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## Nottingham Motorcycle Group Wins Road Safety Award!!!



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## Chairman's Bit

Well, here we are again. I just cannot believe that another month has passed by; I'm writing this with a very large smile on my face. Why, you may ask?

I have been attending the IAM conference's now since 1997, and every year we sit and watch various groups be presented with awards for their achievements during the year. And I always ask the person I am with "just what do we have to do to get one of those?"

This year Andy and I were sat near the back of the room with the guys from the new Leicester Bike Group, and former member of NAM John Hodges, and we were joking about how we were never going to get one of these awards for one reason or another when I was stopped in my tracks by the announcement that the second place winner of this year's award of £600 went to, wait for it "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists"



Well, both Andy and I jumped up and started shouting "YES" and I almost ran to the other end of the room to receive our cheque from Nigel Mansell, the president of the IAM and former F1 racing driver.

(And yes I did take up my usual pose)

We spent lunchtime and the afternoon thanking various people for nominating and supporting us for the award. It was a very proud moment for me after all these years, and in the IAM's 50<sup>th</sup> year, making it even more memorable.

This was posted on the IAM's web site for us to use in telling every one about it.

### **Nottingham IAM Motorcycle Group Wins Road Safety Award**

*The Nottingham M/c Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) based in Rainworth, Mansfield has won an IAM Group Achievement Award.*

*This nation-wide competition is open to over 200 IAM groups and the award goes to the group which was considered to have contributed most towards safety and the principles of the IAM during the past 12 months.*

*The specially engraved glass trophy and a cheque for £600 was presented to Steve Laughton Chairman of the Nottingham M/c Group by Nigel Mansell, F1 Racing legend and IAM President.*

*IAM National Group Committee Chairman George Goldie said: "I am delighted that our President has enabled us to recognise the achievement of the Nottingham M/c Group and allows that group to continue their valuable work promoting the IAM in its quest to improve road safety. "*

A picture of the presentation is available. Please contact Vince Yearley at IAM Press Office for a jpeg. For more information, please contact [The Press Office](#).

Following the meeting we all got a free pass into the pleasure park for the last 2hrs, during which we all ran around like kids from one scary ride to another. And I had to travel home feeling rather travel sick. It was ok for those staying over to the Sunday morning they had time to recover.



So I would like to congratulate all those on the committee, and to all the observers and members for your support and hard work in making the group what it is. Let's keep on pushing next year to get the No1 slot at next years awards. After all "Harts and Beds motorcyclists" won it two years running a couple of years ago.

### **Mountain bike club**

Some of you may be aware that I am trying to start a bike group up with in NAM to keep us entertained and a little fitter during winter ready for next year.

Well some of us entered our first mountain bike race following last month's group night. It was the "Viking Challenge" a 50K race around the Vale of Belvoir.

I have never ridden through so much extra stick mud or deep puddles! When I say deep I really do mean deep, to the point that when you were sat on your bike pedalling the water was above your knees at times, and it was only a puddle!



Well we did it - time for Andy Davis of 4hrs 50mins, me 4hrs 54mins, and Keith Savage 5hrs 15mins.

It was one of the hardest rides I had ever had, but great fun once you got over that initial shock of getting your nice clean bike and new shoes covered in thick mud. By the end you couldn't tell if your bike was worth £5k or £50, they all were the same colour and so were we. I hope you enjoy the photos.

We all want to do it again next year and it would be great if more of you join us for the fun, so get your bikes out and join us in our preparation to get fit for next year. If we plan early enough we can enter a team and get sponsored for their charity raising.

PS Angela still has her arm in a support as they now think that it was broken after all and should have been in a cast for the last two weeks, instead of a plastic strap. So she is still off her bike and getting very miserable.

That's all for now, but if you don't get time to talk to me at group night, you can send an email or give me a call; my details are in the mag.

See you all soon,  
Steve Laughton, your chairman.

**More passes!**

**Congratulations to the all who passed their tests this month :-**

Deb Hooton

Andy Hall

Dave Storey

George Harrison

Mark Ellis

Phil Meynell

and Peter Alton

....and to **Ben Jackson**, on passing his Group Qualified Observer's test

**Fabulous effort, everyone – very well done!!!**

**.....and welcome to :-**

Geoffrey Cameron

**Who joins us as a new associate**

# SITUATIONS VACANT

## Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

*As a result of the continued success of the Group - recognised as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best IAM group in the country for the 1<sup>st</sup> year in succession! - there have arisen several very attractive opportunities for the right people. 2 key positions in particular are central to the operation of the Group, and should attract real high achievers and those looking for a challenge. Applicants must be well-motivated highly committed willing prepared to do the job.*

### Position 1: Treasurer

Responsible for managing the finances of the Group, and for handling payments to the management committee on a regular basis (hopefully). A good head for figures is essential, or, failing that, a working knowledge of spreadsheets. Or, failing that, use of a calculator. Or maybe you just know a man who can.

### Position 2: Publicity Officer

Would suit an outgoing personality with a lot of “front”. Responsible for issuing press releases, updating the fantastically successful website, and generally maintaining a positive image of the group in the media. This usually involves access to confidential and personal information on most, if not all, of the committee, running a slush fund, and occasional bribery and extortion to squash “kiss and tell” and other tabloid cheque-book journalism stories as they arise.

**Remuneration:** None, although you may get out-of-pocket expenses (see Position 1)

**Hours:** Antisocial

**Commitment:** An evening a month attending committee meetings and work at home as needed

**Person spec:** Must have a genuine desire to see the NAM Group thrive, and a desire to “give something back” to its members. Must also be full and paid-up members of the NAM and IAM.

**Rewards:** Terrific sense of contribution the Group, and bags of support from the rest of the committee – but maybe no-one else will say anything.

*Applicants should complete the necessary forms immediately, and send to the Group Secretary.*

# Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

Minutes of Committee meeting held at 9 Sidlaw Rise on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006

1. **Apologies:** Bill Williams and AH for being late

## 2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

DW pointed out that his apologies were not listed on last month's minutes.

Matters arising are to be taken as correct as we did not have a copy of them to hand and no one remembered anything being wrong when previously checked.

## 3 **Reports:**

**Chairman:** Steve had very little to report. Only that there had been a request from the motorcycle forum meetings put on by the council, for our feedback from HPP and the take up of new members from the event. Info to be made available by KO/AH we took 37 people out and 20 people joined NAM following it.

### **Secretaries** report:

IAM regional meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September in Peterborough, both Steve and myself will attend.

IAM National Conference on 7<sup>th</sup> October at Alton Towers, both Steve and I will be attending. We did mail the group to ask for someone under 30 to attend but received no response.

The next 2 reports have been added for information, as they were sent via email for the committees attention.

**Treasurer:** not available – Bill to produce cash flow forecast for next months meeting. And we forecast that to get a new trainee observer through their training to become an observer it is going to cost £45 ahead.

**Associate co-ordinator:** At the time of writing we have

1 2 1	19	
Waiting associate/on hold	8 + 8 on hold who did not respond from last year (what a waste)	
Finals required	2	
Test ready	16	2 of whom may never re-take
Passes this year	9	

I am a little concerned that the examiners will become overloaded if most of the 1 2 1s' become test ready soon on top of those already designated Test Ready. I am aware that 1 or 2 have tests booked.

**Events:** Nick asked if we could invite new members to join the smart group site?

Up coming events: *[details have been deleted for brevity. Events have already taken place]*

### Action

I need to arrange an evening (at Steve's if possible) with people who are interested in coming up with routes for this day, including where to go for an interesting ride back?

Offers please?

### Still in Planning

Traffic police: Waiting for date if still possible to do? Steve has been liaising with a contact for this event.

Skittles night (Social) We have the venue at Car Colston just need a date and sort out if we would like a buffet?

**News letter:** Ron asked for the remaining committee members to write their CV's for the magazine next month.

And Ron was complaining about the lack of response from members to the request for feedback on their opinion of the magazine.

**Publicity:** Ken didn't have much to report only that he was looking into "Touch Nottingham". He will also update the web site with new photos. RM is to assist.

**Chief observer:** John recommended three new GQ's, SMF/KP/GR

**4, A.O.B:**

Steve asked AH if we had sent a get well soon card to Mr Noble Coxan following his stroke whilst on holiday. AH confirmed that he had done.

Ron was asked if he had carried out the "fluffing" of the welcome letter and group rules. He was going to email them out to every one and we will discuss them next month.

Andy also pointed out that all the committee members were listed on the charity commission and he needed every ones details for the charity forms.

Dave asked a number of questions regarding the HPP event we put on in April 2006.

1<sup>st</sup> did the HPP start at the right time of year?

2<sup>nd</sup> did the initials go ok, or did we need more time?

3<sup>rd</sup> did the block course go ok?

4<sup>th</sup> were we planning on running another such event in 2007?

The senior observers at the meeting stated that they were organising a senior meeting where they were going to discuss what they were going to be able to cover and organise for next years events. Once they have come up with a strategy they will report back to the committee with their proposals for the committee to plan next year's events.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 8pm at 9 Sidlaw Rise

*Hello,*

*Anyone who followed The Long Way Round TV series a couple of years ago will recognise the name Charley Boorman. Partnered with Ewan McGregor they both circumnavigated the globe on BMW bikes, resulting in a hugely watchable series for motorcyclists and non-motorcyclists alike.*

*On the evening of October 24th Charley is returning to Pidcocks motorcycle dealership (Long Eaton, Nottingham) to present a 'BMW Race to Dakar Roadshow' following his participation in this gruelling event earlier this year. Kicks off at 7.00pm.*

*For more details see MCN website link:-*

*[http://www.motorcyclenews.com/nav?page=motorcyclenews.articles.articleCategory.article&resourceId=5714222&articleCategory=NEWS\\_WHAT'S-ON](http://www.motorcyclenews.com/nav?page=motorcyclenews.articles.articleCategory.article&resourceId=5714222&articleCategory=NEWS_WHAT'S-ON)*

*Spoke to the lady at Pidcocks this morning (Tuesday 3rd) and at that time they had 250 tickets available - £8.00 each. So if anyone's interested then suggest you phone Pidcocks Tel 0115-9462233 and put your name down, then send a cheque to Pidcocks (Long Eaton) pretty smartish. Tickets will NOT be available on the night.*

*He gave a talk a couple of years ago at Pidcocks following The Long Way Round trek. Some of you may have been fortunate enough to attend - the tickets sold in no time and likewise I guess the same will happen this time too.*

*Should be a really entertaining evening. Hopefully I'll see some of you there.*

**Best wishes**

**Steve Cartwright**

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006

The Group AGM will be held at the Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006. 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 **standing down/seeking re election**  
Treasurer Bill William's **standing down**

## Committee Members

Observer Coordinator Terry Towler  
Assistant O C Duncan Wallace  
Events Coordinator Nick Ireland  
Publicity/Web Site Ken Octon **standing down**  
Newsletter Editor Ron Maslin  
Committee Member David Bryant : standing for Publicity Officer  
John Annable will stay as Chief Observer but this is not a committee post and may only be held by a current serving Senior Observer.  
Steve Laughton is willing to continue as Chairman if no-one wishes to take on this post.

**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 29th NOVEMBER 2006**

**Nomination Form** for the election of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists  
2007/2007 committee officers and members

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

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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, please contact the Secretary Andy Hampshire;

Work: 07976 707460: Home: 01623 400293

E-mail: [a.hampshire@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.hampshire@ntlworld.com)

## The Radcliffe Trophy

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

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

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



There are only two rules,

- All members and associates are entitled to vote, and
- The only person ineligible for the award is the current holder – Ken Octon

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 me in person at club night, by e-mail to [publicity@nottsam.org.uk](mailto:publicity@nottsam.org.uk), or phone me on either 01636 822208 or 07970114619.

I need to arrange to have the engraving done in time for the AGM, so please can you ensure that I receive your votes **by 3rd November 2006.**

### **THE RADCLIFFE TROPHY 2006 VOTING SLIP:**

**I would like to nominate the following person for the 2006 Radcliffe Trophy.**

**Name of Nominee:**

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**Nominated by:**

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

**Name of Nominee 2:**

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Please return your completed form or email vote to

Ken Octon  
Willow House  
1 The Cuckstools  
Sutton on Trent  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire, NG23 6LR  
[publicity@nottsam.co.uk](mailto:publicity@nottsam.co.uk)

# Foxton Locks Ride Out 24 September

By Events Organiser Nick Ireland



We met at the Black Lion for a 10.15 start but by 10.00 it was, in a word, “Hissing” down with rain. So with a projected forecast of good weather we donned our waterproofs (those of us that hadn’t left them at home) and set off.

We were trying a new riding format which saw us with Full Members in one group led by Steve Laughton, who were to have a “progressive” ride and Associates in my group riding at speed limits which, as most of us are aware, is not exactly the snail pace you might think. So with the grouping sorted we had a total of 14 bikes en route to Foxton Locks.

After about 30 minutes of miserable wet riding the sun suddenly appeared and we continued the first section of the ride in what could be described as near perfect weather, albeit the roads were very wet and a bit slippery in places, which certainly got you sucking down on the seat! The associate group was made aware of my reputation for detours before we left so were not surprised when they ended up doing an extra mile or so as I missed the “Foxton Locks” sign.

To be fair, my satnav did tell me to turn right in 200 yards but we were coming to the brow of a hill with the only sign becoming visible saying “Gartree Prison”, so I anticipated seeing another turning past that but unfortunately as we got to the crest a small brown tourist sign to the Locks became visible!

We carried on for a short distance until we got to a garage where we were able to turn around and make our way back with my reputation still proven to be true, arriving not much more than 5 minutes behind the “Progressive” group who were still getting out of their kit.

The sun by this time was really warm and it made for a really pleasant stop off for refreshments and bacon butties down at the locks. I did have the opportunity of saving John Ritchie from throwing himself in the lock as I crept up from behind and grabbed him shouting “Saved yer life”. Then realised just how lucky I was as I forgot he is a Marshall Arts teacher!!

After about an hour at the locks we set off on the second part of the ride which was to eventually get us to Old Somerby near Grantham via Market Harborough, Uppingham and Stamford which we seemed to reach without any hiccups, well none that the rest of our group knew of, as I was the only one who could hear the words “OFF ROUT, RE-CALCULATING” through my headphones!

We then picked up the B1176 to Corby Glen where after a couple of miles a road sign appeared telling us the road ahead was closed, so I ignored it and carried on. After a couple more miles there was another sign warning of the road closure which I again ignored and carried on to the little hamlet of Careby which has a bridge over the main railway line being worked on and closed to traffic!!

But this was Sunday and they weren’t working on the bridge which was very lucky as I hadn’t really got much of a back up plan except to trust my satnav to get me a detour route, but then we all know my reputation!

We finally arrived at our destination at the Fox and Hounds pub at Old Somerby, where the other group had already got their drinks and were settled on the patio. It seemed they took the "Road Closed" sign seriously and detoured via Bourn which brought them a longer way around on "A" roads rather than experiencing the excitement of the "Unknown" as my group did.

Can't wait for the next ride and the strange thing is that there are people out there who actually choose to ride in my group!

## **Forthcoming NAM Events**

### **Sunday 15 October**

#### **Group Ride Out to Sutton On Sea**

**\*YOU MISSED IT\***

As this has gone to print just 2 days before the ride I am sure those who went will have had a really great time!

### **Group Night 25 October**

A bit of a mixture this time. Ian Cameron, one of the IAM examiners, will be doing a Q & A for us which should be especially interesting for any associates hoping to take their test shortly.

During the evening our committee will be informing us of plans for 2007. Plus it will give us the chance to throw questions at them as well as the odd bit of rotting fruit!

### **Sunday 12 November**

#### **"Long Alley Skittles"**

Meet at 8.00pm in the bar at The Royal Oak pub at Car Colston just off the A46 near Bingham, for a purely social evening where you can bring your partner or friend along for what is guaranteed to be a real laugh once the balls start flying!

We intend having a few "Nibbles" which will **NOT** by any imagination be a full blown buffet but it is important that you contact Nick to give us an idea of numbers.

Home 01636 611246 Mobile 07939 535086 email [nri01@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nri01@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Monday 18 December**

#### **Triumph Tour**

This is already fully subscribed to but people are welcome to contact Nick and go on a reserve list because if it goes like the last one, there might well be places come vacant as we run up to the date.

Home 01636 611246 Mobile 07939 535086 email [nri01@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nri01@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Monday 25 December**

#### **Christmas Day**

Please make sure you leave some decent drink and grub out for when Nick (St. Nicholas) does his rounds. None of your cheap and nasty sherry and curled up sandwiches or he will not leave you any prezzies!

## **WANTED : OBSERVERS**

*Have you ever wanted to be an observer ?*

*Have you ever looked at your observer and thought "I can 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.

March the 18th 2007 (Sunday) is the date, starting from the pub opposite the White Post Farm 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 (ie. Not an associate)
- d) Have notified me of their availability and
- e) Will make themselves available for the following 7 weekends (due to time constraints this is essential).

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 Group Qualified 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 2 courses being run starting at 0900hrs and 1130hrs.

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. The lucky people that are chosen will then start an intensive 4 or 5 session course with a Senior and a Group Qualified observer 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 later in the 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](mailto:j.annable@ntlworld.com) or 07973 815771 by the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

John Annable  
Chief Observer  
Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists



## **A view by Inspector Ken HEYDON of Nottinghamshire Police Roads Policing (Police and Private Motorcyclist)**

The death toll for motorcyclists for 2006 ending 29/09/2006 is 11. Three of last week's crashes were avoidable if the dangers had been spotted by the rider. It is not just about rider skill, which in itself is often the cause of biker crashes, but it is often the lack of perception of the hazard that is clearly within their view.

When riding in groups I can evidence that when I see a hazard and alter position or speed many others take no action at all, oblivious to the potential danger which is getting closer. I would welcome any further publicity of the appalling carnage which is avoidable in many of the biker crashes.

For over 30 years I have listened to stories of diesel spills, bad roads and negligent car drivers. Whilst all of these do exist they are not all of the story and bikers could ride more safely, without curbing their enjoyment, by using their eyes and brain a bit more. In the last week 2 bikers have ploughed into oncoming vehicles on bends on good roads in good conditions. The IAM continues to develop riders' skills and signed up new riders following an initiative at Holme Pierrepont - every little helps.

**This is based on personal & professional experience backed up by the on-going statistics.**  
(Sept 2006)

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### **BIKE COLLISION HOT SPOT INFORMATION**

- **11 Bikers have died on Nottinghamshire's roads this year.**
  - 1 was off road and found to be wearing no helmet.
- Alcohol in riders is a consistent factor in some motorcycle crashes. Often in cases that another vehicles is at fault, the rider's observations and reactions are slower even if they have had 1 pint at a bike night.
- We have seen an increase in collisions where a vehicle has done a u-turn in the middle of the road and not seen the bike approaching. It's always the rider that gets hurts the most so anticipate the worst manoeuvre.
- TRACTOR ALERT. Bikes and Agricultural vehicles just do not mix. Around every bend on a rural road could be a tractor, trailer, combine etc all with lethal metal attachments that could kill or inflict horrific injuries to a motorcyclist. In addition, tractors turning in and out of farm entrances are a real danger.
- SPEED. Every summer we deal with ' loss of control' single motorbike collisions where the single factor that cost the motorcyclist their life is SPEED. Entering bends in excessive or inappropriate speed kills bikers every year. 2006 is already no exception.
- Visibility. Autumn mornings and Evenings can be dark. Dig out that high viz vest now or even better treat yourself to a new BRIGHT, glowing, reflective, fluorescent jacket or vest.

**Being Seen Can Make The Difference Between Life And Death.**

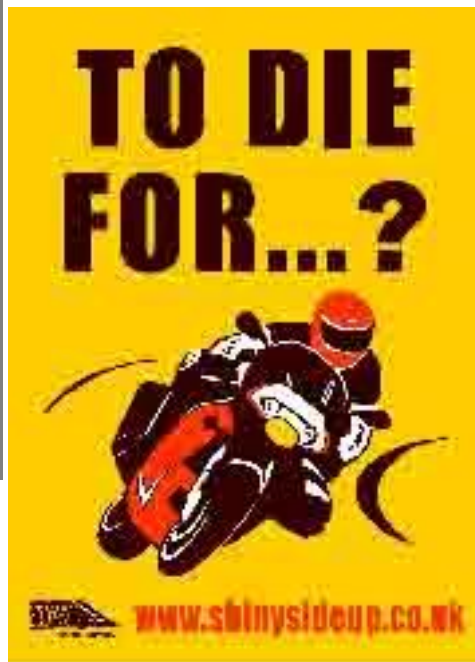
*We are now coming to the end of the bike season and many of you will have recently attended collisions involving motorbikes. You will have also seen the big yellow road signs 'Think Bike' and 'To Die For' that appear on motorcycle collision 'hot spots' and the 'Think Bike' car stickers displayed in Police vehicles.*

The signs will remain at the 'hotspots' until late autumn: -

- **A6097 – Oxton - Epperstone – Lowdham – Gunthorpe – A46.**
- **Junction 27, M1 – A608 Mansfield Road – B600 Alfreton Road      Selston/ Underwood.**
- **A612 – Burton Joyce – Lowdham – Thurgarton – Southwell.**
- **A617 – Rainworth – Kirklington – Hockerton – Kelham.**
- **A631 – Beckingham – Gringley – Everton.**
- **A620 – Saunby – Bole – Claborough.**
- **A6006 – Rempstone – Sutton Bonnington.**
- **A606 – Stanton – Upper Broughton – A52.**

By Heidi Duffy - Traffic Management Officer Nottinghamshire Police.

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## Fun & Games!

### Worth a Click!

Try this link – it's a video of driving in India, and very, very scary!!!

<http://video.yahoo.com/video/play?vid=ef52ab75db44e40016a01b1f66556aee.598273>

### More fun and games.....find the hidden words

GAIN THE ADVANTAGE  
NOTTINGHAM  
MOTORCYCLE  
SPEED  
CORNER  
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POSITION  
ACCELERATE  
CAR  
HELMET  
LEATHERS  
GLOVES

EAR PLUGS  
RIDE OUT  
LEAN  
ROUTE  
BLACK LION

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### Apt Anagrams

Our committee, as usual, are all mixed up. Can you help straighten them out?

Toughest navel

Unclean law cad

In a sardonic hell

A shadier nymph

Job 'n' anal hen. Ah!

Bad navy dirt

Worry letter

Note conk

I'm all bi-swill

Normal sin

## **London Bus Lanes - Still Waiting say BMF**

The latest Transport for London review on the use of London's bus lanes by motorcycles has been greeted with disappointment by the BMF.

Transport for London (TfL) have been conducting monitored motorcycle access trials on three trial sites; the A41 to the North, A23 to the South and A13 to the East, since 2002, but at a review meeting held yesterday, it reported that a survey of all collisions, (including those involving motorcycles), while largely proving inconclusive, suggested that casualty reduction on the three trial sites was in fact less than in other main road corridors without bus lane access.

The BMF say that because TfL are using an overly complex system of assessment to compare collisions with those on the rest of the Transport for London Roads Network such claims are questionable, numbers are small and the statistical significance doubtful. Also, the effect of increased concentrated motorcycle traffic migrating from other routes (where motorcycle numbers had therefore been reduced), had not been considered and neither were the actual causes of collisions taken into account.

At the review, presentations were also given by Kingston and Westminster who had conducted their own motorcycle access trials. Kingston has had little negative feedback whereas Westminster has had positive indications of casualty reductions despite the trial only been operative for 9 months.

On the plus side, the BMF welcomes the fact that TfL have accepted that motorcycling has not been given the parity that it warrants and proposed that more contextual data was needed with wider monitored access to bus lanes from outer as well as inner London. It is also pleased that TfL has appointed a motorcyclist, Tom Duckham, Project Manager for the London 'Safety' Camera Partnership, to a part-time secondary post as a 'focal point for motorcycling'.

Commenting, BMF Senior Government relations Executive Trevor Magner said:

*"The results of the monitoring are disappointing but not surprising given the overly complex assessment and questionable methodology used. The good thing is that TfL now at least accepts that motorcycling has not been treated equitably and appears to be addressing the concerns of the motorcycling community, which we hope will herald a new period of co-operation."*

The BMF is also pleased that its concerns will be taken into discussions with the Greater London Authority with an action plan promised before the end of the year.

# MENTOR GROUPS

## October 2006

*As a new initiative we are now publishing the observer hours logged for each observer and senior up to the end of last month. Please check your figures and contact Duncan Wallace if you have any queries.*

*These hours are **observer hours** only, not group time such as attending the Marathon.*

<b>Chief Observer J. Annable</b>	<b>0115 9175771</b>	<b>Sandiacre</b>	
<b>R. Edwards(S)</b>	<b>0115 9491678</b>	<b>Stapleford</b>	<b>83.5hrs</b>
G. Hope (GQ)	0115 9192813	Chilwell	0
D. Bryant (GQ)	0115 8491590	Long Eaton	7.5
K. Priest (GQ)	0115 9304958	Ilkeston	26.5
P. Phillips (GQ)	0115 9825039	West Bridgford	6
A. Davis (GQ)	0115 8491098	Kimberley	73.25
<b>P. Hunnisett (S)</b>	<b>0115 9816835</b>	<b>West Bridgford</b>	<b>55.25</b>
D. Wallace (GQ)	0115 8469023	Wilford	35.5
M. Gant (GQ)	01664 852353	Melton Mowbray	52.5
R. Maslin (GQ)	0115 9375994	Keyworth	41.25
G. Roberts (GQ)	0115 8466835	Wollaton	0
B. Jackson (GQ)	0115 9534530	Netherfield	0
<b>R. Walker(S)</b>	<b>0115 8461893</b>	<b>Gamston</b>	<b>68.25</b>
K. Telfer-Banner (GQ)	01623 423243	Mansfield	74.75
C. Horsley (GQ)	01623 723078	Kirkby in Ashfield	0
A. Parkin (GQ)	0115 9207630	Arnold	25.75
N. Ireland (GQ)	01636 611246	Newark	55
S. Macmillan-Fraser (GQ)	01623 442436	Sutton-in-Ashfield	43
<b>S. Laughton (S)</b>	<b>07973 815771</b>	<b>Warren Wood</b>	<b>143</b>
P. Waldron (GQ)	0115 9279856	Bestwood Village	31
A. Beavis (GQ)	0115 8407370	Carlton	0
J. Ritchie (GQ)	0115 9551826	Top Valley	57.75
K. Savage (GQ)	0115 9558560	Arnold	0
K. Pickering (GQ)	07866 339386	Papplewick	5.5
<b>I. Orgill (S)</b>	<b>01623 795654</b>	<b>Rainworth</b>	<b>72</b>
P. Green (S)	01664 851557	Melton Mowbray	104
S. Turner (T)	0115 9198359	Bulwell	0
T. Towler(S)	0115 8465870	Wilford	131
K. Octon (S)	01636 822208	Sutton on Trent	59.25

## Passes this year, up to Thursday 12th Oct

Michael Saville  
 Marc Philips  
 Mark Bottomley  
 Jason Morgan  
 Ian Cameron  
 Justin Leary  
 Lorne Winborne  
 Gary Jones

Vince Shreeve  
 Rob Abbott  
 Kevin Stark  
 Richard Smith  
 Geoff Ellis  
 Ron Fahy  
 Brian Negus  
 Alex Agar

Deb Hooton  
 Dave Storey  
 Andy Hall  
 George Harrison  
 Mark Ellis  
 Phil Meynell  
 Peter Alton

## Current Training Situation

Training Status	Associate		Observer
BEING TRAINED - 1 2 1	Sam	Wigman	Mike Gant
	Julie	Washington	John Ritchie
	Ash	Lovett	Keith Savage
	Adrian	Mills	Ryan Walker
	Craig	Garland	Keith Pickering
	Hugh	Mccahon	Nick Ireland
	Gavin	Phipps	Duncan Wallace
FINAL REQUIRED - SL ?	John	Davies	Phil Green
INITIAL REQUIRED - SL 14/10	Jeff	Cameron	Ben Jackson
INITIAL REQUIRED - TT 14/10	Carl	Robins	Various
TEST READY	Colin	Boot	John Ritchie/Keith Priest
	Stephen	Groom	Keith Savage
	Paul D	Thompson	Andy Beavis
	Adrian	Hand	Ron Maslin
	Ken	Jacklin	Karl T-B
	Richard	Wright	Ron Maslin
	Robert	Varley	John Annable
	Anthony	Bell	Paul Phillips
	Mark	Steele	Ryan Walker
	Les	Thomas	Andy Parkin
	Chris	Varley	John Annable
	John	Adkins	Keith Priest
WAITING ASSOCIATE - BEING TRAINED	Chris	Adams	
WAITING ASSOCIATE - CONTINUE NEXT SPRING	Stephen	Jacks	Paul Waldron
WAITING ASSOCIATE - FINAL REQUIRED	Matthew	Orchard	Ryan Walker
WAITING ASSOCIATE - INITIAL COMPLETED	Mark	Shaw	
WAITING ASSOCIATE - INITIAL COMPLETED	Mark	Baker	Ryan Walker
WAITING ASSOCIATE - INITIAL COMPLETED	Linda	Cree	Ryan Walker

*Associates/Observers please check the above and if there are ANY discrepancies from your point of view, please let me know. If I am WAITING for anyone please update me too.*

**Terry Towler**

Associate Coordinator & Senior Observer Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

## Group Nights & News Letters:

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

We use the group nights to meet new /old members, prospective members and friends alike, listen to guest speakers (when available) have the odd quiz night, hear about what is happening within the group, and have a general chit chat about many varied subjects. We also use the evenings for informal question and answers, as every now and then someone has a burning question or two that may not have a straight forward answer, so we pool our collective minds together and sometimes have a good old debate.

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

**Newsletters:** Additional copies of this or previous news letters can be viewed and downloaded from our web site [www.nottsam.org](http://www.nottsam.org) just follow the link for "Magazines". \*\*\*

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

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

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

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Feedback on the magazine is always welcomed!

***Deadline for publication is 15<sup>th</sup> of each month***

## **Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing 2006**

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

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

NAM Committee.

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

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

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

### Standard Range 2006

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



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

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

Please bring your order and your payment to the next group night or contact any member of the committee. Please make cheques payable to "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists."

Your clothing will be available for collection at the following club night or from the clothing stockholder on the committee.

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

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

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