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*Spring Time (At Last!)*

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## Forthcoming Attractions.

**23 February** Group Night at the Black Lion R.O.T.

**05 March** Observer Selection Day

**12 March** CMC Nottingham Demo Day

**12 March** NAM Christmas Party (Postponed from December)

**13 March** CMC Clay Cross Demo Day

**30 March** Group Night at the Black Lion R.O.T. **(THAT'S THE AGM!!!)**

**?? March** WSBK Yamaha Team Visit to CMC Clay Cross

**03 April** Ride of Respect through Wootton Bassett

**9 & 10 April** Unspecified Event at CMC Clay Cross

**10 April** Nottingham Ride Safe Day

**17 April** Egg Run to Mansfield

**24 April** Annual Pilgrimage to Sandilands

**27 April** Group Night at the Black Lion R.O.T.

## For Sale

A good friend of mine is selling this Netbook, hardly used and not owned long, with all packaging as it came. Has Norton 360 installed. Tried it but simply prefers the desktop big PC. Looking for £250.

Check this link <http://stuff.tv/Review/Samsung-N220-review/>

If anyone is interested, you can give me a call on:

0785 473 7322

Justin Leary



## **Did You Know?**

In the seven years between 2000 & 2006 around 150,000 motorcyclists were KSI on Britain's roads.

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## THE CHAIRMANS BIT...

**Hello again,**

Well I said last month the weather was getting better, and it was, the temperatures were rising and I have been able to work out side at last without thermals, well some days!

Unfortunately the roads are still really dirty, and as I predicted last month, if you do venture out, your bike and riding kit will be filthy and require lots of cleaning, so it just didn't seem worth it.

So what have I been up to since the last magazine?

To start with I was coaxed into venturing out of the garage, to carry out a final assessment. And I then spent almost as much time cleaning the bike and riding kit as I did riding it. I took out (Chris Dames) who I am pleased to tell you passed his test on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, so congratulations Chris, I knew you could do it. We also found a new café in Tuxford; it's on Lodge Lane Industrial Estate, off Ashvale Road which is the first part of the Great North Road running south. The lady who runs it

makes her own cakes and asks for donations to the Air Ambulance to pay for them. If you fancy picking up a new book to read, then they're 50p to the same charity, she invites customers and friends to drop off any books you no longer need for her to sell on.

Last weekend Angela and I cashed in a few quid's worth of Tesco vouchers and had a free weekend in London at the Hilton Hotel in Canada Wharf, across from Canary Wharf. We had a beautiful room looking across the river at the lights of all the high rise buildings. Whilst there we went to the bike show on the Saturday at the Excel centre, and then did lots of sightseeing on the Sunday including Madam Tussauds, and ending in Trafalgar Square to see the end of the celebrations for the Chinese New Year. It was just what we needed following a terrible month with the worry about Angela's pending operation, and at NAM, I have received some criticism levelled at me as your chairman.

We returned home on Sunday evening at 8.30pm and as we left late in the evening we managed to get home in 2 ½hrs coming up the M11, A1 to the A52. We had a good clear run, I was able to set cruise at 70mph once on the motorway, and let it go. We didn't get an early night though because I couldn't switch off from the drive and Angela was just worried about her operation. We were up early again on the Monday so we could get Angela into QMC for her neck operation at 8am. To say we had to be there for 8am to be ready, she didn't go down until 1.40pm and didn't get back onto the ward until 7.40pm. The surgeon said it went well but she was in recovery for 3hrs!

She isn't allowed out for the first two weeks and not allowed to lift anything either. We are hoping that she will be well enough to come to group night at the end of February.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has either called or emailed asking how she is getting on, it is most appreciated, thank you.

**Police Visit**

I accompanied Paul our Sec. to a meeting with C/I Inspector Andy Charlton at Riverside HQ last Wednesday lunch time. We were there to discuss how we (NAM) were going to fit into their plans for 2011. They have around £2000 they wish to give us for carrying out 100 free ride checks with the people (bikers) they stop during the month of March. Find out more in the secretary's corner elsewhere in the Magazine.

**New Government plans**

Whilst there we were told of a new plan that was starting very soon, he told us that the government were going to allow various registers to work together and I think that this is going to cause quite a lot of controversy in the first year.

The new rule is that if you have your vehicle (car, van, bike etc) taxed but not insured even if it is off the road or even garaged for a while, it must be insured or you will get a warning and then a fixed penalty notice.

So if you take your vehicle off the road for a period of time, as you can't afford to insure it, or maybe you're not going to ride it for a while over winter, you must register it as SORN, and it must be insured all the time or you will get a fine!

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# NAM Christmas Party Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

As I started to explain earlier on in my section, Angela has been injured at work and we had been waiting for surgery for her injury. She has now had it but is unable to do the catering for the event, so we are going to have to ask the land lady of the Black Lion to do it for us.

As explained last month we are concerned that as most of the ride outs were called off last year due to bad weather that the amount of money raised for the air ambulance is very small at around £600 so far, where as last year we collected £1800. So we need to hold this party before the AGM at the end of March when we hand over the cheque to the Air Ambulance.

We are now holding a NAM charity Christmas party and buffet on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm till midnight at the Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent** to raise money for the new Air Ambulance.

Tickets are on sale for £10 each, so please bring a friend or partner and celebrate a late Christmas with NAM.

If you bought tickets before they are still valid, and if you want to buy tickets now please contact us with how many you require.

There will be a large buffet and music in the function room we have for our group night. The bar will also be open up stairs to save you the chore of walking up and down stairs for a drink. The land lady has said that the car park will be locked up at night so if you want to leave your car there over night you are welcome to, and collect it in the morning.

Your ticket cost will pay for the food and the bar staff, and any remaining money will go towards the Air Ambulance. As we have only had three ride outs this year due to bad weather, our fund raising collection is not going very well compared to this time last year. So we are planning to use this event to get everyone together and raise some money for a really great cause.

**So please send me an email to [Steve.laughton1@btopenworld.com](mailto:Steve.laughton1@btopenworld.com) confirming your intension to attend ASAP**, so we can plan how much food we need to prepare. Because so far not everyone who put their names down before have confirmed they will be coming yet.

We won't be printing off ticket to keep the cost down but once we have your name you're able to come along. We look forward to seeing you all there so please put your hands in your pockets and come and have some fun.

## **Radcliffe Trophy**

The Radcliffe trophy is an award given to a member of the group that has the most votes awarded to them by the membership.

It doesn't matter whether it is for being your best observer and getting you through your test, if you think that someone has always been there at group events offering their support, if you like his bike or any other reason you have for voting for that person. It doesn't matter what the reason is, just as long as you make your feelings known.

It may seem a little trivial to some, and I know that there can only be one winner each year, but as a winner twice before I can assure you that hearing your name announced at the AGM to receive this award is really special. Last year I was, for once in my life, completely speechless.

But this year we have changed things slightly and instead of sending your nominations to the current holder (me) because I am exempt from being voted for this year, we would like you to **send your nominations to our Sec. Paul Thompson**. He will then correlate all the first and second choices and come up with the name of this year's winner.

Hope fully there will be a list of all the other nominated members just like in the Oscars, read out at the AGM, because even if you don't get to win the award, it is very nice to be recognised for you efforts along with the name of the winner, and they should be in the following magazine, so those who were not there can find out as well.

# THINK BKE

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### Chairman's position

Some may be aware that I have been around for a while now. But each year as the group hand book says the three posts of Chair', Sec' and Treasurer must stand down. We can seek re-election for another year, and generally we do as we always struggle to find a willing replacement.

Over the last few years I have developed the position of Chairman into that of a busy one, attending numerous regional and national meeting around the country representing both NAM and the IAM. I have developed a good working relationship with the local police force and we have been invited to attend their retina operations for the last three years. And our involvement in them has brought us around 90 new members during that time alone. I have had the pleasure of standing in several windy lay-bys with some great friends, waiting for bikers to turn up, so we can try to talk them into joining our group.

This year we are going one step further now that Paul Thompson has joined the committee and brought his additional contacts to NAM. As I started to explain earlier on, we have been asked to be involved in their new operation called "Gemstone" with the opportunity to take out 100 potential new members for a free ride check and for each one we take out we will get £20 from the Police force. I do hope that the observers are going to do us proud again this year with their support.

We have been able to get invited into E.on (a utilities provider) to offer their employees a free assessment with the potential of joining our group for more training. So far we have 27 people interested in the day. I have been Vice Chairman to the council forum meetings for 3yrs now, promoting safer riding and the IAM. But recently my working constraints have not allowed me to attend a couple of the meetings, which I hope to put right this year.

I have been made Vice Chairman of region 7 where we are trying to spread our group's standards amongst other groups in our region, to assist them in becoming better.

I am one of twenty eight people who have been asked to be on the NRG committee of the IAM. We have been working on ideas for two years now, where we are looking at new ways to improve the experience of the members and to improve the way we train them.

All these meetings and events supporting the group have involved over 160hrs of personal time.

I have also been busy observing numerous associates and trainee observers to the tune of over 160hrs this year as well. And all this adds up to the equivalent of 8 weeks work, on top of running my own business.

I have offered my services to the group now 12 times, I hope that you agree that I have served you well and brought the group respect from its peers?

I still wish to continue serving you as your chairman, as I get a great amount of enjoyment and pleasure from the position. If you feel that I am worthy of that role for another year, then please join me at the AGM and place your votes in my corner.

### Round up

Well that's all for now.

Once again I look forward to chatting to you all soon. Don't forget to come and say hello at group nights. And if there is anything I can help with please ask, and I will see what I can do.

And to all the existing NAM members, if there is anyone you don't recognise at group nights, please go over and have a chat with them as it may be their first night and they may like a friendly face to welcome them in.

In the past we have had comments from various group members that some of the more long standing members tend to sit in the same chairs each month, and just talk to their friends, and that they don't put themselves out to welcome new members. If this sounds like you, please make an effort to say hello to someone new.

Thanks guys, see you all soon.

Steve Laughton



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## THE SEcREtary'S BIT...

Welcome to the Secretary's bit, a new section in which I hope to keep you all informed on correspondence received from the IAM and stuff you may find helpful / interesting from within NAM. Your committee meets each month and I am responsible for keeping minutes of the meeting. Once agreed by the committee these become a document that you can read if you so wish. What I intend to do is précis the minutes and put this into the newsletter every month. Should you want to see the full minutes then please make contact with me by email at [namsec@sky.com](mailto:namsec@sky.com) and I will gladly sent them out to you as a PDF document. I will start this procedure with the forthcoming AGM minutes, in the meantime please email as above.



Some of you may have been in receipt of an email from a member that criticised the actions of our Chairman Steve Laughton, Steve has been contacted by some members asking why he has not yet replied to this criticism! Steve had made the committee aware of this criticism, and although Steve wished to make his reply, the committee felt that we should review the comments made by this member and discuss the implications at the February committee meeting. Any reply to this complaint should be made by the committee. The IAM regional coordinator had also been contacted by the member and so it was doubly important we review the complaint properly and then discuss it at the committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

The committee read the correspondence from the group member regarding the conduct of the group's Chairman Mr Steve Laughton.

The committee also read Steve Laughton's reply to the criticism levelled at him.

The committee decided on balance and based on the evidence (rather than hearsay and innuendo) provided by both parties, that no further action was required. The committee did say that if the member wanted to continue any grievance against the Chairman it must be referred to the IAM. The committee would be prepared to assist in any such investigation.

That said, the committee felt it important that the membership were aware that it had received many messages of support for Steve and his commitment to the NAM. Our conclusions were also communicated to the area coordinator.

As a responsible committee we are determined to value every member of our group, we all take our roles seriously and in line with some of the lessons learnt from this situation, we will soon be sending you all a questionnaire asking for your opinion of the NAM and in particular how the group could be improved. May I remind you that the AGM is on the 30<sup>th</sup> March! If you believe you could serve on the committee then please put yourself forward using the form attached to this Newsletter!

Please send your nominations for the Radcliffe Trophy to me please! I have had one so far.

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A very busy March is ahead of us as indicated in our Chairman's column. There are two Police operations running in March.

1. Operation Retina – Static stop / check on motorcycles – in the past NAM have been involved with the Police on this Operation, this has been a very good source of 'candidates' for our Ride Safe Event and the Skills For Life package.
2. The Police Operation Gemstone 4 -Aimed at the 'commuter biker' The Police identified that 5 out of the 6 biker fatalities on Nottinghamshire roads last year were commuting when they had their accident! Naturally they want to target that section! The Police will identify areas of Nottinghamshire to be patrolled for these 'commuter bikers' these bikes will be stopped, checked for legality (*must be stressed that the police's main aim is not to prosecute*) and if they meet the criteria as a commuter biker the police will invite them to consider a free rider check with the IAM, if the biker agrees the rider will be handed over to us, in the patrol car will be a NAM Observer, the biker will be handed over to the Observer who will take his / her contact details and explain what the rider will get on the 'Free rider check' then at a later date the rider will have their free rider check with us! Hopefully at the very least we will be able to pass on our considerable skills and make that rider much safer! Of course they may want to take up the Skills for Life package – result!

April is also busy with our NRS day on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

So we will be asking for your help very soon! Please don't be shy, the NRS is a great day and the Retina's are very informative, the Police do come over in a very positive way on Retina believe me! All in all we will be very busy in the next couple of months so we all need to be focused and pulling together!

Okay folks, stay safe and see you soon  
Paul Thompson (Secretary)

## For sale.



Triumph Sprint ST 1050, ABS, '57 plate,  
24,000miles, heated grips, full Triumph luggage system.  
Tax 8/11, MOT 4/5.

Contact Tony on 0775 1124947 or [newslettereditor@nottsam.org.uk](mailto:newslettereditor@nottsam.org.uk)

For test ride/inspection.

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS Wednesday 30th March 2011

The Group AGM will be held at the **Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

The **AGM will start at 8.00 p.m.** Please ensure you are there on time.

The purpose of the AGM is to review the events and finances of the past year and to elect the new committee for the forthcoming year. All full members and associates are invited to attend but only full members of the Institute and the Group may vote. (Those who have passed their Advanced Test)

## **Committee Changes**

The current officers – Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer – must stand down plus at least one third of the current committee (three members) in accordance with Group rules. Any existing committee member may seek re-election.

The current intentions of the committee are given below.

## **Officers**

Chairman **Steve Laughton:** Seeking re election

Secretary **Paul Thompson:** Seeking re election

Treasurer **Mark Ellis:** Seeking re election

**(Steve Laughton, Mark Ellis and Paul Thompson are willing to continue in their committee role if no-one wishes to take on these posts.)**

## **Current Committee Members & Positions:**

**John Measures** - Membership Secretary - standing down – not seeking re election

**Nick Ireland** - Associate Coordinator

**Tony Bell** - Newsletter Editor – seeking re election

**Marc Ford** - Clothing – seeking re election

**Nick May** - Marketing

**David Bryant** - Chief Observer – This post is nominated by the groups Senior Observers so David will continue until such time he wishes to stand down.

## **Vacant Posts:**

**Membership Secretary**

**Ride Out Coordinator**

**Website Editor**

**Social Events Coordinator**

**Publicity Officer – No nominations** - Being handled by all the committee

You can apply for any of the positions above, even if someone on the committee has already put themselves forward. **Voting will take place to fill the three officer posts at the AGM.** In the event of 2 or more nominations for a post, a secret ballot will take place on the evening.

We need more volunteers to fill committee member posts. If you think you have something to offer and want to help make the group a success then please apply for a committee post.

Nomination forms are attached to this Newsletter. Please remember, only fully paid up members of the Institute and the Group may nominate or be nominated. Please return nomination forms to any of the Officers/

Committee Members as soon as possible or hand in to the Secretary when attending the Annual General Meeting.



## In preparation for the AGM, here are the minutes from the 2010 AGM.

### Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists AGM Held at the Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, Notts, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

#### 1. Apologises:

Terry Towler

#### 2. Minutes of last AGM:

Were last published in Jan 2009 Newsletter as AGM moved to March 2010 and have been deemed Accurate with no matters arising.

#### 3. Reports:

Chairman; Reported on the progress of the National Regional Groups Committee which is made up of representatives from IAM groups , and they are discussing and gaining feedback on how to take the IAM forward as a professional body. He talked about how we are strengthening our links with the Notts Police Force by attending and supporting their Operation Retina Campaign, our commitment to working with local companies to promote the IAM and that we have recently attended 2 open weekends CMC and Powersports where we took their customers on accompanied test rides. Steve also thanked those on the committee who this year are stepping down – Craig Garland, Duncan Wallace, Phil Meynell and Andy Hampshire and also to John Annable who over the last year has stepped down from his position as Chief Observer and has taken over a new position of organising group ride outs and social events.

Secretary; Reported on the new IAM website and that the IAM now has a new Cycling division.

Treasurer; Please see separate accounts sheet, it is to be noted that these figures go from Nov 2008.

Associate Coordinator; Jan to Dec 2009 we still had 35 associates in training, with approximately 27 passes during the year. In total we trained 67 associates and now carry 27 active associates into the New Year with 8 more on hold, 2 leavers and 5 passes since 1st Jan 2010.

Chief Observer; Informed the group about the new Observer mentoring system which has a new yearly plan for Observers which will be adhered to. We now have 8 new Trainee Observers which is the most we have had at any one time for quite a while. Observer training is being handled by Ian Orgill.

Newsletter; Phil thanked everyone for their input over his term in office and handed the reins to the new editor Tony Bell.

#### 4. Honorary Members;

It was with great pleasure that the group officially recognised the contribution that Angela Laughton has made to the group over the last 14 years by making her an Honorary group member. Angela has become the face of NAM to over the last decade attending group nights, ride outs, open days (to name a few) and showing great hospitality (as well as an alternative point of view) to the committee when they meet at her house to discuss group activities. She has worked tirelessly with the group both front of house (for which she is most well known) and also behind the scenes (which many do not see) as she helps to plan, organise and run group events. Over the last year she has also become the focal point of our fund raising for our chosen charity the Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance for which she has helped to raise over £1800. I hope that you will all agree with us that this recognition is long overdue and we are lucky to someone like Angela as part of our group.

**5. Election of new committee:**

3 Group members had put themselves forward for posts on the committee and have been officially elected.

Paul Thompson – Secretary,

Marc Ford – General Member

John Measures – Membership.

Tony Bell was welcomed as the successor to Phil Meynell as newsletter editor.

Positions still vacant are Clothing Officer and Group Events; these will be looked after by the committee until further notice.

The committee for 2010/11 is;

Steve Laughton – Chairman,

Paul Thompson – Secretary,

Mark Ellis – Treasure,

John Annable – Social Events,

Nick Ireland - Associate Coordinator,

Tony Bell – Newsletter Editor,

John Measures – Membership,

Marc Ford – Committee Member

David Bryant – Chief Observer

**6. Certificate Presentations:**

Dave Bryant received a certificate for his sponsorship of the group night raffle.

Sonia and Mike Gant were presented with a bouquet of flowers for their support of the group night raffle.

Corine & John Ritchie and Sue Ellis were also thanked for their help with the raffle.

Alan Godfrey from the Air Ambulance was presented with a cheque for £1810.10 raised by the group from Angela Laughton. Alan thanked the group for all their support and informed us that they are about to take delivery of a newer replacement helicopter that is more high tech and can take more equipment. He also told the group that we are mentioned in all his talks and he shows a photo of the last group cheque presentation during his talks.

Angela & Steve informed the group that CMC and Pidcocks had both donated £100 voucher to be raffled off

by the group to raise money for the Air Ambulance. Paul Phillips through his job has obtained a set of Silverstone leathers (most sizes available) by BKS that will be auctioned off by the group with all monies going to the Air Ambulance. Craig Garland has also given the group a set of new leathers that will also be auctioned later in the year for the Air Ambulance.

Each year the group reimburses one associate who completes their 'Skills' package within the year with cost

of the 'Skills' purchase, this year the first name out of the hat was David Daubney who unfortunately was not

there to collect the cheque, but he will be informed and the cheque sent to him.

**7. Radcliffe Trophy:**

Each year the committee sends out a form to all members to vote for any member of the group who they feel has helped them, been an inspiration to them or others or someone who they feel deserves recognition

for their contribution to those in the group. This year's recipient of the award was Steve Laughton the group's Chairman.

**8. A.O.B:**

No any other business

**9. Date of next AGM:**

Wednesday 30th March 2011. Venue to be confirmed.

**TO BE HANDED TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO AGM OR TO THE SECRETARY ON EVENING OF AGM ON 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Nomination Form for the election of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists 2011/2012 committee officers and members.**

I ..... (Name in block capitals) am willing to stand for election in the position of: .....

Signature.....Date.....

Proposed by: (Name in Capitals).....Signature.....Date.....

Seconded by: (Name in Capitals).....Signature.....Date.....

Nomination Accepted by.....

In the event of 2 or more nominations, I agree to a vote by ballot on the night and will abide by the majority decision.

**Please note: You may not stand for the committee if the law debar you from being a charity trustee.**

If you want to volunteer for the committee but do not know someone who can nominate you or second your nomination then please contact:-

Secretary Paul Thompson Tel: 01623 490435: E-mail: [namsec@sky.com](mailto:namsec@sky.com)

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**Too hot to handle**

**Did you know?**

Motorcycle ownership is more common in car owning households (3%) than in non car-owning households (1%).

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## The Radcliffe Trophy



**Q. How do you thank someone within the NAM group for their help, advice or the special contribution that they have made to the success of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists over the last year?**

### **A. Nominate them for the Radcliffe Trophy!**

Every year the Radcliffe Trophy is awarded to a member of the group, who is considered to deserve special recognition for their efforts. As well as receiving the prestigious trophy itself, at the AGM, the lucky person will also be awarded a suitably engraved trophy to keep for life.

There are only two rules,

1. All members and associates are entitled to vote, and
2. The only person ineligible for the award is the current holder **Steve Laughton**.

When completing the voting slip below you will notice that a first and second place is requested. The second named person will be used in the event of a tie for the trophy and the person with the greater number of second places will be the winner.

**PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THE PERSON YOU FEEL MOST DESERVES RECOGNITION FOR THEIR EFFORTS OR COMMITMENT.**

You can vote by telling Group Secretary in person at club night or by e-mail to [secretary@nottsam.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nottsam.org.uk)

THE RADCLIFFE TROPHY 2011 VOTING SLIP:

**I would like to nominate the following person for the 2011 Radcliffe Trophy.**

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of a tie situation, I nominate the following person as second choice.**

**Name of Nominee 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed form by email vote to**

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### **Did You Know?**

Less than 3% of households own a motorcycle.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – DUE by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

### Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists - Membership Renewal Form\*\*

**\*\*This form MUST be completed and handed in with your membership fee. Renewals due 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Please be aware that you will need to be a fully paid up member of the IAM to stay a full member of the Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists. This means that if you wish to be a committee member, an observer or join us on group ride outs you will need to hold and renew both memberships. This is not your IAM Renewal.

Associates when you purchased your SFL package it included both membership fees. One years membership of the NAM effective immediately, renewed on the 31<sup>st</sup> March after a full 12 months membership, paid directly to us. Your IAM membership is due on the anniversary of the date you purchased your 'Skills' package. If you have any queries about if you need to renew your NAM membership please contact the membership secretary – details below.

Group Member No:  \*IAM No:  \*IAM Expiry Date:

#### Personal details

\*Title: \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you do not wish to receive the newsletter or correspondence from NAM by email please tick the box

#### Group / Riding details

Date Passed DSA Motorcycle test: \_\_\_\_\_ Bike make/model: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Member status: **Full / Associate**

\*Observer status: **Observer / Group Qualified / Senior**

Date passed IAM Advanced Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Date passed Observer Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Aid: If you wish to give Gift Aid with your subscription please TICK the box**

Please return to: John Measures – NAM Membership, Barratt, Goff & Tomlinson, 3 Wheatcroft Business Park, Landmere Lane, Nottingham NG12 4DG

**Note: If you wish to renew your membership by standing order then please contact the NAM Treasurer at [nam.treasurer@ntlworld.com](mailto:nam.treasurer@ntlworld.com) for details on how to do this.**

#### \*Required Information

DATA PROTECTION ACT: As a member of the Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists, the personal information given on this form will be held in confidence on a computer file for membership records and newsletter distribution purposes only. You are at liberty to examine these details by prior arrangement with the club secretary.

#### **Membership Fees - £16.00 cheques payable to Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists (NAM)**

*Members who log over 30 hours are eligible to claim £8 in expenses*

*Members who log over 60 hours are eligible to claim £15 in expenses*

**Full fees are to be paid and Worked Hours Expenses claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Signature of official.....Date.....

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NO LONGER ISSUED, UNLESS REQUESTED.  
YOUR NAM NUMBER IS ISSUED TO YOU WHEN YOU JOIN NAM**

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## New Observers wanted!!

Dear Members

At this time each year the club invites members to apply to be trained to carry out the role of an Observer.

This invitation extends to all members who have passed the Advanced Test. We have places for 4 new trainee Observers.

There are huge benefits to becoming an Observer. It is an opportunity to mentor and advise others to prepare them for the Advanced Test. An Observer gains a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that they are improving the riding standard of others.

Also, by becoming an Observer, you will learn much more, not just about helping other riders reach the standard you have achieved, but through a greater understanding of the principles and application of advanced riding techniques, this will help you maintain and improve your own standards of riding.

The club has a very experienced Observer training team who will provide expert coaching in all aspects of observing.

There is a selection process which assesses a candidate's ability to keep up with an associate on an observed run and their communication skills.

This process involves the candidate following an observer for about 20 miles. The Observer will ride within the speed limit and display a few basic faults. The candidate should then identify these faults, discuss them and then give a good standard demonstration ride (this does **not** require use of a radio or commentary). Please do not be put off thinking that this is a difficult start. We appreciate that candidates will not be experts but we have to ensure that the basic skills required to be an Observer are in place. The whole process is therefore a fairly gentle one.

The Trainee Observer Assessment Day will take place, weather permitting, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

For the successful applicants the Observer training course consists of about six practical sessions and a video session run at weekends where the Trainee Observers work in pairs with the training team. This allows them to hopefully complete by the start of the block course where they can take real associates on training runs. The training takes place at weekends and requires a high level of commitment for a few weeks to get the course completed in time. This is important because of the pairing of the observers. The training has to be carried out as a group of two Trainees and one Senior, if one person cannot attend a particular session the others cannot carry on with it. Please bear in mind that this is only during the initial training period.

Please could anybody who is interested please let know either by calling me on 07970 388618 or sending me an email to [david\\_bryant@rettech.co.uk](mailto:david_bryant@rettech.co.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Dave Bryant  
Chief Observer



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# N.A.B.B.

Following on from enquiries made after the TV show "Emergency Bikers" (which highlighted the work carried out by volunteers on motorcycles for the NHS and Blood Donor Service) a meeting has been arranged for those people from Nottinghamshire and surrounding areas who are interested in finding out about the work of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes and what's involved in starting a new group. The meeting will be in the form of a presentation, followed by a question & answer session. This is expected to last around 2 hours, depending on the amount of discussion.



Please let a member of the Committee know if you can attend, so that we ensure we have enough seats etc.

The meeting will start at **7pm**, on **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011** and will take place at:

**The Black Lion Pub, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham. NG12 2FD**

(Copied on behalf of) John Stepney, **NABB** UK Development Officer [www.bloodbikes.org.uk](http://www.bloodbikes.org.uk)



**Good to the last drop ...**



# THINK B KE

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## A message from Head Office.

Dear all,

We recently received the following email from Spinal Research, and wondered if you would be interested in taking part, or at least finding out more. If so, please could you drop Caroline an email at [caroline.holmes@iam.org.uk](mailto:caroline.holmes@iam.org.uk), and she will pass your details on to Isabel at the charity.

'Unfortunately over 800 people a year are paralysed in the UK and too many were riding a motorcycle when they were hurt. Sadly, paralysis doesn't only mean not being able to walk again - depending on the part of the spinal cord that's injured it can cause loss of movement in arms and hands, an inability to breathe on your own and a total lack of independence. Recently there have been major breakthroughs in our research, resulting in treatments that are moving into clinical trials and this is a huge step forward. But our research is not cheap – a one year project alone costs around £50,000 and with no government funding we rely on our supporters to help.

Last year I launched the Fight Back appeal, which was fronted by our supporter Dave Webb, who was paralysed when he was just 19. The appeal was supported by top racers, including James Toseland and Neil Hodgson as well as TV presenter Suzi Perry. The appeal is continuing this year and Guy Martin has agreed to put his support behind a nationwide fundraising event called the Big Brew. We are asking motorcycle clubs, dealerships and individuals to organise a tea morning/day in aid of Ride Out and the group that raises the most money will meet Guy at a test session or race meeting and everyone that takes part can also win the same. It would be wonderful if your IAM groups would like to get involved with this event as it would be a great way to raise the profile of local groups as well as helping to raise funds for a cause close to motorcyclists hearts. The appeal will be launched at MCN's Motorcycle Show in February.

Kind Regards

Lyn Francis  
IAM Operations Support Manager

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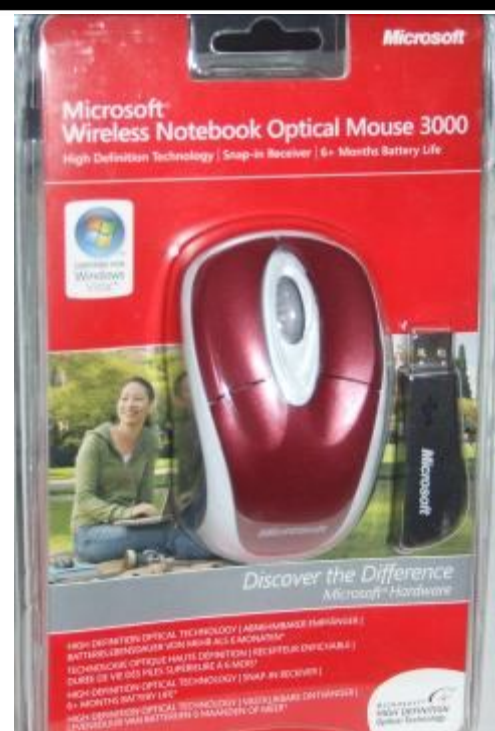
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**Puns for Educated Minds**

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

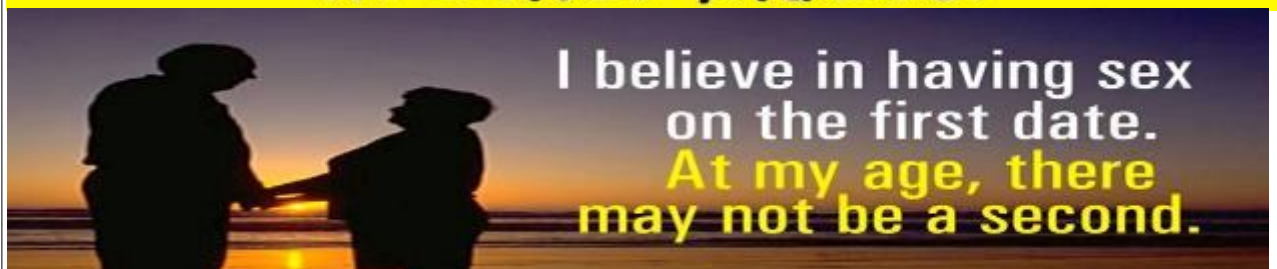
Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Then there was the Editor who put ten puns in the newsletter, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make the membership laugh. No pun in ten did.

**YOUNG AT HEART**  
Slightly older  
in other places.



*More crazy photos and jokes.....as always, the Editor and Committee do not intend to cause any offence by any photographs or jokes.....*

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## Associate Co-Coordinator by Nick Ireland



Chris Dames	Final required
Dean Meakin	initial required
Alan Sime	initial required
Kirsty Boss	On Hold
Larry O'Toole	On Hold
Richard Jordan	On Hold
Dan Mason	On Hold
Gareth Mitchell	On Hold
Karen Elliott	On Hold
Rob Walker	On Hold
Andy Edson	one 2 one
Rod Whitehead	one 2 one
Bill Thompson	one 2 one
Kev Naylor	one 2 one
Steve Bailey	one 2 one
Tony Welch	one 2 one
George Gill	one 2 one
Steve O'Connell	Test Ready
Terry Anderson	Test Ready
Gabriel Rey	Test Ready
Mark Habgood	Test Ready
Roger Widdowson	Test Ready

### Firstly the serious stuff:

If you are listed as Test Ready and haven't had confirmation from the IAM that they have received your test application **you most probably haven't sent it in!**

You can either complete one on line or download a form from the IAM site at:

[www.iam.org.uk/iammembers/IAM+Test+Booking+Form](http://www.iam.org.uk/iammembers/IAM+Test+Booking+Form)

Those listed as "Initial Required" may well have had it before this edition.

### Test Ready:

I will do my very best to get a refresher sorted for people whose test is imminent and haven't been out for a while but the new associates will take priority. **You need to either ring or email me.**

### Observers:

Please remember to let me know each time you take an associate out.

### Associates:

You must practice between runs, at least 90 miles, that way you should be up to test standard by run 5.

Remember that your mileage from the last training run is noted on your sheet so **GET ON YOUR BIKE...!!**

And finally keep busy but most importantly **Keep Safe.**

There is always someone out there who will hurt you.

**Nick Ireland**

**Associate Coordinator and**

**Senior Observer**

[nri01@btinternet.com](mailto:nri01@btinternet.com)

Tel 0115 8 715053

**Recent Test Passes on next page.....**

**STOP PRESS!!!!!!!!!!**

**Well done to Chris Dames on passing.**

**Nick Ireland - Associate Coordinator & Senior Observer**

## Recent Test Passes.

Congratulations from Chairman Steve on these recent test passes presented during the January Group Night.



**Niall Moore**



**John Anderson**



**Dylan Thorley**



**Lyndsey Trueman**

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# Retford College of Vehicle Technology

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Raffle prizes kindly donated Dave Bryant (Director of Retford College of Vehicle of Technology)

### Retford College of Vehicle Technology.

Who run courses in : Vehicle Fast Fit, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, Motorcycle Maintenance, Auto Electrical

## Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists on

# facebook

*Alan Godfrey (Nottinghamshire Fundraiser)*

*Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance*

*Email:- [agodfrey.airamb@btconnect.com](mailto:agodfrey.airamb@btconnect.com)*

*[www.lnaact.org.uk](http://www.lnaact.org.uk)*

## *Air ambulance is also on Facebook*



Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

### ***This is a quote from Steve Laughton the Chairman of NAM.***

*“I had an interesting conversation the other weekend about not riding like the advanced rider when going for a play! I went to great trouble to explain that if the speed increases that everything else should continue to be done in the order of the 5 point system. After all this was invented by the police to get from A-B as safely and quickly as they can. We have to work within the speed limits but everything else is based on their methods. And if you’re speed increases then your observations need to be even sharper and more systematic than they are at 60mph.”*

*Remember this and how true it is.....*

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## GROUP NIGHTS

**When:** Last Wednesday of the month,

**Time:** 8:00pm.

**Where:** Black Lion Pub,  
Main Rd, Radcliffe on Trent,  
Nottinghamshire.

**Postcode:**  
NG12 2FD

**GROUP NIGHTS**—The only month we do not meet is December, and our AGM is held in March.

These nights are for meeting new/old members, prospective members and friends alike, We usually have guest speakers (when available) and we hear what is happening the group.

There's time for a general chit chat and we also use the evenings for informal question and answers, as every now and then someone has a burning question or two that may not have a straight forward answer, so we pool our collective minds together and sometimes have a good old fashioned debate.

**The group nights are open to everyone, so please do come along and if you have friends or colleagues who are interested bring them along too!**

**Newsletters:** This and previous newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from our web site [www.nottsam.org.uk](http://www.nottsam.org.uk) - just follow the link for "Magazines".



## Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing

NEW PRICES—SEE NEXT PAGE  
SOME ITEMS CHEAPER!!!!!!

The clothing comes various colours with the NAM logo on the chest (pictured) and various items are available in sizes that range from XS to 5XL.

**NAM clothing now available in any colour you like..... Even pink!!!**

### HOW TO GET YOUR CLOTHING

There is an Order Form on the Yahoo site.  
(Don't forget the colour, size and quantity)

Please contact a committee member or alternatively please e-mail your completed order form to...

[nam.clothing@ntlworld.com](mailto:nam.clothing@ntlworld.com)

**Please make cheques payable to "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists."**



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