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As you will appreciate, since the AGM the make up of the committee has changed considerably. Further updates will appear in the next journal

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Chairman's Chatter

The final chapter...sob sob!

The AGM is looming, and by the time you get to this point, May will certainly be upon us, and for most of us, a great deal of 'Black top' will have been tentively tested for both grip and compliancy, confirming that spring is in fact definitely here...hooray!

February club night was a blast as predicted, with everyone having a ball as Pete 'Red Leader' Craddock raised the stakes yet again in his personal attempt to extract 'the wedge' for the good of the Acorns Hospice Auction.

Given the economic situation for a great many of us, your generosity knew no bounds, well done all, as always, a splendid effort from a warm big hearted bunch.

Fresh new faces on the block this month are Rod Gardner, Alan Richardson and Chris Nash, all lovely individuals, especially Chris

and Alan, as they ride a GS!! (Sorry Rod), welcome all, I hope you gain as much enjoyment out of the club as I have, in which case your membership will be awesome!

March club night was treated to yet another insight into the travels and exploits of our very own intrepid explorer, Jon Hanson.

With visual support orchestrated by my very own index finger,(stop it Budge!) Jon gave his usual highly informative and incident-packed talk on his most recent tour, this time being Turkey and the surrounding countries. (not for the faint hearted!)

Jon...if I say so myself, you are indeed the very essence of the true biking nomad, such ability and confidence to communicate and navigate yourself through some of the most unsuitable situations commands respect.... and you have mine in bucket loads...thank you once again for delivering the goods as the consummate professional I have come to know you as, well

done.(p.s you really should try one of my ride outs!)

'Closure of a chapter is in the making', well of SAM history that is, sadly for different reasons both Ros Gwinnet and Andy Downs are standing down from your committee, both of these fine individuals are founder members of our club, and without a doubt would have seen many changes over their 18 years or so of dedication and commitment to the cause.

Such individuals do not happen along very often, and we should all be grateful for their unparalleled contribution to date...thank you both, I am indeed honoured to have served during your time.

Alas, Dave Bainbridge is also standing down as treasurer/membership secretary after a lengthy term of service of 10 years.

Again, commitment and dedication in bucket loads from one individual is exemplary, to carry out both of the

above tasks for such a duration is no mean feat, so on behalf of us all, Dave, my sincere thanks for showing the 'whipper snappers' the real meaning of stamina!

Your committee, yes I had to get to this point sooner or later...sigh, have become shall we say, a little fragmented once more!.

In a nutshell, polices referring to the structure of our refresher ride section of the constitution has split the committee into two parts. Though I do not doubt brought about by individual 'passion fueled' attitudes, there has been a 'parting of the waves' and a level of consternation expressed that will ensure that those concerned, will unfortunately not rejoin ranks for the common good of the club in the foreseeable future.

As for me,... Yes you guessed it, I am not an advocate of the soon to be implemented refresher structure as a whole, nor am I the fresh new face of a change of chairman that has been quietly suggested somewhere within

the depths of the shop floor. Still, I do accept that it would be good for the club to be 'fronted' by someone else in the future, can't argue with that, and to be fully compliant with the IAM your Chairman should be replaced every 3rd year anyway. (sob sob!) So that puts me squarely in the 'past the sell by date' category, leaving the way clear for 'new blood'.

Anyway enough of the self pity, the bubble was always going to burst some day, might as well be now whilst I'm strong enough to take it boo hoo, sob sob (Only joking!)

My final words must be of a way of thanks to every single one of you, for your total support, enthusiasm, and commitment to your club and me. It has made my 'term of office' both exceptional and hugely satisfying, having said all of that, every club needs a committee, the 'unsung hero's' of it all, and over my last three years i/we have been fortunate to have had a really committed and

talented team, well done all, and thank you so much for your efforts in all directions.

So there you have it, SAM is on the threshold of a new direction, perhaps even a new image and attitude, whatever it is, it will evolve as progress dictates, leaving behind only memories held captive by members remembering the great times that have been had.

So, whoever my successor be, I wish them well as I like every other member of SAM, place both my trust and support in their leadership as we begin a new chapter in the history of SAM.

Graham Bailey, Your ex Chair saying farewell. (Rejoining the herd to graze, quietly!)

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A few words for thought

Well the vote was cast (one candidate –me) and here I am like the lamb to the slaughter-so where was the queue for the Chairman's role as I was promised?

Only joking.....

I wish to add my thanks to Graham, Andy D, Ros, and Dave B for all their hard work over the years. Being a committee member is never an easy role to take on at the best of times. Nobody likes politics-especially me. Unfortunately it is necessary to have politics in the running of any Club or Organisation call it what you will. My job and that of the new committee will be to keep it exactly where it should be and that is at committee meetings. Hopefully by the time you read this the decisions will have been made at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting with regards to refresher rides. This issue can then be administered accordingly and then put to bed. We can all get back

to what SAM is really all about, enjoying motorcycling the Advanced Way

Nobody likes changes but sometimes-fresh faces, new ideas and new drive and enthusiasm can be a blessing.

So what do you get from Pete Craddock?

Enthusiasm, drive, determination and a positive approach (I don't do negative thoughts-NOTHING is too hard to achieve) .I am approachable and if you have a problem involving SAM I want to know about it. I'm not saying that I will have all the answers OR that I will be able to please everyone, I won't, but I hope with the wealth of knowledge within the club that I can find the solution or be able to give you a satisfactory answer to your question.

SAM is a wonderful, friendly club and long may it continue .The four named above have done a massive amount

of work to get this club where it is today. I think it is correct to say that everyone within the club wants SAM to go forward even more and become even more successful. That will be the aim of the new committee

Words From The "Ed"

Wow, my first journal completed. What an honour and a privilege it has been (stop sniggering at the back). Seriously, I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to this month's tome, particularly those who have provided write-ups, photographs and information. Special thanks must go to Wendy, who does the hard work of taking the various offerings collected by yours truly and making a magazine of them.

Particular mention must be made of our own **Red Leader Pete Craddock** who took on the challenging task of rescuing the troubled SAM journal last year, with no small help from his faithful pillion, who did a lot of the tricky IT stuff, and helped him spell the big words. Jen, you're a star!

and myself- I know that you will continue to give us your support.

Kind Regards

The new loving Chairman

Pete C

Seriously, Jen and Pete have held my hand at every stage of the process of this first publication, and they thankfully provided me with all the direction, contacts and information that they had to find for themselves when they administered CPR to our dear Journal last year. Thanks again, guys!

Pete introduced a new feature in which SAM members have been explaining (excusing?) their choice of ride. Anyone willing to jot down a few words about their bike and send it to me with an appropriate photo? Similarly any other contributions will be warmly received. Fame and fortune await (well maybe not)!

I have written a very brief summary of the AGM. Anyone who missed it may only now be learning there have been some big changes at the top. I'm sure we all want to thank those retiring from the committee and wish all the

best to the new team. Updated contact details are included on the back page of this publication.

Simon

We Welcome As New Members

Fresh new faces on the block this month are Rod Gardner, Alan Richardson and Chris Nash. In the turmoil of the committee changes this month, I'm afraid I can't tell you where these chaps are from, or indeed whether I have omitted any other new members. I can tell you that Rod was the lucky man who won a skills for life voucher at the Scott Redding night. Great to see it put to good use!

Apologies to anyone who should be mentioned. As you will have no doubt gathered elsewhere, this has been a somewhat hectic time with the issues surrounding the changes in the leadership of the group. Any omissions will be amended in the next journal.

NB. Anyone wishing to introduce a Partner or friend to the group can do so through the Membership secretary for a nominal sum of £5.00 per annum, this entitles them to participate in all our functions (well most of them!) but not receive a Journal by post.

Test passes:-

We are pleased to announce that the following associate members have been accepted as full members of the group and of the IAM having passed their advanced motorcycle test. Congratulations to you and your observers.

Member	Observed by
Rob Cater	Wayne Hanson
Rod Gardner	Pete Wood.



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Forthcoming Social & Rideout Calendar:

May - August '09

24 May 09.00 – 17.00	Rideout Dave Preece	This has got to be a must, those of you who have been on Dave's trips into Wales before will know that this is a must do rideout. (Medium)
7 June 08.30 – 17.00	Rideout Ian Stavert	A trip to the Sammy Miller Museum replaces the Beaulieu ride this year. (Progressive)
9 June	Clubnight	Here is where we find out just how brainy everyone is, Hard deck or Simon Forryan (whichever you prefer) will be hosting a quiz night for us. Thinking caps on ladies and gents and lets have a good night.
20 / 21 June	Help Required	Watsonian Squire Open weekend at Blockley. Just like last year, the Watsonian crew are opening up their facility for punters to test-ride the world famous Royal Enfield motorcycles. We are looking for some SAM Observers to volunteer to observe them (and you also get a chance to ride the bikes!).
20 / 21 June	Bikesafe	This is the second year that the national event will again be hosted by the Met. at their Driving School at Hendon, north London. For those who want to make the trip lets hope the weather is a little more favourable than last year.
28 June 08.00 – 18.00	Rideout Tom Stevens	Our very own Reaper is going to take us on a Mystery Tour. First time that Tom has lead a ride so let's give him some support. (Progressive)
3 July 19.30-22.00	Extra Clubnight	Our annual skittles battle against RoSPA. Please note that it is a Friday and will in no way take the place of our usual clubnight on the 14 th . There will be a buffet, so don't have too big a tea, it's not going to cost a lot.

5 July 08.30 - 1700	Rideout Peter Wood	Pete's rip to Keepers Pond and Beyond, the ride will take in great views and a wide mix of roads, some wide – others narrow..... Refreshments at the Oasis – Abergavenny Bus Station (Progressive)
14 July 19.30-22.00	Clubnight	The Long Way to Somewhere, Pt II. Jon Hanson and John Deal will present the final episode of their latest adventure in Turkey
19 July 08.30 – 18.00	Rideout Ian Stavert	BSB Mallory Park. Group ride there, then make your own way back at the end of the day. Keep an eye on the SAM forum for details of ticket prices, start time etc.
2 August 0900 – 1700	Rideout Graham Bailey	Welsh water and the Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall. This will be very scenic and a chance to see just how fit you are by climbing the waterfall (Medium)
11 August		No Clubnight this month as everyone is on their holidays – enjoy.
16 August 08.30 – 18.00	Rideout Andy Woodward	A chance for those who missed it last time to take a trip to Rutland Water (and if you are lucky you may even see the Red Arrows practicing). (Medium / Progressive)

Please note: Your committee requests that we gather from 1930, club business will be dealt with prior to our speaker(s) entertaining us between 2030 & 2130.

Please check the website www.iamsam.org.uk for more information and updates.

As always, ride outs start at BEWSC unless otherwise noted.

Social & Club Nights

AGM

Graham opened the AGM with some welcoming words, introducing Dave Shenton, the IAM Motorcycle Manager. After explaining the running order he gave a brief report of the year, which ended in acknowledging the long contributions of Ros Gwinnell and Andy Downs as SAM committee members, both of whom were standing down at the AGM.

Eric Bush, acting secretary presented the minutes of last year's meeting, and these were accepted with no matters arising.

Dave Bainbridge gave his final treasurer's report, expressing satisfaction that group income had risen steadily during his ten years in post. Dave noted that our greatest expenditure is in observer training, but that we all benefited from having well trained and dedicated observers. He was pleased to report that the size of

the membership is stable despite the significant hike in IAM subscription fees, although we have seen a drop in the number taking of skills for life courses. The accounts were presented and accepted.

After a short refreshment break, the meeting resumed. GKB explained 'you've had a ride on the merry go round; strap your belts for the rollercoaster'. Clearly the development of a group constitution has proved controversial at committee level, with most of the tension surrounding the introduction of 'refresher rides' for SAM members. The exact form which these would take and the relevant wording in the constitution were considered at some length, and ultimately it was agreed that a date should be set for a future EGM, and that papers would be circulated in advance of this meeting.

Finally with Graham and Dave standing down from their roles, new committee members were proposed and elected as follows:

Chairman – Pete Craddock

Secretary – Eric Bush

Treasurer – Garry Shellard

Membership Secretary – Lawrence Morgan



Certificates presented to Ros and Andy by Dave Shenton



Graham presents a gift of thanks to retiring Dave Bainbridge

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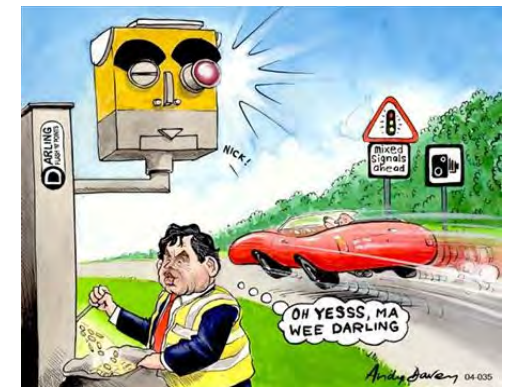
Enforcement should be about quality not quantity, says IAM

The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) wants the Department for Transport (DfT) to rethink its proposal to make careless driving punishable by a three-point fixed penalty ticket and fine.

The call is published in the latest edition of Advanced Driving, the IAM members' magazine, published today.

Careless driving offences are currently dealt with by the courts and can be punishable with a fine of up to £2,500 and six penalty points. If the proposal goes ahead, a blanket enforcement approach will bring a wide spectrum of driving behaviours under the 'careless driving' heading. IAM's director of policy and research, Neil Greig, said: "This blanket approach will mean that driving offences, which could have been charged as dangerous driving but weren't, could be dealt with in the same way as minor parking knocks. The IAM does not believe that this is good for road safety; it will only lead to an increase in the quantity of enforcement rather than quality."

The call is one part of the IAM's response to the latest DfT consultation paper 'Road Safety Compliance'. The paper outlines a number of proposals on how to encourage motorists to comply with a variety of key traffic laws including drink and drug driving, speeding and driver retraining.



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Rideouts

National Bike Museum

15th March 2009

Weather – Summer's come early?

90 miles to the museum

Runners & Riders!

Budge Burrige	Honda Blackbird (Upgraded super comfy seat – see below)
Graham Read	Triumph Tiger 1050
Paul Kimpson	Honda Blackbird
Lawrence & Phil Morgan	Honda Varadero
Lloyd & Yvonne Sandal	- BMW K1200S
Graham Shaw	ZZR1200
Geoff Pollard	GSXR1000
Andy Woodward	GSXR1000
Alex Green	PanEuro ST1300
Lorraine & Dave Butcher	VFR 800
Richard Bowden	Triumph Thunderbird
John 'JJ' Jacobs	Heritage Softail Classic
Nick Handley	BMW R1200GS
Simon Charters	Fireblade CBR900
Steve Mason (sweeper)	Yamaha TDM 900

and joining us at the Museum

Mark Godsland

Not sure what Mark was riding

Breaking with tradition, I offered to write up the ride rather than leaving the work to Budge who had planned and led the event. Another day of perfect conditions saw the above gang assemble bright and early for the start. It was agreed that as we all wanted to actually achieve the objective of visiting the museum, we would ride as one group. The route itself included a variety of roads and scenery as we headed for Chipping Norton, then on to Banbury, Southam, Warwick, Leamington Spa, and Kenilworth before reaching the Museum itself located close to Solihull.

Budge wanted to arrive at the museum for lunch, and then allow us a sensible amount of time to check out the museum properly. A worthy aim, but the long stint 'in the saddle' left some numb bums amongst the sports bike riders! I wondered why Budge had pointed out the non standard seat on his Blackbird before we set off. Was he **trying** to break us?

The museum was a very worthwhile destination. Sadly the fire of 2001 makes the museum itself as much a story as the hundreds of bikes which it houses. A powerful exhibit of some of the damaged bikes stands at the entrance to the museum and demonstrates effectively the massively destructive power of the blaze. To the great credit of those responsible, the museum has achieved its aim of restoring or replacing all the lost or damaged bikes.

Everyone had their favourites, for me I it was the racing Norton Rotaries. The museum has a large collection of these bikes, and you can see many of the little tweaks and changes that were applied when the bikes are grouped together.

After a good dose of nostalgia, a few horror stories retold and the inevitable 'if only I'd kept it' tales, it was time to head our separate ways home. Thanks to Budge and Steve

for keeping us all on track, and also to Steve for the photos.

Simon C



A sad reminder of a past event



OK who's taken the keys then?



It's a normal SAM rideout then!!

Easter Egg Run

April 12th

Nearly all day.

Well I am not going to even attempt to name everyone who were on the run as this would probably fill a couple of pages before I even start. Suffice to say that 28 bikes (a lot with pillion) took part and from where I was sat it was quite an impressive sight to see you all strung out on some of the stretches. I must start by thanking members of the Cheltenham riders and friends for coming along, hope you all enjoyed yourselves.



Nathan

Well as usual the route was nothing earth shattering as it is the one that is followed year in year out, but it does give an assortment of roads, mostly governed by the pathetic speed limits this country has everywhere, but it did help to keep us all together.

On our arrival at Selly Oak we were immediately accused of being early, that must be a first, no wait – I was leading, not Graham. I lost count of how many eggs were taken indoors – but who cares, the more there were the bigger the stomach-ache. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate along with plenty of biscuits were very gratefully despatched and as we were about to leave, a reporter from the Birmingham Mail and Post (or at least that's what I think he said), turned up to do a bit of an impromptu photo shoot, trouble was he wanted us riding into the Hospice grounds, so a quick lap

around the block was called for, dually completed it was back in so he could get his piccies. Now I wasn't going to mention this – but I will anyway – young Mr Bailey even managed to get lost on this little jaunt, sailing quite happily past the entrance followed I might add by quite a few others, will they never learn?

It was not time to get away from Birmingham and make our way to Worcester, where I had no doubt there would be more tea, coffee and cake waiting, and luckily I was right as there was nowhere for us to stop and get something to eat, too many of us and already half full little thief's etc. More eggs were despatched so I dare say there are a few who are not feeling too well at the moment.

As usual the children who came out to see the bikes really enjoyed it, as did most of the staff and parents who were also there.

On the money front, £540 was given to each hospice, this was made up of the proceeds from the auction and personal contributions being split evenly between the two hospice's. I would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking you all for your continuing generosity, even in these current climes, as every penny we can raise will always be very gratefully received.

So until next year.

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Moped deaths 'a forgotten issue', says IAM

A new IAM report reveals that more than 250 16-year-old boys are killed or seriously injured in moped accidents every year - making them more likely to be injured or die while riding a moped than walking, cycling or travelling by car.

16 – the dangerous age for moped riders analyses almost 3,500 teenage moped rider crashes over seven years between 2000 and 2006. It finds 16-year-olds are riding mopeds with too little practical knowledge, which leads to them being over represented in road casualty statistics. Neil Greig, Director of IAM Policy and Research said: "This is a forgotten issue. Sixteen-year-old boys are being allowed to ride mopeds with too little practical understanding of safe roadcraft or defensive riding skills, leaving them particularly vulnerable.

"The Government is currently reviewing driver training and testing. In the light of this report we believe that the way 16-year-olds are trained and licensed to ride a moped should also be reviewed." The report proposes a package of actions for making teenage moped riders safer. According to the IAM, the top three priorities are:

1. A review of the Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) programme that currently lasts for just two hours
2. A "Think moped" campaign to tell drivers and teenagers where, when and why moped riding is risky
3. A commitment to develop policing strategies that target illegal and reckless moped riders



Honda/ Harley Davidson Bridgewater.

Saturday 28th March 2009.

Weather Sunshine/showers
Mileage See groups!
Duration 9.30am – 5.00pm (oops ..sorry!)

A Team. Mileage 200 and no u-turns inc a lovely breakfast !

Rider	Bike
Graham Bailey	GS1200 (without SAT-Nav)
Les Stewart	FJR1300 Lovely
Peter Lawlor	GS650
Brian `Chopper` Charlton	KTM 6.4
Dave Preest	Buell Black Thunder
Bill Carter	CBF 1000
Rob Watson	Drag star
Tim Rodway	Fazer Thou
Oliver Woodhouse	SV650

And in the `B` corner ...**the not so progressive, and slightly lost, on rumbling turns!**

Rider	Bike
Budge	Bird (could do with SAT-Nav, or a map!)
Pete/Jen Craddock	Goldie (with Sat-nav.....behind!)
Dave Butcher	VFR800V-Tec
Paul Beard	CB1300
Gary Shellard	GT1200
Mike Barratt	GS1200
Chris Nash	GS1150
Lawrence/Annette	Varadero (in the wrong group!)

`What a turnout` 18 lovely individuals all keen to follow me on a biking nirvana, a journey of unparalleled experience, setting off in a vain hope that they can all return home in time for work on Monday!. (Some hope!)

As you can see from above, two groups were formed with two leaders/sweepers setting their compasses on Melksham, with the promise of a hearty breakfast. (for some it was a promise..ho ho ho!)

Exiting the good old M5 at J14, we set about navigating our route through various locations such as, Wickwar, Chipping Sodbury, and Castle Coombe, before our arriving at our morning stop, and a welcome cup of `Hot Charlie`.

Time ticking and no sign of `B group`, we reluctantly left the warmth and comfort of Waney Edge muttering words of `where are they` as we started to `tack` our way across

Somerset in a westerly direction towards Bridgewater and our eventual destination of the two dealers mentioned above.

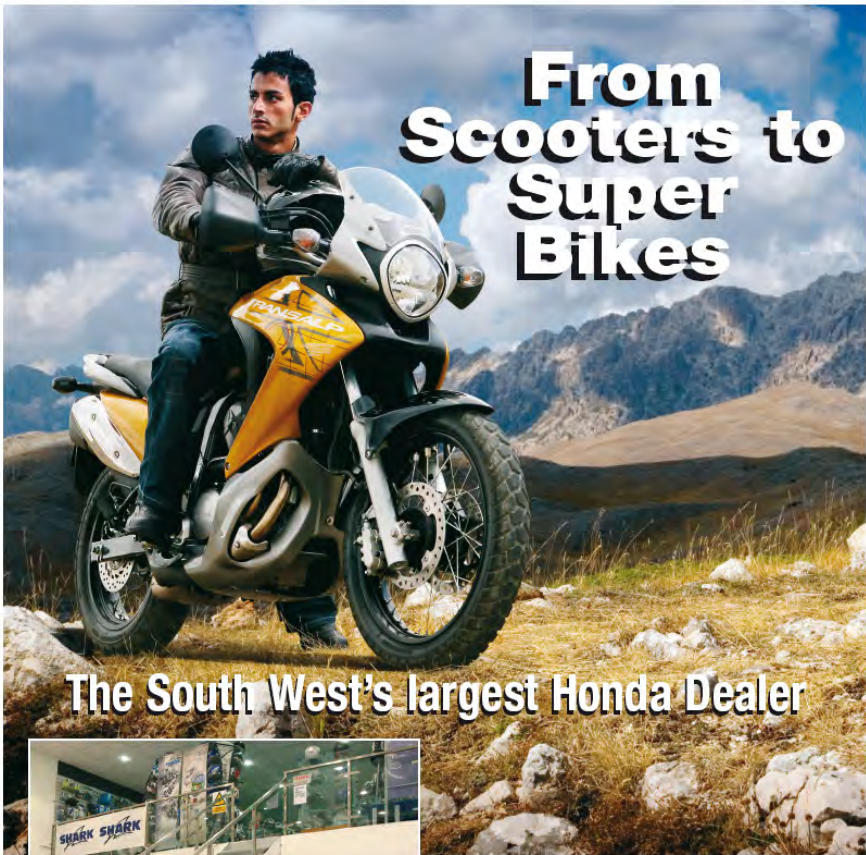
With both groups finally united and keen to swop banter on all sorts of wild and wonderful tales of adventure, we at least managed to spend the remaining hour or so together indulging in a little retail therapy and `tyre kicking` before the inevitable journey home via the M5 corridor.

As always, my heart felt thanks to all that attended which made the ride out yet another success for SAM, with special thanks to Budge for leading `Group B` leading the his group towards home via Taunton!, and for enforcing that they go on a diet...tee hee! (Sorry mate!)

Until the next time

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GKB x



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You may have seen past TV adverts that recommends one to get “The strength of the Insurance Companies around you”. However, as we learned in Court recently, sometimes that “that strength around you”, can disappear as quickly as mist on a Cotswold morning....

When we looked at the detail of the case the defendant had been paying his motor vehicle insurance (to a large and well known Insurance Company) by monthly instalments using a standing order from his Bank. The Insurance Company in question had issued a Certificate of Insurance for the full 12 month term and posted it to the defendant. All fine and good so far !

While driving his car the defendant was spotted by a fully marked Police

Car equipped with the latest Number Plate Recognition system, linked to the Police computers that hold regularly updated details of MOT and Insurance status for all UK motor vehicles.

“Excuse me Sir, we believe that this vehicle is uninsured”, where the words that our defendant heard after being pulled over by two of The County’s Finest. Defendant, a man of previously completely clean character, was carrying his Certificate of Insurance and offered it to the Officers.

After a swift ‘phone call it turns out that the Police and their computer were correct and the vehicle was uninsured even though the Certificate of Insurance was genuine and the date coverage looked good. Our luckless defendant had been having financial difficulties and had gone into the red with his Bank Account used to pay the monthly payments to the

Insurance Company. In fact two instalments had been missed over something like a six week period.

The cruncher comes as the responsibility to be certain that one is insured remains firmly with the driver of the vehicle. The Insurance Company does not have to notify the driver the Insurance cover has ceased. One is warned, in the small print when the Policy is set up, that failure to maintain payment will negate cover. In this case we were told no such notification was received; the Insurance Company did of course provide an update for use by the Police Computers.... The Defendant's Bank issued their regularly monthly statement that showed no funds had

been transferred to the Insurance Company but of course the Bank statements went unread.

As a first offender with quite a reasonable story and documents to prove it we treated the defendant to the most lenient sentence that our Judicial Guidelines allow for driving uninsured. This means 6 penalty points rather than disqualification along with a fine and Victim Surcharge totalling just over £200.

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Grumpy's Corner

Greetings from my humble abode

As Max Bygraves used to say "I want to tell you a story". This story concerns a group of about 8 young males whose ages range from 12 to 15. Now this group used to meet up on a street corner in the village most evenings or weekends, once everyone had arrived they would decide what they would do or where they would go. Nothing wrong with that, they were not rowdy, destructive or abusive and tended only to actually be there for about an hour before departing. After about half an hour the police would arrive and tell them to move, as there had been a complaint about the noise. This started to happen nearly every time they met up, but not at certain times of the year when a certain house owner was away. So one evening on the way to the youth club these youths knocked on the door of this house not to confront the owner but to ask why he kept complaining about them. The door was opened and promptly slammed shut in their faces with out

any comment, by the time they reached the club a police panda car was along side them wanting to know what they were up to as they had received a complaint. It was a bit of a miserable night at club that night; they were all trying to find ways resolve the situation and plans were made. A game of cat and mouse was played, they had worked out how long it took between the gathering and the arrival of the police. They changed their arrival times and then split up going different ways but always ending up back at the meeting point, which had the effect of annoying the person even more and the police ended up going round in circles trying to find them. The situation was aggravated even more on club night with a talk from our local bobby, although their activities were not specifically mentioned they did get a stern look now and again. Some how one of the group acquired a rather large green marrow which he then proceeded to

hollow out. Once hollowed it was then filled by them with items of a very smelly nature from the local farm. They drew straws and who ever had the shortest placed it on the doorstep of a certain complaining house owner. Over the following days quite a stink (sorry couldn't resist the pun) erupted over it. Finally a truce was called and the vicar acted as peacemaker. They were left alone by the offending homeowner and it was agreed that

there would be no more marrows. All this happened nearly forty years ago and now I have a very large vegetable sat on my doorstep and to add insult to injury I haven't annoyed any body, well not this week anyway.

You know what they say, "what goes around comes around".

Regards

Grumpy

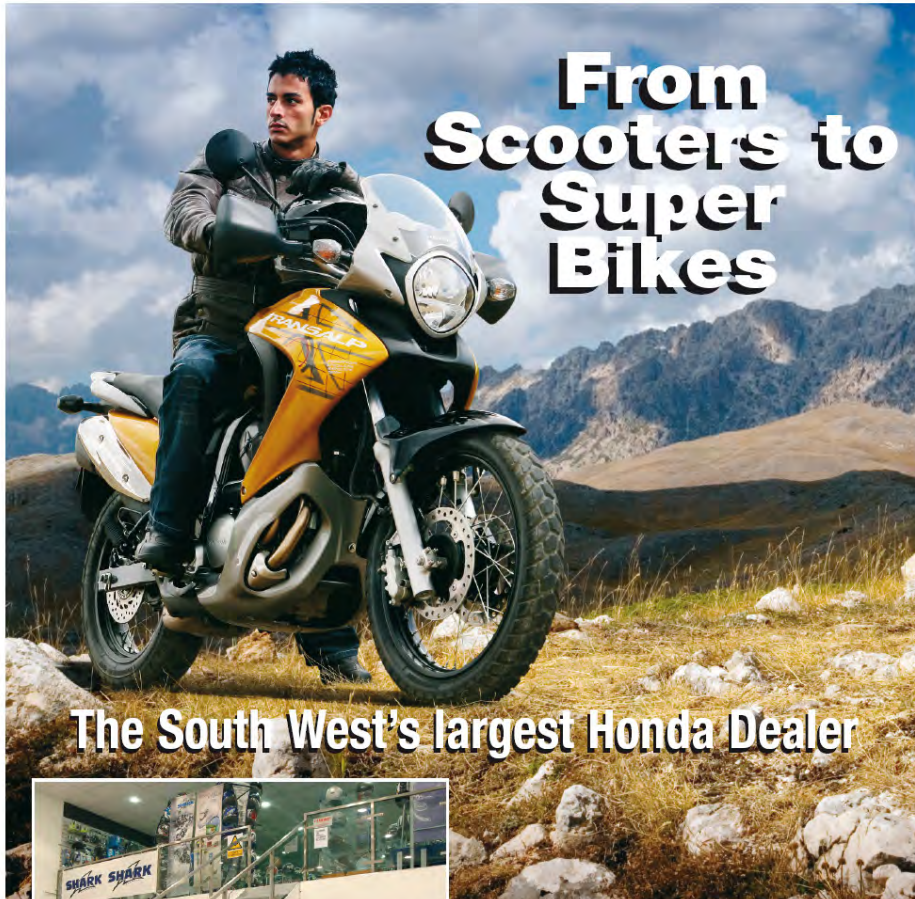
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To help make ride-outs as smooth and enjoyable as possible, we have devised some simple procedures we follow at all ride-outs.

1. Group day Rides are for Members, Associates and their pillions be very useful if he/she knows if this is your first group ride.
2. Each rider must endeavour to be in control at all times, to comply with the law and demonstrate a high standard pf riding. Please note that **All** participants must be wearing suitably approved crash helmet, gloves, boots , protective jacket and trousers -all of these are mandatory .Persons not in possession of such clothing will not be allowed on the ride-out due to safety .Wet weather gear must be carried.
3. Please be ready with a full tank of petrol at the advertised start time and place.
4. The person who leads the ride will be in charge of the ride. It will
5. All participants will be briefed about the system of riding that will be used. Please listen to the briefing (See summary overleaf –re Drop Off System). One important new fact is that the “Sweeper” will be identified by the group leader and he/she will be provided with an **orange reflective vest to wear** . This will be the case on **all** ride-outs and will lead to riders always identifying the orange vest as the sweeper. (Should a “sweeper “refuse to wear the vest then another “sweeper” will be identified).
6. Try to keep sight of the rider behind you. If they begin to drop behind, reduce speed if it is safe to do so, to allow the gap to close.

7. Always maintain a safe distance between you and the rider in front.

8. Try to pair up wherever it is safe to do so at junctions, crossroads and traffic lights, but be sure never to obscure the view of another rider.

9. Ride in echelon on dual carriageways and motorways wherever it is safe to do so.

10. Should you wish to leave the group, please ensure that the Sweeper knows in advance.

11. You are in charge of your motorcycle at all times. Severn Advanced Motorcyclists cannot accept any responsibility for actions you take or any incident that might occur.

12. Always ride for yourself and within your own capabilities.

13. If you are an existing full member and would like a ride check, make this known to any of the observers who are present on the ride out and IF they are willing to carry out the check, make arrangements to pair up for an agreed timeframe so that an assessment of your riding can be conducted. The Observer should inform both the leader and the sweeper of the intention of carrying out a ride check.

14. Ride pace can be GENTLE-you couldn't stop to pick flowers on the way, but you could probably smell them both relaxing and refreshing.

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