

WOLVERHAMPTON ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

VROOOM! You know we are all taught in the IAM as soon we hit that national speed limit, hit the gas and be gone. Well I think that happened to me for the whole of March. I think someone put a rocket in the WAM Pack, lit the fuse and I watched March disappear.

Both weekends went exceptionally well at Brindley Honda and Benham BMW. I must admit that I had given up hope with the bike dealers in our area having knocked on all of their doors over the winter but then a bit like buses they all came at once - Result six new members.

Benham are now sponsoring the club with the £99 offer of "Skills for Life" on every new and used bike they sell and Tim and Steve want to do more throughout the year with the club which can only be a good thing for both parties.

Brindley I think will follow suit and Lee is very eager to form a relationship with us, just hope next time he gives us a bit more time to plan, but it was more Honda's fault than Brindley's.

There is only Triumph to crack as a local dealer, which I think will happen as word gets around.

That just leaves YOU the unsung hero's of the club. None of the above would have been possible without the time and willingness of you all to give up your free time to come and help out however small or large.

Peter and John - I asked at our March committee meeting would it be possible for us as a club to carry out a theory class as it was I went on holiday the next day, and came back 10 days later and found it all set up and ready to rock and roll at the Benham weekend - OUTSTANDING GENTLEMEN.

Jacqueline and Tim - I asked for your help with the need of free check ride vouchers and again they were there ready for the Saturday morning kick off, very professional, even with the new BMW1600GT on Tim pulled a few strings and got them printed for nothing - WHAT DOES ONE SAY!

These are only two examples of your fellow club members going that extra mile making it happen. I could write a book now on what everyone has done and all I can say "I take my hat off to you all"

WELL DONE!!

P.S Yes I did pass my test in a "Tin Top" Very embarrassing if I hadn't .
(He means his Advanced Car Test—Well done Mark. Jacquiey Atkinson)

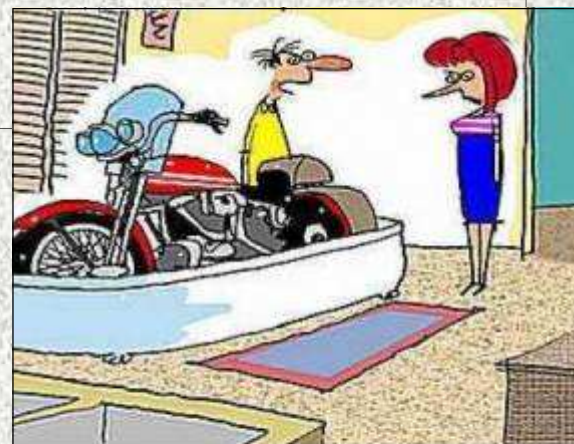
Welcome to our New Associates!

Michael Kristian
Robin Smith
Michael Collins
Nicholas Wilkinson
Colin Pears
Kev Moreland
Roy Penson
Julian Mark Southall

A warm welcome to all our new associates listed on the left. I know that some of you have already been involved in ride outs and the recent slow control training.

We look forward to hearing about your future success as you make your way to test.

Jacquiey Atkinson (secretary)



"A bike this nice, I didn't think you'd mind me bathing it in your bathtub. Do you have an extra blanket, it'll be sleeping in our room."

Daft and Daring Do in the Derbyshire Dales with Dave and the Dippy Crew of WAM

(or why you will never see an action shot because I am always at the back)
I know we bang on about how good off roading is, well this is more of the same. Five of us opted for a change of scenery on this trip. We got in touch with a guy, Carl Petford; who works and farms in the Peaks and has done for a good many years. Having spoken to him, I was convinced that he would be the very man to guide us through a part of the world that we knew would be replete with beautiful and challenging lanes, stunning landscape and brilliant beer.

We met up at the Charles Cotton Hotel (Hartington, just off the A 515 to Buxton) on Monday, which proved to be a good base from which to begin our first foray onto the regions famous green lanes.



Mark has been pestering me for a photo so people know who I am. Beware of what you wish for Mark. Isn't that what they say?



Day one took us to the White Peak area. A fairly gentle warm up on some wide and dusty trails gave us all the chance to get our bike legs reacquainted with our machines. The route took us among the villages and hamlets around Bakewell, through the grounds of Chatsworth, where we seemed to face a very different type of lane than anything we had encountered before. For much of the time, in part due to the dry spell of weather, we had to negotiate rocks with only a smattering of easy to master flattish routes with ruts in them. The dust raised by our tyres was a sight to behold and riding behind Dave, making sure that there was enough room between each of us was prerequisite to ensuring good visibility along many of the trails.

Lunch was taken at a Cafe in Calver. It was here that Carl warned us of a much more testing route he had planned for use in the afternoon.

From Upperdale to Brushfield, the route Carl was referring to could be overlooked from Monsal Head. It involved a steep, rocky and unforgiving ascent that tested everyone. For some help was needed getting up as the difficulty of finding a path through at first glance seemed impossible. On reaching the top, having tested our strength and skill to the max, Carl announced that we would be making the descent the next day.

Day two found us ready for action and as Carl had promised the previous day, one of the first trails we did was the descent to Monsal Head. It proved to be the bench mark for the day, with us being guided through even tougher trails, which included steps, river banks and even narrower routes than we had encountered the day before. Two days was not enough, I wish I was still there.

Carl Petford was a brilliant guide, with knowledge, patience and a great sense of humour he safety saw the most and least able amongst us to try things we had never done before. Jacquiey Atkinson (April 2011)
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YOU!

If you have any pictures, riding stories, destinations or routes you would like to share, please contact Guy Newall or Paul Constable.

Slowly does it.....

Slow control is one of those things we neglect. Either through fear, loathing or both. An essential skill and a significant element of the test it is though, and at WAM as we never back down from a challenge, Sunday 17th April was no exception.

The 17th April found many people taking part in the Slow Riding Course. It was once again organised by Mark Bishop and held at Aldersley High School. With offers of assistance from Andy Perkins and Paul Brant as demo riders on the day, it was bound to be a success. The format of the event allowed all to engage at a level they felt comfortable with on the day. The comments back on the day include these:

I would like to thank everyone involved in the slow speed course today, never had so much fun going slow and bonus I did not let the tiger take a nap and lie down. Thanks all and well done cheers John Murphy

Just a big thank you to the guys who ran the event. Extremely useful as an aid to enhance road skills. Bring on the the next one! Michael Collins

So if you missed out on this one. Look out for the next one. All the details will be posted on the forum.



The Group Forum

There are now 51 members of the WAM forum. To date there are 95 members and associates.

If you are not a member of the forum yet, you should be. It is the best way of staying in touch. All the latest news about ride outs etc is posted on the forum.

Go to the group website for details of how to join. Follow the link to the forum on the left, www.iamwam.org.uk or contact Paul Constable for assistance.

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