



## **CWAM Annual Dinner 2017**

The great and the good, the glitterati and the bikerati thronged Ansty Social Club for CWAM's Annual Dinner on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>, where only the shadows cast by the twinkling jewellery failed to sparkle. Ryan welcomed us all and urged to enjoy the evening and be generous in the purchase of raffle tickets. Dinner was served.



Chairman Roger Barratt, started the awards section of the evening by presenting a Test Pass Certificate to Tarnya Brink and a Local Observer Certificate to Digby Carrington-Howell.



Tarnya Brink



Digby Carrington-Howell who usually looks a little more cheerful

Ian Collard, our Training Officer, had two awards to present, the Associate Award and the Training Award.

The Associate Award is nominated by the Observers for the Associate who has shown effort, improvement and achievement above the norm during the year. In memory of a past member who contributed to the clubs success for many years, Ian dedicated this award to Dylan Rogers. Dylan was passionate about Advanced Training, was an Observer for the club for a number of years and coached many Associates to their advanced test. Dylan and Jo, his wife, emigrated to New Zealand a few years ago, but sadly, after a short illness Dylan passed away just before Christmas.



This year there were two nominations from the Observers and such was their excellence that any differentiation was too close to call and it was decided to present them both with an award.

Both nominees put in a huge effort to improve their riding and both achieved a F1RST in their test, each receiving comments from the examiner as to the quality of their riding. Ian presented Rebecca Catchpole and Colin, on behalf of Darren Brink, with their very well deserved awards.



Rebecca Catchpole



Darren Brink

The Training Award is appropriately nominated by the Training Team for outstanding effort, attitude and attainment in the training area. This year's nominee, John Chivers, has been an active and committed member of the club since first joining. He attained a F1RST in his Test and immediately signed up to become an Observer. He has since coached a number of Associates to test and done some sterling work to produce an on-line Observer resource that will soon be available. He has also volunteered to join the committee. He briefly defected to the dark side to take his Advanced car test where he also achieved a F1RST. His skill as an observer is evident, having mentored Rebecca Catchpole to her success.



Jim Sampson, our resident police instructor, presented two awards. The award for the Most Improved Rider went to a very pleased Wayne Walton who as well as gaining a Masters with Distinction last year is well known for riding his rarely dirty, highly modified, carbon-fibre-streetfightered R1 which frighteningly, is about to have a turbo strapped to it. Lee Vigor was given his award in recognition of his continued hard work and effort over several years. Unfortunately Lee was working (well tootling around on Triumphs) in sunny Spain but luckily, spouse Hayley was on hand to accept the merited award on his behalf.



Wayne Walton



Hayley Vigor stands in for Lee

Finally Roger Barratt made the Group Award to the member who has made a significant contribution to the success of the Group. Andy Spencer served for several years on the Committee and is a member of the training team offering extra support to slow riding sessions with loan bikes. Additionally he provides contact for some very entertaining and informative speakers at Club Social Nights. Unfortunately Andy was unable to attend the dinner but Roger caught up with him on CWAM Club Sunday. Andy generously dedicated his award to the much loved former CWAM observer Dylan Rogers



The 54 attendees produced raffle proceeds of £181.09 (a record) which will be donated to the Air Ambulance. Another good evening and a perfect opportunity for CWAM to recognise its star members. Thanks to Ryan and everyone else who helped make the evening such a success.

