

Editors Ramblings

Well we have had a great run recently with a good run of articles submitted for our newsletter, but they have finally dried up for this month so it's a light newsletter for you all this November! The Highlander has not managed to get out on his bike for any two wheeled (powered) action as well where he would have been able to paste over the cracks. It has obviously been a very difficult year for us all in getting out for any decent ride never mind a holiday! So please be patient over the next few months as it will not improve a great deal as we head into winter and further lockdowns. As ever any article small or large is welcomed to share with our members.

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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Word from the Chair

About this time, in a normal year, we would be organising our presentation evening for successful associates and looking forward to our Christmas meal. Unfortunately, as we all know, this year has been anything but normal. Wales is off limits, Warrington is just going into Tier 3 restrictions and there is the possibility the rest of Cheshire will be next, let's hope not.

It has not been all bad though, despite everything the combined Spring/Summer course was completed and there have already been several test passes, well done to everyone, including the Observers.

The Autumn course is going well, as is the Trainee Observer course, thanks to Pete Mathieson's efforts.

The Committee have been busy, Steve Ellis, our Area Service Delivery Manager completed the Group Audit survey and gave his views on how the group can develop further. As you'd expect, the group came out very well, but we won't be resting on our laurels, we'll be looking at ways to further improve, if you have any suggestions, let me know.

One interesting possibility is the introduction of a new test, The Diploma, which will sit between the Initial Advanced and Masters Tests. It's early days with this suggestion, I'll keep you apprised of any developments.

Dave Cox



Presidents Page

The clocks have gone back, and now it is starting to feel like winter is on its way, going to work in the dark and coming home in the dark, I feel like a pit pony.

We have five Associates on the autumn course, and three sessions completed, hopefully the Associates are starting to see the benefits in their ride.

We have two candidates on the Observer training course being run by Pete Mathieson.

The Sunday social rides continue throughout Winter, so there is always an opportunity to get out and ride with the group, 10am Costa Coffee Crewe.

There seems no end in sight regarding Covid-19, who knows where or when it will end, unfortunately we have had to cancel the Associate certificate presentation evening, and our Christmas Meal, so it is going to be a sparse social events this year.

Last year we introduced an award the Presidents Cup, awarded to the Observer who had made a significant stand out contribution during the year, unfortunately due to Covid-19 there will be no winner this year, so Pete Mathieson will hold onto it until 2021, and keep it polished.

Hopefully soon things will start to return to normal, or the new normal, we will continue to operate under the current regulations that exist, changing on a daily basis, I thank you all again for your support, hopefully next year the group can do something for you to show its appreciation.

That is all from me for this month, so to you and your families stay safe, until next month, take care.

Chris Steel.

President.



And Your Committee for This Year Is: -

President – Chris Steel

Chair – Dave Cox

Vice Chair – Neil Jewell

Secretary – Ian Cunningham

Treasurer – Andy Galton

Committee Members: –

Phil Buckley, Dave Coomber, Chris Steel, Gordon Low, Geoff Highfield, Phil Hamilton



Motorcycle Photo's from Yesteryear – Gordon Low

Café stop



Test Passes: -

Andrew Dovey
Giles Tweedy
Carl Butler
Mick Hodges
Steve Swann
Clive Langham
Jules Tyson

New Members/Associates:-

Chris Cullen
Mark Walsh
Howard Payne
Neil S
Jose Ferriera
Mark Jones
Colin Jump
Eisho Sinclair



Motorcycle News Snippets

The BMW GS has now been in production for 40 years and from the basic adventure bike way back then it is now packed with electronics and comfort features including heated seats!!

Zef Eisenberg tragically loses life trying to break another speed record. He had broken over 70 speed records on two and four wheels including 234mph on a turbine powered bike

If I'd known how good the Top Mountain Motorcycle Museum was at the top of the Timmelsjoch Pass was I would have gone in to it! An excuse to go there again now!

New Adaptive Cruise Control coming to a KTM, BMW or Ducati near you!

Bike sales are going strong, over 11% up from this time last year catching up from the four month lockdown. Guess there is lots more commuting going on as small capacity bike sales are up 20%

Motorcycle News from the last month

Would you expect to be covered if you were in an accident commuting to work but only had third party and social insurance? Would I be daft enough to write into a paper!!!

Even the GOAT can get Cov-19, If Vale can catch it anyone can!

Fancy a new two-stroke? A UK built 250cc Café Racer with a Vins 75bhp V-twin, just £28,000 to you sir!

Consultation into tougher laws on phone use, <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations>
In Auz they are already tough on this with new drivers not even aloud to have a phone on in the car, watched an Auz M/C Police program and they were getting hundreds with just phones being near them.

Have you seen the wheelchair on top of a Triumph Rocket III trike? Think I'd rather be strapped to a planes wing!

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.



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Other Events of a two-wheeled nature

Because of the second lockdown starting on Thursday 5th of November most events are being cancelled

See list of scheduled events here <https://www.bennetts.co.uk/bikesocial/events/events-list-november> <https://www.bennetts.co.uk/bikesocial/events/events-list-november>

Should defo go ahead:-

8th November – MotoGP Round 13 – Valencia Spain

15th November – MotoGP Round 14 – Valencia Spain

22nd November – MotoGP Round 15 – Algarve Portugal

Group Events

Sunday Ride Outs - Now On with max 6 per group and Social Distancing in play - it's **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 – Now finished till next year

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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