



Bournemouth & Wessex
Advanced Motorcyclists



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NEWS

2005 Social Rides programme announced

More destinations, more enjoyment

Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists' programme of Social Rides for 2005 has now been published. (See overleaf and/or the Web site.)

Starting immediately and until July, there will be at least one and sometimes as many as three Social Rides per month open to all Members and approved Associates. You can ride West to Bristol, East to Duxford, North to the Cotwolds and South to the Purbecks, as well as numerous points in between.

The programme has been created by Nick McMullen who at a recent Club Night challenged the membership to volunteer as ride leaders. The positive response has resulted in a riding programme to put larger groups to shame.

IAM President resigns

Does decent thing

24 January 2005 — The Duke of Gloucester's resignation as President of the IAM has now been received by the full IAM Council.

John Maxwell, IAM Chairman, said:

“The Duke's decision to resign the IAM Presidency has been received with great regret by all IAM Council members, given his effective and enthusiastic Presidency over 32 years.”



Pot holes — Don't ignore them, report them, says BMF

Reach those responsible via BMF's Web-based reporting facility

'Report-A-Road' is the name of a new web-based facility set up by the British Motorcyclists' Federation to address the problem of badly maintained road surfaces.

Motorcycles and scooters cause less damage to roads than other vehicles, but

are more susceptible to defective road surfaces. Until now, says the 120,000 strong BMF, it has not been easy to report a road defect to the right people.

Now, using data on county, local, and unitary authorities responsible for road repairs and street lighting, the BMF's new **Report-A-Road** facility brings all these authorities together in an alphabetically indexed list of counties for the whole of the UK. By clicking on the appropriate link and sending an email, the fault details are now automatically sent to the right person.

Badly maintained roads resulting in worn out surfaces, potholes, sunken drains, manhole covers and the use of overbanding etc. are a contributory factor in many motorcycle and scooter accidents, says the BMF. But with properly maintained roads, the rider spends less time checking the road surface for hazards and more time anticipating potential dangers from other road users.

BMF Chairman Leon Mannings said: "We all moan about the state of the roads but not many of us bother to report defects because it's seen as too much hassle. Now there's no excuse, note it, log on and report it, it's as easy as that!"

The easy to use Report-A-Road facility can be found at:
<http://www.bmf.co.uk/report-a-road/index.html>

Gloucestershire Constabulary to launch BikeSafe

High-profile event will raise safety awareness

BikeSafe is a UK-wide initiative where Police Forces work with the biking world to help reduce motorcycle rider casualties. Police motorcyclists pass on their knowledge, skills and experience, to help the public become safer, more competent riders through increased ability and confidence, and get even more enjoyment from riding a motorcycle.



In April 2005 Gloucestershire Constabulary will hold BikeSafe on 4600 m² of land at Cheltenham Racecourse. It will market and publicise the event as a motorcycle show, attracting a wide audience of bikers not normally reached by safety campaigns.

For further information: <http://www.bikesafe.co.uk/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 13th February 2005 — Classic Motorcycle Show

Mick Fowler will be taking the ride to visit the Carole Nash Bristol Classic MotorCycle Show at Shepton Mallet.

Sunday 13th February 2005, 9:30am at Wimborne Safeway Car Park

Sunday 20th February 2005 — Purbecks Ride

Ian Newey will be leading a ride around the Purbecks. Catch early Spring in our beautiful Isle! Back around lunch-time.

Sunday 20th February 2005, 10:00am at at the Avon Heath Park Café

Monday 21st February 2005 — Club Night and Annual General Meeting

Not just a valuable annual ritual but a constitutional necessity, bringing new opportunities to help the Club and influence how it operates.

Sunday 27th February 2005 — Brunch in Bath

Dave Orvin will be leading a ride to the Bath area, for breakfast/brunch.

Sunday 27th February 2005, 10:00am at at the Avon Heath Park Café

Sunday 6th March 2005 — New Members' Ride to Lyme Regis

As always, the ride is aimed at new members but is open to all and speeds are conservatively suitable for the surroundings at all times. Everyone is welcome,

Discount Holidays for IAM Members

Ride Spain for less

Another correspondent writes:

As members of the IAM ourselves, we would like to extend an invitation to you and your members to join us on our next tour to Spain in May. As an incentive, we are prepared to offer a discount of £100 per booking, if your members quote the particular branch of the IAM when booking.

You can find our web site at <http://www.RideSpain.com> . Our system of touring suits novice and experienced riders alike. We produce very detailed route books, giving turn by turn directions, for each of the two routes available each day (long /short) and this enables people to ride at a pace to suit themselves, to join with others and ride in a group, ride solo or with a friend. The long routes are about 200-250 miles and the short 125-150 miles per day.

and assistance is appreciated from Members who can help the newer Associates to get a better idea of the basic principles of our riding.

Sunday 6th March 2005, 12:30pm at at the Avon Heath Park Café

Sunday 17th April 2005 — “Chocolate Box Run” to Wiltshire

John Spinks leading a "Chocolate Box Run" to Wiltshire. Scenic and most suitable for pillions; bring a camera.

Sunday 17th April 2005, 10:00am at at the Avon Heath Park Café

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th April 2005 — Dave’s West Country Weekend

Three nights’ dinner, bed and breakfast at a 3 star hotel with plenty of off road parking. Price for the 3 days is £120 per person. See last month’s Newsletter for full details, or check the Web site.

Saturday 30th April to Saturday 7th May — France on Two Wheels 2005

A weekend with Bike Normandy, three days in the mountains, two days in the Loire Valley. Travelling Brittany Ferries from Poole. All segments optional, design your own break. See last month’s Newsletter for full details, or check the Web site.

Wednesday 4th May 2005 — Dorset Evening Ride

As the evenings get longer, Chris Reed will be showing us some splendid Dorset scenery in a sunset ride. He'll be stopping at some of our rather picturesque tearoom/gardens, for tea and/or horticulture.

Wednesday 4th May 2005, 6:00pm at at Wimborne Safeway Car Park

Sunday 8th May 2005 — Beautiful Cotswolds

Paul Savage will be taking riders up to the beautiful Cotswolds for a look round, and planning to be back about tea-time.

Sunday 8th May 2005, 10:00am at the Avon Heath Park Café

Sunday 5th June 2005 — Observers' Ride

Yes, a ride for Observers and Trainee Observers only. Martin Sheppard will be leading a day's run to Wales.

Sunday 5th June 2005, 9:00am departure TBA.

Sunday 19th June 2005 — Duxford

Chris Reed will be leading a day's ride across to Europe's premier aviation museum, the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. About 400 miles return for those with comfy saddles. Back for about 7.00pm.

Sunday 19th June 2005, 8:00am at the Avon Heath Park Café

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.

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Link of the Month

The New Highway Code

This site presents an exclusive preview of the *New Highway Code*, where many of the most frequently ignored rules have been re-written by drawing upon the behaviour that the majority of experienced motorists incorporate into their everyday driving. This, it is believed, will ultimately reduce confusion by ensuring that we are all, if you will, singing from the same song sheet.

<http://www.selfmadejournalist.com/newhighwaycode.htm>

**Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists
Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists will be held at Cobham Social Club on Monday 21 February 2005 at 20.00hrs.

Agenda:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of last year's minutes**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Training Officer's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Club Officials, voting**
- 7. Steve Strong Award**
- 8. Any Other Business**

BWAM Committee Proposal Form

To: The Secretary, Fiddlesticks, Burdens, Kingston, Sturminster Newton DT10 2BJ

From: Name Date

Position

Proposed by

Seconded by

Club Officials and Steve Strong Award nominations

The Secretary and Treasurer are retiring from their posts after several years' valued service. These posts are **constitutionally required** and unless the present holders are replaced, the Club cannot function.

Our voluntary Raffle Organiser, Club Shop person, and Auditor are also standing down. These are ideal ways in which Members can “give back” to the Club for the benefits and enjoyment of membership.

To nominate yourself or another member, or for further information, please email secretary@bwam.org.uk or use the form on the previous page.

The Steve Strong Trophy is awarded each year to the BWAM Member judged to have given most freely of their time and effort for the Club's benefit. Last year's recipient was John Spinks who has continued to keep tabs on the Membership, lead regular rides as well as be an Observer, and contribute to this Newsletter. If you know someone else who puts in this much effort then you can nominate them for this prestigious award using the form below.

Steve Strong Trophy Voting Form

To: The Secretary, Fiddlesticks, Burdens, Kingston, Sturminster Newton DT10 2BJ

From: Name Date

For the award of the Steve Strong Trophy I would like to vote for:

NAME:

New Members' Ride, Sunday 30th January

John and Paul recount a steady, scenic and enjoyable coffee run

We said we'd go to Devizes, didn't we? It was, I have to say, a spur-of-the-moment thing but it turned out to be a really good route and, once we'd got sorted out, a good destination.

We missed Alex and had no-one to take the piss out of regarding the first roundabout. Jim wasn't there either, so we couldn't turn on him for having lost our tail-end Charlie on his first ride so instead we gave all our attention to welcoming our newest Associate, Richard Allen. Except that at that stage he wasn't an Associate. When new members come along on these rides as their first sight of us we put it to the vote at the end of the ride as to whether or not we'll let him/her in. No problem in Richard's case; he'll not take long.



What's Mick looking so pleased about? (Pic: Roger Braithwaite)

Zig-Zag Hill is a must on these rides if at all possible, and no difficulty working it into this route. Out to Shaftsbury and along the A350 until the Devizes signs come up then turn right. Simple, and what a lovely road all the way. The A350

is a useful mix of long sweeping bends and traffic hops without the uncertainties of the back lanes and the associated cowshit and ploughshit. Devizes arrived after a steady, scenic and enjoyable run.

The pub was shut – the one at the top of that long flight of locks, as was the little Chinese place that Chris took us to on a run last year when the evenings were long and Chris and Nick M both had fancy new GPS's that both succeeded in finding a pretty long way to Salisbury! Have you noticed how quickly you run out of markers when you need to do a circuit of a strange town? In the end we settled for the Bear Hotel for coffee – not bad and most helpful.

In order to let Richard show his ride without the constraints of a large group he was sent off ahead with Mick Fowler, who was charged with assessing him for Social rides – automatic failure if we caught up with them! Suffice to say that even after taking a shortcut that didn't happen, so expect to see Richard on evening rides soon. All in all, another good ride in good company.

Next one's Sunday 6th March, 12.30 for 1pm departure for coffee on the Cob. Not just for new members; all are welcome and these rides are proving popular with those who want to hone skills without a blistering pace. Unless you let the old geezer on the scooter get in front of you, that is!!

John and Paul

Membership matters

Subs renewals

To renew, please send (preferably) a cheque to:

38, River Way, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 2QR

telephone 01202 267797 and e-mail membership@bwam.org.uk

Late subs

Failure to respond to a second reminder, within a few weeks, results in the simple deletion of your membership. Should you be moving on to other interests it would be appreciated if you could let me know via a note, phone call or email

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

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:

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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.

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Observer Organisation Chart

Notice Board

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

Schuberth helmet

Schuberth C2 flip front helmet, 58/59 cm, in silver.

Used three times, mint, complete with bag and unused spare visor.

Genuine reason for sale, sensible offers please.

For more info contact Andy Mansfield on 01258 472006 (evenings) or 078 111 666 93.

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

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