



WRITE LINES



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*So what do
you want
us to DO,
exactly???*

read on.....

The Club, the Committee, the Magazine, and other issues.

We should all be open to improvement and constructive criticism. If we weren't, then we probably wouldn't be advanced motorcyclists, or

trying to be. The same goes for those of us privileged to be on the committee - *your* committee, of *your* club.

So with that in mind we have been having long talks following comments made personally and through the leavers' survey we conducted a short while ago. We listened. We accept that the Group does not fulfil everything that you may want, and we need to know what we can do to improve. We want you to tell us, honestly and openly, what your thoughts and feelings are. We do not want to wait until you have left the Club before we ask the question, so now is your chance.

What are we good at, and what are we less good at?

Where can we improve so that the Group provides more of what you want out of your membership?

One thing we do know is that some have thought, and maybe still think, that Club Nights can be a little cliquy, that groups sit on their own and there is little mingling and socialising. For our part, on the committee, we are trying to address that, and will make efforts to chat to as many "strange faces" as we can, even if only to introduce ourselves to those who don't know us. As a start, inside the magazine this month, and in subsequent issues, we will introduce ourselves to you - ourselves as real people, not just committee members. You can meet us half-way and come over on Club Night (or ride out, or whenever) and say hello to us and other members so we can all get to know each other better.

What about Group activities? We have made significant steps forward this year in organising more ride outs, including weekday evenings, and more in the way of specific activities such as guest speakers and trips out. This is largely down to the efforts of Nick Ireland, who joined us on the committee earlier this year specifically to organise events for the Group. He has achieved a great deal, and our thanks go to Nick. But what else can we do? Would you like to see more purely social activities, not bike-related? How can we continue the training aspect of your riding, should you want it? How do you want to see Club Nights organised? So much we want to know, so tell us.

As for the magazine, what would you like to see? As Editor, I rely on contributions made by others, in the main. Personal pieces like Mike and Sonja Gant's item last month on their European trip make such a difference, and are a great read. What else would you like to see? And, perhaps more importantly, in what ways can you contribute? It is your magazine, for your group, remember - you don't have to leave it for someone else to do.

I shall be experimenting with new layouts for the mag, as I believe that many of you print it out nowadays rather than read it on screen. If that is the case, then I don't have to resort to "top down" layouts and can try to be a little more creative on the design side. How do you feel about that?

So.....there is much we want you to tell us. You can send me something for the magazine itself, of course, and I promise it will not be censored - though I might have to edit out the expletives, of course! If you don't fancy that you can send an email to any of the committee members, or chat on the phone, or write a note. Whatever way you prefer, please get back to us on this one.

Thanks for your time

Ron Maslin: Magazine Editor, on behalf of the committee.

Steve Laughton: Chairman

Well, we as a committee have decided that we should all introduce ourselves, as there are quite a few new members in the group who do not know who we are, or what we look like, or what we have done to get here.

I passed my bike test back in 1993. And when I did my CBT I really didn't think I would even be able to do it. "How the hell are you supposed to use your hand to operate the clutch?" Things got better and I passed my test in the October. Hurray...



Bikes

The first bike I had was a Yamaha XT600 Tenere, which we had for a year and did over 20,000 miles. Until I test rode my mate's Yamaha XTZ 750 Super Tenere. It went better, stopped even better due to twin front discs, and a rear disc instead of a drum brake. It was great, and the bike that got me into bikes in the first place. So with, Angela's blessing we purchased one very shortly afterwards. We had this for a couple of years and went all over the UK and my first trip overseas to Germany for a two week camping holiday. (And it rained for 10 days out of 14) and we did around 30000 miles in two years.

Shortly afterwards we bought a Yamaha YZF Thundercat. We had this for a three years and did over 45000 miles and were very happy with it until Angela thought we should swap it for something a bit bigger to go touring in France the following year. But what should we buy?

We both loved the look of the Suzuki Hayabusa at the Bike Show in 1998 so we bought one in the November 1999 following a test ride. I had to wait for my 35th birthday so the insurance went down by £200. (This was the longest 4 weeks of my life) We had quite a few problems over 5.5 years and covered 42000 miles, with quite a few trips abroad.

Last year in July we changed it again for a '03 Hayabusa in black. And so far we have covered 8000 miles, and things are good.

Biking career

As I said, I passed my test in 1993, and joined Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists in 1996.

Back then there was a large, or should I say long, waiting list, due to a shortage of observers. I started my training in the winter of 1996, and passed my test in the July of 1997. I started to become an observer the following weekend, when I was given 2 associates, (scary or what?)

Following that weekend in the deep end, I chose to accompany one or two observers who I got on well with, during my preparation for test, and I used them to develop my skills to go and prepare others. I passed my "Group Qualified" test in Nov 1998. Because, unlike now, we had a stepping stone position of Group Observer on the way to the GQ test.

The following year I qualified as a "Senior Observer", and 6 years later in 2005 I re-took my senior's test along with Ian Orgill to become the first two seniors the group has ever had and have held the position for a 6 year period.

I joined the committee around 1998 and have watched the group grow slowly ever since. I have held a number of positions, eventually becoming the group Chairman, of which I have held for around 5-6 years, I think. And I must say that it is a position I am very proud of and I really do enjoy representing NAM at events around the country, on your behalf.

The role of chairman has take over most of my social life now, as I try to be involved in most of the group's day-to-day running. My role includes attending any group event we put on, and most ride outs, as I believe you should lead from the front and try to set the example for others. After all, if you are not prepared to give your all then you shouldn't take on the role. (I hope I get it right? If not please tell me)

I attend around 5-6 IAM events/conferences each year, and spend hours on the mobile during the week, to various members of the IAM head office sorting out a variety of group queries. We have 11 committee meetings each year, along with hours on the PC sending emails back and forth to members of the committee over things like group policy changes, and composing things like group ride rules etc. The nights just disappear sometimes.

One of the most daunting things I have to do each month is to address the group at group night, because having to stand and give a presentation is quite intimidating. As the years have gone by I find it more relaxing and this has been overcome because we have to stand at the IAM conference to give reports on our progress as a group and have occasionally had one or two run-ins with the like of the IAM's Christopher Bullock. (I've rattled his cage a few times, but it had to be done).

I get much pleasure and find it very rewarding doing the observing, as we get to meet people who aren't quite sure if this is what they want or need. Until they have their initial assessment, and then the light seems to get turned on, and within a few weeks their faces and body language have changed and they just look like different guys 'n girls riding their bikes.

So I plan on doing what I am doing until it no longer gives me pleasure. Or you no longer want me representing you.

And I hope that is a very long way in the future.

Outside the group

I am married to a very supportive wife called Angela; we got married in 1990 in St Lucia in the Caribbean.

I own a small building business doing just about anything you need to maintain your home or business. I do the following things, kitchens, bathrooms, plastering, ceramic tiling, block paving, brickwork etc.

Other than my wedding holiday, the most impressionable place we have been is Las Vegas; we spent two days on cowboy ranches, riding horses and watching the night stars over the Grand Canyon.

Following this I could have sold the bike and house and gone to live in the USA as a cowboy. Sorry, but it was just so good. So if you see me in cowboy boots and a hat, you know why.

So next time you see me at group night or anywhere else, please come on over and have a chat. You now know more about me than most of my close friends, as I have not done anything like this before and put my life on paper. Scary or what?

If you don't want to talk at group night, you can send an email or give me a call, my details are in the mag.
See you all soon,

Steve Laughton, your chairman.

Andy Hampshire: Secretary

Hi, name's Andy Hampshire and I am the Secretary/Membership Sec of your group. I have been on the committee for about 6 years in various positions including newsletter editor.



I am in my late 30's - well almost 40 to be honest, married to Nik with 2 great kids Alex & Josh.

During the day I am a sales rep who travels 2/3rds of the country by car for a company who manufacture mobile (park) homes and holiday (timber) lodges which means I do about 50k miles per year, so travel at weekends is not my first love, but the bike makes all the difference.

My interests outside of my home & working life are cycling, reading - I have a fondness for Dean R Koontz, real ale - I attend a few festivals when I can, I enjoy music especially rock and metal - thank goodness for mp3 downloads, and finally I enjoy chilling out in the evening listening to the radio - planet rock or virgin - I save radio 4 for the car!

On the biking side of my life I passed my test about 8 yrs ago and the advanced about a year after that. I have only owned 2 bikes, though I have ridden a fair few, these being a 600 Bandit s/n. It was faired, then went naked and my current bike a SV1000n (it's still naked). I have had a keen interest in motorcycling for about 20 years when I first started to watch club racing at Mallory park, now I take a keen interest in BSB which I attend a few rounds each year.

Andy

Nick Ireland: Events Organiser and Group Qualified Observer (Just)



Aged 53 but acts 12

Rides a CBR 600 F1 Sport

Married to Myra who is an eternal 26 year old?

Retired from our hairdressing business after 32 years in Easter 2005

After a year off we felt we wanted something to do on a part time/suit ourselve's basis so started a decorating business which we named "Top Coat Painting and Decorating Services", and enjoying every minute, especially when we get paid!

We have 2 sons: Chris 26, who completes his officer training at Sandhurst (same intake as Wills) at Christmas. Alex 24, a Captain with The Royal Artillery currently on operations in Afghanistan which is a bit worrying to say the least.

I joined the NAM in July of last year, taking my test and passing last November, phew!

During my instruction, which was on a 1-2-1 with Ron Maslin, we got talking about my years in business and also my hobby, "The Sealed Knot Society", which re-enacts battles of the English Civil War period.

Ron knew "The Group" was looking for someone to take up the post of Events Organiser so once he learned of my business background dealing with 12 or more staff and the large Civil War displays I had organised, he put my name forward and the rest, as they say, is history.

We have been members of "The King's Lifeguard of Foote" since we joined the society 25 years ago. During this time I have moved up the ranks to my present position as Regimental Commanding Officer.

We have just fewer than 300 members in my regiment and the sealed Knot has in the region 4,000+ members nationwide. It is certainly very different to anything you could imagine, especially on the battlefield with the numerous other regiments making up both armies where I have to direct our regiment, consisting of a large block of Pike with a wing of Musket on either side, across a battlefield, to take on an opposing regiment.

I forgot to mention: we are, of course, "Royalists" or, if you prefer, "Cavaliers" but then with a name like "The King's Lifeguard of Foote" what else could we be? Oh, and I do know we lost!



Nick leading the Regimental Colours into Battle

Nick Ireland

Ron Maslin: Magazine Editor

Hi, I'm Ron Maslin. I put together the magazine, 'Write Lines' and also send out email notices to the group. So what can I tell you about myself? I suppose I ought to start with the biking bit.

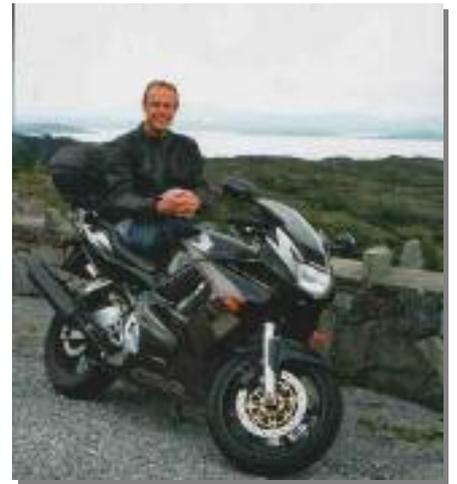
I joined the Advanced Motorcyclists after having a leaflet thrust into my hands on an Egg Run 4 years or so ago and it was one of those things that I had been meaning to do for ages, so finally I just went for it and sent off my form. When people ask why I wanted to become an advanced motorcyclist my usual answer is that I have a very low death threshold and wanted to stay alive as long as I could.



As Woody Allen said once, "I have nothing against death, I just don't want to be there when it happens".

I started riding bikes, or what can loosely be called bikes, in my

teens, at the age of 17 or so - about 135 years ago, now. My first 2 wheels was a Lambretta LD150; no side panels, I walked it more often than I rode it, and it cost me all of £8. I sold it to a mate for £6 and his dad made him bring it back! I went up to a BSA Europa 250 after that, then through a succession of British and Japanese bikes until I "went serious" a few years ago and bought a Honda CBR600F, which I still ride now. I like it as it is a reliable, good all-round bike and a great compromise sports-tourer. My next will be a Pan, though - already picked the colour - Candy!



And the rest? 57yrs old, no second childhood yet (still in the first) and living with my partner Sharon, in Keyworth. I have 4½ grand-children, daughter Samantha expecting again around December, and have just about got used to the idea of being a grand-dad now, although I wouldn't have the "G word" mentioned with the first - me, old enough to be a grandfather? Never!

I spent 12-15 years teaching ICT (Information and Communications Technology) to secondary school students and adults and as a Training Manager before going self-employed 5 years ago as an educational consultant. Moved on now and I work at the Manor Farm animal and donkey sanctuary in East Leake. (well worth a visit!) I do a lot of voluntary, unpaid work with the animals, such as looking after the adoptions (makes a perfect present!!) and also work with schools on visits and what is called Environmental Play - essentially classes in the woods where they learn about the natural environment through play and various activities (I can hear the jokes about playing in the woods now!!!)

My other pastimes include photography. I have been a very serious amateur photographer for many years and went digital a couple of years ago. I used to spend hours in the darkroom trying to get the perfect print, and it is so much easier, not to say cleaner and less smelly, to do it on the computer in Adobe Photoshop.

I also like the countryside and Sharon and I go up to the Yorkshire Dales whenever we can and chill out. Tai Chi, a bit of yoga, holistic massage and meditation, they've all had their place in my life, too, so I do have a spiritual side!

Enough already! If you want to know more come over and have a chat on Group Night.

Take care, have fun, Ron

Triumph Motorcycle Factory Visits

We have successfully managed to organize a couple of tours around the Triumph factory. Places are extremely popular, so names are being taken in advance for trips next year already. If you would like to go on the list (first come, first served) please let me know immediately.

Regards

Nick Ireland
Events Organiser

Tour Schedule

The tours start at 10:00 in the morning and 14:00 in the afternoon, each lasting two hours.

What Does the Tour Include?

The tour starts with a sit down presentation about Triumph.

There is then an opportunity to see the machine shops in operation where engine internal and external components are machined to exact precision.

The tour then proceeds into the assembly area, where both the assembly of the engines and bikes can be observed.

The tour finishes with a question and answer session and an opportunity to visit the factory's concept store.

Visitor Guidelines and Safety Requirements

There is no age limit, but children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

There is a maximum limit of twenty people per tour.

No cameras or recording devices are allowed in the manufacturing plant, but photography is permitted in specified areas.

NAM Chip Run 18th July

Open to all members and associates

It would help us greatly in sorting out Ride Groups if we have an idea of numbers so would you let Nick Ireland know you are coming nri01@tiscali.co.uk or phone on 01636 611246

Meet at The Black Lion Radcliffe-on-Trent 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start.

Route takes us on the back roads to the outskirts of Newark where there is a really good chip shop.

From there we again use the back roads to get us to the pub at Car Colston which is beautifully situated on the Village Green for us to wash away the salt and vinegar.

You can then make our own way home in your own time from here.

It is approximately a 30 mile route. Check out the map on the SmartGroup site via the link below
http://www.smartgroups.com/vault/notts.am/Ride%20Outs/Ride%20Out%20Maps/18_July.jpg

If you have not yet joined the N.A.M. SmartGroup site then send an email to Nick Ireland nri01@tiscali.co.uk for your invite.

Group Night 28 July 2006

SmartWater presentation by Pat Muse on Bike Security. Meet in the upstairs of The Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent. 7.45 for 8.00

Nottingham Robin Hood Marathon 10 September 2006

For more years than I care to remember, NAM has provided mobile marshalling facilities for this event.

In fact, when I first started there was no race radio and nobody had mobiles. It doesn't seem possible now; I do remember a few guys with antiquated amateur radio systems which never seemed to work.

Anyhow, I need as many of you as possible to turn up from 09:00 till about 14:00 ish for the full day or 12:00 ish for the morning only.

Since the demise of the Nottingham police bike squad the organisers rely on us totally to find and report problems both with traffic and competitor distress.

Last year they hired 5 police riders from Leicester and as far as I am aware this will happen this year, too, with one of us accompanying each of them to get them from A to B quickly, especially with blue lights etc. – them, not us, of course.

I will allocate riders to each of the 25 or so sections where they enforce the road closures by reporting thru one of the radio-equipped riders and patrol the section looking for problems.

I need as many of you as possible. Last year I had 45, this year I would like to break 50 for the first time; the more the merrier, and of course if we get too many you can always go off for a ride.

Anyone can help. It doesn't matter if you have passed or not or if you are a current member, as we often get ex-members who come along to catch up with old friends and also bring their mates.

It is good fun, and of course you can end up doing things that on the previous or next day can lose you your licence.

For all this help the club receives a donation from the organisers which allows us to provide new radio equipment etc. This year it's around £600; year in year out it does mount up.

Also with us riding around wearing NAM regalia it is a fantastic public relations exercise too.

Please put this date in your diaries and let me know if you can make it.

Terry Towler

**Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclist
Minutes of Committee Meeting
6th June 2006**

1. Apologies:

Bill Williams

2. Minutes of last meeting/accuracy/matters arising:

Radio prices need to be obtained by SL & TT, from Intaride and Kenwood, as 7/8 observers are going to require equipment soon + other radios need replacing.

3. NAM Website:

We now have IAM quality standard for our website, thanks to the work of Ken Octon. It was proposed by Ken that we spend £89 + VAT (approx) on submission to search engines for one year to see if this is a viable option to attract new members. This was agreed by the committee.

4. NAM Charity Status:

It seems that we have not been following the Charity Commission guidelines for operations of a charity in a couple minor issues, and we still have some none committee members as trustee's. AH is to contact and put matters right.

5. Reports:

Chairman – Went over the new rules regarding NAM group rideouts, these will be printed in the next newsletter RM.

Secretary – AH informed the committee of the latest posted information from the IAM, this included details of point of display information, and details that trustees of the group are now covered by indemnity insurance provided by the IAM.

Treasurer – No report

Associate Coordinator – We have 11 associates being given guidance, 2 from the block course have gone awol, 3 1 to 1 have gone awol, we have 5 who have been under guidance and have gone awol. We have 12 associates on block course 2. 1 new associate will start in July; we have 3 initials that need to be done. We have 9 we are test ready, with one fail and one associate is waiting for a test. In total we have 45 associates.

Terry also reported that we have received £150 from the organisers of the Reading Marathon.

6. Observer Expenses:

Matters regarding out of pocket expenses for Trainee Observer Trainers, Group Qualified Observers or Senior Observers who are nominated by the committee to train/qualify/re-qualify observers was discussed. The outcome being that an ex gratia payment will be made for out of pocket expenses for the people mentioned above of a one off payment of £10 per run

7. Recommendation of Observers:

John Ritchie and Andy Parkin have successfully completed their observer training and were recommended to the committee who have accepted them as new observers.

8. AOB:

AH is to investigate the costs of both car and bike stickers to promote the groups website, as this is where most of our new associates come from other than HPP events.

RM reported that there was very limited interest in his treasure hunt, and asked if he purchase a bottle of wine for the winning team – this was agreed

RM was concerned about the publication of committee details in the newsletter. This is because it is available to view on the website and may lead to nuisance calls etc. It was agreed that our details do need to be published and that so far no one has experienced any problems.

TT suggested that we invite the new Motorcycle Chief Examiner to a group night, AH to investigate.

SL asked if we could present our 'Skills' gift certificate to Dave Storey who is a Fireman and recently organised our trip to his fire station. Dave goes around the area promoting Road safety and other matters and as yet has not taken his advanced test, and we all agreed that as an advanced rider he can put our case across to others based upon his first hand knowledge thus promoting both the group and the IAM. This was agreed and Dave is now an associate with the group.

9. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 4th July

Well done – 2 new observers!



Paul Phillips and John Ritchie
receiving their observer certificates



And congratulations to.....

Lorne Winborne and Gary Jones for passing their test

And to Gethin Roberts, Nick Ireland and Shanus McMillan-Fraser
on passing their Qualified Observer Test!

Well done, lads!!

emails forwarded from the SmartGroup

Several notices have already been circulated telling you how you can stop getting email alerts every time there is a change or a new message on the SmartGroup site. So there is no more confusion, and no more complaints about getting too many emails, please note:

Go to the SmartGroup website

Click on 'Group' on the left hand side

Click on 'Your Settings'

Under Message receive method' you have 3 options - Immediately, Digest and No Email - web retrieval only.

If you do not want emails alerting you to changes on the site, then select 'No Email'

It is then good practice to visit the site regularly and click on 'Group' then 'What's New' to find new entries.

So now you know how to stop receiving emails from the SmartGroup. Please make it your responsibility to choose, and to use the SmartGroup effectively and properly. It is a fantastically useful communications tool for the Group, so use it well, please. You may want to print out this page so the issue does not arise again.

July sees the launch of the new vehicle history check aimed specifically at motorcyclists.

(forwarded from personal contact at Experian)



Based on the highly successful AutoCheck platform launched earlier this year, CheckABike allows bikers to check the bike they want to buy before they part with their money.

Instant results are available online and each check can cost customers as little as £5 a time. This drops to just £3 a check with our special Experian Friends and Family discount.

If you are looking at buying a used motorbike and want to buy a check, simply visit www.checkabike.co.uk.

CheckABike is the only vehicle history check that uses Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) data, making it the most complete check for bikers available.

To benefit from the special introductory price, giving a discount of £10 on the normal price for a limited period, type the code EXP06F&F into the promotion code box on the online payment form. You will be able to run a single check for just £9.99 and a multi-check for £14.99.

Feel free to pass this code on to your friends and family. It works with AutoCheck our car data check site too, so whether you are looking to buy a used bike or a used car, you can benefit from this discount.

To check a used bike go to www.checkabike.co.uk

'GOLD-PLATED' LICENCES UNNECESSARY SAY BMF

28 June 2006

In a move to prevent the over embellishment of EU regulations for obtaining a motorcycle driving licence, the British Motorcyclists Federation have accused the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) of increasing the cost and difficulty of obtaining a motorcycle licence by 'gold plating' an EU directive.

In written evidence to the 'Davidson Review of Implementation of EU Legislation', the BMF points out that motorcycle driving licence procedures are already complicated enough without the UK's own agency adding unnecessary embellishments.

The review, reporting later this year and chaired by Neil Davidson QC, the former Solicitor General for Scotland, is designed to look at how the UK puts EU legislation into practice and particularly for evidence of 'gold plating', defined as 'instances where, by extending the scope of an EU directive, UK implementation goes beyond the minimum necessary to comply with that directive.'

With plans for a 3rd Driving Licence Directive already before the EU Parliament (even before the 2nd Driving Licence Directive has been fully implemented and evaluated!), the BMF points out that the DSA have already decided that meeting the 2nd Driving Licence Directive's requirements will require purpose-built surfaced areas roughly the size of a premier league football pitch to carry out certain tests. This is larger than that determined by other member states and can therefore be seen as 'gold plating'.

Further, the directive requires that two slow speed manoeuvres are required to be undertaken, but say the BMF, these have been 'gold plated' by the DSA who are now insisting on *four* distinct manoeuvres namely: riding at a walking pace, performing a slalom, a figure of eight and also a U turn. These do not apply in other member states.

Commenting on the procedure, BMF spokesman Jeff Stone said: "This really is a case of 'all that glitters is not gold'. The EU directive is stringent enough and has been accepted elsewhere in Europe so we can't see why the DSA have added this extra bit of 'gold plating'. The effects on learner motorcyclists will be dramatic and worse still, they will have been unfairly and unjustly treated compared to those in other EU states."

The knock-on effects will be far reaching because of the size of the test areas now required means that the UK's current test centre sites will be closed and new ones opened at the new super centres. *(Note: Typically there are often test centres within 8-10 miles of a candidate's home. The new 'super centres' will be fewer and far between and candidates will have to travel up to 35 or 40 miles to get to a centre, or if in Scotland, some test candidates will have to travel in excess of 100 miles for a test. Serious problems will occur during the late autumn, winter and early spring periods due to adverse weather conditions when centres will close but too late to advise the candidate).*

Coupled to the new 3rd Driving Licence Directive, motorcycling will become increasingly difficult and prohibitively expensive say the BMF. The current estimate for closing current centres and setting up of 50-70 new 'super centres' is well in excess of £80 million and costs will have to be recouped from candidates.

The effect so far is to increase all driving test fees by £3 a year through to 2008. Currently the practical motorcycle test is £58 with it increasing to £61 in April 2007; £64 in April 2008 with a total review of test fees at the start of the new testing regime in 2008. Raising the 'gold plating' issue is one further way of trying to control the tide of licensing legislation now facing motorcycling say the BMF.

MENTOR GROUPS June 2006

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Netherfield

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Bulwell

TRAINING STATUS

Training Status	Associate	Observer	
BEING TRAINED - 1 2 1	Mark Baker	Ryan Walker	
	Philip Meynall	Shanus M-F	
	Ash Lovett	Keith Savage	
	Philip Jarvis	Andee Davis	
	Adrian Hand	Ron Maslin	
	Linda Cree	Ryan Walker	
	Richard Smith	Ron Maslin	
	David Hill	Paul Waldron	
	Jez Bailey	Nick Ireland	
	John Adkins	Keith Priest	
	Richard Wright	Ron Maslin	
	Mark Steele	Ryan Walker	
	Dave Storey	Paul Hunniset	
	BEING TRAINED - 1 2 1 Run ?	Nigel Dutton	Paul Waldron
		Colin Boot	John Ritchie
	BEING TRAINED - 1 2 1 Run 2		
	BEING TRAINED - 1 2 1 Run 4 complete	Stephen Jacks	Paul Waldron
John Davies		Phil Green	
Andrew Hall		Karl TelferBanner	
BEING TRAINED - WAITING ASSOCIATE	Kevin Stark	A Davis	
	Mark Edwards		
	Mark Ellis		
	Chris Adams		
	Justin Hume		
Block Course 2 ? Run 4	Chris Varley	John Annable	
Block Course 2 Final Reqd - KO	Ken Jacklin		
	George Harrison		
	Robert Varley	John Annable	
Block Course 2 Final Reqd - RE	Ronald Fahy		
Block Course 2 Final Reqd	Brian Negus		
Block Course 2 Final Reqd - TT	Peter Alton		
Block Course 2 Run 3	Alex Agar		
Block Course 2 Run 4	Les Thomas		
FINAL REQUIRED - WAITING ASSOCIATE	Matthew Orchard	Ryan Walker	
INITIAL BOOKED 15/7 SL	Noble Coxon		
INITIAL COMPLETED - WAITING ASSOCIATE	Mark Shaw		
	Craig Garland		
INITIAL REQUIRED - SL	Anthony Bell		
TEST READY	Paul D Thompson		
	Alec Simpson	NOT REJOINED	
	Geoff Ellis	Paul Hunniset	
	Stephen Groom		
	Vincent Shreve		
	Deb Hooton		
	Rob Abbott		

Please consult the Smart Site and to inform me of any discrepancies.

Thanks

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Group Nights & News Letters:

Group Nights: On the last Wednesday of every month, starting at 8:00pm. We meet **UPSTAIRS** (go through the pub lounge to the far left, thro the door and up the stairs) at the Black Lion Public House in Radcliffe on Trent, Nottinghamshire. The only month we do not meet is December, and our AGM is held in November.

We use the group nights to meet new /old members, prospective members and friends alike, listen to guest speakers (when available) have the odd quiz night, hear about what is happening within the group, and have a general chit chat about many varied subjects. 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 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: Additional copies of this or previous news letters can be viewed and downloaded from our web site www.nottsam.org just follow the link for "Magazines". ***

*** Please note: Following recent problems with maintaining our website (reported at the AGM) we are currently undergoing a redesign and re-siting of our pages. Please bear with us and we'll keep you informed. Thanks

Don't forget to let me know if you change your email address! Every month I get a few failed deliveries, so make sure one of them isn't you!!! Without a current email address you WILL NOT receive your copy of the magazine or other notices.

Any articles for inclusion in future editions of 'Write Lines' can be sent to me either by email to ron.maslin@btinternet.com (I would prefer articles in Microsoft Word or text format wherever possible) or sent to me at:

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Feedback on the magazine is always welcomed!

Deadline for publication is 15th of each month

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing 2006

Our new range of Club Clothing is now available – most of it from stock!!!

Apart from the standard range of black garments with a slightly revised logo (all white lettering) we will be showing samples of new items. We are sure you will be keen to see the new stuff - such as white T-shirts with black lettering around the logo and some long sleeved versions of the Polo shirt and the T-shirt, as well as a roll neck shirt and a zip-neck fleece. There's something for everyone and every season, so don't forget your cash or your cheque book on Club Nights. If you cannot make it to club night and would like to order some clothing items then use the order form below.

NAM Committee.

We offer a range of high quality clothing embroidered with our group logo.
New for 2005 – all lettering is in one colour.

The clothing comes in black with the attractive NAM logo on the chest
(pictured) and items are available in S*/M/L/XL/XXL/XXL*.

All *items are made to order. Other sizes should be available from stock

Standard Range 2006

- Fleece
- Polo Shirt
- Sweatshirt
- T-Shirt , black with white lettering
- T-Shirt, white with black lettering (new for 2005)



Order Form. Please enter the quantities you would like and calculate the total price

Size guide > Approx chest >	S 36	M 38/40	L 42	XL 46	XXL 48	£ Each	£ Total
<i>e.g. T-shirt, black</i>		1		1		10.00	20.00
T-Shirt, black						10.00	
T-shirt, white						10.00	
Polo Shirt, black						12.50	
Sweatshirt, black						15.00	
Fleece, black						25.00	
Other items available, made to order: (l/s = long sleeved)							
T-shirt black, l/s						12.50	
T-shirt white, l/s						12.50	
Polo shirt, black, l/s						15.00	
Roll Neck, black, l/s						20.00	
Zip neck Sweat, black, l/s						20.00	
Your Name: _____						Total Order £ Value	
Tel: _____							

Please bring your order and your payment to the next group night or contact any member of the committee.
Please make cheques payable to “Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists.”
Your clothing will be available for collection at the following club night or from the clothing stockholder on the committee.

For XXXL and other sizes different prices/lead times may apply so please ask.

Urgent orders can be handled but additional charges may be necessary to cover our suppliers’ extra costs – price on application.

NAM Committee 2006



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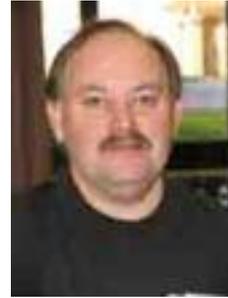
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