



Newsletter
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CWAM is happy to remind you that the 50% discount for new associates aged 30 and under is still available. Police Instructor sessions with Jim and Paul begin this month, just contact [Paul](#) to book a place. It may be getting a little warmer but Club Sundays still start at 10:00 during March.

Congratulations to

Sagar Depala

on recently passing the Advanced Test

(The first of many in 2017)

The AGM There were probably forty CWAMs packing the AGM on February 2nd. where there was much edge of the seat excitement as the Chairman made his fact packed report. A summary follows for those who couldn't attend.

A busy year had seen improvements in most areas. There is a definite sense of belonging to the club and membership is at a record of 186 with the skills of our observers at an all time high. During the year we converted two thirds of the 52 enquiries into signed up members and currently have 42 trainee associates.

We have a total of 23 Observers who carried out over 400 check rides. Over half of our observers are qualified at National Level. There were 14 Test Passes with several associates currently nearing test standard. Post Test Training activities with Paul Lewis and Jim Sampson are popular and effective with several riders attaining the equivalent of Police Standard scores. Two of our members passed the Masters qualification, and there are more testees in the pipeline.

The Club Finances are in a healthy condition and some of our reserves will be used to renew aging promotional equipment. Some funds subsidised 50% of the training costs of six riders up to 30 years of age. This subsidy will continue into 2017.

The Club has continued to provide a good range of social activities. Club Nights and our Annual Dinner were well supported and we provided more ride outs ever before. CWAM Club Sundays have encouraged a more club-like atmosphere with many informal rideouts resulting. In the last year, our Events Diary had nearly 100 entries indicating the time and effort many people put into the club. The Chairman thanked everyone who contributed during the year and the members who supported our events.

Looking forward 2017 sees us reaching out to new riders following the launch of our new name and logo. Our Facebook page will be launched shortly and some interesting Social Night speakers have been booked, including the IAM Chief Executive Sarah Sillers.

The hard working committee (see below) has some new faces who will hopefully augment existing skills, ideas and enthusiasm.

Roger Barratt *Chairman*

Rob Dargie *Group Secretary*

Mark Ford *Membership Secretary*

Ryan Howat *Social Secretary*

Nick Lilley *Web Admin & Newsletter Ed*

John Kickham

John Chivers

Trevor Smith *Vice Chair & Social Ride Coordinator*

Bob Langford *Group Treasurer*

Ian Collard *Training Officer & Masters Mentor*

Keith Daffern *Radio Officer*

Hayley Vigor

Tarnya Brink

Rideout to Appleby Magna. Spring unwisely popped its head out on Sunday 19th and was promptly blown away as Storm Doris littered the lanes with debris, reminding us it was still only February. Nevertheless, with expert timing, Wayne chose the best Sunday of the year to lead his first official rideout. An unexpected number of CWAMs met in Holyhead Road and half-listened to his briefing but obviously paid more attention to Steve Draper's strictures on staggered riding because from where I was positioned, we formed a reasonably neat group despite the numbers.



Once we left urban Coventry we followed Wayne along a good windy route touching Over Whiteacre and the Sheepys, to enjoy a halfway break in Appleby Magna. Unfortunately writing this some time after the event, I can't actually remember the return route but I think we skirted Kingsbury Lakes and followed a fairly rambling route before ending back at the start.

Lovely weather, lovely route, lovely people, lovely rideout. Looking forward to your next outing Wayne. Thanks to Wayne at the front, Roger in the middle and Steve at the rear.

Welcome to new member

Stuart Rowley

I know most of you have little time spare once you've finished cleaning your bikes but I thought I'd mention a great opportunity to do something a bit different in the winter months (or in fact anytime). There is a website <https://www.futurelearn.com/> which offers short online courses, mostly 2 to 4 hours a week for 2 to 4 weeks duration. The variety of courses on offer is astonishing and even more remarkable is the fact that they're completely free. I've done a couple and think they're great fun even if, being over sixty, I've forgotten all I learnt. Worth a look.

Soon to be launched is the *IAM RoadSmart 'Fellow'* - the newest level of membership.

It is open to all current full members, offering enhanced recognition and insurance benefits with *Surety* in return for keeping your advanced skills up to date by retesting every three years.

Additionally you are registered as a *Fellow*, receive a badge and certificate and enjoy the reassurance that your biking skills are current.

If you passed the advanced test pass less than three years ago, all you need to do is to advise IAM RoadSmart that you wish to become a Fellow and the adjustment will be made. Needless to say there may be a small fee to pay.

If it is over three years since you passed the advanced test, just book an entry test. When you pass you'll be made a Fellow for three years and of course a small adjustment fee will probably payable.



How much will it cost? To be a Fellow member will cost £49 per year. That includes your IAM membership and your three yearly requalification test. Further details and an opportunity to record your interest are [here](#).

March Club Night. It's rare that speakers provide their own blurb but Richard, our first speaker at the March Club Night says that he, along with David "from Intaride the communications specialists (www.intaride.com) invite us to share their World War 2/D. Day, Normandy landings experience. If you enjoy their talk, you can join their band of brothers and book on their informal forthcoming trips."



After the break we have James Hewing, (left) Director of the [National Motorcycle Museum](#) which holds the World's largest collection of British motorcycles. He will be talking about the history of the museum, the challenges faced after the 2003 fire which resulted in the £20m rebuild, the vast range of exhibits and anything else there's time for.

The last Club Sunday in February saw the Jaguar Club busy as usual. The ensuing short unofficial rideout featured a good range of adventure bikes that will be fortunate to see the sands of Studland Bay let alone the arid reaches of the Atacama. The somewhat run of the mill group - Multistrada, GS1200, Super Tenere, Tiger Explorer, Africa Twin - swaggered their way to Wellesbourne but secreted amongst them was the underrated gem, (so I'm told), the cosy Varadero of Ian Chapman. Both classics in their own way.



Teaching the rest. Much to the exasperation of Mrs L, I like to research most of our potential purchases in some depth. Rather than choosing the nicest colour, I took some months investigating before purchasing our last car and not a lot less time selecting a dishwasher. OK, maybe it is a little extreme but if I was an IAM RoadSmart group wondering about inter-bike communication, CWAM's latest venture would be right up my street. Keith Daffern and Ian Collard,

our very own radio experts, are running three Radio Training days designed for groups who are new to using radios for mentoring purposes and want impartial information before putting their hands in their pockets and splashing the cash. It's good to know that CWAM's expertise is being put to good use mentoring other groups in what will surely be very successful sessions.

If you are thinking of buying a radio, pick the brains of our Club Night speakers David and Richard during the break.



IAM RoadSmart. I have been taken to task for not keeping you abreast of changes at IAM RoadSmart. This is primarily because I think IAM RoadSmart are big enough to keep their membership informed without any help from me. Nevertheless - IAM RoadSmart (please note no



longer IAM) have decamped from desirable Chiswick to within skidding distance of the railway station in humdrum Welwyn Garden City. There is a new lady CEO, Sarah Sillars, who has spearheaded the re-branding operation and so much more. She is driving the business forward, sweeping with a fervour equal to the newest, busiest, brushiest and most bristly of new brooms. Come and meet her and see for

yourself when she visits us on our 16 August Club Social Night.

As usual the latest news from the IAM RoadSmart is here. Currently featuring some interesting articles on lady bikers becoming Safety Ambassadors, tougher sentencing and reducing the drink/drive limit.



Colin Brink brings Calimoto, the first multifunctional app specifically designed for motorcyclists, to our attention. It offers a Unique Routing Profile, Turn-by-Turn Navigation and Route Planning directly on your Smartphone. It gives you the ability to create your own personal tour with unlimited via points, record your journey using the special motorcycle map and gives you voice prompts. The bonus is that the map, the route calculation and the navigation work offline! If you just fancy a quick ride, input the distance you want to go and you'll be provided with your own personalised round trip. Details are at <http://calimoto.eu/en/> .

Modernising Motorcycle Training Courses - consultation document.

Over the past few months submissions on the ***Modernising Motorcycle Training Courses*** consultation document have been made to DVSA. It asked questions such as:-

- Do you agree that we should make changes to the CBT syllabus?
- Do you agree that the five elements of CBT should be condensed to four?
- Do you agree that instructors should ensure trainees are appropriately dressed for CBT?
- Do you agree that all instructors should be subject to mandatory quality assurance?

At least one CWAM responded so I thought it appropriate to find out the IAM RoadSmart view. Their full response will be published in due course on the Department of Transport website but the key issues for them were "to close several long standing loopholes such CBT applicants not having

to do a theory test and also moped riders not being covered by the Young Drivers Act. This means that in the future a moped rider who accumulates six points in the first two years of riding should have to go through the entire process again as happens with car drivers.”

IAM RoadSmart based their response on the MCIA views on improving the standard of CBT training which are available in [News Item 984](#) . The full consultation document may be seen at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-moped-and-motorcycle-training/improving-moped-and-motorcycle-training>

CWAM Events in March

Thurs	Mar 2	Committee Meeting	Shilton Village Hall, Wood Lane, CV7 9JZ	Committee members	Start 20:00	Roger Barratt
Sun	Mar 5	Social Ride Out	tba	Associates & Full Members	Provisional date - Please contact Trevor Smith if you would like to lead this ride out.	Trevor Smith
Sun	Mar 12	CWAM Club Sunday	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Starts 10:00	Associates & Members	Not just for Check Rides but a chance for all CWAMs to get together, socialise and go for an informal ride out.	Ian Collard
Wed	Mar 15	Club Social Night	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Open 19:30 start 20:00	Everybody & guests	A packed evening starting with David and Richard from <i>Intaride</i> the tour specialists in D Day landing and WW2 sites in Normandy. In part 2, James Hewing the oh so cool director of the National Motorcycle Museum. A stunning start to 2017!	Ryan Howat
Sun	Mar 19	Social Ride Out	tba	Associates & Full Members	Provisional date - Please contact Trevor Smith if you would like to lead this ride out.	Trevor Smith
Sun	Mar 19	Police Instructor Assessment	Sessions must be pre booked. Meeting place tba to attendees.	Places available	This is an on-road session with Jim Sampson. Book through Paul Lewis.	Paul Lewis
Sun	Mar 26	CWAM Club Sunday	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Starts 10:00	Associates & Members	Not just for Check Rides but a chance for all CWAMs to get together, socialise and go for an informal ride out.	Ian Collard

For all future events check out the [Diary page](#).

If anyone has news to share, tips to pass on, pictures for the gallery or items for sale please mail me (webadmin@cwam.org.uk).



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