

Editors Ramblings

So much to do, so little time to do it! Ah well a rainy weekend in front of the computer putting this newsletter together makes it easier than if it was a scorching week like we have had at work! Hoping for a better weekend next week for a Yorkshire Dales blast.

Did you get out? Remember this is your newsletter and although I will give you some group updates it's for you as well to let us know what you have been up to on your bike either training or holidaying or what you have encountered when out and about. A review of something you use on the bike maybe. Please do not be shy any contribution is welcomed.

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 or 07590596380 for WhatsApp sending pictures or texts or phone!

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A Word from the Chair

It was great to see a big turnout for our 25th Anniversary Ride out last month, blessed with a dry day for the ride it's a big thanks to Dave Coomber for organising the route and leading one of the groups.

We have our 25th Anniversary badge now and gave them out to the ride attendees, we will be getting these out to every member in the next month with the committee hand delivering them as they can an area they can cover.



See you in a few weeks

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

Happy riding everybody, stay safe

Gordon



Presidents Page

August already, I don't know where the months have gone, the Summer course has gained three more Associates since last month, to the new Associates I say welcome, and hope you enjoy the course.

It was nice to see a good turnout for the anniversary social ride to Aberystwyth, I could only attend to the first stop due to family commitments, but it was nice to see everyone, and thank you to Dave Coomber for organising the route.

I have to report that the Social evening on the last Thursday of the month is poorly attended, the times I have attended it has been the same four or five people, this leads me to ask the question, is it the fact that the Thursday night is not a good night, or are the majority of the membership not bothered, this is your group so suggestions are welcome, we can change the evening if that is the problem, you can either let me know your feelings or any committee member.

I would like to congratulate Dave Cox, Phil Buckley and Neil Jewell on becoming Masters Mentors, we now have a masters mentoring team in place, so if you have ever considered doing your Masters but were not sure how to go about it, have a chat with one of the team and they will enlighten you.

That is all from me for this month, so until next month, safe riding.

Chris Steel.

President.



Quick Review – BIKE-SEAL AUTO-SEAL

With the spate of punctures we seem to be getting just now I thought it was about time to get myself a kit to be prepared for the next one. Well I did not have to wait long! Just another thousand miles and what looked like a big staple managed to pierce my nearly new tyre! Ah lets give this a go then.

I had done a bit of research into the kit that I wanted and this kit from Bike-Seal fitted the criteria perfectly with its permanent fix and no speed restrictions to worry about. It all comes in a nice well-made zipped case just big enough for all the contents. Instructions in detail although a little small to read at the roadside if you need to check that you are doing it properly.



You can get the kit with 6 or 12 plugs and with or without the Multi Tool, the tools are a nice size not too small so you can get a good grip on the handles which you need for getting through the tyre in and out!



The plugs look like others I have seen and are TUV tested in Germany up to 186mph with a repair shear strength, up to 160kgs.



The plugs have an 8-10-year shelf life so there shouldn't be a worry about them drying out that I have seen on other brands, I have put them in a sealed pouch though just in case!



Quick Review – BIKE-SEAL AUTO-SEAL - continued

First puncture sorted, I was able to do it without needing the special lube supplied if you cannot get through your rubber or tyre carcass. The blade did take a bit of work to cut off the excess but hey that's a good thing yes?

I have done 2,000 miles so far and there has been no problem with the repair, I have replaced the tyre just now as I needed a fresh tyre



for our Balkans tour but I will put it back on again when I have worn the present tyre out.

the kits are £44-£49 depending on contents and as a member of the IAM you get £2 discount and free Postage from Bike-Seal.

The direct phone number is 01278 671900 and they are very helpful and you can order every part separately as well when or if you need to order a part.

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25th Anniversary Ride Out

It has been a long time since we have organised this ride and date and luckily the weather looks dry for a days riding. I was actually prepared today with my bike given a nice little clean and check over before leaving and the tank filled up hoping it would last for the day's millage. Dave had given me the route so I had it in my GPS so I could get out in front, so I had time to take pictures of the days route without disturbing anyone's ride. As said earlier there was a good group at Costa in Crewe for the departure to Aberystwyth and great to see so many new faces out for the ride.



Out of Crewe on the A534 to Nantwich and the first nice bit of road to Whitchurch on the A530/A525, who can remember it all being the national speed limit? Still a good bit of fun to be had where allowed. Crossing over the A49 near Whitchurch it was on to the A495 to Oswestry and a cracking bit of road well-travelled by many in the group over the years. How many times have you gone past Whittington Castle? I have lost count myself, it's a 12th century castle from the Anglo-Saxon period. It has a tearoom and bookshop and they have guided walks and tours. No time for that today as I have lots of miles to do. Onward on the A483 to Welshpool then the A458 to Mallwyd for the first stop and refreshments, maybe a small breakfast, oh all right then.



25th Anniversary Ride Out - cont



The first group caught up and started their queue to order some food while I was on my way to Aberystwyth. Now on proper Welsh roads that we all love it was the A470 and A489 to Machynlleth and then through to the A487 in some lovely open countryside and with Aberystwyth getting near the sun started to come out and brighten up the ride. It was a shorter than expected trip to the lunch stop and with my little breakfast (honest!) still satisfying me I just enjoyed the seafront and the always busy motorcycle parking area on the promenade with the warming sun beaming down. The first group turned up all eager to explore the seafront and their lunch so after a few photos I got on my way again before I fell behind my schedule for getting back home.



25th Anniversary Ride Out - cont

Out of Aberystwyth and finding the A4120 to Devils Bridge the roads were now getting a lot more rural and moor like as I approached the Elan Valley and a lot quieter than I was expecting! Well the last time I was here was the May bank holiday and despite the weather being decidedly ropey everyone had decided to come out! Today though the roads were dry, and the views unrestricted as I went through Devils Bridge and into the Elan Valley for a very pleasurable ride up and over the Mountain Road and onwards to Rhayader.



Into Rhayader and a quick stop to picture the famous clock tower in the middle of the road it was on to the A44 and more fun fast roads to Crossgate's and another popular brew stop for two wheeled enthusiasts and any SCAM ride out heading this way. Not wanting to spoil my appetite for tonight's dinner it was a few ginger nuts to snack on (mmm... still some in my cupboard! – less now!) and a cold drink and onward heading north.

25th Anniversary Ride Out - cont

The A483, the A483 do I have to say more? This is such a classic section of road that I will never tire of going on with its perfect radius bends uninterrupted for miles where you can use your IAM skills in setting up for corners with your lines tested with one bend leading into another and yet another, just brilliant. Newtown still comes up to early, where did these twenty odd miles go? Newtown is no longer a drag to go though with its new bypass getting you past it in no time and ready for more of, you guessed it the A483! It's a bit more open now but still a great road and Welshpool then Oswestry and the A495 another favourite passing Ellesmere to Whitchurch. There was another brew stop scheduled by Dave but no stopping for the Highlander as my ETA was on time and stopping would make me late. So back to Nantwich and the A500 back home and just on the one tank of fuel! Just as well its downhill to the petrol station!

A great days riding with Dave's iconic roads put into one big days riding bound to put a smile on any motorcyclist's face. Again, thanks to Dave for organising it, if any member wishes to do it on their own time, I have the route on a couple of GPX files just email me for them



All photos on our Facebook page

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Roadsmart Inform News

IAM RoadSmart survey finds over 70% would get the jitters in a car that drives itself – 100% of motorcyclists would find that it would give them the jitters!!!

Observer feedback

Are you an IAM RoadSmart observer? We would love to hear from you. IAM RoadSmart has created a survey to better understand what motivates you as an observer, and why you choose to do it. You will also have the opportunity to upload an image of yourself observing, or with your vehicle. We will be featuring our observers in the next edition of RoadSmart.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NNL59WL>

Two more motorcycle dealerships promote our Advanced Rider Course

We are delighted that **Ducati Manchester** and **Robinsons Rochdale** have recently joined **Chandlers Bikes Brighton** in promoting and selling our Advanced Rider Course to their customers who purchase a new motorcycle.

The purchase of a new car or bike is a well known trigger point for consideration of further driving or riding skills development.

Brooklands Classic yields rewards for WVAM

[Wey Valley Advanced Motorcyclists](#) attended Brooklands Classic Motorcycle Show at the historic Brooklands Museum. Peter Kearns, WVAM secretary, is also a member of Brooklands Museum Friends and secured a prime pitch. Members Peter Tanner and Gavin Caddick helped to set up the stall, and the two bikes attracted lots of attention. Mark Kellerher brought his Indian Scout bike and Janet Jones brought her retro-styled Harley Davidson. Sam Crawford, the newest member of the committee (and the youngest) took the opportunity to ride the famous Test Hill at Brooklands and declared it a blast! ***Supplied by Janet Jones***



Test Passes:

Andy Fewtrell

Ant Beeston

Dave Jackson



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 or directly to Richard Kinsey at: 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 – 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.

Please support this as we will be looking on closing this if we do not get any takers!

Other Events of a two-wheeled nature

2-4th August – The Yorkshire Pudding Rally Escrick www.mapevents.co.uk

2-4th August – BSB – Thruxton

3-4th August – LlandBikeFest – Royal International Pavilion Llangollen

3-4th August – Donnington Classic Motorcycle Festival

4th August – MotoGP – Ceske Republiky

11th August – MotoGP – Von Osterreich

16-18th August – BSB – Cadwell Park

17-18th August – Passion for Power Classic Motor Show – Tatton Park Knutsford

That's all this month

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

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