Hereford and Worcester riders.

Our sound finances would be used for the members, not only to continue to develop rider skills and experience, but to enjoy the comradery of the group in a range of activities identified by the group. Such as camping and hotel based trips, home and abroad. Natter night resumption, Slow Riding Days again, Guest speakers etc.

Richard invited the meeting to identify ideas that could be considered when lock down permitted. At this point Andrew acknowledge the call he had received from Ant during lockdown which he had much appreciated.

Ideas List from the Members:

- ! Eric suggested refresher rides with an Observer post lockdown for those who want them.
- ! Christopher suggested that these refresher rides should be conducted by Observers from Hereford riding with Worcester members and visa versa, to again build comradery and ride different roads.

AP1 Richard. The committee to discuss how to set up Refresher Rides after lockdown for those that request them.

- ! Jon Powell a new Associate Member asked how the Observer allocation process worked and what would happen. Alex Hoyle CO explained what would normally happen and what he could expect post lockdown.
- ! Our Chief Observer stated that he was always available for a check ride, including Sundays, if members what to contact him directly.
- ! Someone asked why there was no annotation next to £250 in one of the expenses fields. Eric explained that his was the gift item for our outgoing chairman. Appropriate annotation would be made prior to auditing.

AP2 Eric to add this detail to financial statement.

- ! Will Morgan asked if the committee could look into the prospect of hiring out a Race Circuit for a WHAM organised skills day. A Monday or Friday was preferred.
- ! Del Britton mentioned that IAM organised Rider Training Days were also likely to be available again post lock down.

Item 13 Date of next AGM Meeting (26th January 2022) Richard Hewitt

Item 14 Meeting close (General discussion to follow)



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Wednesday 26th January 2022

The Group AGM will be held at The Falcon 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

2021-22 Ending 26/01/22) 2022-23 (Starting 27/01/22)

Chairman: **Richard Hewitt**

Seeking re-election

Secretary: **Tony Reusser**

Seeking re-election

Treasurer: **Eric Reynolds**

Seeking re-election

Committee Members

Vice Chairman: **Paul Whitcombe**

Seeking re-election

Newsletter Editor: **Jim Rolt**

Seeking re-election

Membership Secretary: **Matt Dent**

Seeking re-election

Webmaster: **Tony Davis**

Seeking re-election

Routemaster: **Tony Davis**

Seeking re-election

Events Coordinator: **Duane Sanger**

Seeking re-election

Committee Support Officer **Mark Saxton**

Seeking re-election

Chief Observer Hereford: **Alex Hoyle**

Committee Appointment

Nomination Form

For the election of

Worcester & Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2022
TO BE HANDED/TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WORCESTER &
HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO THE AGM OR TO THE
SECRETARY (tony.reusser1@gmail.com) ON THE EVENING OF THE AGM ON:
WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY 2022

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 debar 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

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 into 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 Tony Reusser on E-mail tony.reusser1@gmail.com at least five days before the AGM.



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