



Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists



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NEWS

Subs now payable by Standing Order

To streamline procedures and reduce the admin workload, the Club now requests Members to pay their annual subscription by Standing Order, instead of cheques as before. For more information, see page 7.

Last Club Night Ride-In

The Ride-In to October's Club Night on 17th October will be the last to be organised in 2005. British Summer Time ends on Sunday 30th October.

Membership Drive pays off

As a result of the Club's exposure to the crowds at Poole Quay (not to mention Beaulieu) and the attractiveness of what it has to offer, we're bursting at the seams! All 16 of our active Observers are now fully occupied with Associates, and there are (at the moment) no fewer than 17 Associates with as yet no allocated Observer.

"All our Observers are working flat-out" said Nigel Jones. "If you're on the waiting list, then please be patient — and in the meantime enjoy the Club's social rides and other benefits."

New Members' Rides

Chris Green has taken over responsibility for New Members' Rides, relieving John Spinks who originated the popular and successful ride format.

New Members' Rides are carefully designed as a gentle introduction to IAM style riding, and indeed to group riding generally. Without any official observing being done, there are still plenty of opportunities to acquire and pass-on riding skills. You don't have to be a new member to enjoy a New Members' Ride! At the same time, they provide the occasion for assessment rides (by arrangement with potential Associates) and this aspect helps the Club be more productive. They're a good thing all round.

The next New Members' Ride is on Sunday 23rd October. (See under Forthcoming Events.)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd October - New Members' Ride

All riders welcome.

Leaving from Avon Forest at 10:00am - if you get there a bit earlier we can have a cup of tea & bacon buttie.

A little ride out through the Purbecks, then pick up the coastal road through to Weymouth. And then hopefully end up at the lighthouse at Portland for a Pitstop.

This will be a run for all levels, and the Marker system will be used.

(If any Observers are available for this run, could you let me know ASAP.)

Chris Green (Associate Liaison)

Sunday 23rd October 2005, 10:00am at Avon Heath Park Café.

Link of the Month:

iFIRSTAID

St. John Ambulance has become the first charity to offer First Aid audio files for people to download to their portable MP3 player (iPod) or phone, or burn to an audio CD.



iFIRSTAID offers advice on the steps someone should take if they come across an accident scene and is available to download from the leading First Aid charity's website at

<http://www.sja.org.uk/ifirstaid>

Slow Riding Day

Chris Green wraps it up

How easy is that?

That was the question, but a few die hards took it on in the blistering heat.

We started the morning with a ride in from Avon Forest (which was not slow). Then we ventured on to QE School for 10.00am.

We set the cones up into a weave format, then turned around and S-bended back. We allowed a couple of practice runs and then a timed run. It was done in two stages: first run as fast as you can without a foot down or demolishing the course, followed by the slow run.

Special thanks go to Roy Arnold who demonstrated how to pick up a bike on your own, or was that John? And thanks again to John for running around the course in the heat, take your bike next time.

A video/DVD is available from me if required.

Winners on the Day !

Fast ride

1st place goes to Nigel Jones at 22 secs

2nd place goes to Chris Green at 23 secs (only 1sec)

3rd place goes to Terry ????? at 24 secs

Slow Speed

1st Nigel 2 mins 22

2nd Chris 2 mins 02

3rd Terry 1 min 45

We will do this again next year as those that went really enjoyed it..

*Chris Green
Associate Liaison*

REFER TO DRAWER

*Banking on **your** terms?*

Sources in the banking industry have leaked the following letter to us from a client who is, in the words of the poet, if not disgruntled, then certainly far from grunted.

Dear Sir

I am writing to thank you for bouncing the cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations some three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire salary, an arrangement that I admit has only been in place for eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also debiting my account with 50 euros by way of penalty for the inconvenience I caused your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my current financial ways.

You have set me on the path of fiscal righteousness. No more will our relationship be blighted by these unpleasing incidents, for I am restructuring my affairs in 20 taking as my model the procedure, attitudes and conduct of your very bank. I can think of no greater compliment, and I know you will be excited and proud to hear it.

To this end please be advised about the following changes: I have noticed that whereas I personally attend your telephone calls and letters, when I contact you I am confronted by the impersonal, ever changing, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh and blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee of your branch whom you must nominate. You will be aware that it is an offence under the postal act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an application Contact Status Form which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages but in order that I know as much about him or

her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of, his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and that the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts and assets) must be accompanied by documentary proof.

In due course I will issue your employee with a pin number that he/she must quote in all dealings with me. I regret it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but again I have modelled it on the number of button pushes required to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As the say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further by introducing you to my new telephone system which you will notice is very much like yours. My Authorised Contact at your bank, the only person with whom I will have any dealings, may call me at any time and will be answered by an automated voice. Press the buttons as follows:

1. To make an appointment to see me.
2. To query a missing repayment.
3. To transfer the call to my sitting room in case I am there.
4. To transfer a call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
5. To transfer the call to my loo in case I am answering a call of nature.
6. To transfer the call to my mobile in case I am not at home.
7. To leave a message on my computer. A password to access my computer is required. An access Password will be communicated at a later date.
8. To return to the main menu and listen carefully to options 1 - 9.
9. To make a general complaint or enquiry.

The contact will be put on hold pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may on occasions involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration. This month I have chosen a refrain from the Best of Woody Guthrie:

*“Oh, the banks are made of marble,
With a guard at every door,
And the vaults are filled with silver,
That the miners sweated for.”*

John Evans

Membership matters

Subs renewals

As from 1st December 2005 the procedure for paying subscriptions to the Club will be changing from the existing cheque / debit card arrangement to a Standing Order. This will reduce the administrative burden on the Membership Secretary and Treasurer as well as make life simpler for members, with no danger of forgetting to post that vital cheque!

Therefore, the BWAM Committee respectfully requests you to set up with your bank or building society a Standing Order for your BWAM subscription when due. The details and reference number you need to fill-in the Standing Order form (which you can obtain from your bank) will be available on BWAM Club Nights from the Membership Secretary or Treasurer or Group Secretary. A list of subscription dates will also be available.

It should be said that people who use online or telephone banking will be able to do all of this very easily without any paperwork.

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 (includes documents), £16 thereafter.
Full Membership: £8 (plus IAM membership, payable separately).

John Spinks

Newsletter production schedule

Apologies from your editor for the late publication of last month's Newsletter, which wasn't available until Club Night (for those attending), rather than being posted out beforehand. This was due to production difficulties.

Regrettably it looks as though this month's is going the same way. This was due to my holiday. I'll try not to let it happen again.

Continued overleaf

Club Shop price list

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

NEW prices!

Available To Members

IAM Metal Badge	£6.50
IAM Square Badge	£6.50
IAM Key Fob	£3.00
IAM Lapel Badge	£3.00
IAM Stick Pin	£2.50
IAM Cloth Badge	£3.00
IAM Vinyl Badge	£1.20
IAM Reflective Disc	£0.70
IAM Tank Wings	£1.10
IAM Helmet Sticker	£1.50
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

Newsletter Production schedule — continued

Don't forget that if you subscribe to the electronic edition of the Newsletter then you'll be the first to receive it every month—and in colour!

Martyn Dryden

Your Committee

Chairman	Chris Reed	
Secretary	Paul Savage	
Treasurer	Andy Mansfield	
Vice Chairman	Vacant	
Membership Secretary	John Spinks	01202 267797
Chief Observer	Nigel Jones	
Guidance Co-ordinator	Mark Bezzant	
Events Co-ordinator	Vacant	
Associate Liaison	Chris Green	

Other volunteers:

Club Shop	Ian Newey
Auditor	Doug Grimes
Photocopying	Malcolm Merry
Raffle Organiser	Tim Balmer
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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Membership Secretary	membership@bwam.org.uk John Spinks 01202 267797
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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.php>

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 £7 per ride. If there are two Associates then they should offer £3.50 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

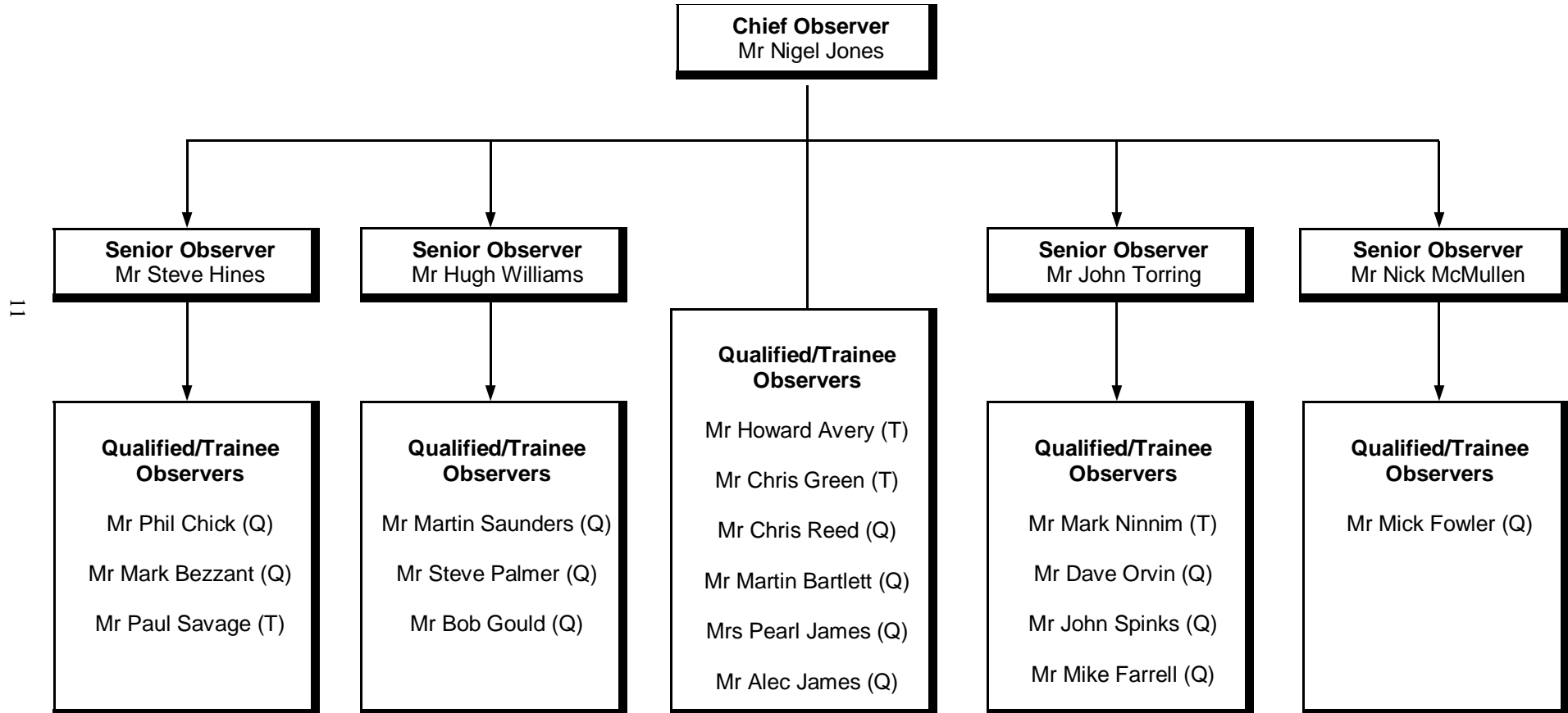
Please write 'Associate Preparing For Test' at the top of your application and also the Group number '1208' in the box at the bottom of the page.

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!

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

Gervis Court Hotel

A biker friendly hotel close to the pier and shops, bars and restaurants. The seafront, beach, and BIC are only a short walk away. We pride ourselves on our well-maintained and presented gardens. We are one of the fine hotels in Bournemouth. For your choice of holiday accommodation in Bournemouth, the Gervis Court is ideally placed for you. All rooms are non smoking, please check out our tariff page for more details.

<http://www.gerviscourthotel.co.uk/tariff.htm>

Tel; 01202 556871 or email enquiries@gerviscourthotel.co.uk

ACF-50

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