

Club night, 13 March

Graham Bailey

47 of you eventually marched through the doors of BEW that evening, and what a fine bunch you were too considering that a total amount of £55 was manipulated (sorry Budge/Di) for the fun raffle, thank you all, and well done (especially Budge/Di).

Steve Lamburn from the GCC safety unit gave a first class talk structured on thought provoking accident scenarios. All good stuff and not always as clear cut as you might originally perceive.

Always well presented by Steve and delivered in a very interesting manner that never fails to retain concentration, even for us Sammies!! Thank you Steve.

Not newbees but certainly 'fresh faced', we had John and Val Powell, Dave Riley and Dave Howell all in our presence during the evening which always goes some way to creating the usual 'ambiance' that ensures the club night's, success.

Paul Allen received his certificate for his recent pass, well done Paul. All we need now is to see you 'out there' flying the flag for SAM, and joining in with the ever popular ride outs (especially when I'm leading!, stop it Budge!).

No real gossip this month, not even a bike change tut tut. Still, the weather is definitely improving, so lets see you all out there 'Burning Black Top' safely but with spirit!! ♦

Speed limiters for bikes

MPs have urged the government to carry out a study into fitting speed limiters to motorbikes. See <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6505423.stm>.

In response, Nigel Murray from the Glos County Council Road Safety Group says "*Every motorcycle has a speed limiter in operation - it's called the rider. Speed and motorcycles may often go together and it is the ultimate responsibility of each rider to ride at a speed that is not only safe but more importantly – appropriate. That means taking into consideration all the prevailing circumstances that ensure the safety of the rider - but also other road users.*

"Any rider who chooses to 'disconnect' the inbuilt limiter risks paying a high price - but additional technology is not the answer to reducing the casualty rate amongst riders - that comes down to rider awareness and ability."