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THE EDITORS BIT



Here we go again its 2009...and the News-
letter is not late!!!

Our Holme Pierrepont event is only weeks
away and MFN starts again even before
that.! The better weather well I can't be
sure about that lets hope and pray!!
There's some serious biking to be done
this year.

I am eternally grateful to Nick Ireland this
month who has supplied many many
items—Do you think he's after my job? I
mean he has two jobs three wouldn't be
too bad.

I was unable to attend both the committee
or the Motorcycle Forum Meeting due to
work commitments. But will no doubt be
fully briefed.....one day!!

I am hoping to ride to France in March
2009 not sure exactly where to—just
France.... As a typical bloke I don't have a
plan..... Why am I doing it?because I
can! Any suggestions as to the best sea
crossing or where to stay (CHEAP!) let me
know please.

Anyway—it is quite noticeable that the
evenings are getting lighter—only a little
but it is there!

Until next time.....

Stay safe

Shrek x

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Holme Pierrepont

**Sunday
19th April
2009**

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THE CHAIRMANS Lot...



Happy New Year every one.

Christmas has now been and gone. But the weather is still freezing and the roads are so dirty it **just doesn't seem worth taking a clean bike out of the garage at the moment.** In fact the last I did it took me ages to get it clean.

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

We had an end of season all members ride out over Christmas where we went down to Foxton Locks. There were around 12 bikes I think on the day. And I had a replacement pillion in the shape of John Ritchie, this was because he had just had a shoulder operation a couple of weeks **before and wasn't able to ride his bike. He hadn't been pillion since 1982, and he didn't enjoy it** then. So I must say that the prospect of having John as pillion was causing me a few sleepless nights before the day. I think it was because I really wanted to give him a smooth relaxed ride, especially as he was carrying an injury.

John assures me that he enjoyed the experience, and it made a change from riding. I don't know if he would want to experience it again soon, but he did enjoy it once.

Scotland trip 08

As I said last month the trip went really well.

We travelled down to Oban for a fish dinner, once we had come down from Ben Nevis.

We took a circular route, one that I was told about by an old biker last year, whilst having lunch at the Bridge of Orchy.

We travelled down the A82 to North Ballachulish, where we turned west onto the A828 to follow the coast road. It followed a nice flowing road through more beautiful scenery, and castles standing on bits of rock out surrounded by water. (Castle Shuna, on Shuna Island for one) the road continued to Connel where we turned west again to Oban on the A85. And this is where it all went a bit strange!

I was following a work lorry with a trailer in tow doing about 40mph, and I was waiting for the crest of a hill to come closer to reveal what was on the other side before I overtook the lorry. The road was clear, so I wound it on in the gear I was in, (around 3rd) and as I crested the hill along side a lorry I snicked fourth with a clutch less gear change. A very strange thing happened, the bike just cut out! I had nothing, no power, and no tick over nothing. As it happened I instantly pulled the clutch in, so as not to slow **down too quickly, because I know that both John R & John A would be following me through and I didn't want to put them in any danger.**

I started to flash my hazards to the lorry, and eventually he re-passed me again. I tried to talk to both Johns, but with the bike cutting out the intercom had turned off too. The switch was in the VOX position so it would not reset, to allow speech.

I kept trying to bump start the bike but it would not start at all?

Then I noticed that the KILL SWITCH was turned OFF? (I really didn't touch it honest.....Whateva!!..Ed)

So once it had been switched back on again, the bike bumped up fine, so normal service was resumed, apart from that I still **couldn't talk to the two John's but I could hear them. So I continued to ride as normal, whilst listening to them questioning** what could have been my problem. After a while I realised that if I turned the VOX switch off, and then the bike off, and restarted both that I had communication again.

We parked in a car park in the harbour area, and eventually we found a fish and chip shop following a recommendation from a **local. And he was right to; we had some really nice food. Angela took John R's advice, and had his normal dish a Fish Chowder** as her meal. And when John R tried it, he claimed it was the best soup he had ever tried. But he had chosen fish and chips with me and John A instead. Sorry John you can have it this year.

Leaving Oban we went north on the A85 all the way to where it joined the A82. This road once again was given the title of best biking road in Scotland. I drove up and down this road several times last year in the van, when the bike was in the back. And it was fantastic then to. With good views of the road ahead, lots of overtaking places, bends flow from left to right and then left again. This goes on over, and over again, for miles. And on a bike it was even better. As we got closer to the end I could see a pair of lights in the mirrors coming up fast! They turned out to be a Ducati and an Aprilia, and once they caught us they started making their way through our small group, until they dropped in behind me. The leader looked happy to sit behind me for a mile or so, but I could feel my riding rhythm change as they put me under a bit of self inflicted pressure. (See even I get unsettled now and again) The leader passed me in a safe place on the approach to a right hand bend as I moved to the left for the view. But as I went to take my line in the corner the second bike came through on the bend with absolutely no vision at all, and his sudden

charge took me a little by surprise, that made me change my line, running slightly wide over some really poor tarmac, which upset the bike for a second or two. We slagged him off for a couple of minutes as we continued on our way.

At the junction we turned north onto the A82 back to Glencoe and Fort William. The road back was another fast flowing set of bends once we had got through Rannoch Moor which for all those who have not been yet is very straight for most of the way. And When we got back we were all examining our rear tyres, as they were running very hot, and my part worn tyre was starting to shed rather badly. And I was getting worried that it may not last me till I left to go home, let alone getting me back home.

Ryan too was having the same problems, and he was getting quotes for a new one in case he needed it. And he was even using the power switch on his new GSXR1000 to make it last longer.

The following day, all our concerns were forgotten and we all went to the Isle of Skye on the A87. Which as you may have guessed by now turned out to be another amazing biking road. We had lunch before we went over the bridge at Kyle of Lochalsh.

And Angela bought herself a "Fluffy" (highland cow) souvenir to take back home. (Not sure where it was going to go on the bike though, as we came FULLY LOADED?)

After lunch, we crossed over the bridge onto Skye, but we only had time to refuel the bikes before heading south to get the last ferry back over to Mallaig. You will remember this name as it was the port we went to on the first day in hope of catching a ferry over to Skye before.

Progress was going well, but just short of the ferry we came upon a set of road works. We filtered our way to the front all but for one pickup vehicle. We were made to sit there for an eternity before they let us go. And when the lights did eventually change my first thoughts were of how we were going to get passed this vehicle, as the road was quite narrow and very twisty, but I didn't have to worry for long, because it took off like a scolded cat! I had all on keeping him in sight, as he straight lined bends that he **couldn't see around. Wow this guy must really know the road. I asked the opinion of the others if they thought he was going to the ferry?** And we agreed that he must be, as time was getting close to sailing. When we got there he was already parked on the ferry.



We paid our fares and boarded the boat, and were quickly hurried off the deck so they could strap them down ready to sail.

During the trip Dolphins were sighted off the port side of the ferry. Unfortunately both Angela and I missed it as we were messing around in the shop, trying on silly hats and buying coffee.

Leaving the ferry we were able to pass all the vehicles in front of us before the road got twisty, and we had another 50 miles of fantastic roads to play with again back to Fort William.

The journey home from Scotland was also fun but, I will tell you about that next time.

Part Four next month.

Round up

That's all for now. Sorry it is short yet again this month, time constraints and all that. Once again I look forward to chatting to you all soon. Don't forget to come and say hello at group nights. And if there is anything I can help with please ask, and I will see what I can do.

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

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WANTED : EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE TO BECOME OBSERVERS WITH N.A.M

Have you ever wanted to be an observer ?

Have you ever looked at your observer and thought "I could do that" or "I would like to do that".

Now is your big chance.

We are holding a pursuit riding day in order to pick some lucky people to become trainee observers.

Saturday 7th March 2009 is the date, starting from the Limes Cafe on the A614.

The day is open to anybody with a desire to become an observer with the provisos that they are

- a) A paid up member of the IAM
- b) A paid up member of the NAM
- c) A full member (i.e. Not an associate)
- d) Have notified me of their availability
- e) Will make themselves available for the following 7 weekends (due to time constraints this is essential) and
- f) have 6 or fewer points on the licence.

The day will consist of a short introductory briefing followed by a ride of about 10/15 miles through the countryside with you following a Senior Observer and having a Senior Observer behind watching your riding skills. A debrief and quick question and answer session about the 5 point system of advanced riding will then be followed by you giving a demonstration ride along the reverse of the previous route.

All riding is to be carried out at the speed limit where safe to do so. A short debrief will then finish the day. There will be a course being run starting at 1300hrs with a second following at 1500hrs if there is enough interest.

It should be stressed that we are looking mainly at your riding and communication skills at this time, we are not expecting you to know how to be an observer from the word go. However, it is well worth your while to refresh your understanding of the Highway code and 5 point system of motorcycle control (IPSGA). The lucky people that are chosen will then start an intensive 4 or 5 session course with two Senior Observers per 2 trainee observers learning all the theory and a large amount of the practical side of becoming an observer.

After all that, a couple of runs out with real associates (and their Observer), then up for qualification with a Senior Observer (probably me).

For those people who are not chosen at this time, this does not by any means suggest you are not good enough or are not wanted. A further course will be held next year where we will hopefully be able to take more trainees on.

Could all interested people (including those who have already given me their names) notify me of their interest and availability on j.annable@ntlworld.com or 07973 815771 by the 28th February 2009.

John Annable, Chief Observer, NAM

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Geocaching...So what's it all about

By Nick Ireland

It's A High Tech Easter Egg Hunt.

Someone hides a container of inexpensive knickknacks -- a cache. Then they post its latitude & longitude on the internet, and other people go hunting for it. If they find it they trade knickknacks and sign a log to record their visit. The picture on the right is an example of a classic cache.



The minimum you need to have to play is a handheld GPS (Global Positioning Satellite Receiver). Global Positioning Satellites are used in all forms of navigation today. They send signals that these receivers use to figure out where on the surface of the earth they are.

As the game has grown it's developed a number of variations. There are micro caches that are only large enough to contain a rolled up paper log for you to sign and there are also puzzle caches where you have to solve a number of clues before you get the final coordinates, as well as other similar spin-offs.

There's more than one website that supports this game, but far-and-away the most extensive and most popular is geocaching.com -- also called *Groundspeak*. You get cache locations from there and then return to record your success or failure to find them. On the upper right of the main web page you can enter your postcode and get a list of the caches near you.



Travel Bugs

Travel bugs (and coins) are a side aspect of the game. You can do them or not. Travel bugs are (usually) smallish objects with an identifying "Dog Tag" attached, that are moved from cache to cache. The dog tags are used to track/log their movements. To be technically correct the dog tag is the travel bug, and the attached object is the *hitchhiker*. But most people refer to the combination of the two things as a travel bug.

If you pick up a bug you're expected to move it to another cache somewhere that (hopefully) will help it towards its goal or at least not detract from the goal. For example, if its goal is to go from London to Edinburgh don't move it down to Penzance. On the other hand moving it around in a local area is okay even if it moves a few miles the wrong way.



Logging travel bugs can be quite confusing the first few times. They have their own independent tracking system and thus are logged in addition to and different than caches. There are also geocoins. Coins work much like travel bugs but there's no hitchhiker, the coin is the entire thing that travels.



When I explain geocaching to friends the inevitable question is, "Well if the GPS gadget takes you to right where it is, what's the game?" First, the gadget only gets you close, typically about 15-20 feet away. And, the cache is hidden to increase the challenge/fun, or to conceal it from "**Muggles**". Muggles are the uninitiated people who don't know about geocaching, and may stumble on the cache and take it, ruin it, or throw it away.

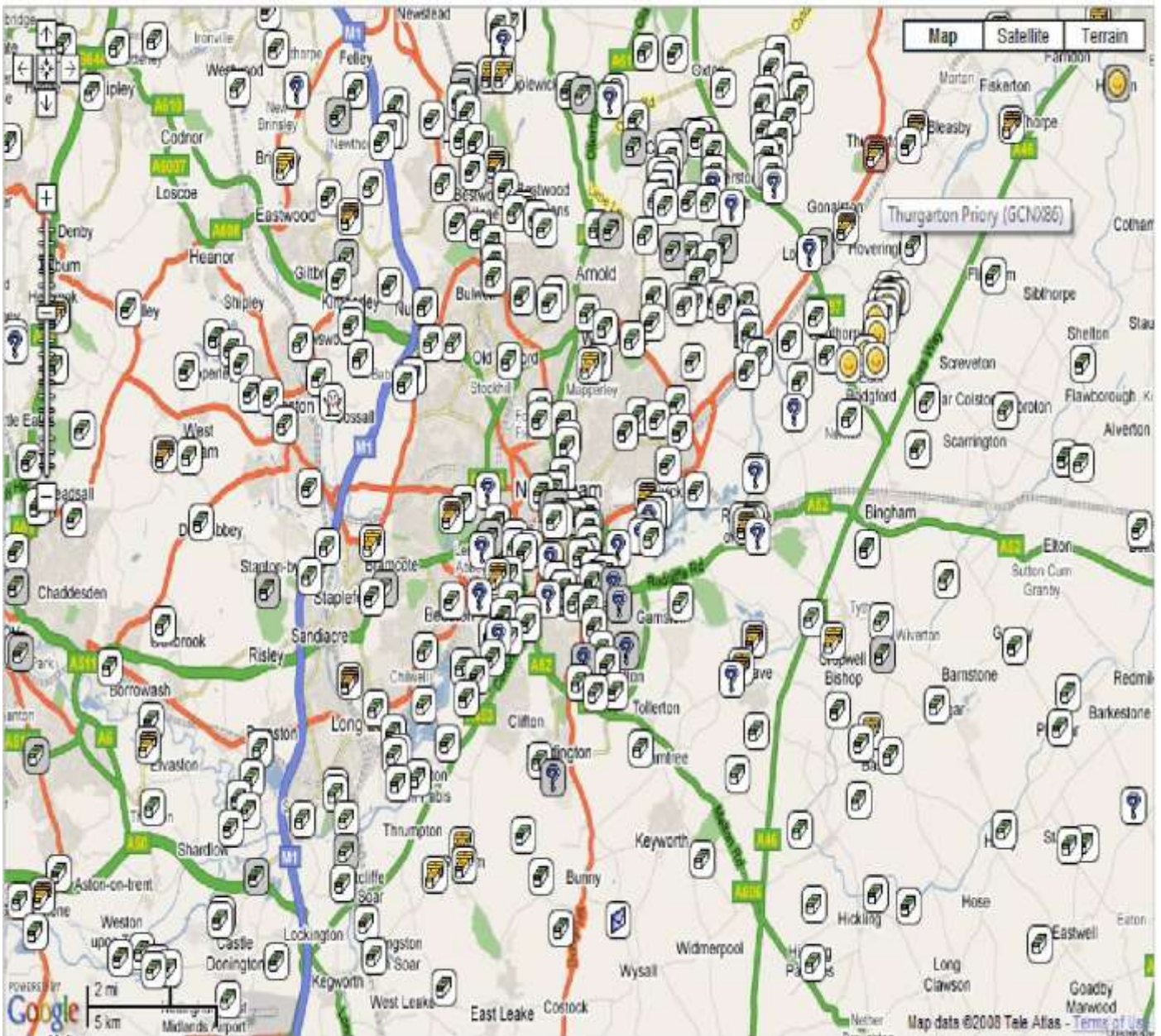
But, the real fun is discovering endless new interesting places near you that you never knew were there. It's absolutely astounding how many caches there are near to you that you're probably unaware of. If you resist the temptation to make this a contest and just have fun and enjoy the places it takes you to it will be a more rewarding activity. Kids love it, so it provides a setting for outdoor family fun. Plus, it can be done on a motorbike!!

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For those wondering just how popular this hobby can be you only need to look at the map below of Nottingham and the surrounding area. Each icon represents a hidden cache.

The best thing is that you would never know they were there.



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| JANUARY | EVENTS |
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| Wed 28th | Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - John Measures a motorcycle Solicitor of Barratts |
| FEBRUARY | |
| Sun 1st | Group Ride Out to Old Somerby - - - Lunch/Snack at The Fox and Hounds |
| Sat 21st | Observer's meeting 1.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent |
| Wed 25th | Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - "RideWithUs" A Biking Holiday Company |
| MARCH | |
| Sun 1st | Ride Out to Epworth - - - Lunch at The Tea Rooms |
| Sat 7th | Observer Selection |
| Sun 8th | Air Ambulance Presentation - - - and Photo at Tollerton Air Port |
| Wed 25th | Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - Alex Steadman of Nottingham University who |
| APRIL | |
| Sat 4th | Observer radio training and route familiarisation for HPP |
| Sun 5th | Annual Easter Egg Run - - - Time and meet venue to be confirmed |
| Sun 12th | Ride Out to Sutton on Sea - - - Lunch at The Grange and Links Hotel |
| Sun 19th | Holme Pierrepont - - - All day event - - - Help by anyone available would be appreciated |
| Wed 29th | Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - Ben Crane of Nottingham Police to give us an |
| Sat 16th | BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map) |
| Wed 27th | Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - Guest speaker to be confirmed |
| Sat 30th | BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map) |
| Sun 31st | Ride Out to The Cat and Fiddle - - - Lunch at the Cat and Fiddle pub |



Cor Blimey, me again, I seem to be like the proverbial itch in this months magazine!

I've managed to get a basic calendar sorted right up to December with at least one ride out each month and once the light nights are with us we will again be flitting from one Chippy to another as we enjoy our evening Chip Runs. There is still room for more so if you have any suggestions then please let me know.

If you've not experienced our ride outs then all I can say is throw caution to the wind and come and join us and if the reason you haven't is that you are an associate then worry no more because we run ride groups to accommodate those who have not yet passed the advanced test

You'll find it's a totally different experience riding in a group of six bikes as well as pretty reassuring to know that we are all reading off the same sheet. Plus there is always an observer at the lead and tail so there's not much chance of getting lost.....Unless of course you're in my group!

I am currently looking for Guest Speakers to come and chat to us on our Group Nights, preferably bike orientated but **not necessarily essential so long as it's interesting, so if you know anyone then please give me a call.**

We are having a couple of visits from the Air Ambulance because we have taken them as our Charity again for this year and as well as the raffles I arrange on Group Nights I will now be rattling your cages (and pockets) for a small **donation on each ride out. It's not compulsory and doesn't need to be much, just a few coppers will do as every bit helps.**

I'm looking forward to leading you all the wrong way again this year.

Nick Ireland

Events Organiser and Observer



COP SLOT

BARE BONES CRACKS THIRD AWARD OF THE YEAR

A Nottinghamshire road safety scheme aimed at reducing moped and motor scooter casualties has won a prestigious national award.

Representatives of the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership were awarded with the Highways Magazine's Road Safety Scheme of the Year for its "Bare Bones" project at the ceremony at London's Café Royal on Thursday 30 October 2008.

Bare Bones was developed by Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Police and Nottingham City Council and is a highly successful partnership approach to reducing casualties amongst young moped and motor scooter riders.

Earlier this year, the project's success was recognised by the Institute of Chartered Engineers (ICE) for Innovation in Road Safety.

It received a second accolade in September by receiving a commendation in the Prince Michael of Kent International Road Safety Awards, with the team due to personally meet the Prince later this year.

A key innovation this year has been the launch of a new DVD featuring 'Bare Bones', an animated skeleton, showing the type of collisions moped riders are often involved in. A 'cheeky Bare Bones' board has also been produced to give riders a chance to feel a piece of road surface and imagine how it must hurt if they come into close contact with it.

Heidi Duffy, who represents the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership, said: "We are delighted to have won three national awards this year but we're even more pleased to know that Bare Bones is saving young riders from serious injury."



Councillor John Clarke, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "This is partnership working at its most effective and everyone involved should be congratulated. Every effort should be made to reduce road casualties and 'Bare Bones' has helped the riders of mopeds and motor scooters understand the consequences of their actions, which has encouraged them to take greater care to prevent becoming involved in an accident."

Since the inception of the Bare Bones project, serious casualties to young motor scooter riders has reduced

by 36% in Nottinghamshire. The message from the Bare Bones scheme is "Never ride unprotected."

For more information on the Bare Bones Scheme, log onto www.Bare-Bones.org

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.

Associates when you purchased your SFL package it included both membership fees. One years membership of the NAM effective immediately, renewed on the 1st April after a full 12 months membership, paid directly to us. The second, National IAM membership is effective for one year from the date you pass your test or if you joined after 1st April 2006 – on the date you joined the IAM - and is also renewed annually on that date. You pay this membership direct to London where you also have to declare any misdemeanours since the last renewal.

Group Member No:

*IAM No:

*IAM Expiry Date:

Personal details

*Title: _____ *First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____ *D.O.B _____

*Address: _____

Postcode: _____

*Home Phone: _____ *Contact Number: _____

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Group / Riding details

Date Passed DSA Motorcycle test: _____

Bike make/model: _____

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Date passed IAM Advanced Test: _____ Date passed Observer Test: _____

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Caption Competition

Did Nick give you the co-ordinates for this location?

I'm a little tea pot short and stout!!

I've just been Tangoed!

My watch isn't big, I'm just very small

Shut that door!!!

Oooh! Listen to her!

Here I am standing with my tennis racquet—**I'm that small!!**



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It's just a bit of fun....Adults only....

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



Thai police wear smiley masks to lift the mood.

It is the latest version of the famous Thai smile - motorcycle policemen with a bright red goofy grin painted onto their white anti-pollution masks.

For the first week of the year - and longer if people seem to be smiling back - highway policemen in Thailand will wear the masks "to lift the mood of motorists," according to police officials.

"For our highway policemen, we have the policy that the police must be friendly and smiling all the time, but the problem is, when we're tired, it's hard to keep smiling," said Colonel Somyos Promnim, the Highway Police commander.

It has been a rough year in Thailand, with revolving governments, restless mobs and a weeklong takeover of Bangkok's airports that frightened away tourists from the country that keeps on calling itself "The Land of Smiles."



A young woman goes to her local pet store in search of an 'exotic' pet. As she looks about the store, she notices a box FULL of live frogs. The sign says:

'SEX FROGS'

Only £20 each! Comes with 'complete' instructions. The girl excitedly looks around to see if anybody's watching her. She whispers softly to the man behind the counter, 'I'll take one!'

As the man packages the frog, he quietly says to her, 'Just follow the instructions!'

The blonde nods, grabs the box, and is quickly on her way home.

As soon as she closes the door to her apartment, she opens the instructions and reads them very carefully. She does EXACTLY what is specified:

- 1 . Take a shower.
 - 2 .. Splash on some nice perfume.
 - 3 .. Slip into a very sexy nightie.
 - 4.. Crawl into bed and place the frog down beside you, and allow the frog to do what he has been trained to do.
- She then quickly gets into bed with the frog and to her surprise . . . NOTHING happens! The blonde is very disappointed and quite upset at this point. She re-reads the instructions and notices at the bottom of the paper it says, 'If you have any problems or questions .. please call the pet store.'

So, she calls the pet store. The man says, 'I'll be right over.' Within minutes, the man is ringing her doorbell. The blonde welcomes him in and says, 'See, I've done everything according to the instructions. The damn frog just SITS there!'

The man . . . looking very concerned, picks up the frog, stares 'directly into its eyes' and STERNLY says: 'LISTEN TO ME!! I'm only going to show you how to do this ONE MORE TIME!!!'

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what I thought.
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Robert Miller of Carlton



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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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This is my first season as Associate Coordinator and those of you who know me from my “Events” dealings will be relieved to hear I won’t be having anything what-so-ever to do with setting routes so there’s no chance of people getting lost, at least not through me.

Both associates and observers will find me very pro active but this has to be a 2 way street as I can’t do what I need to if I don’t get your cooperation, especially where communication is concerned. If I don’t know you have a problem, I can’t sort it out. But on saying that I am also of the opinion that if it isn’t broken then leave the bloody thing alone!

I do however have a few ideas as to how I can keep life on the training programme running smoothly. One of which is to run the Block Course every other weekend which will not only give associates chance to get out and practice but also allows the observers time to themselves and their families in-between.

There will be no changes to the way we deal with 1-2-1 training but I have devised a system that will quickly enable me to see if anyone’s training has stalled but again, it relies on communication so I need observers to keep me updated each time you complete a run.

We are now advising associates do an Absolute Minimum of 60 miles practice between runs which we feel is not asking too much but is paramount if an associate wishes to get through the test in the allotted time.

Let’s enjoy making ourselves safer on the roads because every time we get on our bikes there seems to be someone out there determined to hurt us!

Keep Safe

Nick Ireland
Associate Coordinator and Observer

| Surname | First Name | Training Status |
|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Gustard | Leon | INITIAL REQUIRED |
| Lowe | David | BEING TRAINED |
| May | Nick | BEING TRAINED |
| Anderson | Terry | BEING TRAINED |
| Stuart | Ray | BEING TRAINED |
| Corry | Matthew | BEING TRAINED |
| Simmonds | Mark | BEING TRAINED |
| Simpkin | Debbie | FINAL REQUIRED |
| Mace | Daniel | FINAL REQUIRED |
| Deverill | Ben | FINAL REQUIRED |
| Chamberlin | Mark | ON HOLD |
| Coleman | David | ON HOLD |
| Harris | Ian | ON HOLD |
| Mirfin | Trevor | ON HOLD |
| Stark | Adam | ON HOLD |
| Lathrope | Helen | ON HOLD |
| Thomas | Gerry | ON HOLD |
| Fisher | Malcolm | ON HOLD |
| Lathrope | Andrew | ON HOLD |
| Patrick | Robert | ON HOLD |
| Boss | Paul | ON HOLD |
| Ward | Leigh | ON HOLD |
| Hall | John | TEST READY |
| Blain | Glen | TEST READY |
| Bostock | Jenny | TEST READY |
| MacCleod | James | TEST READY |
| Miller | Robert | TEST READY |
| O’Connel | Steve | TEST READY |
| Peck | Ashley | TEST READY |
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| Travers | Keith | TEST READY |
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| Coakley | Mick | TEST READY |

Nick Ireland - Associate Coordinator & Observer

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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:
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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".



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