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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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In fond memory of Phil "Smiley" Green, who's funeral will take place on Friday 20 Jan at 1-15pm Friday 20th. at Melton St Mary's Church followed with cremation at Loughborough Crematorium. All are welcome.



A busy time faces us in the coming weeks and months and we all need to help out. AGM, observer training, NRS & Meet & Greet to name but a few! Get your diaries out and plan to be with us. The AGM is nearly here and everything you need to support your group is here.

Things have changed since the last issue so read carefully, I could be asking questions at the later!

Forthcoming Attractions

- 25 Jan Group Night. Bridgestone Tyres. Gary Hartshorne, Sales Development & Technical Manager, gives a presentation on all things round and rubber!
- 27 Jan Celebration of Phil Green's life at British Legion, Melton Mowbray. Live band and NAM presentation to his sons, Simon & Paul.
- 27 Jan Elephantentreffen (Elephant) Rally, Bavaria. (Only for the hard core or plain daft in the head! Know anyone going? I do!)
- 11 Feb Dragon Rally, Snowdonia, North Wales (See above!)
- 14 Feb Valentines Day. (Time to take the little lady out!)
- 19 Feb First ride out of 2012 to Ryhall. (Bring your own thermals!)
- 29 Feb Group Night. RideWithUs Motorcycle Tours.
- 03 Mar Observers Meeting.
- 17 Mar Rabbit Run. (Trainee Observer Recruitment Day!)
- 28 Mar NAM AGM
- 31 Mar Start of observer training.
- 31 Mar Last day for membership renewals. (See pages 4 & 5)
- 15 Apr Nottingham Ride Safe Day. (NRS)
- 26 May Block course begins.

Wish You Were Here?

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After this one there's only



**issues left
until there's no-one in the driving seat!**

If you think you can do better (or at least as good) as me then this is your chance. After the April (AGM) issue is published I am retiring my post as Newsletter Editor of Write Lines after two "interesting" years.

Some members comments have been encouraging, some not so much but mostly the ghostly sound of silence replies so it's difficult to gauge members response. Was it good for you too? Too much? Not enough? Who can tell? Not me that's for sure' cos you haven't told me! Now it's too late! Things are in motion that cannot and will not be stopped. I'm jumping ship whilst still at the top (well I think so) leaving no-one to carry on my good work and you've only yourselves to blame! Think about it and step up.

Your group needs you!

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Happy New Year,

I would like to start off by wishing all our members a Happy New Year for 2012.

Unfortunately, on New Year's Eve I received some very sad news for us at NAM. I was told that we had lost one of our lovely members. His name was Phil Green; the father of two died aged 68 in intensive care at Leicester's Glenfield Hospital after battling pneumonia and the effects of aggressive cancer treatment. Some of you may not know him by name, but I know you would recognise him by his happy smiling face, and this is why he was called "Smiley" by a lot of his friends. He was a softly spoken chap but he always had something of interest to say and always had time for you if you wanted a chat.



He joined our group back in the mid 90's when he became my first associate as an observer. I remember his tails of drag racing along the sea front in his younger years. Phil trained hard to becoming a full member and then progressed on to become an observer before taking his senior observer test a few years later. When, several years ago, we formed our trainee observer team, Phil joined that to pass on his skills and knowledge to new observers for the future.

Over the years we have held a number of events at bike shops, and ride outs etc, and he would always be there unless he was on one of his biking trips.

I even remember on a couple of occasions when he was going on his long trips, he even turned up on his bike all packed up ready to cross continents, but always showed his support for NAM by attending our group nights. All that came in his way during the last twelve months was his health, when his treatment left him feeling too ill to travel but when he was able to do he would get a lift with his good friends Mike and Sonia Gant, so that he could show off his bald head and rub it in that his would grow again unlike mine!

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His family are holding his funeral on Friday 20th January. (This may get to you in time?)

The Service will start at 1-15pm Friday 20th. @ Melton St Mary's Church followed with cremation at Loughborough Crematorium.

We have been told that we will be allowed to park our bikes on the Market Place just up the road from the church, so that we can be ready to leave quickly once the lead vehicles move out.

Phil will have his last ride on his favourite bike, it's a Hayabusa Hearse. We have been asked by his family if we can have 6 NAM out riders to lead the cortège from his home to the church and then onto Loughborough. They will park at the church in preparation to leave quickly and the other bikes will be allowed to park on the Market Place so that we can follow on behind. According to the Melton Times this last week, they are expecting 150 bikers, so we should be able to give him a great send off, and have our last ride out with him.

I don't think there will be a dry eye in the house as he was a truly lovely chap, and I know we will all miss him greatly.

I know that lots of us have been on trips with Phil over the years that he's been in the group, and one of our ideas is to open a tribute book dedicated to Phil on our new website where we can put on photos and written comments to celebrate his life with NAM. So if you have any pictures can you pop them on a disc and pass them onto any committee members so that we can put them on for all to see and read.

At our annual AGM we give a trophy to a NAM member each year for their dedication to the group that is voted upon by the members. But we have decided that in honour of Phil we are going to rename the "Radcliffe Trophy" the "Phil Green Award" so that we can guarantee that his name is remembered in NAM for ever.

Following the funeral his family are holding a celebration party at British Legion, Sherard Street, Melton Mowbray on Friday evening 27th January from 7pm with a live band.

During the evening we will be making a presentation to his two sons of a miniature of the new "Phil Green Award" trophy, expressing our appreciation for their father, so they have something to keep as a memento of his time with NAM.

(So if you are planning on attending this event could you also please send me an email so I can confirm numbers to help with catering?)

Rest in Peace mate...I'll always remember you.

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

Well not a great deal really, why you may ask?

Well it's because I was riding up and down on the road with Angela's niece on Christmas day, taking it in turn to play on her new "Flicker" scooter she had had for Christmas earlier in the morning. We had been out for a walk in the morning with Angela's Mum and sister and her little 7yr old girl, and the two dogs before lunch, and I kept pinching it and riding off on it.

After lunch she kept asking me to take her out again, but not wanting to look too keen I put her off until around 3.30pm. But then I gave in and we went out onto their quite road to play for half an hour before it got dark. We took it in turns to ride on it and we were playing chase and whilst chasing her around, and I just rode it from the road up onto the pavement, but as it was very cambered and the tarmac on the pavement a little uneven, I lifted the front wheel slightly to prevent it digging in and having me off, but as I hit the bump it popped up much further than I had planned and as the front wheel started to rise my body weight transferred backwards and this only assisted in raising the front wheel further and at the point of accepting that I wasn't going to "ride it out" I stepped off with my left foot to try to save my embarrassment in front of my little 7yr old niece. But it was too late, and even though I got my foot down, the handles bars were now coming back towards me quickly because I was still pulling hard on them to try to stay upright. Unfortunately at this point the handle bars struck me across my left knee as my bum was hitting the floor hard, shortly followed by my head which made a loud crack as it hit the road.



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I laid there for a few minutes slightly dazed, whilst I tried to gather myself so that I could stand up, but when I tried to stand up my knee cap was sticking out from my leg and I couldn't straighten it. After rolling around on the floor for a few minutes trying to put my knee cap back into place I decided that I had done something more serious and phoned Angela to come and pick me up.

Well when Angela and her sister turned up they saw my knee and said I needed to call an ambulance, which took me to the QMC where I was told that I had torn my quadriceps tendon from my patella and needed surgery in the next few days. So I had to call each day at 6.30am to ask if I was on the list for the day.

When I called on the Tuesday morning and was told I wasn't on the list, I was able to attend the ride out to Foxton Locks for lunch with the group as I am able to drive the car as it's an automatic and I don't need my left leg. It was great to get out and see everyone, but following a call the next day I was on the list, so they operated on Wednesday 28th. I've been in a stiff leg splint for two weeks and now I'm in a hinged one for the next 8 weeks being altered to bend more every two weeks. Then the physiotherapy starts to get my strength back.

I don't know when I will be able to get back on the bike, and this is one thing that is most upsetting as I can't join Phil and you all on the ride on the 20th.

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 to me at group nights. And if there is anything I can help with please ask, and I will see what I can do.

Thanks guys, see you all soon.

Steve Laughton



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Nick Ireland - Associate Coordinator & Senior Observer



Martyn Leeder	one 2 one
Katie Roebuck	one 2 one
Steve Roebuck	one 2 one
Mark Cannon	one 2 one
Bill Thompson	one 2 one
Darren Blenkinsop	one 2 one
Ken Marland	one 2 one
Richard Darby-Jones	one 2 one
Steve Bailey	one 2 one
David Parnell	Test Ready
Graeme Paterson	Test Ready
Chris Cunnington	Test Ready
Karen Armstrong	Test Ready
Paul Gobey	Test Ready
Gary Meller	Test Ready
Keith Dyson	On Hold
Mick Hodgson	On Hold
Robert Dakin	On Hold
Roger Widdowson	On Hold
Kirsty Boss	On Hold
Paul Campbell	On Hold
Ian Rotherham	On Hold
Andrew Paget	On Hold

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

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

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS Wednesday 28th March 2012

The Group AGM will be held at the **Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, on Wednesday 28th March 2012.**

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 **Ian Orgill:** Seeking re-election

Treasurer **Mark Ellis:** Seeking re-election

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

Current Committee Members & Positions:

John Measures General Member

Nick Ireland Associate Coordinator—Standing down—Seeking Re-election

Tony Bell Newsletter Editor – Standing down—not seeking re election but will stay on as General Member

Marc Ford Clothing

Paul Phillips Membership Secretary

Sue Ellis Website

Angela Laughton Charity Fundraiser

Paul Thomson General Member—Standing Down—not seeking re-election

Roy Samuel Ride out co-ordinator

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:

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.

TO BE HANDED TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO AGM OR TO SECRETARY ON EVENING OF AGM ON 28th March 2012

Nomination Form for the election of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists 2012/2013 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 debars 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 the Secretary E-mail: namsecretary@virginmedia.com

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
30TH MARCH 2011 8PM
BLACK LION PUBLIC HOUSE RADCLIFFE ON TRENT

APOLOGIES: Nick May

MINUTES OF LAST AGM AGREED (previously circulated to the membership via the monthly newsletter)
Proposed as correct by Mike Gant and John Annabel
No matters arising from this meeting.

REPORTS

CHAIR

SL Reported that NAM had been busy in the last 12 months, events with CMC Nottingham and the now defunct Stratstone Claycross dealership, that said the new occupier of the premises CMC Claycross wish to continue the previous company's relationship with us. We have even been approached by a business in Leicester to work with them!

SL reported that he sits on the National Representative Group of the IAM. Procedures on the Skills for Life package have been the main discussion of the NRG meetings! The IAM want to 'standardise' the SFL package throughout the IAM. Next up is the Quality Assurance document on 'Observer training'

Peter Rogers – Chief Examiner at the IAM is pushing ahead with changes through comments and articles in the public domain, Insight magazine carries these changes. Some discussion on what full members can do if they do not want to do observer training.

IAM pushing 'Skills days on various race tracks around the country, both for car and bike. IAM want at least 30% of people attending these events to be non members of the IAM. An example is the forthcoming car event at Silverstone – presently 50% of those taking part are non members.

Easter egg run 17th April 2011 start at the Forest, 9.30 – 10am start to Mansfield Fire Station organiser would like volunteers for the event – celebrity such like Guy Martin being sought for the event.

John Annabel asked how much the membership cost is - £16

ME explained the discounts available to the membership and how to claim them

SL said he would like a 'team' to be formed that could help out at events NAM is involved with! If 30 hours per year is done by a member for NAM events then that member gets membership at half price, over 60 hours membership costs just £1. It was suggested that a Performa could be designed that could be used by a member to 'log' NAM hours worked!

SECRETARY

Reported on the new forthcoming IAM membership computer systems

This was a new way of enabling IAM groups to access IAM membership data for themselves, it is about to be trailed by selected groups, NAM had volunteered to test this new system.

The IAM wanted to get away from paper and 'go green' to a paperless system, it should make things easier for associates and groups.

The functions that will be available include contacting candidates, test book-ing, showing candidates as test ready, checking their IAM membership status, de-tails of all the course or courses enrolled upon and Group Allocation. New members will be given details of up to 3 groups in their area, the associate will then be able to access information on these groups and choose which one best suits their needs. Doubly important for an up to date group web site.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Renewals going very slowly

TREASURER

ME had provided a statement of account for the year (attached)

Salient points

Income over the year £5300

Spent £4800

In cash terms we are 'more wealthy' but overall NAM is not worth as much as we were last year due to a fall in the worth of our assets (25% reduction per year)

NAM worth £8079.37, most of this comes from membership fees

Money spent on observers last year over £1000

Roy Samuel asked what money spent on radios?

ME Radio's are purchased only when necessary – 4 new trainee observers will need to be kitted out with radio communications.

ME explained that the NAM new web site was going to be rolled out in April 2011, it would include a forum and blog page, would take over what the yahoo site does now! The yahoo site will eventually be shut down and everything done on the new web site. Functions would include ride out routes and a facility to be able to download files to Sat Navs!

ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR

NI reported that in the past 12 months we have had 24 passes, 2 fails but one of those retook the test and passed!

This makes a 92% pass rate! This rate far exceeds the rates achieved by the majority of other groups!

Our training team are congratulated on the results.

One associate transferred to the Derby group, we still have 23 associates on our books

NRS event presently:

42 bookings

41 confirmed

9 slots still available, we have 17 observers working on the day with 4 in reserve, 11 NAM members have volunteered to help at the event – NI thanked all those involved in the NRS, without these people the event could not go ahead.

OP Gemstone – Police operation looking at commuter bikers

59 referred to NAM by the police, 8 people have been taken out, 34 still 'logged' in with observers, 17 not interested / did not respond to telephone calls / emails

The 8 that went out really enjoyed the experience

Roy Samuel reported that the 2 he took out were very interested in being members of the group.

It was also reported back that some people stopped were on scooters and mopeds.

CHIEF OBSERVER

No reports.

NEWSLETTER

TB reported that last year our newsletter had been recognised as one of the best out there! Much of this down to the previous editor.

SL reminded the group that the IAM were always looking for testimonials from people successfully going through the SFL package! If anyone would like to provide one that would be excellent.

MARKETING

No reports

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

All three officers of the club – Chair Secretary and Treasurer have to stand down plus an additional 3 other committee members!

Steve Laughton – re elected as chair

Paul Thompson – re elected as secretary

Mark Ellis – re elected as Treasurer

Nick Ireland re elected as Associate coordinator

Tony Bell re elected as Newsletter editor

Marc Ford re elected as Clothing rep

Website editor – Mark Ellis

Voted onto the committee as honorary member for web site deputy editor – Sue Ellis

Nick May to remain as Marketing

Duly reconstituted the committee continued

AOB

Air Ambulance

£1170 collected to date despite the lack of events which contribute to the fund raising! Alan Godfrey from the Air Ambulance would be at the next group night.

Roy Samuel asked if the Air Ambulance was to remain as the group's charity – agreed it would continue as the groups nominated charity.

Dave Storey had 50 high viz vests to give away to the group!

NAM event at E.ON – 7th May 2011 looks like any E.ON staff member taking up the SFL package and passing their advanced test would be reimbursed £100 from their benefits package – 25 candidates expected.

Date next AGM 28th March 2012

Meeting concluded

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

Annual General Meeting 28th March 2012

The Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Apologies	Secretary
2.	Minutes of the last AGM Accuracy Matters arising	Secretary
3.	Reports a) Chair b) Secretary c) Membership Secretary d) Treasurer e) Associate co-ordinator f) Chief Observer g) Newsletter h) Any other	
4.	Election of new Committee	Secretary
5.	Certificate Presentation	Chairman
6.	The Phil Green Award	Mark Ellis
7.	A.O.B	
8.	Date of next meeting	

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The Phil Green Award (Formally 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 Phil Green Award.

Every year this trophy, now re-named in honour of Phil (Smiley) Green has been 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 get to keep it 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 **Mark Ellis**, who will be responsible for counting the votes.

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 Treasurer in person at club night or by e-mail to:-

nam.treasurer@ntlworld.com

THE RADCLIFFE TROPHY 2012 VOTING SLIP:

I would like to nominate the following person for the 2012 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:-

nam.treasurer@ntlworld.com

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Renew your membership of the club for 2012

The weather is foul, the bike is stowed in a warm garage, the bike show is over and you didn't buy anything there anyway, as nothing was a real bargain, Christmas has now been bought and the prospect of a festive break with the outlaws looms – oh deep joy.

How do you brighten things up? Think of the spring and some great ride outs with the club and interesting Group nights, all of which you will not be able to do unless you renew your membership with us. I know that I am asking for you to renew your membership and part with the cash well in advance off the expiry date in March but by comparison with the overpriced offerings on the high street this is excellent value.

If you would like to renew now then please complete the form that is printed on the next page and return it to my address noted on the form and remember if you are a UK tax payer to tick the gift aid box as we get something for nothing from the taxman – and it's not often that you can say that!



The membership renewal form will be printed in future issues of the mag so do not worry if you chose not to renew now – **I will be reminding you later and I know where you all live!!**

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – DUE by 31st March 2012

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists - Membership Renewal Form**

****This form MUST be completed and handed in with your membership fee. Renewals due 31st 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 31st 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: Paul Phillips, 149 Gertrude Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5DA

Please make cheques payable to Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists alternatively if you wish to renew your membership by standing order then please contact the NAM Treasurer at 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*

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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Nottingham Ride Safe Day 2012

April 15th isn't that far off and we're planning the day already.

Can you spare a few hours to lend a hand on the day?

Observers, car park attendants, receptionists and tea boys, we need them all.

Contact any committee member to pledge your assistance.



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New Observers wanted!!

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.

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 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.

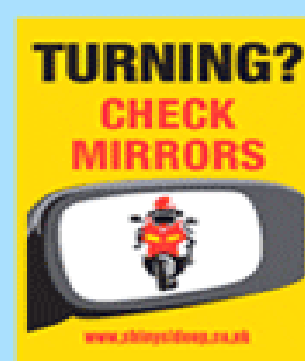
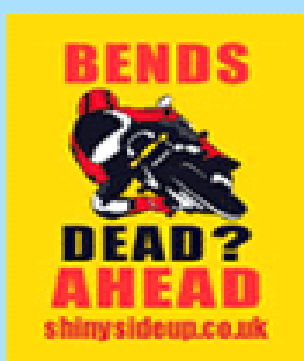
There is a selection process which assesses a candidate's ability to keep up with an associate on an observed run and their communication skills.

The 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.

Date has been set for 17th March.

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



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Riders For Health News



Alvaro Bautista experiences Africa with Riders.

In 2011 Spanish [MotoGP star](#), Alvaro Bautista, joined 17 other adventurers, including grand prix legend, Randy Mamola, on [an adventure of a lifetime](#). Taking part in Riders for Health Experience Africa, Alvaro saw how MotoGP riders, and supporters around the world, are helping people in Zambia receive reliable health care.

To find out how you can join this once-in-a-lifetime adventure in 2012, visit www.riders.org/experienceafrica.aspx

Riders for Health Experience Africa is not just the usual motorcycle tour. It is a unique chance to see the extraordinary work of Riders for Health. Not only will you be raising money to support our work in Africa, you will ride the same bikes that health workers use, and visit the villages they care for.

Speaking about Experience Africa, Alvaro said: What I will always remember about Zambia was how warm and welcoming everyone was. The children would stop and wave to us. It has been very important for me to see just how important the work of Riders for Health is, and how the support of all of us in MotoGP is making a difference. It is something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

For more information about how you can join Experience Africa in 2012 email experienceafrica@riders.org

Run the Brighton Marathon for Riders for Health!

Are you looking for a challenge for the New Year? Why not sign up to take part in the [2012 Brighton Marathon](#) on Sunday 15th April and support Riders for Health?

Riders have secured 10 places in the marathon so if you would like to take part, or speak to someone about other fundraising ideas for Riders, please contact Elizabeth at edunn@riders.org.

The Brighton Marathon is the second largest marathon in the UK and is getting bigger and better every year, with 18,000 places confirmed for 2012. Last year, our nine runners raised an incredible £7,000 towards our work!

By taking part in sponsored events like the Brighton Marathon you are helping Riders for Health get more health workers on the road across Africa.

It is not uncommon for health workers in rural areas to be faced with marathon distances to reach the isolated communities in their care. By supporting Riders you will be helping make sure this distance does not stop people receiving the health care they need.

If that's too far to go there's always the Nottingham Robin Hood event in September. Watch for details later in the year.

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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 - 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...

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Please make cheques payable to "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists."



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Don't forget Valentines Day on 14 Feb!

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