

## Editors Ramblings

Just a couple of articles this month as a holiday then illness has stopped my brain cell from working!

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/>

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# South Cheshire Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter November 2019



1994 to 2019



## A Word from the Chair

As above not much to report from my side this month as I missed the committee meeting, Presentation Evening and our All Year Biker presentation through my attending doctors etc at all the times of the day. It looked like there was a good turnout for these which was welcome to see. Any reports from the All Year Biker presentation? Anyone taking up the offer and how the treatment went on?

Next up we have a talk by Peter Roberts about Life in the F1 Pit Lane, another interesting night in store for sure.



### **New Associates**

Clive Langham

Richard Jackson

Please contact me with any queries you may have.

Happy riding everybody, stay safe Gordon

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## Presidents Page

Firstly, I must apologise for no contribution last month, I was away, but should have prepared something earlier, so I apologise for that.

Last month saw the presentation evening at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters Winsford, to all the Associates from last year's Autumn course and this year's Spring and Summer course, congratulations on receiving your certificate, Geoff will post the certificates out to those who could not attend.

I would like to extend our thanks to Chris Mannix for organising the use of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, and also Andy who agreed to present the certificates and awards, and also at short notice gave a very informative talk on road safety, and demonstrated how our eyes can confuse our brain, I think we should consider inviting Andy to give a talk at our social evening.



There were two achievement awards presented on the evening, the first one was the Crewe Honda points Piston award, that is awarded to the member who has made the greatest contribution to the group over the year, this mainly entails turning out for social rides and being involved in their organisation, the 2019 recipient was Richard Newnham, Richard has been rather ill recently and it was great to see Richard on the evening to receive his award, once again many congratulations Richard.



## Presidents Page



Richard Newnham

Winner of the Crewe Honda  
Points Piston.

2019

This group's main purpose is to train and educate motorcyclists to become safer and more aware, by imparting the IAM Road Smart course, this can only be done with a dedicated group of Observers, who give their spare time freely to raise rider awareness. The Committee felt that the Observers should be recognized in some way, and to this end, it was decided that as I am group president and an observer we would have an award for Observer Achievement, which would be awarded to the Observer who had made the greatest contribution to the group over the year, this award in the form of a cup and entitled "The President's Award for Observer Achievement"

The 2019 winner of the award was Pete Mathieson.

Pete Mathieson has agreed to run another Observer Training Course, the dates will be decided once he knows how many candidates there are, please contact Pete direct to enrol on the course, Pete's email is [pete.mathieson63@gmail.com](mailto:pete.mathieson63@gmail.com) so if you want to take your riding to another level and gain a whole new set of skills enrol today, the course is very interesting and rewarding.

The Autumn course is now well underway with session four about to be completed, we have ten Associates on the course, which is fabulous for an Autumn course, hopefully all the Associates are beginning to gain the benefits.

This month sees the annual bike show, I am off on the 21<sup>st</sup>, so hopefully I will see something of interest, if you go why not write an article for the newsletter giving us your insight and experience.

I know this will be mentioned elsewhere, but don't forget to book a place for our Christmas Dinner on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Woodside I look forward to seeing many of you there.

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

Chris Steel.





## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia – Slovenia – Part Two

The morning run done alongside the Miljacka River it was a quick shower to cool down before breakfast, Mmmmm... should have had breakfast first as the breakfast basement was a humid place to be! Plenty of coffee and continental breakfast did the job though and we were all ready to head south to the next two nights stay in near Dubrovnik. Slightly easier to get out of Sarajevo on a Saturday morning as the roads were relatively quiet, we did not take too long to get to our next tourist stop in Mostar and the Stari Most Bridge. Eighty miles done and we were in Mostar and the small streets leading to the bridge, local knowledge helped here with the tour as we got to park next to a bar and for a small fee were able to leave our kit and have the bikes looked after for a couple of hours. It was busy and hot as we made our way through the market stalls and shops to the Ottoman bridge crossing the river Neretva which connects both parts of the city. This bridge was originally a wooden swaying suspension bridge before a stone bridge was built. The bridge was shot down by Croat forces during the Bosnian war in 1993 and had to be rebuilt in 1997 using the same techniques as used four centuries earlier so to preserve the integrity of the original Stari Most. It does not have foundations which is unusual for this type of bridge and had the widest arch of any bridge in the world when it was built originally in 1566/67. Possibly the world's oldest diving competition takes place every July at the bridge and is part of the attraction as there is always a "Jumper" about to show his art off. The man looking after our bikes had done over five thousand dives himself! Bridge done it was time for a bit of food and a quiet restaurant courtyard was found to have our lunch followed by ice-cream a popular treat served in the streets around the bridge.



**Mostar Bridge (and jumper!)**



## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia - Slovenia



Time to get on the road again and head towards the border and some nice mountain and coastal roads. Above Dubrovnik we had to cross over the Bosnian Border before the Croatian Border and Saturday is a slow day to cross, well I hope it was and not the usual wait! The Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel was reached and a nice secure underground carpark for the bikes very welcome the hotel was very swish and modern, and the rooms were very spacious. A lovely pool was very welcoming again to cool us off before heading to a local restaurant making the most of tourists and their euros!

Up early for a gym session instead of a run this morning the breakfast buffet was raided with gusto before the rest day off the bikes trip into Dubrovnik was partaken in. A short walk to the booked boat we had a stand-off with the boat master over our booked tickets which we won as we squeezed on the boat. Apart from the grumpy boat master this is the way to get into Dubrovnik as a twenty-minute ride is followed with a great view into the 16<sup>th</sup> century old town encircled in massive stone walls. Its well-preserved buildings range from the baroque St. Blaise Church to Renaissance Sponza Palace and Gothic Rector's Palace, now a history museum. We had a very interesting wander through the streets, and I had to have a bit of a sprint up to the top of the steps, forty seconds for the record. The steps were steep but not as steep as the entry just to walk along the top of the wall, but it had to be done for the views over the city and the bay. There is lots of history here as it was built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and the museums hold lots of historical artefacts.

### Dubrovnik Harbour and City view





## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia - Slovenia

Well that was the furthest point of our trip so it's time to start heading back and it was along up the coast for the most part of today and it was a great ride with the Adriatic Sea to our left as the road snaked along the coast with us going in and out of Bosnia, guess they just had to have a bit of coast! A nice little harbour town Tucepi was our lunch stop before more of this great coastal road and its sweeping bends. We started to head a bit more inland on rural roads in the afternoon before heading back to the coast and our hotel for the night in Trogir Croatia. This is another World Heritage site.

Trogir and its surrounding area featuring island Čiovo. The islet where Trogir is located lies in a narrow sea passage between the mainland and Čiovo. The islet itself is just 500 m long and 250 m wide. The highest point is the tower of Saint Lawrence Cathedral at just 47m. It is in close vicinity with the airport and city of Split, and its cultural heritage combined with nautical its importance has made Trogir a well visited destination.

A couple of drinks required for hydration...honest! Was followed by Simon the Barterers restaurant of choice – mainly because he got a free bottle of wine! Nice food though so we will let him off this time.

### Nice view from our hotel in Trogir



## The Balkans: Croatia – Bosnia - Slovenia

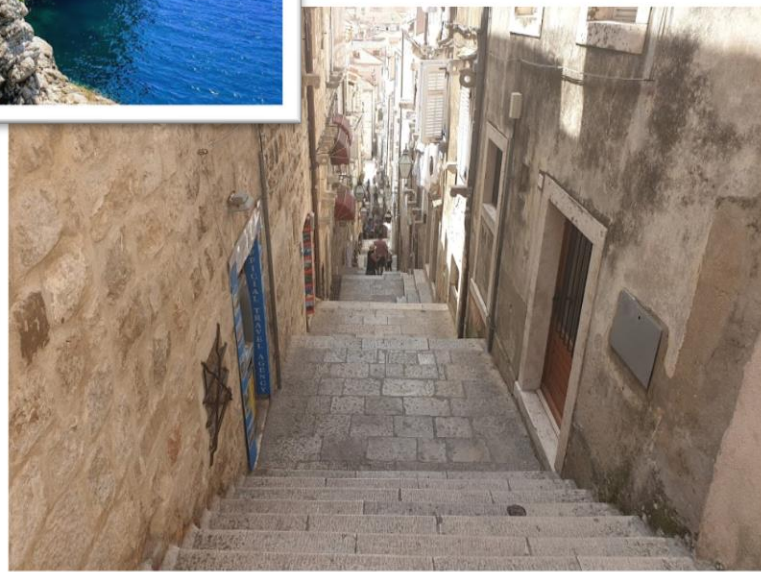


### Dubrovnik

**Busy Streets**

**High Walls**

**Lots of Steps!**



**More next month -The Highlander**



## Test Passes

David Creedy

Lee Woollam

Ed Liptrot

Emma Symms



## Dealer Destination

Not far for this destination but hey the weather was crap and I was not going far! The dealership has just had a big makeover so a good time to have a visit.

Staffordshire triumph started life as BS Bike Spares in Bob's Garage, he then bought a dedicated premise which had franchises from BMW Honda, Suzuki, Enfield, Puch and Moto-Roma. Bob worked on building the business up with repairs, MOTs and used bikes until he got the Triumph franchise in 2000. It went from strength to strength and in 2012 moved into the largest dedicated Triumph showroom in Europe to carry on the growth of the business. They have now been in the Staffordshire and surrounding areas for over 21 years.

So, a nice welcome when I entered the showroom, so much so I was there for a lot longer than I planned, which is always a good sign. It has certainly been opened up with plenty of space to view all the bikes and merchandise which Triumph does better than most brands in the choice that they offer where its for the bike, clothing or just that branded item that to the Triumph owner just looks better with that big "T" on it. Coffee drunk so it was a quick tour of the premises and more chat re new models coming out in the next month or two with the new Speed Triple being launched this month on the 21<sup>st</sup> I think and the new Rocket in December on the 17<sup>th</sup> and not a bike I would own it does look very nice from the pictures.

Food is available every day till 2:30pm and Saturdays till 3:30pm by way of the Staffs Sizzler and filled rolls and kebabs burgers etc available.

Who's a Mug?





## Dealer Destination





## Christmas Dinner – The Woodside – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Yes, it's that time of the year for a bit of festive food and chat and we have decided to stay at last years venue (A new venue next year!) As ever contact Geoff Highfield with your Menu choices and numbers with any dietary requirements.

7:30 for 8pm sit down



### Festive Fayre

**2 COURSES**  
**16.99**

**3 COURSES**  
**18.99**

AVAILABLE FROM 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 UNTIL 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2020\* - PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED



FESTIVE PIE

Full allergen information as the ingredients in the food we serve is available upon request - please speak to a member of the team.  
\*Vegetarian, \*\*Vegan, \*Dishes may contain bones, \*All stated weights are approximate and uncooked.  
\*Contains alcohol. Please advise the team of any dietary requirements when ordering. \*Excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

#### Starters

**PEWEE COCKTAIL\*\***  
Prawns in a bed of lettuce, topped with Bloody Mary sauce and served with sliced brown bloomer bread and butter

**MAPLE FLAVOURED ROOT VEGETABLE SOUP (v)**  
Carrots, parsnips and onions caramelised in a sweet maple flavoured syrup, seasoned with festive spices. Served with sliced white bloomer bread and butter. Vegan option available (v)

**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**  
Hand-carved turkey served with sage and onion stuffing, pig in blanket, a Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, honey-roasted parsnips, Brussels sprouts and gravy

**SEA BASS RISOTTO\*\***  
A creamy risotto with wilted spinach and peas topped with sea bass fillets and parmesan oil

**6oz\* SIRLOIN STEAK & BEARNAISE SAUCE\***  
Cooked to your liking with chips, peas, half a grilled tomato and green rings

**MUSHROOM WELLINGTON (v)**  
Puff pastry filled with mushrooms, spinach and blue cheese. Served with roast potatoes, carrots, honey-roasted parsnips, Brussels sprouts and gravy

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING\*\* (v)**  
Served with brandy sauce

**WARM CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE (v)**  
Served with vanilla flavoured ice cream

**FESTIVE CRUMBLE (v)**  
Kentish Bramley apple and mince crumble with custard

#### Mains

**STILTON® & PEPPERCORN MUSHROOMS (v)**  
Garlic ciabatta topped with sautéed mushrooms in a peppercorn sauce, finished with crumbled Stilton® and salad leaves

**CHICKEN LIVER & HERB PÂTE \***  
A chicken liver pâté with cream and herbs. Served with dressed mixed leaves, caramelised red onion chutney and toast

**FESTIVE BURGER**  
Beef burger topped with burger sauce, lettuce, tomato, red onion, Crouton Manor Beef smoked streaky bacon and cranberry sauce, served with fries

**FESTIVE PIE**  
Tender turkey layered with cranberry sauce and a cranberry, chestnut and pork stuffing with gravy. Encased in shortcrust pastry with a puff pastry Christmas tree lid. With mashed potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts and gravy

**BEEFROOT, BUTTERNUT SQUASH & CRANBERRY WELLINGTON (v)**  
Puff pastry filled with beefroot, butternut squash and cranberry. Served with roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts, carrots, breaded and gravy

#### Desserts

**SHIMMERING BERRY CHEESECAKE (v)**  
Vanilla cheesecake topped with shimmering berries, served with vanilla flavoured ice cream

**CHOCOLATE & CHERRY TORTE\*\* (v)**  
A rich chocolate and kirsch cherry torte, served with vegan ice cream

**CHEESE & BISCUITS (v) 4.00 EXTRA**  
A selection of Stilton® Crouton Manor Brie® and Cheddar, served with grapes, caramelised red onion chutney and a selection of biscuits

*To Finish*

The Woodside, Valley Road, Wistaston, Crewe, CW2 8JU





## 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

**28<sup>th</sup> November** – Talk by Peter Roberts – Life In the F1 Pit Lane on the Club Night at the Hawk

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Meal – The Woodside Wistaston Crewe 7:30 for 8pm

**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

8<sup>th</sup> November – Open Pit Lane Track Day - Donnington

10<sup>th</sup> November – Ring of Red around the M60 – Manchester

10-11<sup>th</sup> November – Skegness Beach Race

16-24<sup>th</sup> November – Motorcycle Live – NEC

17<sup>th</sup> November – Normous Newark Autojuble

That's all this month

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

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