



Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcyclists



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NEWS

All the news that fits

Not The Blue Book — new edition available

A completely new look and overhauled new edition of the Dave Jones advanced riding manual *Not The Blue Book* is now available from the publishers. You can obtain copies from the Club shop (see page X) or if you can't wait then there will be direct response ads in *Two Wheels Only*, *Ride* and *Motorcycle Sport and Leisure*.

Visit the web site:

<http://www.notthebluebook.co.uk/> for full details and ordering.

Dorset BikeSafe course dates

Associates who have not yet been allocated to Observers, and anyone else interested, are advised that Dorset BikeSafe has two more sessions to run this year: Sunday 15th October and Sunday 29th October.

On each date there will be two sessions, morning and afternoon. Venue: Winfrith Technology Centre. Duration: 3 hours (45 minutes in the classroom and then 2 hours of observation). Cost: £60 per person.

For further details visit:

<http://www.dorset.police.uk/roadpolicing/bikesafe/bikesafe2.shtml>

New Events mailing list

Events Co-ordinator Chris Green is now emailing members on a regular basis with details of forthcoming and planned Club events. If you're not already on his list then please mail:

events@bwam.org.uk

and let him know your email address so that you can be included.

Dorset roads are safer than ever

The annual total of road casualties in Dorset has fallen to its lowest level since records began, says the County Council. Safety improvements have pushed the total to below 2,000 for the first time, and the number killed or seriously injured (KSI) has fallen by 40 percent.

Since 2002 the number of KSIs in the county (excluding Poole and Bournemouth) has fallen from 340 to 270 per year. The county is on target to meet government demands to reduce the figure below 200 by the year 2010.

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.

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

An evening with the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership

An expert from the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership, part of the government initiative to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads, will give a presentation on the technical and logistical aspects of their speed enforcement systems.

The Partnership focuses on a combination of approaches, including education, engineering and enforcement. It is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of safety cameras around the county.

"It is only through education campaigns, engineering measures and the enforcement of speed limits that we can change driver behaviour in a lasting and positive way."

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

¶ = Advanced/Progressive

§ = "Chocolate Box"

For more about the two ride classifications, please see the May issue.

The Fantastic Tuono

John Spinks falls for a sexy Italian

I fell in love with, of all things, an Aprilia a couple of weekends ago. Until that moment they have represented all that I dislike, or have yet to appreciate, about sportsbikes; far too small, arse in the air, contorted legs, crushed knees, crushed nuts, numb bum and painful wrists. Ridden by pushy bastards, fast bastards and crazy bastards. Then I saw the Tuono. The same orange that looks so putrid on a KTM shouts life and vitality about this gutsy motorised rollerskate; the same motor that lies hidden by very expensive plastic on their run-of-the-mill rockets like a Muslim beauty in her burkha proudly struts its stuff for all to see. And, joy of joys, handlebars that you can reach without prostrating yourself on the tank. It has all the grace and elegance of a Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the aerodynamics of a housebrick. I like Staffies, even orange ones. And there's never a housebrick to put in one hand when I've the Garmin in the other!



It was at BikeNormandy on a jaunt that Howard had organised and chickened out of. Cracked pelvis; what a weak excuse. We were to gatecrash (sorry, Howard!) someone else's party; a group calling themselves "The Fantastics".?!? Enter stage left the Tuono, rider Tony, Vince on his KTM (black, not orange) and Chris on his Fazer 1000. Also joining the group were

Test Passes

Congratulations to **Rob Bentley** who passed the test on Wednesday 6th September. Rob's Observed Rides were conducted by **John Topping, Steve Hines, and Paul Gardiner**.

And double congratulations to **John Challis** who passed on Friday 25th August, and **Richard Gridler** on Saturday 5th August. The Observer responsible for both John's and Richard's success was **Bob Gould**.

Dave on VTR1000 and Bolton-based IAM members Mike and Tony on Pan and CBR600 respectively. Tony, Vince and Chris are well known to BikeNormandy as this was their sixth visit. Riding was best described as spirited, with interesting differences of style between the IAM ride and the less disciplined manner of Staffies in a scrap. The ballsy, razor-edged characteristics of these machines were exploited well in the corners and the raw power gave the straights the kind of treatment that would have had Monsieur Le Plod reaching for his pocket book. None of this was anywhere near what we would call good riding, but on those largely traffic-free roads it looked great fun. From a distance.

Whether the age of discretion really has arrived, or whether it's the realisation that an aged over-weight Pan carrying an ageing, over-weight rider is never going to compete seriously with that kind of performance ridden by minds and bodies 20 years our junior I'm not sure; suffice to say that both Pans equitted themselves respectably, Mike more so than I. There is always the temptation to get sucked in, and having done some very serious grinding to the underside of the heeling bar on the centre stand I'll admit to my share. As is usually the way with group riding when the standard is broadly the same the back markers were not kept waiting on station for long, and certainly looking at a video recording of the ascent of a particularly delicious hill that Howard knows well my time and speed was very little short of the Tuono. That said, though, that little Staffie's in a different category altogether than my Pyrenean Mountain Dog and in its element it showed.

But can I really turn up to a club ride on an orange bike? Nah!

John Spinks

Membership matters

Subs renewals

As it was not possible to implement the agreed subs increase because of difficulties with the Charities Commissioners, the membership rates remain as before, ie £8 for members and £16 for Associates renewing. Please make cheques payable to 'BWAM' or sign up for a Standing Order.

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

Subs due in October:

John Beasley
Peter May
Chris Reed

Peter Durrant
Simon Palmer

Nick Mason
Stephen Palmer

John Spinks

The dark rider

Without fail, as I ride to work in the mornings, a rider pulls alongside me.

Every day he's there. He rides the same bike as I and always shares my lane directly to my left. I can feel him urging me to race him. On those few days that I've taken him up on his implied challenge, though, I've never won. Never lost either ... he always just paces me, no matter how fast or slow. It's only for a few minutes though, from this entrance to that exit. He's there, and then he's gone the moment I turn to the east to leave the freeway...

One day, I'm gonna raise the stakes on him, though. One day, I'll keep going

CIA Final Test

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

“We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!”

The man said “You can’t be serious, I could never shoot my wife.”

The agent said “Then you’re not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home.”

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes. “I tried, but I can’t kill my wife.”

The agent said “You don’t have what it takes. Take your wife and go home.”

Finally, it was the woman’s turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room.

Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow.

“This gun is loaded with blanks!” she said. “I had to beat him to death with the chair.”

John Evans

past that exit. I’ll ride with him as far and as fast as he’ll go - to the end of the earth, if that’s what it takes. One day, I’m just going to get that wild hair and cruise with him until he can ride with me no more.

One day, I’ll outride that rider. But not today. Today, I’ll just cruise with him until I turn to face into the sun and my shadow vanishes behind me again.

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) NEW EDITION!	£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
V2 Sponge	£3.00
Fluorescent (hi-viz) Jacket	£4.70

Your Committee

Chairman	Nigel Jones	
Secretary	Martin Saunders	
Treasurer	Andy Mansfield	
Vice Chairman	John Topping	
Membership Secretary	John Spinks	01202 267797
Chief Observer	Steve Hines	
Guidance Co-ordinator	Mark Bezzant	
Events Co-ordinator	Chris Green	
Associate Liaison	Howard Avery	
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster	Martyn Dryden	

Other volunteers:

Club Shop	Sandie Gear
Auditor	Doug Grimes
Photocopying	Malcolm Merry

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.

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

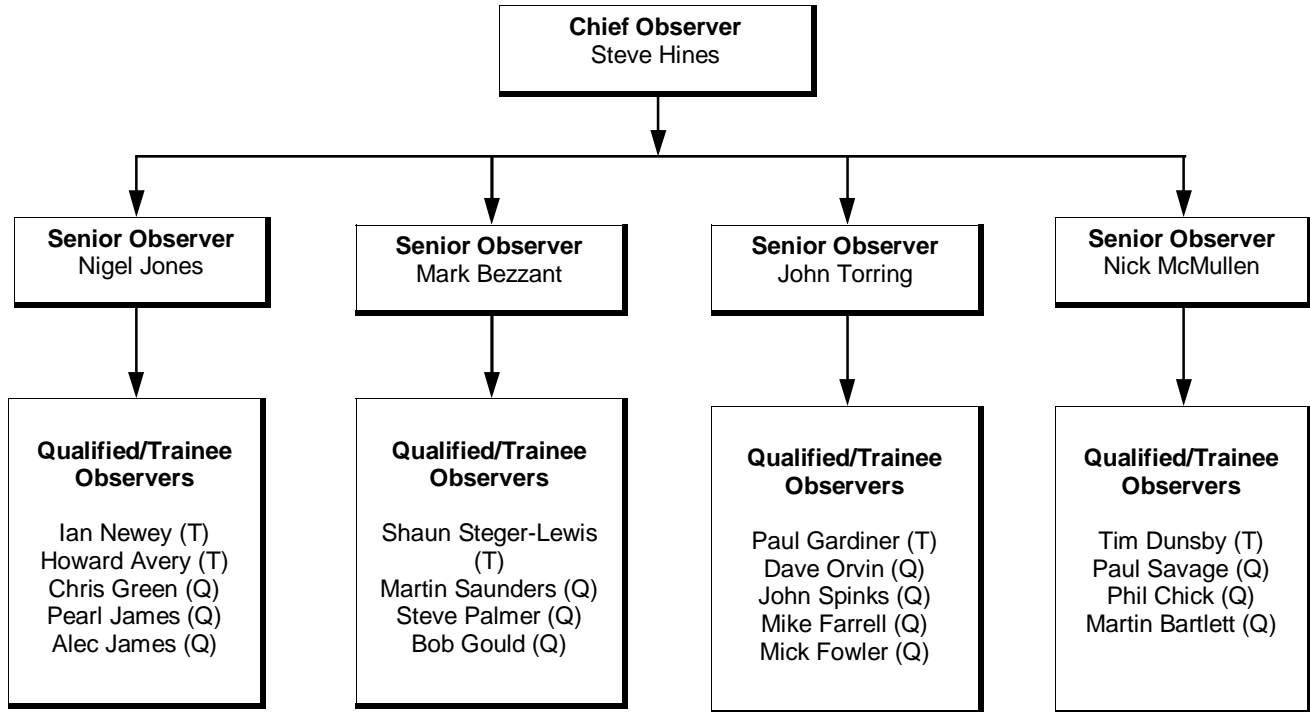
Please write 'Associate Preparing For Test' at the top of your application and also the Group number '1208' in the box at the bottom of the page.

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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VFR750 For Sale

1998R reg blue vgc fsh lovely ride £2400 contact Tim 01202474921

CBR600 For Sale

Honda CBR 600 F1, 2002 registration, 8200 miles, Black. Tax & MOT till June, Full Honda Service History, One owner from new. Standard bike in unmarked condition £3000 Call Rob on 07808-391190

BMW K 1100 LT For Sale

1995 - 41,000 miles. Black. Full service history with CW's and MOT. Panniers, 2 Top Boxes and intercom. Excellent condition. Only selling due to illness.
£2,500. Tel: 01202 696302 or 07976551486 - Mike Steele

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 Topping 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