

## Editors Ramblings

A call to all members to have a think on any special motorcycle trips, holidays or events they have done over the last twenty-five years. Anything you can recollect that has a special memory or that rye smile that you just can't help when you think of it. Anything big or small lets have your memory, picture of the event that you can share with the group, it could have been twenty years ago and you can now think of it differently than when you did it originally. Get your thinking caps on and get those memories over to me.

Remember we have our Facebook page – please join and contribute on it - Only for club members – any weird names or business names let us know so we can allow you to join the page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/362204533842150/>

Email me on [biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:biker5chef@yahoo.co.uk) or 07590596380 for WhatsApp sending pictures or texts or phone!

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# South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter May 2019



1994 to 2019



## A Word from the Chair

Wasn't April just a typical month? Bitterly cold one moment, A fantastic Easter weekend with wall to wall sunshine then the week after Storm Hanna bringing high winds and floods. My highlight, well that's debatable was a hailstorm of the like I thought you only saw in other countries battering my car on the way home a week ago!

But this has not stopped us getting on with this years Spring course which is now fully under way with our Observers very busy on the full course.

Congratulations to Neil Jewel and Nigel Howells on passing their National Observer and Local Observer Assessor tests, just an example of our observers time and commitment to furthering their skills and knowledge towards motorcycling and road safety.

Have a great year everyone, and please contact me with any queries throughout the year.

Happy riding everybody, stay safe

Gordon



## Presidents Page

Chris is busy getting the Spring Course up and running and with it being full he is very busy!



## Social Nite Banter

Another lively night at the Hawk Inn last Thursday evening with tyre wear a big subject started with the Cardiac Kids weekend puncture (someone tell him Easter Sunday is not the best day to call BMW Assist!) Mmm... or call the RAC as well to see who comes to his rescue first? A bit unfair I thought as they both didn't know he had a friend in medical need! Anyway, this brought out the many various mileage's members present get from their rubber? 13,000 was the highest – no guessing who got that number – answer on a postcard please! 3,000 was the lowest and that was not a sports bike people! Whose GS do you ask? Back to punctures and what's your strangest item putting a hole in yours? Twelve inch spoke? Half inch-wide bolt?

We don't get many accidents talked about as we are all fantastic on the bike but a certain African Twin member was caught out by a car doing the will I go or stop routine, deciding on the go right in front of said bike! Rider ok apart from a few bruises but the bike has a bit of front-end damage with some plastics and engine cover scrapes too. The 64,000-dollar question is will it be repairable? I'm going for a write off, if its not the parts it will be the labour that will push it to the limit – let's see next month!

Come on down next month with your banter – always the last Thursday of the month at the Hawk

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## Spring Course



The Spring Course has started and we had our induction evening on the Friday before where the associates are prepped for the forthcoming sessions and given the opportunity to meet some of the observers and ask questions.



## Spring Course



Usually holding a number in an identity parade?



Car Park? No room today!



## Gearing Up for Spring: tips from IAM RoadSmart

Many riders take to roads without realising they are putting themselves in danger, wearing the incorrect clothing. This week's tips offers advice on clothing to all riders from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman.

- Make sure your crash helmet it fits correctly, have your head measured and try a number of makes to ensure a correct fit. It should not move around and must be secured with the chin strap when you are riding. A full-face helmet will offer the most protection. If you choose a helmet with an opening chin guard, ride with it down for maximum protection, only ride with it up if the helmet is approved for such use. All safety helmets must be tested to BSI 6658:85 or equivalent (ECE 22.5 in Europe)
- Keep your visor clean and remember a black visor is illegal at night
- Do not be tempted to ride without gloves, even a low speed off can result in a nasty injury to your hands. If the weather is warm you can get gloves which will offer protection that allow air flow
- Boots will offer good protection to your ankles in case of an incident. There are a number of different types available which offer a balance between protection on your bike and also make it able for you to walk around at your destination. A sturdy pair of work boots is much better than a pair of trainers
- Your clothing needs to be comfortable. An abrasion resistant fabric is best, and there a number of cheap options available with this type of material and armour in your most vulnerable places. If the weather is warm, try an airtex type material which will allow the cooling breeze. You need to be able to move and turn so make sure the fit is not too tight but remember a loose flapping jacket will also be uncomfortable
- Waterproofs, a high viz and a good waterproof suit will allow you to stay comfortable in all conditions, make sure it fits comfortably over your normal motorcycle clothing and does not restrict movement. The high viz is a personal choice but if you are going to wear it make sure it fits properly, too tight or flapping around will be a distraction

**Richard Gladman is IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards.**



## New Members – Welcome



### Club Events

## MONTHLY CLUB NITE

Last Thursday of the month at the Hawk Inn in Haslington by Crewe – starting August– Our own version of Conversation Street, I'm sure there will be plenty of discussion and maybe some of it repeatable too! 8pm onwards all welcome.



## Club Website Information

We have fresh hands going over our website <http://www.southcheshiream.org.uk/> reorganising it and updating the diary and Gallery to start off with.

We are now hosting the photographs through our Flickr account to make it easier to upload these and manage them. Link here: -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/155059034@N08/albums>

So please any pictures taken on any club or interesting bike ride out send them over to Geoff Highfield at [gh@highfieldassociates.co.uk](mailto:gh@highfieldassociates.co.uk) or directly to Richard Kinsey at: [richard.kinsey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:richard.kinsey@tiscali.co.uk) with a brief description and they will arrange for these to be put on to it. A Long or Short story will get a selection in the newsletter for an article too!

If you hold them in a Microsoft programme/file such as "Pictures" you can select the ones you want to send, right click on the mouse on one of them and select "send to", left click on "send to" and left click on "mail recipient". You will be asked what size pictures you want to send. Click on "large". An email will be formed in Microsoft Outlook. Complete it in the usual way and send to me. Use of this method significantly reduces the size of the picture so that several can be sent together.

If you hold them on a smart phone you can mail them directly but in small groups. Some smart phones such as the iPhone will ask if you want to reduce the size of the bundle if it is too big.

If you want a note of recognition/ownership for the photos, please tell us.

Holiday pictures, Presentation Evening, Anniversary Ride Out, Christmas Meal, A date with "Just Jane"? (Interesting) and more are there already.



## Group Events

**Sunday Ride Outs** – NEW SUMER TIME its 9am from Costa Coffee at the Grand Junction Retail Park - CREWE - arrive early with a full tank of fuel. Usually 150-200 miles but if you want to do a shorter one we will not take offence at you turning back early.

**Wednesday Evening Ride Outs** – The first and third Wednesdays start from Starbucks, Holmes Chapel Road, Middlewich - next to the Shell garage. The second and fourth start from The Little Chef, Radway Green Road at junction 16, M6. All rides start at 7pm. Try to arrive about 15 minutes beforehand with a full tank of fuel. There are fuel stations close to both start points.

**Last Thursday of the month** – Club Night – The Hawk Haslington - 8pm onwards

19<sup>th</sup> May Congleton Bike Group Slow Riding & Social Ride Event from 09:45-16:00

## Other Events of a two-wheeled nature

2-5<sup>th</sup> May MotoGP Jerez

4<sup>th</sup> May International Female Ride Day [www.motoress.com](http://www.motoress.com)

6<sup>th</sup> May Bike 1066 Invade Hastings for the day [www.bike1066.com](http://www.bike1066.com)

10-12<sup>th</sup> May WSB Imola Italy

12-18<sup>th</sup> May North West 200 Portstewart

16-19<sup>th</sup> May MotoGP Le Mans

5-7<sup>th</sup> July World Superbikes Donnington



That's all this month

Hope you all get out on  
your bikes to  
give us some  
more stories

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