

Bournemouth & Wessex Advanced Motorcycles



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e-news letter



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View from the top – few words from your Chairman



Welcome to the new format of the newsletter. Whilst we move into October I am pleased to say that the Observing side of the club is very strong. The number of group Observers is increasing and our own Observer training programme is being actively supported by Chris Smith and Martin Sheppard. The IAM have also provided Observer training days that have been attended by all the Senior Observers and we are now starting to send our qualified Observers to these one-day events. We broke the club record last year for test passes and things are looking good for this year too. Well done to Steve & the team.

Martyn Dryden has supported the Observer activities through the website that he has created, and it is something very special. We have a facility that not only caters for the social aspects of the group but also allows the Observers to operate incredibly efficiently. Through the website we can manage new associate applications, allocate Associates to Observers, track their progress through the syllabus and track test passes. It also serves as a forum for Observer training and improvement. Martyn is stepping down from Webmaster and Newsletter duties and I would like to thank him for the fantastic work that he has done (and is still doing) and wish him all the very best.

If you check out what's on and where in October you will see that the Bob Foster run is on 6th/7th, and we need your help. Please call John Spinks or get in touch with Chris Green (Events Co-ordinator) to help support an event that is now part of our club tradition.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we learnt of the untimely death of our friend Rob Barksfield in August of this year. A tribute to Rob can be found on our website message board 'www.bwam.org.uk'. Our thoughts are with his family.

View from the sharp end – your chief observer's view

Just over half way through our Group year and we have about a dozen passes so far, brilliant and well done to all those involved.

Some test failures were due to associates using the gearbox as a means of slowing down; this was brought to the attention of all the observers and should now have been resolved. It's something we are probably all guilty of from time to time, but as Chris Smith commented it's 'gears to go and brakes to slow'. Remember the System and it will all come right; the speed phase needs to be sorted out before the gear phase.

I've noticed it's just started to get a bit colder now so don't forget to wrap up warm, better to set off with too much clothing than not enough I reckon.

Regards to you all,
Steve Hines, Chief Observer



View from the boundary – hot events

Well it's the holiday session for me and much as I'd like to contribute to the new style mag its off to France I go to chalk up more miles and enjoy my second holiday in what seem like as many weeks.

So to events, well, calling all you observer that haven't lead a ride this year it's nearly your turn, there are two slots left on the Second Sunday Rides, and I'm looking to fill them ... so beware of the Silver Pan in your mirrors boys

Bon voyage and thanks for all the snails (& frogs legs)



View from the darkside – associate comment

As a BWAM associate you can input your thoughts here ... but expect the possibility of editorial correction of any political correctness ☺

Would you really allow your teddy to ride pillion with so little protection? Neither would I. So, please don't forget to turn up in leathers (or equivalent) for observed runs!

View from the underside – membership

With the current run on the banking system and interest rates yo-yoing there has never been a better time to pay your BWAM subscription. Good solid value at only £8 a year (seems to equate to about 1.5mm of BMW brake lining), or £16 for associates (3mm).

Still waiting to be allocated to an observer? You must be one of the 9 that are currently on the waiting list, so to all those associates under guidance and all those observers wondering what to do on Saturday or Sunday ...

☺ GET ON WITH IT! ☺

Stay safe, stay upright



This month's web links:

Bike show : <http://www.motorcycleshow.co.uk/>

Some reading material: <http://www.notthebluebook.co.uk/index.html>

(Also available from the club shop - contact Andy in advance at treasurer@bwam.org.uk)

Latest bike news: <http://www.biker247.com/>

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What's on and where it's at ...

Saturday 6th October

BOB FOSTER Run - Setting out the signs

Meet at [SHELL Garage](#) at Bere Regis at 13:00

Contact John Spinks for Details 01202 267797

Sunday 7th October

BOB FOSTER Run - The real thing

Meet at [SHELL Garage](#) at Bere Regis at 10:00 or Crossways Village hall at 10:15

Bring: Sandwiches or chip money, waterproofs, good weather, Hi-vis vest (if you have one)
Marshalling this event is now a bit of a BWAM tradition, standing at junctions in the pouring rain pushing old bikes with (sometimes) older riders. Good clean fun makes you appreciate those fairings, pneumatic tyres and electric starts - Oh, and the cakes are good at the end as well. Even if you can only spare the morning please make an effort to come along there can't be too many of us, honest!

Sunday 14th October

Second Sunday Ride-out

[Avon Forest Park](#) ready to leave at 10:00

Powderham Castle - lead by John Spinks - Hopefully John will not be too saddle soar after his Indian Adventures, if not the saddle it might be the Curry!!

Monday 15th October

Club Night

[Cobham Social Club](#) starting a 20:00

Chance to meet people and talk bikes (or anything else for that matter)

Chris will be showing a video on advanced riding - nice

Sunday 28th October

Skills refresher day

[Contact Chris Green for time and place](#)

Chris with a few Observers are running a skills refresher day for those who have passed there test but desire a little review and improvement. The structure will be a demonstration run to a destination followed by a Senior Observer with a constructive critique en-route.

There will be the facility for this to be video"d. As observers and video bike(s) are limited, please e-mail Chris in advance to book your place. This event is for members rather than associates.

Don't know where to meet? Click here: <http://www.bwam.org.uk/places.php>

Your club, your choices:

We're always looking for different things to do and different speaker to ask to club nights, so put on your thinking caps and explore your minds, forward your ideas to Chris (turbo) Green at events@bwam.org.uk. Don't forget Chris hasn't got to think it all up, you can do that, he just needs to find you a slot in the diary.

Club social rides. Fancy leading a ride or just got somewhere you fancy going, mention it to Chris or drop him a line at events@bwam.org.uk and see where you can take the club.

Test passes

Test passes this year so far include:

Paul Ottaway on Saturday 27th January - observer Chris Green

Simon May on Saturday 3rd February - observer Mick Fowler

Richard Sewell on Thursday 22nd March - observer Martin Saunders

Harvey Ringrose on Thursday 12th April - observer Martin Saunders

John Real on Saturday 21st April - observer Mike Farrell

Tony White on Saturday 19th May - observer Martin Bartlett

James Jameson on Thursday 14th June - observer Steve Hines

Robert Truman on Saturday 14th July - observer Paul Gardner

Paul James on Thursday 19th July - observer Martin Saunders

Gary Watton on Saturday 4th August - observer Chris Green

Jason Chalk on Saturday 4th August - observer Nigel Jones

Jon Collins on Saturday 18th August - observer Ian Newey

Well done all round (now) ex-associates and observers too.

Just for fun - well one to remember

This month's advanced riding technique question (as the roads are just starting to get slippery).

What do you do if you find you have entered a skid situation on your bike?

- a. Open it up and ride through it
- b. Text West Dorset Heath Authority to reserve a bed space
- c. Drop it down one cog, open it up and ride through it
- d. Steer into the skid
- e. Remove the cause

Answer on page 102 of Motorcycle Roadcraft. While you're there looking for the (correct) answer, why not read the whole section on skidding, Pages 99 to 105.

Membership subscriptions

The following club members are a little adrift with there subscriptions:

187	Trevor Dunesby	195	Tim Balmer	525	Richard Girdler
397	Tim Gray	540	Paul Seymour	30	Terry Dibden
85	Simon Vianello	188	Nigel Baker	268	Kelvin Latham
404	Michael Blount	407	Brian Purnell	435	Tom Alsford
447	Paul Gardiner	533	John Real	534	Jame Jameson
539	Mike Edwards	545	Jon Collins	279	Adrian Armstrong
411	Peter Trepess	141	Keith Chappell	266	Tony Cullen
413	Richard Ferguson	446	Chris Durham	7	Nick McMullen
20	Euan Campbell	29	Chris Del-Pinto	34	Mark Finch
52	Mark Ledden	56	Dave Meason	58	Malcolm Merry
68	Keith Pike	87	Dave Waldron	92	Julian Wilson
126	Dave Sanford	210	Dave Orvin	295	Ian Newey
373	Richard Bayliffe	415	Peter Seymour	420	Martin Booth
449	John Evens	464	Peter Warren	300	Mark Priest
334	Paul Savage	409	Ray McIlmurray	421	Vince Woolley
470	Ian Turnbull	471	Paul Ottaway	488	Rob Bentley
549	Peter Wills				

Subscriptions due as we go to print in September:

573	Harvey Ringrose	21	Barry Catchpole	330	Geoff Giles
340	Maurice Byrne	491	Gary Moore	497	Ted Russell De La Clifford
498	Rob Bradshaw	554	Simon May	555	Mark Chidzoy
554	Geoff Painter				

Subscriptions are due in October for:

156	Peter Durrant	518	John Beasley	158	Stepten Palmer
429	Nick Mason	560	David Hans		

Subscriptions rates are still £8 for members and £16 for associates.

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:

BWAM membership secretary, 99 Weston Road, Portland, Dorset, DT5 2DA

Observed runs and associates preparing for test

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 observed sessions. This avoids any inconvenience to the Observer and fellow Associates on the ride having to stop for fuel.

Test Application

It would be appreciated if all Associates would send off their test applications when requested to do so by their observer. This will generally be after your pre-test, but is at your observers' discretion. If you have lost or do not have a test application form, please get your observer to download you one from the [observation deck](#) on the message board or contact the [membership secretary](#).

IMPORTANT Please enter the preferred area for test as Bournemouth or Poole and don't forget to enter the your IAM membership number in 'IAM reference number' line at the top of the form.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Wanted Articles for news letter on 'my gear' 200-300 words describing your biking gear good n bad - lets tell it as it is.

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, 10min stroll to town. Rental c£200 pw. Malcolm or Marie Merry 01202 381871

Articles For next months mag, e-mail to ghost_rider@amcdb.plus.com by Wed 24th October.

Very particular ex-policeman seeks quite rendezvous with handsome K-Series (LT, 1100cc, 16 valve, black, low mileage and in excellent condition) for hard riding, threesomes with Toni and weekends in Wales. PO Box 999