



Bournemouth & Wessex  
Advanced Motorcyclists



## Newsletter — July 2006

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## **NEWS**

*Good or bad, if it's on it's in*

### **Kill Spills campaign kicks off**

A group of MPs led by biking MP Bill Wiggin has tabled an Early Day Motion (EDM) as part of this year's Kill Spills campaign to draw attention to the diesel spillage issue. Sponsors include Lembit Öpik MP, Stephen Pound MP, and Peter Bottomley MP. The motion calls on the Government to raise awareness with vehicle users, manufacturers, oil companies and retailers, of the danger that split diesel can present to motorcycle and scooter users.

Bill Wiggin, who regularly rides to the House of Commons, said: "Diesel spillage is a real danger to all two wheeled vehicle users and it just shouldn't be happening. We have an obligation to make the roads as safe as possible for all road users — that's why I and my fellow signatories were more than happy to table this motion."

The campaign to get diesel spillage taken seriously culminates in the KillSpills Rally to be held on 9th September. This will take the form of a mass ride from the Ace Cafe to the Houses of Parliament. A delegation will present Tony Blair with an action plan and a third-year anniversary card signed by thousands of motorcyclists.

Full details: <http://www.killspills.org.uk/>

### **Bikes up, cars down in new vehicle registrations**

Market reports for May 2006 show higher total bike registrations for the month (up 7.3 percent), year-to-date (up 2 percent) and rolling year ( up 1 percent) compared to May 2005. Car registrations were up 1.1% in May and down 4.3% for the year to date.

Most of the growth appears to be in the 51 to 125cc and 651 to 1,000cc bands. There has also been consistent growth in the Custom (18%) and Sport/Touring (54%) sectors during 2006.

Enthusiasm for motorcycling remains strong and people are travelling more miles than ever before. The most recent government statistics found that there are more than 1.6 million motorcycles in Great Britain. The ownership rate in 2004 is highest in the South West and lowest in Scotland.



### **USA to issue bike postage stamps**

On 7th August the U.S. Postal Service will recognise the role of motorcycles in American culture, with four stamps that feature digital illustrations of a 1918 Cleveland, a 1940 Indian Four, a 1965 Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide, and a circa 1970 chopper.

### **Child Death Figures Still Unacceptable, says IAM**

To mark Child Safety Week (19 June – 25 June) the IAM has called on drivers and riders to take particular care when children are around.

“Any injury to any child on any road is unacceptable. And yet people readily refer to ‘accidents’. Let’s be clear: deaths and injuries on the road are caused by collisions and the vast majority of those collisions are avoidable,” said IAM chief executive Christopher Bullock.

“The UK record still has room for improvement. During Child Safety Week, the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has highlighted that so-called ‘accidents’ are one of the biggest killers of children in the UK. Last year, approximately 300 children and young people were killed in accidents of all kinds, not just on the roads. Accidents also result in more children being admitted to hospital than any other cause. Over 100,000 children are admitted every year, many are left scarred for life or permanently disabled.

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## **Forthcoming Events**

*All group organised rides are conducted according to the IAM's guidelines for Group Organised Rides. Any ride that doesn't meet these requirements is not a group organised ride, and is not associated with BWAM or the IAM.*

*Participants in group organised rides are responsible for their own safety and compliance with the law, and should at all times ride within their own capabilities.*

### **8th July - Fast/Slow Riding Competition**

With ride-in to Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne. Leaving 13:00 from Avon Forest to QE school.

Refreshments will be laid on as last year we were parched due to the heat! The Stig on a Bike will be there to demonstrate some moves. This proved a good laugh last year!

Prizes will be awarded for fastest and slowest runs.

*Saturday 8th July 2006, 1:00pm at Avon Forest.*

### **17th July - Club Night**

*Monday 17th July 2006, 8:00pm at Cobham Social Club*

#### **Club Night Ride-In**

*Monday 17th July 2006, 7:00pm at Wimborne Somerfield*

### **9th August - Track Day at Castle Combe Race Track**

This is on a Wednesday and will cost £125.00 for the day.

I will be on my Pan - any bets? It is only for street legal bikes, and is ideal for any first timers to Track Days, also it's not too far!

For more information:

**[http://www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk/bike\\_trackdays.htm](http://www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk/bike_trackdays.htm)**

If interested in this one, contact Chris Green ASAP with a "Count me in!".

*Wednesday 9th August 2006, departure TBA.*

### **21st August - Club Night**

*Monday 21st August, 8:00pm at Cobham Social Club*

#### **Club Night Ride-In**

*Monday 21st August,, 7:00pm at Wimborne Somerfield*

### **18th September - Club Night**

Preceded by Committee meeting

*Monday 18th September, 8:00pm at Cobham Social Club*

#### **Club Night Ride-In**

*Monday 18th September, 7:00pm at Wimborne Somerfield*

## **16th October - Club Night**

*Monday 16th October, 8:00pm at Cobham Social Club*

## **Club Night Ride-In**

*Monday 16th October, 7:00pm at Wimborne Somerfield*

## **20th November - Club Night**

*Preceded by Committee meeting*

*Monday 20th November, 8:00pm at Cobham Social Club*

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“For all drivers this is a stark reminder. It must be extremely distressing living with a child’s death on your conscience. Nobody sets out to knock over a child deliberately, but as the figures remind us, these tragedies are all too regular.

“Drivers should recognise - and make allowances for - the unpredictability of children. 'Kids will be kids' and if that means that slowing down and taking particular care when they are around, then that is what we have to do.”

By 2010, the Government has set a target of a 50 per cent reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road. Although our overall record for road safety is relatively good, our child pedestrian record is poor compared with some European countries, according to the Government’s report “Tomorrow’s Roads – Safer for Everyone”.

“It is the responsibility of each and every driver to take particular care where there are children about,” he said.

## **IAM says: Get Active in National Motorcycle Week**

We are urging all members to get active in National Motorcycle Week 16th - 23rd July and help get positive motorcycling stories in the press. This is the key opportunity in the year for everyone to do something that can help support the media campaign.

An information pack and poster are available on the MCI website

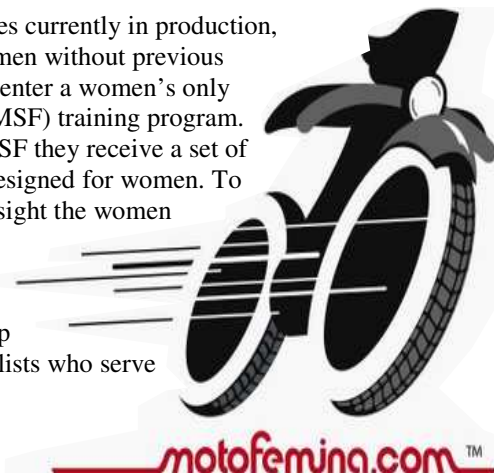
**<http://www.mcia.co.uk/S%5FPublic/SContent.asp?sc=X1>**

to help you get started and it is important that this is distributed to your dealers and other contacts. Grass roots organisers are central to making this campaign more successful as the regional press are always a looking for a local angle.

## ***Female bikers training on reality TV show***

*On Fox, obviously*

MotoFemina, a reality video series currently in production, follows the progress of three women without previous motorcycling experience as they enter a women's only Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) training program. After successfully completing MSF they receive a set of high-quality BMW riding gear designed for women. To lend them encouragement and insight the women branch out to organize three personal posses comprised of local motorcyclist and early in their journey they meet a group of experienced women motorcyclists who serve as their riding mentors.



MotoFemina documents the women through the 2006 summer riding season as they develop the practical skills and personal courage required to safely enjoy the sport of motorcycling. A summer spent riding twisty roads through the magnificent New Mexico landscape exposes a path scattered with unforeseen physical and emotional obstacles. At season's end the one women judged by a panel of local motorcyclists to excel the most in technical skill and personal enthusiasm wins a 2006 BMW F 650 GS motorcycle at the annual Sipapu, New Mexico USA BMW rally on September 9th.

MotoFemina offers women a female centered motorcycle media experience while developing a community of like-minded motorcyclists. Input from the MotoFemina Cast Blog is currently being utilized to develop future episodes. MotoFemina approaches motorcycle programming with an intelligent, relaxed approach as opposed to the crass overblown hype of current motorcycle related cable TV series. MotoFemina features real women motorcyclists in real riding conditions in opposition to mainstream media's portrayal of women as sideline attractions merely to entertain the male viewer.

Read the MotoFemina Cast Blog:  
<http://motofemina.blogspot.com/>

## **Membership matters**

### **Subs renewals**

If you who wish to pay your subs by Standing Order using forms available at your Bank, the club's Sort Code and Account Number are **30-99-56** and **(0) 1944635** respectively, and the reference will be the first 10 letters of your surname plus the 3-digit club reference number, with no spaces in between, eg **MANSFIELD367**. *Please be sure to include this reference so that we can identify your payment.*

Alternatively send a cheque to:

**38, River Way, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 2QR**  
telephone 01202 267797 and e-mail [membership@bwam.org.uk](mailto:membership@bwam.org.uk)

*John Spinks*

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## **Test Pass**

Congratulations to Phil Cole who took and passed his test on Sunday 28th May, and to his Observer, Mick Fowler.

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## **Summer Beach BBQ**

Fun was had by all at the Chesil Beach BBQ on June 24th. Organiser: Chris Green. Pic: Mark Ninnim. More on the Web site.



## **Club Shop price list**

Please see Sandie Gear 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	£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

## **Your Committee**

Chairman	Nigel Jones	01425 650761
Secretary	Martin Saunders	
Treasurer	Andy Mansfield	01258 472006
Vice Chairman	John Topping	01202 511282
Membership Secretary	John Spinks	01202 267797
Chief Observer	Steve Hines	01202 872803
Guidance Co-ordinator	Mark Bezzant	01305 823579
Events Co-ordinator	Chris Green	01425 650150
Associate Liaison	Howard Avery	
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster	Martyn Dryden	01202 883032

### **Other volunteers:**

Club Shop	Sandie Gear	01425 673330
Auditor	Doug Grimes	01202 692196
Photocopying	Malcolm Merry	01202 381871

Access to membership information (names and addresses) is restricted to Committee members for mail purposes only.

### **Email addresses**

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

Associate Liaison	associates@bwam.org.uk
Chairman	chairman@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.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.

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## ***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.

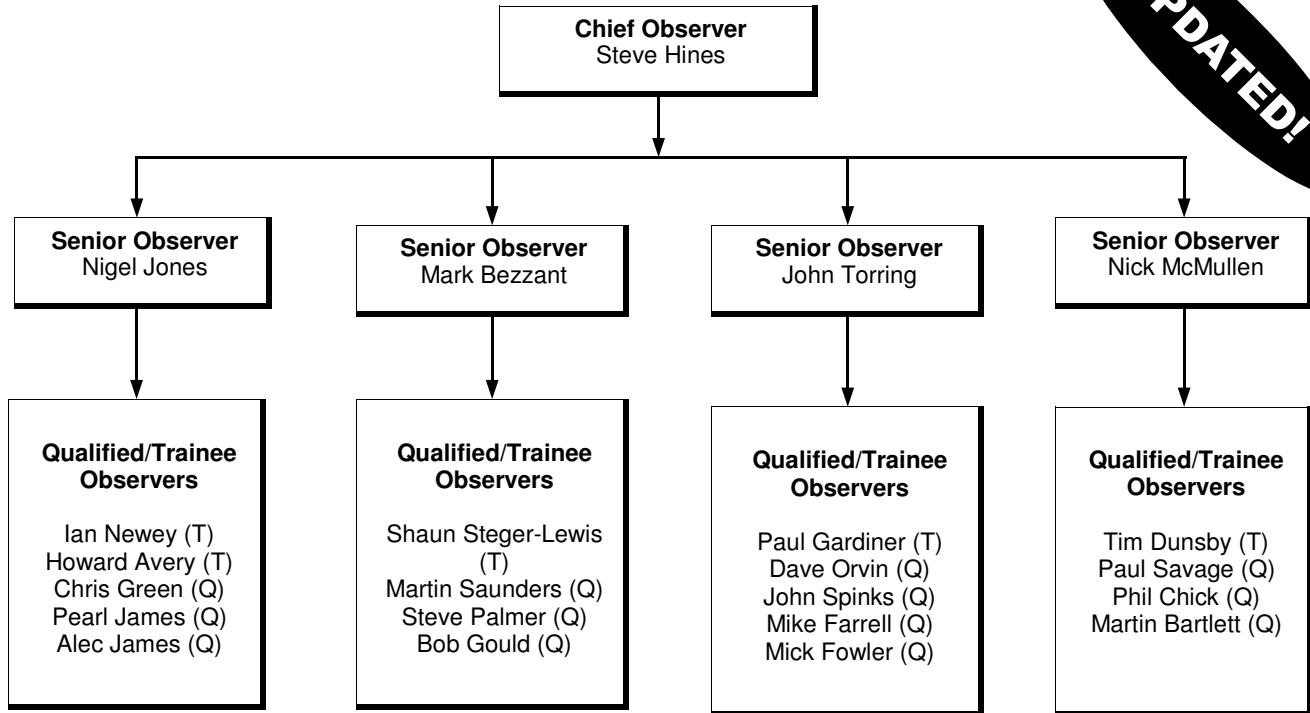
### **Club Membership**

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 £10.00 annual subscription to BWAM in order to remain a member of the Club.

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## *Observer Organisation Chart*

**UPDATED!**



## **Notice Board**

### **ST 1300 Pan European for sale**

2002 model Honda STX1300 Pan European in silver, first registered April 2003. 27,500 miles, heated grips, pannier inners and fitted Autocom intercom. Serviced regularly by Honda dealer. Excellent condition. Very reluctant sale as owner has moved to France and bike can't be modified to suit the French (too powerful!) without spending 1,800 Euros.

Price c.£6,495. Available for viewing at Hines Auto Services in Ferndown. Please contact Steve Hines on 01202 872624 or Hugh Williams 00 33 5 49 65 33 82 or e-mail [hugh.williams@club-internet.fr](mailto:hugh.williams@club-internet.fr) for more details.

### **Honda VFR 800i gear for sale (circa year 2000)**

- Remus Grand Prix oval carbon fibre high level exhaust can. complete with all the pipe and fixings. £100 (cost £250 new)
  - Double bubble red screen. Good condition £35
  - Rear Hugger in red £30
  - Baglux tank cover and matching bag in red. Really good condition £75
- Call Phil Bell on 01425 674408 evenings.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@bwam.org.uk)*