

**CWAM Club Night May 2017**

May's Club Night started with advanced test pass certificates being awarded by Paul Harris to Steve Bromfield and by Keith Daffern to a strikingly attired Chris Allen. Good to see some colour amidst the sombre sea of black.

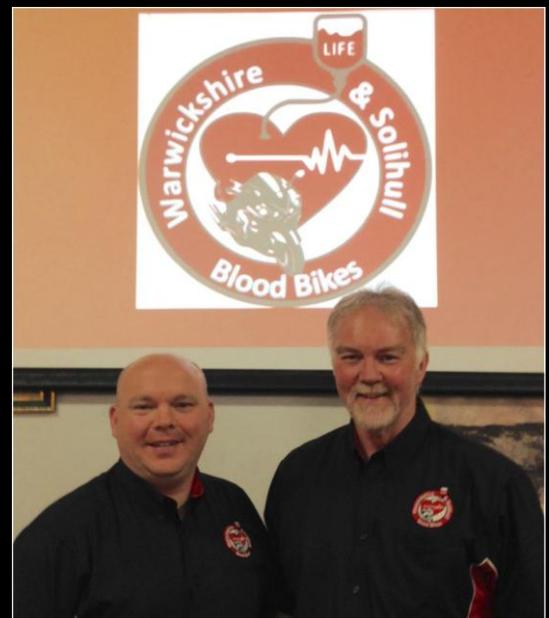


Les Condon was presented with his Local Observer certificate by Andy Spencer and Darryl Fletcher who excelled in gaining a Masters with distinction, was given his certificate by Ian Collard.



Having thanked Ian and Andy for their mentoring, Darryl, whilst modestly claiming to be no better than anyone else, advised us all to take advantage of the excellent training options CWAM has on offer to continuously enhance our motorcycling skills.

Martin and James from Warwickshire & Solihull Blood Bikes gave us a well structured and interesting presentation on their valuable work supporting the NHS. One could not fail to be impressed. WSBB are a team of 80 volunteer rider and drivers who are dedicated to providing out of hours service transporting essential Plasma, Tissue Samples, Spinal fluids, X-Rays, Licensed drugs to hospitals throughout the Warwickshire & Solihull area. With 56134 runs to their credit (125 in April alone), their 55 riders are kept busy. Each call out costs around £10 and they are always fundraising, infact I'm surprised they missed the opportunity of shaking a tin at a very receptive audience. For more information see <http://www.wsbb.org/>. WSBB will be at the Rugby Bike Fest so look out for their stand.



The Turkish alphabet doesn't use Q, W or X; if the English alphabet didn't use F, Sean Hayes would have finished at 10 on the dot instead of 10:15. It was good to see that Sean had lost none of his tiggerish bounce and was just as nimble verbally as on his toes. He told us how to read a bend backwards, how to push as well as pull when countersteering, the importance of understanding a bikes geometry and most surprising of all to some of us (including me), that the back wheel steers the bike around the bend. Whilst not advocating breaking on a bend he recommended practising the exercise in anticipation of that one alarming moment we all dread. I have to admit that it will be a long time before approach a corner without Sean's voice exorting me to 'grap a fistful' ringing in my ears. You can read all about his excellent track based courses at [Circuit Based Training](#).

We were fortunate to enjoy two informative and entertaining sessions tonight. Next month we start with Jim Sampson's Roadcraft theory session followed by 'Meet the Examiners' with Marcus McCormick & Charlie Perry. A must for associates who want to know all there is to know about taking the Advanced Test. Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.