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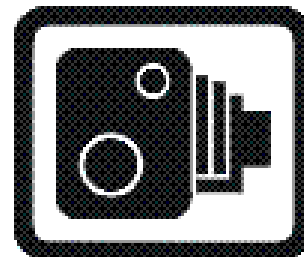
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NEWS

IAM President banned from driving

Definitely not presiding by example

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, was banned from driving for six months by magistrates at Ely, Cambridgeshire on 23rd December.



For the BBC News story, please visit:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/cambridgeshire/4120545.stm>

The Duke was caught on a speed camera doing 70mph in his Ford in a 60mph limit on the A47 near Peterborough. For this offence three penalty points were added to his licence, bringing the total to 12 points for four speeding offences in three years.

He received an automatic ban, and was also fined £60 and ordered to pay £35 costs.

The Duke has been President of the IAM since 1971. He has passed both his IAM advanced driving and motorcycling tests, and first became a member in 1965.

An IAM spokesperson said “Today's sentence does not change the fact that HRH the Duke of Gloucester has been an effective and enthusiastic President of the Institute of Advanced Motorists for more than thirty years. With his support in that time, the IAM has grown in both membership and influence to become the UK's foremost advanced driving organisation and a powerful force for road safety.

“Membership rules of the IAM, however, will be applied without exception and as a result the Duke will have his current membership removed. However the IAM would hope to work with the President when his licence is restored in order to reinstate his full membership.”

The spokesperson added that the Duke had offered his resignation as President, and this would be considered by the IAM's ruling Council when they next meet on 8 March.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22nd — 25th April

Dave's West Country Weekend 2005

This year I have moved the venue to Devon. The weekend break is in the town of Tiverton, a historic canal side location.

Close to many attractions, Castle Drogo, Lydford Gorge, Branscombe, Buckland Abbey and Dunster.

Try a lunch at The Old Station Inn, Blackmoor Gate, with its spectacular views over Exmoor.

Visit the hilltop towns of South Molton and Holsworthy and try the cream teas.

Horse drawn canal boat trips run from April to October just down the road from the hotel.

For the biker who wants to refresh those cornering techniques, try the A396, B3222 and B3223. For the scenery try the Porlock Hill and coast road.

The event is for 3 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast, staying at the all en-suite Tiverton Hotel, a 3 star hotel with plenty of off road parking. See mouth-watering sample menu overleaf.

Price for the 3 days is £120 per person. Extra nights can be added subject to availability at £40 per person.

To secure your place I need a £10 per head deposit. Either send a cheque payable to Dave Jones (Tiverton A/C) to:

Dave Jones, PO Box 2055, Ferndown, BH22 0YX

Or make a BACS payment to **Nationwide** Account:

Sort Code **07-01-16** Account No **23735125**

Outstanding balances need to be paid by Friday February 25 2005.

Dave Jones

The Tiverton Hotel
Gallery Restaurant
Table D'Hôte Dinner Menu (typical)

- Chef's Mediterranean Vegetable Soup
- Refreshing Chilled Assortment of Fruit Juice
- Deep Fried Mozzarella Sticks cushioned on a Sour Cream and Chive Sauce and circled with herb Oil
- Deep fried Goujons of Chicken cushioned on Lemon Mayonnaise circled with Chive oil
- Brussels Pate set on a Cranberry and Red Wine Compote and served with Hot Toast
- Melon and fresh Strawberry Cocktail drizzled with Grenadine finished with a duo of Fruit Coulis

- Roast Topside of West Country Beef served with a light Yorkshire Pudding
- Char grilled Sirloin Steak in a rich Diane sauce, flambeed with Brandy
- Oven-Baked Supreme of Chicken coated in Chasseur Sauce
- Grilled Fillet of Salmon enhanced with a classic Hollandaise Sauce
- Cajun Vegetable Stir-fry scented with Mild Spice and served with Seasoned Rice
- Penne Pasta bound in a Cream and Mushroom Reduction and topped with local Cheese
- Served with a Selection of Potatoes and Chef's Finest Seasonal Vegetables

- Choice of Desserts from our Daily Selection
- Various Devon Ice Creams and Sorbets

- **Freshly Filtered Coffee and Mints**

30th April — 7th May

France on Two Wheels 2005

Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May — Bike Normandy

Departing from Poole to Cherbourg for three days' riding with IAM Members John and Jeanette, staying two nights in their extremely comfortable accommodation with secure parking, gourmet meals and unlimited drinks. Bike Normandy can accommodate a maximum of ten people — a £50 deposit secures your place.

After this, either return to the UK on Bank Holiday Monday evening after a great weekend without taking any time off work! Alternatively, take the rest of the week off and head South with me.

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th May — La Bourboule

Breathtaking views, cablecar rides, and of course more gourmet meals. Staying at the Hotel de l'Aviation, an elegant, quiet, relaxing art-deco establishment in the town centre, with an indoor swimming-pool and secure covered parking.

Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th May — Saumur

Two nights at another English-owned B&B, with a day at leisure to visit some of the famous castles of the region, and some of its wine-making establishments, and sample some of the local produce.

Return home Saturday 7th May from Cherbourg to Poole.

Costs and Schedules

- Ferry crossing including reclining seat both ways.
- Bike Normandy including 2 nights' Bed and Breakfast, two 4-course dinners, all evening drinks (whether alcoholic or not) and 3 days of guided riding.
- La Bourboule including 3 nights' Bed and Breakfast.
- Saumur including 2 nights' Bed and Breakfast, and dinner including wine.

See the Web site for all the latest details.

Martyn Dryden

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Sunday - Sunday Observed Rides

The new optional format for regular meetings for Observed Rides, devised to promote the valuable social aspect of these rides. Observers, their Associates and/or other Members and Associates, who might welcome riding company, may be found at Avon Forest on Sundays between 9:00 and 9:30am. For further information see:

http://www.bwam.org.uk/article/obs_rides.htm

Every Sunday, 9:30am at the Avon Heath Park Café.

3rd Monday of each month - Club Night

Members' and Associates' social evening. Chat about bikes and riding, meet friends and associates, arrange rides. Presentations by a variety of local people on a wide range of topics of interest. Raffle. IAM literature and merchandise on sale.

Third Monday of each month, 8:00pm at the Cobham Social Club, Merley Park Road, Wimborne.

Club Night Ride-In

Normally starting from Wimborne Safeway Car Park at 7:00pm, and finishing at the Cobham Social Club.

Third Monday of each month, 7:00pm at Wimborne Safeway Car Park.

Link of the Month

B&B, Touring and Training in the Lake District

A correspondent writes ... hi
i thought some of your group may be intrested in my web site.i run a b&B
house rental tours ande motorcycle training school in cumbria
please look and pass it on and a link ect if you feel its suitable thank
you

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

Who is Bob Foster?

The frequently asked question

There are lots of references to Bob Foster and the annual circuit round Dorset for old Velocettes that BWAM marshals each year. This run is held on the first weekend in October organised by the local Velocette Owners Club.

Bob was a successful racer/dealer based in Parkstone in the 40s until the 60s. His first TT success was in 1936 riding a New Imperial, winning at an average speed of 74 mph. After the war he won again riding a Velocette when speeds went up to 80 mph. He went on to become World Champion, again riding a Velocette in 1950.

His formative riding period post war was again local, initially at Bryanstone School where the course included farm tracks and the pupils were prohibited from watching. This was considered too dangerous, so Blandford Camp obliged, and racing organised by Blackmore-Vale Motorcycle Club proved very popular with crowds of up to 30000 watching the World's most successful riders including Geoff Duke.

The annual Bob Foster run usually co-incides with the end of the summer riding season, so the weather is invariably changeable. 2004 was no exception, good weather for the course marking on the Saturday and rain on the Sunday when the old bikes were out.

This year the volunteers from BWAM were sufficient to mark all the deviations round the route, so with a certain polite jockeying for an early marking point we left Warmwell Village Hall being 'dropped off' by Malcolm.

Strict instructions had been issued by John to remain at your designated position until all the riders had passed, they would then be followed by earlier marshals.

Finally John would arrive with the 'cutters' to remove direction arrows, this then enabled you to either follow the route, or go straight to the Midday break at Freshwater Caravan Park.

All went well until the downpour caused some of the Velo. riders to abandon the midday break and head to the finish back at Warmwell Village Hall. The result of this was that by lunch time about half of the participants were in front

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E-mail addresses (1)

How to find out if you're on the list, and get on it if you aren't

If you want to be on the e-mail distribution for club rides, information, etc then please ensure that Mark Bezzant, has your e-mail address. How do I know Mark hasn't got my e-mail address you cry? Easy, look in your e-mail account for an e-mail titled "New Year ride to Exeter Quay" dated 20th Dec 2004. If you received it, you're on the club list, so you need do no more. If you didn't receive the e-mail and you want to be on the mailing list then drop me a line saying so, and if you could include the word 'BWAM' in the title it makes the sorting easier for me.

Oh yes, where do you send the e-mails to? mbezzant@OinetiQ.com would be good for me.....

Cheers guys.

Mark Bezzant

E-mail addresses (2)

Are you on the list under another name?

I recently forwarded a cautionary message with regard to cash hole-in-the-wall machines to all e-mail addresses which I hold for club members, and the following addresses were recorded as failures to deliver. If you recognise yours would you please get in touch with me (membership@bwam.org.uk) with your correct e-mail address.

jane@colmer7211.co.uk
malcolm@drift.freemove.co.uk
dave@orvin.fsworld.co.uk
philbell@onetel.net.uk
aj.white2@ntlworld.com
g-allan@blueyonder.co.uk
pcwindows@tesco.net
gary-mandy@fosterzx12.fsne...
skydive@telco4u.net

John Spinks

New Members' Rides

Out and about with John and Paul

We've had two since the last report, one to Sherborne and one to Abbotsbury. John Topping came along on the former and enjoyed it so much so that he's been off with a hernia ever since. There, I thought it was something completely different that makes him sit on his bike that way!

It's always a lovely ride to Sherborne and on this day it was made all the more so by the countryside being dressed in her new Autumn colours. The leaves were on the trees, where they should be for us to enjoy them, rather than on the road doing their best to tip us off our bikes. The frosts to which we've awoken at the time of writing had yet to chill the spirit.

We had a good opening chat from John on the marker system, usefully following on from his excellent Club Night presentation, and the usual reminder to Alex that we were to go straight ahead at the roundabout at the end of the lane. Roger was tail-end-charlie again, a position he likes to ride in – glad somebody does – and newcomers were reminded not to let him get ahead of them. The old geezer on the scooter takes a lot of catching and the penalties for failure are the same eternal piss-taking that poor Alex has to suffer for missing the very first marker on his very first ride. You've guessed it – the roundabout at the end of the lane.

Given that one of the purposes of these rides is to introduce new members to the roads that we commonly use then we just had to go down Zig-Zag Hill, did we not? To my mind this is one of those intriguing bits of road that, no matter how often you ride it, you never get it just right; the devil is as always in the detail. We are well blessed with several good roads in this part of Dorset for working on the fundamentals of our kind of riding and we do try to include them for this reason. The A30 to Sherborne is a good one to practice up on the cornering and positioning, as is the return via Blandford on the A3030/357 which we've used in both directions on these two rides. To Abbotsbury by way of Blandford? Yeah, why not? Down to Duntish, cross to the A352 to Cerne Abbas and over the top to Maiden Newton and on to Winterborne Abbas and Abbotsbury. Lubbly jubbly.

Two good rides in good company. I've an idea that John T was pleasantly surprised to find that the pace, though not blisteringly fast, was not the crawl that he was expecting and that the freedom given by the marker system really does enable everyone to ride their own ride. Now that Paul is well on his way to Qualified Observer status we have tried giving him a "roving brief" to move

up and down the riding order so that those who wish can have their ride observed for a while. Certainly tea-stop conversation indicates that this is a welcome move and is one that we'll develop further.

One area that does perhaps need further development is the name that we're using for these rides. Whilst they are aimed at the new and newer members with the intention of providing interesting and relevant riding while waiting for their Observer to become available, this does not mean that they are closed to others. Far from it; several well-established members come along and enjoy riding that is as progressive and fast as they want it to be without feeling under pressure to keep up with those who want more. But I feel that we are giving the wrong impression with the name "New Members' Rides". Alternative suggestions, please, in plain brown envelopes if necessary.

John Spinks and Paul Savage

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of the marshals, however as the route had been marked out on Saturday no rider should have had too much trouble getting to the end.

The remaining marshals and entrants headed back to the finish to sign off and receive the commemorative mug, this year depicting the still standing record breaking 100mph for 24 hr Velocette, as usual a complimentary tea was laid on for us.

Awards and raffle prizes were distributed during the good natured ceremony where the full spectrum of the older motorcyclists wardrobe were on display, together with the unique smells of damp Barbour suits and oil soaked boots. Once again a thoroughly enjoyable day giving an insight to yet another way to enjoy motorcycling, thanks to John Tarring, Malcolm Merry and John Spinks for their organising abilities.

Martin Saunders

Membership matters

Test Pass

Good news this month from Peter Gray. First of the year!

Subs renewals

The following subs are due in January:

Tim Balmer
Martin Bartlett
Jock Fraser
Neil Kippax
Brian Lockyer

Please send (preferably) a cheque to:

38, River Way, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 2QR
telephone 01202 267797 and e-mail membership@bwam.org.uk

Membership Fees

Associate Membership: First year £22.00 (includes documents), £16.00 thereafter.

Full Membership: £8.00 (in addition to IAM membership, payable separately).

John Spinks



A good time being had by all at the BWAM Christmas festivities held at the Marsham Court Hotel. Pic: Roger Braithwaite

Club Shop price list

Please see Ian Newey at Club Night for any of the following items from the Club Shop.

Available To Members

IAM Metal Badge	£6.50
IAM Square Badge	£6.50
IAM Key Fob	£2.00
IAM Lapel Badge	£2.00
IAM Stick Pin	£1.10
IAM Cloth Badge	£2.00
IAM Vinyl Badge	£1.00
IAM Reflective Disc	£0.70
IAM Tank Wings	£1.10
IAM Helmet Sticker	£1.10
IAM Small Sticker	£0.20

Available To Members and Associates

Pass Your Advanced Motorcycling Test (IAM)	£7.99
Motorcycle Roadcraft: The Police Rider's Handbook (IAM)	£11.99
The Highway Code (DSA)	£1.49
Know Your Traffic Signs (Dept of Transport)	£2.50
Not the Blue Book (by Dave Jones)	£4.50
The Assessment of Advanced Motorcycling (by Dave Jones)	£4.50
BWAM T Shirt	£10.00
BWAM Polo Shirt	£14.00
BWAM Sweat Shirt	£15.50
BWAM Baseball Cap	£7.50

Your Committee

Chairman	Chris Reed	
Secretary	Amanda Kippax	
Treasurer	Heather Parsons	
Vice Chairman	Vacant	
Membership Secretary	John Spinks	01202 267797
Chief Observer	Nigel Jones	
Guidance Co-ordinator	Steve Palmer	
Events Co-ordinator	Vacant	
Associate Liaison	Paul Savage	

Other volunteers:

Club Shop	Ian Newey
Auditor	Hugh Williams
Photocopying	Malcolm Merry
Raffle Organiser	Ian Pyle
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster	Martyn Dryden

Names and addresses of all members are retained on magnetic media and stored in a computer database. Access to this information is restricted to certain committee members and is used for mail purposes only.

Email addresses

To contact any group official by email, please use the following addresses:

Associate Liaison	associates@bwam.org.uk
Chief Observer	chief_obs@bwam.org.uk
Events Co-ordinator	events@bwam.org.uk
Group Secretary	secretary@bwam.org.uk
Guidance Co-ordinator	guidancecoord@bwam.org.uk
Membership Secretary	membership@bwam.org.uk John Spinks 01202 267797
Newsletter Editor	newsletter@bwam.org.uk
Treasurer	treasurer@bwam.org.uk
Webmaster	webmaster@bwam.org.uk

You can send a quick note, easily and conveniently, using the form on the BWAM Web site at the following URL

<http://www.bwam.org.uk/people.htm>

Your Observers

The latest organisation chart appears on the next page.

Observer Expenses

There is no charge for the guidance offered by the IAM, but significant expenses for Observers, who offer their time for no financial reward. It is polite to make an offer towards Observers' running costs so that their enthusiasm for guiding others isn't dampened by the financial drain.

The committee has agreed that Observers should be offered £6 per ride. If there are two Associates then they should offer £3 each. It is then at the Observer's discretion what to accept.

Fuelling

Can all Associates please make sure that they have enough fuel in their bike before they begin their ride. This will avoid inconvenience to the Observer and fellow Associates on the same ride.

IAM Membership Matters

Test Application

It would be appreciated if all Associates would send off their test applications by their third or fourth ride. This indicates to us the Associate's commitment towards their guidance and the test. The fee for the test is £45.00, which includes £15.00 for your first year's membership of the IAM. The £15.00 will be refunded to you if you fail the test.

If you have lost your test application form, further copies are available from the Membership Secretary.

IMPORTANT

Please write 'Associate Preparing For Test' at the top of your application and also ensure that the Group number '1208' appears in the box at the bottom of the page.

Club Membership

The IAM fee is separate from the Bournemouth & Wessex Club Membership, therefore once you have passed your test you will still need to pay the £8.00 annual subscription to BWAM in order to remain a member of the Club.

BOURNEMOUTH & WESSEX ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Observer Organisation Chart

Notice Board

Something to sell? Offer a service to members? Free advertising!

BMW K100RS For Sale

BMW K100RS, F reg, White with blue trim, 45k miles, Good Condition, new battery and new front tyre, MOT & Tax £1,000 Phone Derek 01305 777563 (Weymouth).

Chesil Cottage

ETC 4* rated Portland stone cottage, approx. 50 metres from Chesil Beach. The cottage sleeps 4 in one double and one twin bedded room. Prices start from £130 per week in November which includes gas, electric, bedding, towels and welcome pack. For more details please phone Heather on 01305 820940, Mobile 0781 8213579, Email heparsons@tiscali.co.uk or visit <http://www.portlandholiday.co.uk>.

Apartment in Los Christianos, Tenerife

First floor; 1 bedroom; large lounge + sat TV; fully fitted kitchen + w/mach; balcony overlooking swimming pool. Level access to pool + promenade, 10 min stroll to town. Rental c£200 pw. Malcolm or Marie Merry 01202 381871

ACF-50

As advertised in this month's *RiDE!* Are you letting your bike corrode away? Is salt melting the metal this winter? Use ACF-50 and say "No!" to corrosion. John Tarring has some amazing deals available to BWAM members only. Catch up with John at the Club Night or contact him at Worldwide Aviation 01202 511282

To get your advert on the Notice Board email it to newsletter@bwam.org.uk