



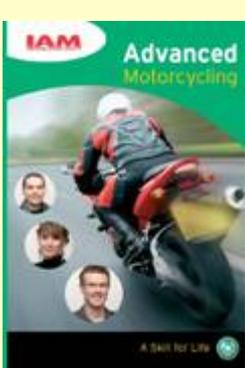
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SKILL FOR LIFE PRICE RISE.

Following several years at £85 the IAM have decided that the cost of the examiners expenses have increased as petrol and servicing cost continue to rise, that the existing price does not cover the cost to conduct a test any more.

Originally they set the price of both the car and bike course at the same price, but the bike test was being subsidised by the car test. So this time they have made the price reflect the cost allegedly.

So the new price will be £109 for bikes and £99 for cars. They will still keep the £20 discount for the under 26's.

All Observed rides and social ride outs suspended

Some questions have been raised with the IAM about the adequacy of the Group's Public Liability Insurance.

The Committee has raised its concerns with the IAM and has asked for clarification.

Until this matter has been resolved please note:

Effective immediately all group observed runs and ride-outs have been suspended until further notice.

This decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the committee last week.



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THE EDITORS



What a **** month I've had!!

Long story but had a bit of an incident with an associate which I will go into when all insurance claims are finalised. No broken bones and hopefully no lasting damage to either of us. Craig, Steve & Angela many many thanks for everything your help kind words etc were and are very much appreciated. Thanks also to Andy Davis, Dave Bryant and Ron Maslin. (Steve - Don't let on to JA where we get half a chicken and two meat pies for lunch) Full details soon.

All of you should have seen the email putting a stop to ALL observed rides and any planned rideouts. This will hopefully be short term and a normal (?) service will be resumed as soon as possible. This decision was made by the committee at an impromptu emergency meeting on Wednesday 21st November 2007

Also it's a bit hectic at work and haven't had the time to devote to anything bar work really.....

Apart from that I have had a good time the ride out to Foston Locks was excellent and I tailed a group....The Pink One!

This is the first time I have tailed a group and hopefully not the last. (Although recent events may mean I have to lead) I thoroughly enjoyed it. Excellent roads excellent route not bad company either. Well done Nick and thanks again.

Been to the Bike Show at the NEC and I have to say was a bit disappointed smaller than last year and it just seemed unfriendly if you know what I mean.

This month sees the AGM—please attend it is your club. This is where the new committee for 2007—2008 are decided and the Radcliffe Trophy is presented. Show your support for the club by attending.

Phil

Fill the Editor!

....if you want to volunteer yourself feel free...

Knowing me Richard Crowe Knowing you Dicky!

1st Bike Owned:

SV650s

Current bike:

GSXR 600

Full licence for how many years?

5

What car do you own?

Picasso

Occupation:

Minister of Religion [Salvation Army Officer] stationed at Stapleford

Nickname:

Dicky

If you won the Lottery what bike would you buy and why (Max of 3)

- Ducati 999
- GSXR 750
- Kawasaki Ninja ZX-10

Favourite type of music and Singer/Band:

Christian music, classical music

Favourite TV programme:

East Enders, Spooks, Waterloo Road

Favourite Sport:

Superbike

Favourite Comedian:

Dawn French

Favourite Film & Why?

Meet the Fockers...just one laugh after another.

Other Hobbies Interests:

Cooking, going to the gym

Where would you like to travel?

New Zealand

Most crazy or stupid thing you have done:

While I was stationed in London, Gillian & I went up to Oxford Street to do some shopping, while on Oxford Street we stopped to see what was going on in a shop, and we where conned into buying a walkman for a lot of money. That was one of the stupid things I have done.

Tell us something we don't know about you:

I'm married to Gillian for 17 years, she is a Community Nurse, we have two boys age 14 & 13 who we adopted 9 years ago. We have two dogs, a Westie [Zaki] and a Scottie [Sammy]. Because of my job we move around every 4-6years. We have just bought ourselves a caravan.



Chairman's bit

Once again another month closer to winter. The leaves are falling over the roads already, so watch out for those slippery bits under the trees, and the light is failing around 4.30pm. Not long now and another year will soon over.

So what have I been doing this last month?

I have been on a group ride out to Foxton Locks and attended a regional forum meeting in Northampton. We've had a committee meeting and I have been on Radio Mansfield 103.2 fm with Dave Bryant promoting the group and the Christmas IAM promotion, of giving a big discount for new members of £85 - £65 and £65 - £55 for the under 26's.

This has to be purchased as a gift for someone before the end of December to comply.

This comes before the increase in price of a "skill for life" package, which is coming at the end of January. (see cover story)

Scotland part 2



The morning came and as we went down to breakfast it became known that Ryan had already set off at around 7am, as we think he wanted to cover more miles in a 3 day trip than any one else, so this became the normal view of the car park in a morning with one bike always missing, Ryan's! (I think he was trying to wear it out before he got rid of it)

Once we were nicely fed, we loaded up our vehicles ready for the off. First thing we had to do was find fuel before we headed for the hills. The station we found looked like it had been in-

vaded by the local army, because there were around 20 soldiers covering just about all the station. So refuelling took us a dog's age, with me getting in last, because we were in a van! So once they were ready, Terry set off before I had even come out from paying, so I had some ground to make up. Fortunately I had a radio and could hear where they were, and it wasn't too long before we caught them up on the road, as they were keeping the pace down for me. So I got into formation at the rear of the group and started playing blocker at the back to allow Terry to bring the group out to make overtakes. This worked really well and we started to make nice progress.

I got one or two double takes in the bike mirrors from the group when I pointed out that, "I was at the back and as chairman and senior observer I would be watching them closely and taking notes, so I wanted to see some good riding..." pressure on then!

We rode/drove north up through the Spittal of Glenshee, Braemar, Tomintoul, Grantown-on-spey to Nairn on the north coast. From there we headed west for Inverness, and to Dingwall to take us into Strathpeffer.

As we got closer to the edges of Inverness we got caught up in football traffic, as normal Terry started to filter which left me stuck in traffic, but we went into "white van mode" by travelling as far as I could up lane one, before asking very politely if I could move to lane two to go straight ahead at the roundabout.

As we started to cross the bridge I could hear Terry and John talking about the route, because Terry wanted to go left the way he know, and John wanted to go right through Dingwall as his Garmin was telling him, just like mine was. But Terry won as he was leading and the turned left, we went right and the race was back on!

As we entered Strathpeffer I could hear Terry coming the other way explaining that it was just down on the left, yes I done it again. (Van-2, bikes-0)

We joined Terry's group at there hotel for coffee, and some more banter, because we were staying at a local B&B just up the road, and the rest of my party JA, AB, JR had not arrived yet as they were coming all they way up from Nottingham that day.

Sunday morning we set off north before turning west toward the coast. We stopped at a lovely little tea room, where we all sat outside as we were all wrapped up for the cold weather. Whilst there we saw Terry's group coming up the valley, so we all started waving from the garden, and they turned in to join us.

When they had settled down we asked where Gary Hope was as he was missing, we found out that he had stopped to take some pictures, and to give the rest of the group a chance to stretch their legs a little. Whilst sitting there we saw Gary chugging up the valley on his settee, closely followed by a

coach, even he couldn't get buy Gary's wide vehicle on these narrow roads. We were all waving at him, John Hodges even started to call him on his group radio, but he was away with the fairies and didn't hear or see a thing.

If we weren't careful the tortoise could beat the hare to lunch. So we paid our bill and donned our helmets and took off after him. I was convinced we would catch him before he got to Ullapool.

As we rode into the town my phoned rang...it was Gary, "where are you? He asked, "Have you been and gone?" I explained we were just behind him and to save us some parking places, because I had 10 bikes behind me, and we were all hungry.

Following lunch we went to see the seal in the harbour, as Angela's mum had told us before we went up there to look out for him. And just as she said, there he was posing around for photos.

We left Ullapool and headed south to a beautiful castle called "Eilean Donan Castle" on the edge of Loch Alsh. (If you want to see this with out going all the way to Scotland you can buy a biscuit tin from Tesco's because it is on there this xmas.)

The Garmin said that it was only 45 miles away, but that we worked out later that it was a direct route, without plotting it by road. Because that was nearer 90 to ride it, and I took a little longer than planned due to an incident on route (which I will talk about later) and the distance.

The castle was used in the film "Highlander" and until recently it was lived in by the owners. We had a coffee and went for a look around the castle. It was really very good and we took some photos until I was told we couldn't inside. But the whole trip was worth while. The ride back was good, because as normal the roads were very quite, with little traffic, and we made it back before darkness fell.

Part three in next month.

Question How close does it have to be, to see your life pass before your eyes? Answer About 1m

This was the event that happened on the ride down to the castle on the A835. At the junction with the A832 at a beauty spot called "Corrieshalloch Gorge NTS"

We had left Ullapool and we were joined by Ryan but unfortunately he didn't have a group radio with him, so I could not talk to him in the way that I do when we ride as a group. So John Ritchie and I started to set the pace as normal. And we passed several cars and a caravan, and started to pull away. The straights we not very long, so to get past such a group of vehicles was much harder. I was out in front telling every one that the road was still clear, so they could get passed safely. But John Annable came back on the radio and told me that the person who needed to hear this couldn't, as he didn't have a radio.

So John Ritchie and I backed off to around 50mph. And we sat back to wait for them to catch up.

We rounded a corner and we were coming up on the back of a silver Peugeot estate car. I was back in normal mode, and moved out to the right to plan an over take. Looking up the road I could see a large black Range Rover coming towards us with his lights on. And there was a warning sign for a junction to the right half way between us and the Rover, and a lay-by on the right hand side. So I rolled off the throttle and settled to wait for the cars and the junction to pass before I went by. Then the right indicator came on, on the car and it started to slow. So I shoulder checked, and moved left, and as the car started to slow down we matched its speed and started to plan an over take on its left when safe.

The two vehicles got closer together, and the silver car had stopped in the middle of the road, the range rover got even closer, and we were now doing around 20mph max, when the silver car turned across the front of the range rover!!!!!!

"Oh S**T" I shouted, and Angela started to repeat me like an echo, over and over again.



The Range Rover had swerved to try to miss the Peugeot. But it still made contact with the rear corner of the car. This caused it to bounce up into the air and land on our side of the road in front of both me and John Ritchie. I had already started to slow when she turned, but once the Rover had started to come in my direction I started to break **really hard**. The sound of his ABS could be heard over Angela's voice in my head set, and as we got closer and closer I made my mind up that we were going to make it. We did but there was only about 1 meter between us. As the suspension on the bike came back up, I looked up into the windscreen of the Rover to see a very tense grey haired old chap, clutching onto his steering wheel, while mouthing "I'm very sorry" over and over. I showed him two upright thumbs, as acceptance.

Regrettable I told him to move his vehicle into the safety of the car park / lay-by, (I should of taken pictures of it where it ended up first) and we followed him in. along with the others from my group as they had caught us up now, but didn't have a clue what had happened, as they could only hear Angela's voice over the radio as we were on VOX and they thought John had been knocked off.

Once we had parked up Angela went to pieces as she had been convinced that we were going to die, and it was all a bit too much for her as she went into shock.

I got off the bike and left her with the other members of my group whilst I went to see if the Rover driver was ok, before I went to give the Peugeot driver some grief about her stupid driving ability.

She wasn't very impressed with my attitude, and wanted to know what it had to do with me at all? So I told her that she nearly killed all her passengers or even worse me!

She wasn't bother and just kept saying that she hadn't seen the other car but he should have slowed down because it said "SLOW" on the road. I think that if he hadn't slowed a little, that he would of T-boned her killing most inside.

I took lots of photos for my records in case it got serious later. And I gave the rover driver my details. It was a good job I did, because I later found out that she had claimed that she was negotiating a roundabout and the rover had failed to stop, and struck her from the side!!!! What roundabout?

We gathered our selves and once Angela had regained control we set off to the castle. We talked over and over about what I could have done differently to give a different out come, but as I kept being told, I had used the "five point system" in the way it should have been used.

Information, the hazards ahead i.e. road junction, on coming car, and the lay-by, and her indicators.

Position, I didn't over take, and I moved to the left, to be able to pass when safe.

Speed, I slowed down to a speed that I could react in what ever way I needed to.

Gear, as we slowed down I selected the correct gear to be in to make the over take when safe.

Accelerate, we didn't get to this part, we went to hard breaking instead.

I am sure if I hadn't had the training I would have gone for either the over take or been going faster up the inside and unable to stop when the Range Rover came onto my side of the road, resulting in a very different out come.

So how close does it have to be, to see your life pass before your eyes? About 1m, ask Angela

I do hope it wasn't boring?

New Members

Once again I would like to ask the existing members to welcome in any new members that are starting to come along to group nights, just remember how daunting it was to walk in the room alone when you first joined. So if you see any one you don't know please say hello and make them feel welcome. It doesn't matter if they have been a member for a while just have a chat. That's all for now see you all soon.

Steve Laughton



The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) regrets to announce the death yesterday (Monday 19 November 2007) of Christopher Bullock MBE, Chief Executive of the IAM. Christopher Bullock, 60, became IAM Chief Executive in 1994.

Mr. Bullock led the IAM as it grew in size and influence; it is now the largest single organisation dedicated to road safety and by far the largest provider of advanced driving tests.

Mr. Bullock was also Managing Director of IAM Fleet, Drive & Survive and IAM Fleet Ireland which together make the IAM the largest provider of risk management and company driver training services.

Before joining the IAM Mr Bullock had a long career in Shell which he joined after leaving the University of Sussex with a BSc with honours in Physics and Mathematics in 1968.

While he was with Shell International he held various Marketing and Public Affairs positions in the UK and overseas.

During the 1980s he was responsible for Shell's charitable giving - at that time the largest corporate donor in the UK - and for sponsorship of environmental, arts and other community organisations. This included founding Age Resource, which aimed to harness the benefits of an ageing society and is now the "younger arm" of Age Concern. Mr Bullock was seconded in 1991 to the then Department of Energy and before taking up his role at the IAM, he was for two years the Director of Public Affairs at the TAC (Tobacco Advisory Council).

When he was awarded his MBE earlier this year, Mr. Bullock said that he saw the award as recognition of the valuable and growing work of the IAM. In particular, he said the honour acknowledged all those who through the IAM dedicate their time and expertise to helping people improve their driving and motorcycling, and to saving lives on the road. Mr. Bullock lived in Fulham, West London. He is survived by his wife Linda and their two sons Nicholas and George.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS Wednesday 28th November 2007

The Group AGM will be held at the **Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, on Wednesday 28th November 2007**. 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: Standing down/seeking re election**
Secretary **Andy Hampshire: NOT seeking re election as Secretary**
Treasurer **Ryan Walker: Standing down/seeking re election**

(Steve Laughton is willing to continue as Chairman and Ryan Walker as Treasurer if no-one wishes to take on this post.)

THE SECRETARIES JOB WILL BECOME VACANT!

Current Committee Members & Positions

Terry Towler – Associate Co-Ordinator / **Duncan Wallace** - Assistant Ass Co-ordinator /
Nick Ireland - Events Coordinator / **Dave Bryant** - Publicity/Web Site / **Ron Maslin** - Newsletter Editor
Phil Meynell - Newsletter Editor/General Member / **Mark Ellis** – Clothing/General Member
John Annable will stay as Chief Observer.

(This is not a committee post and may only be held by a current serving Senior Observer.)

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.

TO BE HANDED TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO AGM OR TO SECRETARY ON EVENING OF AGM ON 28th NOVEMBER 2007

Nomination Form for the election of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists 2007/2008 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.

Please contact the Secretary Andy Hampshire M:07976 707460: E-mail: namsec@ntlworld.com

**Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Annual General Meeting
The Black Lion – Radcliffe on Trent – Wednesday 28th November 2007
Agenda**

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Apologies	Secretary
2.	Minutes of last AGM Accuracy Matters arising	Secretary
3.	Reports a) Chair b) Secretary c) Treasurer d) Associate co-ordinator e) Events f) Newsletter g) Publicity h) Chief Observer i) Other	
4.	A.O.B	
5.	Meeting Close	

Photos & Jokes

MORE CRAZY PHOTOS AND JOKES.....AS ALWAYS, THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE DO NOT INTEND TO CAUSE ANY OFFENCE BY ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR JOKES.....



24 hours in a day,
24 beers in a case.
Coincidence?
I think not!!!!

'When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.'

WARNING:
The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you're tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

'Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered.
Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.'

WARNING:
The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.



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Recent Test Passes

Congratulations &
Well Done etc etc

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Tina Cuckson
Geoff Cameron

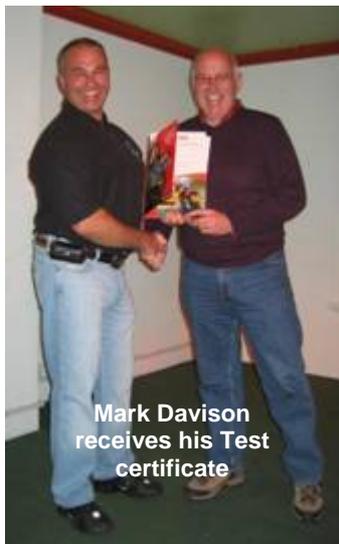


PLEASE PLEASE
Make sure
Terry and Andy
know when you pass
your test.



Have you had GOOD or BAD service from someone whether it be Tyres, Insurance, Servicing, Parts etc Let us know and we can pass it on to the rest of the group via the Newsletter and Website. Email me at:

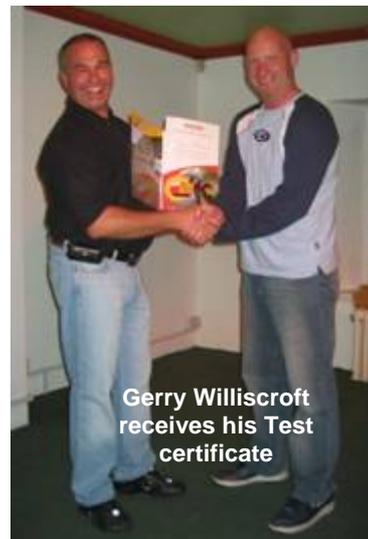
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Mark Davison
receives his Test
certificate



Brian Negus
receives a T shirt
as winner of a
Caption Comp



Gerry Williscroft
receives his Test
certificate

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Bloody Scotland again!



Well did you all enjoy Scotland? We definitely did and what's more we are going back next year. What a wet ride up on Friday, even my undies were wet, still it was good to see all arrived at Rosyth OK. The next day saw most of us riding up through glorious Glen Shee stopping off at Braemar for a cuppa and sit down. I particularly enjoyed the riding in formation when everybody got it right, from P 5 it looked very good, mind you that van bringing up the rear stayed with us (I wonder who that was?).

All enjoying the view from Struie Hill

Getting together at the end of the days ride, really helped to bond the group, with all taking part in the banter.

Sunday saw us with one group out together for a sightseeing tour, the views were absolutely breathtaking, the trouble was too many good views and not enough time to stop and take it all in. Up to Bonar Bridge over on the A837 to Ledmore Junction stop for coffee at Elphin tea rooms where we found the other group being refreshed,



(I wonder why Gary went past us?) We all waved but he just sailed by Ullapool was our next stop for lunch, well fish N chips.

Then we returned to Strathpeffer via Ledmore Junction, well it's very pretty! We, that is Phil, Sonia and I didn't have pudding at Ullapool so we turned off on the way back and went to the Falls of Shin to have a coffee and Ice Cream. Good stories at the Ben Wyvis, again, when we all got together after dinner.



Monday 24th From Strathpeffer (which is where we all stayed) was the choice of two routes north the A9 or A835 we took the former. Over Bonar Bridge then the A837 to Ledmore Junction going further north onto B869 and round to Stoer and Clachtoll, as it was drizzling with rain we only stopped for a short look then carried on to Lochinver where we each enjoyed a famous Lochinver pie for lunch. The journey down towards Ullapool and onto Strathpeffer was a bit wet

but finding some traffic to overtake on the way made it enjoyable. Dinner tonight with the rest at Ben Wyvis as Ryan has to go home tomorrow.

Tuesday 25th Off up north again with coffee at the Crask Inn. (OK for coffee and donning waterproofs, but not good for B & B.) Boy can the wind blow up in Scotland!

Saw a family group of Deer with a Stag over the River Helmsdale great sight as they ran off over the hills. Stopped for coffee at Golspie in the Sutherland Arms (lovely hotel) we were freezing even Phil Green was cold! Arrived back at our digs for a shower and meal then off to meet the others at the Ben Wyvis for a farewell drink. The talk was mainly, when can we do another trip? We mustn't forget the unexpected trip to Skye that some made though, who'd have a sat nav eh?

Wednesday 26th Woke up to snow on top of Ben Wyvis. Looking out of our bedroom window, we weren't sure about setting off up North, still we said goodbye to Phil after a fill up with fuel and headed off up to Tongue.

Stopped for coffee at Overscaig Hotel (another good place to keep in mind for B&B) on Loch Shin with Ben More over the loch in sunshine. Our next stop was Laxford Bridge a very pretty place with rushing water. I was hoping to see Salmon jumping but some loud motorbikes must have frightened them. View from Tongue monument on estuary what a climb! Coming over the moors from Durness along the coast was a delight (after miles of single track road with passing places), the road opened up with a white line in the middle, clear vision with swooping bends it was a pleasure to ride such a good road.

Arrived at our Hotel feeling cold but elated after a perfect ride. Came down after a shower to a peat fire and after an excellent dinner we started to delete some of the 166 pictures taken up to now, most taken on the move so lots can go (forgot to take spare card)

Thursday 27th After a good walk up the hills, where we saw 3 eagles, we went for a short ride around the Kyle of Tongue via Kinloch and onto the headland at Tongue bay. Saw beautiful white sandy beaches lapped by a turquoise sea. We stopped at the causeway in the sun and we were lucky enough to see a sea eagle land on a sand bank, boy are eagles big!

Friday 28th Up and away today back over to Durness (still a cracking road to ride only met one car) back to Lochinver for yet another pie. Now I know why my jeans are getting tighter! The girls at the pie shop were very helpful as we have booked the cottage next door, for a week next year. Our return ride down to Strathpeffer was a bit sad having to leave the beautiful scenery with trees starting to turn those golden, red and yellow colours.

Saturday 29th

Filled up with cheap petrol for the last time at Dingwall, headed for Inverness to take the southern road by Loch Ness to Fort Augustus only a few others on that road, superb views over the Loch through tree lined single track road.

Fort Augustus by the Locks. Had coffee at the Pub, then onward to Arisaig via Spean Bridge, a popular stop for tourists so best avoided, unless you want to do one of the best ridge walks in Scotland. The Gray Corries, twelve mountains most over 1000m takes you two days but gives you sore feet! Arisaig is situated west of Fort William on the A830 a cracking road to ride but when we arrived we knew it would be hard to leave. It's tiny and very quiet. This is one place we did not want to come home from. This is one place we did not want to come home from.



Sunday 30th

Had a walk into the village via an old canal route for a while, the B & B was a way out of the Village but with views of the sea and Arisaig. We had coffee at the Café Rhu, picked up a picnic went back to our room and watched the Rugby. This was an off bike day also it was raining.

Monday 1st

Woke up to a fabulous early sunrise had breakfast then rode up to the Rhu Boat-

house at the end of the track for a look. We decided that we should come back here for lunch, so we rode to Mallaig went shopping for food and had a look round, (in very hot sunshine) not much to see as it is a ferry port. Rode back to the Boathouse and stayed there the rest of the day, just sat on the rocks and took in the scenery with the tide changing, seals playing in the bay, stags on the tops of hills showing themselves in full glory. Finally watched the gorgeous sunset, over the Isle of Rum, what a glorious way to end our stay at Arisaig.

Tuesday 2nd

We were both sad to leave the next morning but with good weather and twisties to ride it soon perked us up; it only got better as we neared Fort William to see the top of the Ben. As I pointed out the Horseshoe ridge we had walked a few years earlier from Aonach Beag to Ben Nevis I could feel the shudder from Sonia as we rode past this breathtaking vista.

Down through Connel A85 to Loch Awe with our final Hotel in Scotland The Portsonachan. The MacInnes room with a view, of the far side of the Loch. After a starter of Cullen skink and sweet of raspberry cranachan we retired to bed for a well earned sleep. Loch Awe beach getting some serious looking at

Wednesday 3rd

Raining today so went to the Loch Awe Hydro visitor centre, quite hot inside as we were right deep into the mountain. The cavern was immense with four great generators with people that looked quite small working on them. It took a bus ride to get into the mountainside, a bit tight at places but interesting (recommended). Had a good meal at Hotel and we retired for an early night.

Thursday 4th

Went for a ride to Inveraray through Glen Aray with swooping bends and not much traffic, had a look in some shops for some ear rings, Sonia is on a mission to find Celtic ear rings that she likes, now that's a tall order! However on our return to the bike we heard for the first time a piper playing.

Now't to do with biking but we thought you would like to see.

After a coffee we headed south for Lochgilphead and on towards Kilmartin. Sonia's great, great, great, great, great, grandmother is buried there. The sun was shining so we spent some time wandering, looking, thinking and generally taking in the feel of the place.

When we got back on the bike we rode for a while in silence that was until we came round a corner to find a loose highland cow in the middle of the single track road, not much room to pass a highland cow with very large horn's. Before long we were back



Friday 5th

Sadly this was our last day in Scotland (for a while) heading south again with a stop for coffee at Dumbarton, over the Erskine bridge to the M74 then off the motorway as soon as possible to carry on down B' roads at Kirkmuirhill, B7078 just keep on it it's great! Stopped for a break at Moffat, (our usual stopping place) Met two ladies at the coffee shop they had just come off a coach from Strathpeffer they stayed at the Highlander Hotel but will not be going back they said it was the pits! Carried on to Longtown, our overnight stop. Yes we're in England and although the Graham Arms Hotel is in some of the bike mags it is quite grott, needs an uplift to bring it up to standard. We won't be staying there again.

Saturday 5th

Today the sun shone not, for the first time but it's nice to ride with the sun out. Our route today is the pretty one down to Brampton through Alston to Middleton in Teesdale had tea and cake at a lovely café. Refreshed we carried on, south on roads with grass in the middle and gates! For Sonia to open, she was not amused! (Must get Gloria looked at). Our next stop was Thwaite a small hamlet in the Yorkshire Dales yet another good stop for tea and eats. So with a lot of good riding and super scenery we had to head our way home over through Layburn onto the A1 and head south. Now the A1 is OK to do the boring bit but about Blyth someone on the back persuaded me to carry on it to Grantham. What a mistake, roadwork's for the next four miles just after we had gone past the A614 Sh*t was my remark still we arrived home safe and sound with us both looking forward to our next holiday.

Good biking Sonia and Mike Gant

Miscellaneous photos from Mike and Sonia

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Full information for all the events available on the Yahoo Site.
Contact Nick Ireland nri01@alktalk to get access.

Events at a Glance (Always check the Calendar for full details)

28 November (Wednesday Evening) A.G.M. (Be there its your club)

**Business cards are
available at every Group
Night.
Give them out.....**

**Winners of the Tickets for the
Motorcycle Show were:-**

Ange Taggart

And

Tina Cuckson

A pair of tickets each....

**FORGOT TO MENTION THE AGM ON
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE BLACK LION???????**

MOBILE SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—NOT THAT WE NEED THEM—JUST INTERESTING!



http://www.bbc.co.uk/nottingham/travel/speed_camera_locations.shtml

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The Alan Bexton Page

I had an email from Alan Bexton which said the following.....



Just been reading through the October newsletter. On the subject of oldest bike owned. please find attached a photo of my 1965 Triumph 3TA 350cc which is still on the road, although I didn't do any advanced rides on it. Top speed, down hill, with the wind behind is about 65mph.

The actual old green registration book gives January 1965 as the first registration in the Mansfield area (42 years old) and was bought from Kingstons in Nottingham.

Knowing you Alan Bexton

1st Bike Owned: Honda C50

Current bike: Harley Davidson custom sportster, Triumph 3TA

Full licence for how many years? 37 years

What car do you own? Vectra Estate

Occupation: Machine Tool Engineer

If you won the Lottery what bike would you buy and why (Max of 3) I don't like modern bikes (hence the Harley) so would be able to indulge customising bikes and restoration of classic Brit bikes

Favourite type of music and Singer/Band: Any heavy rock

Favourite TV programme: Who has time for TV?

Favourite Sport: Motorcycles of any kind, Golf when possible

Favourite Comedian: None in particular

Favourite Film & Why? Any Clint Eastwood westerns because of the cynicism

Other Hobbies Interests: Travel anywhere I haven't been before.

Where would you like to travel? Australia, New Zealand, America on bike

Most crazy or stupid thing you have done: Lead a bike rideout of 30 bikes on the Isle of Man.

Tell us something we don't know about you: I'd like to find a way of fitting more hours in the day but wouldn't we all.

Caption competition.

CAPTIONS PLEASE!



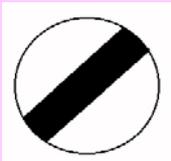
- I'm sure I put the kitchen sink in here somewhere?
- Has anyone seen the TV remote?
- “..the tune goes, derrr derrr da da da derrr derrr! The mother ship is about to take off....
- "are you in there? they need some money before we can leave"
- The winning caption is:-
You know John Ritchie will fit in this side... but there's no room for that triumph jacket it!!

This another



months for

LIES TOLD TO SMALL CHILDREN OR REALLY STUPID ADULTS



“This road sign means you have to be very very quiet in the car”



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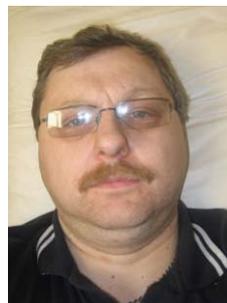
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GROUP NIGHTS

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 November.*

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 - just follow the link for "Magazines".

Any articles for inclusion in future editions of 'Write Lines' can be sent to me either by email to newslettereditor@nottsam.org.uk

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing

We offer a range of high quality clothing embroidered with our group logo.

*As the club is a Registered Charity all clothing will be for sale at **COST PRICE.***



HOW TO GET YOUR CLOTHING

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

Please bring your completed order form and payment to the next group night and contact Mark Ellis.

Alternatively please e-mail your completed order form to...

nam.clothing@ntlworld.com

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

For product range and prices please look at the NAM shop on the Yahoo group site. If there is something different you want that isn't on the price list please contact me and I will get you a price.

Your clothing will be available for collection as soon as possible

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

Please make cheques payable to "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists."

NAM CLOTHING PRICE LIST

GARMENT	CODE	PRICE	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	COLOUR
Beanie	B44	£7	ONE SIZE									Black or White
Bum Bag	QD12	£9	ONE SIZE									Black
Cap	B171	£7	ONE SIZE									Black
Fleece (Body warmer)	TRA700	£16	N/A	38	40	42	44	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (½ Zip)	62-512-0	£18	N/A	38	40	42-44	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (Ladies ½ Zip)	62-558-0	£16	34	36	38	40	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (Light Jacket)	62-608-0	£19	N/A	38	40	42-44	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Polo	HF50	£16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	58-60	Black or White
Polo	63-402-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46-48	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Polo (Ladies)	63-560-0	£13	30	32	34	36	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Polo (Long Sleeve)	63-306-0	£11	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46-48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Rugby (Long Sleeve)	FR01	£13	N/A	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	Black
Rugby (Short Sleeve)	FR03	£23	N/A	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat	62-202-0	£22	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat	KK202	£16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	N/A	Black
Sweat (Ladies)	62-004-0	£16	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat (Open Hem)	62-214-0	£16	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat (Zip Neck)	62-032-0	£16	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat Jacket (Ladies)	62-002-0	£16	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
T-Shirt	KK500	£11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	58-60	Black or White
T-Shirt	61-208-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Ladies L/ Sleeve)	61-022-0	£11	30	32	34	36	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Ladies V Neck)	61-054-0	£10	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Long Sleeve)	61-042-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Wallet	QD06	£3	N/A									Black
Waterproof Jacket	R126	£23	N/A	37	41	44	48	52	56	N/A	N/A	Black
Ladies Jacket	R80F	£21	34 8	36 10	38 12	40 14	42 16	44 18				Various
Ladies Hooded Fleece	62-924-0	£17	30	32	34	36	38	40				Various

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