

## Editors Ramblings

Its 2020 and a Happy New Year to you all from the Highlander

A quiet time of the year for the newsletter and what I have been able to produce for it so please see below for my continuing plea for articles.

Your memories of the summer? A review of something you used 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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# South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter January 2020



1994 to 2019



## A Word from the Chair



Happy New Year to all at SCAM and may it be a prosperous one for everyone in 2020.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas meal as it was great to have an evening relaxing and chatting with members old and new while pulling a few crackers!

I have only managed the one ride-out in the last month as over the festive period it actually managed to stop raining for the week so I spent a lot of it on two wheels (unpowered) doing a 500 kilometre cycling challenge which was welcomed to get my fitness up from my last few months of illness. MCN are ramping up their 5,000-mile challenge where you can get a medal for doing it! I did that on my bicycle last year! So, it should be no problem on a motorcycle for everyone.

Happy riding everybody, stay safe

Gordon

Please contact me with any queries you may have 07590596380



## Presidents Page

Well here we are a New Year and a New Decade, first I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year, I hope your festive season was filled with joy and happiness.

Now the last of the turkey has been eaten, and the mince pies have been replaced by hot cross buns and Easter eggs, we see how long our New Year Resolutions last, I didn't make any, as I am hopeless at sticking to them, I have lost count of the times I have vowed to lose weight or eat healthier, then the bacon batch at Broxton always ambushes me. I will just continue to do everything wrong and ride my bike.

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



**Chris Steel.**

President.

## Inform News – available on IAM Roadsmart website news

Don't let Jack Frost strike! Read IAM RoadSmart's tips for driving in cold and icy conditions

Mental health can affect you at any point in your life. You could be new to the road or you could have years of experience and a wealth of knowledge under your belt. As part of our campaign to raise awareness to support those affected and to help build their confidence when driving or riding, we've put together some advice, information and tips and real-life member experiences of those dealing with mental health challenges out on the road.

Merchandise sale now on! - You can now enjoy 30% off selected items in our member's merchandise

IAM RoadSmart members can enjoy 10% off the Michelin bike tyre pressure management system by using the code IAM10. Scott Walker and Tim Hawkins, members of Congleton and Macclesfield Advanced Drivers and Riders, have left a review of their experience.

The 2020 schedule for IAM RoadSmart's ever-popular Skills Days has been announced. They are the perfect way to sharpen up driving or riding skills in your own car or motorbike at top circuits around the UK. The Skills Days, run by the UK's biggest independent road safety charity, take place from April to September at Croft, Mallory Park and Thruxton circuits – all of which are steeped in motorsport history



## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia – Slovenia- Final Report!

Another jog completed along the main street and back, not as exciting as the day before but a great view of the snow-capped mountains just out of town made it onto the phone. 255 miles today and a few more passes to stop us thinking about the end of the holiday getting ever closer! Out of Zell am See a few miles later we had the Gerlos Pass in the Tyrol region heading near the border to Germany, it started off brilliantly with great sweeping bends on a good surface but over the top it was punctuated by lengths of corrugated roadworks to disrupt the flowing road. We stopped at Weisling just before the border for a fuel and coffee top up then not far over the border it was the Ochsensitz Pass again with stunning mountains surrounding it. We were again being followed by threatening thunderstorms, but we stayed dry as we got to our lunch stop in Lermoos and sat outside while it was sunny. Lunch was taking a time to be served which turned out to be a good thing as the rain started to fall and we got ourselves under cover before it hammered it down all the time we were eating. Still overcast as we headed out it actually stayed dry well did not rain for the rest of the day, now that is lucky! It got a bit warm though in our thicker gear we kept on "just in case" the rest of the day was some autoroutes and some rural roads before our next stop in Post Hotel Feldstetton Germany. Ah I remember this hotel from a couple of years ago, in the basement a sauna and jacuzzi hot enough to cook bits not meant to be cooked! This time it was more amenable to a nice relaxing soak and having it to myself was a nice bonus!





## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia – Slovenia - cont

Nearly home now just a couple of days to go and today's 235 miles were a mixture of autoroutes, forest and rural roads through Germany with pleasant sunshine and the threat of thundery rain gone it was a relaxing day getting to our hotel in Luxembourg. A nice stop at a regular Global lunch stop in Nicklis a nice change from some of the service station offerings a nice change.

Did I jog? I cannot remember! It must be the nearly home mind! Onto Zeebrugge for us northern lot and with the ferry boarding time about 6pm we had a bit of time to do our 235 miles. A few suggestions of going to a couple of war sites were mooted by a couple of our crew and we kept this as an option as the day went on. We had a few rural roads to start our day but then we were on autoroutes and it was lucky we had time to spare as we had a couple of detours from closed autoroutes which took us out of our way and gobbled up an hour or so from our timetable so ended up with no time for detours for extra sightseeing!

Another fine night spent on the ferry over to Hull and a few hours spent getting back home after an epic holiday over to the Balkans and back. It was definitely a holiday to remember as any motorcycle holiday I have ever been on and memorable for the roads good and bad! The scenery breath-taking at times, the different countries in culture and people and the company which makes these tours or even can spoil them. Would I do it again? Maybe with a smaller group and with different stops for breaks rather than service stations where you did not get a flavour of the area you were in but otherwise an outstanding trip with more memories to remember on the bike.



## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia – Slovenia – The End!



Let's finish with food and drink  
The End

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Richard Wakeley  
Richard Jackson  
Colin Egan  
Andy Parks  
Ken Higginbotham

**congratulations!**

## Motorcycle Live 2019

A few more pictures from the show

Aluminium,  
Chrome, shiny –  
hope you get a few  
tubes of Autosol  
with this bike!



Looks great, very  
futuristic – but I bet  
the battery will last  
longer than your butt  
on it!

## Motorcycle Live



Over £30,000 – Gulp!

Or you could have four  
of these?



Harley Davison and Electric!  
Charlie and Ewan surprisingly  
are not doing the road of  
bones on this!



## Xmas Meal

A great night was had by all –  
see you next year



**The Club Mascot!**



**The beard isn't that bad!**





## Club Events

# MONTHLY CLUB NITE

Last Thursday of the month at the Hawk Inn in Haslington by Crewe.

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.



## Group Events

**Sunday Ride Outs** – its 10am 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** – Finished till Spring

**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

4<sup>th</sup> January – Rufforth Autojumble – Rufforth Park Yorkshire

11-12<sup>th</sup> January – Scooter World 2020 Winter Classic – Newark Showground

26<sup>th</sup> January – Newark Autojumble – Notts NG24 2NY

15-16<sup>th</sup> February – Classic Dirtbike Show – The International Centre Telford

## Piston Points Trophy - Reminder

Back in the day we commissioned this from Crewe Honda so we can reward members for contributing time or effort towards social activities, newsletter articles, attending club runs etc. Points are weighted towards the newsletter so 10 points for a full article and 2 points for each photo published, 2 points for responding to an article. Attending a club run will get 1 point – so lots available throughout the year there. Arranging a social event is 10 points attending one 2 points. Dave Coomber is letting me know who is out on rides so I can count these. If anyone is out on a ride without Dave let me know the date and who was out.



That's all this month

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

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