



Newsletter May 2018

Congratulations to

Ahmed Ali

who passed the Advanced Test and gained a *FIRST* in April

April Club Night

I've never been to speedway so I was quite keen to hear what the guys from Coventry Bees had to say, but the best laid plans and all that.... Fortunately Mark Ford was there to take the pictures.



Mark Pavey gained a F1RST and received his certificate from his observer Digby Carrington-Howell. Paul Padmore who passed his test some time ago was presented with his certificate by Chairman Ian Collard.

Back at the beginning of the year we held our annual dinner, notable by his absence was Alan Sprung who was struck down with the nasty virus that was doing the rounds at the time. He may



have missed his moment of glory at the dinner but hopefully was compensated by the applause he received at the Club Night as Keith Daffern presented the Associates Award to him. To quote from Ian's speech on the night; 'having passed his Advanced Test in August 2017, only 20 months after taking his motorcycle test, Alan showed great determination in adapting his style in line with advanced requirements. In spite of a minor crash and mechanical problems that lengthened his training period, his enthusiasm and determination never wavered being ready to ask relevant questions, always striving to be a better rider. As

well as practising in the UK he visited Germany 3 or 4 times gaining extra experience. He has also succeeded in his long term goal to join Blood Bikes. To quote Keith Daffern his observer, 'quiet and unassuming, Alan just gets on with it, no moaning with a 'just tell me what to do' approach to learning.' A worthy winner if somewhat late recipient.

April



The first CWAM Club Sunday gave us a chance to visit the Skylark Café near Staverton. Trev led us on a route that took advantage of the quiet Sunday morning as we rolled through rural Warwickshire into Northants.

By the time Roger took us around Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire the weather was beginning to warm up a little and I actually left one of my many layers at home. 11 of us set off towards Banbury and Chipping Norton in a carefree mood. Generally speaking, when you see a

garden shed coming towards you at speed you can be fairly confident that it's not an experience that will result in a happy ending. As we left Chipping Norton that was the surprising sight that approached us. Men and their sheds! (see https://youtu.be/lqK_H4AdoIU for details).



To have spotted a coal smeared group wearing pit helmets around Soho Farmhouse wouldn't have



been unexpected, the depth of the potholes being a thing of wonder. We skirted Woodstock and wound through Islip the birthplace of Edward the Confessor who, perplexingly, was born some 269 years before Edward the First but after Edward the Elder and Edward the Martyr surely making him Edward III. (History-not my strong suit). On the northern edge of Oxford we passed the 507 foot Beckley aerial before taking the back roads to Waddesden to pull up at On Yer Bike.

Browsing the stock with a cuppa in one hand we passed a pleasant half hour when a slight drizzle encouraged us to be on our way. We followed the roads less travelled to Winslow which saw us onto the winding A413 to Buckingham and a return to Long Itch before 2pm.

Two good rideouts, the first of many to look forward to now spring has finally sprung.

GDPR

We have a new layer of bureaucracy about to be thrust upon us. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) comes into force on May 25 but be assured that CWAM is, as usual, on top of things. As members and recipients of the newsletter and other CWAM communications you may well be hearing more of this in the next couple of weeks but be assured, your data is not only safe with us but by May 25, will also be completely compliant with the new regulations. You may all sleep easily in your beds.

MK Bike Show

Not a million miles away, the Milton Keynes Bike Show on Sun 8th July at MK Stadium. Over 20 dealers and 18 Organisations have signed up. For details <https://www.mkbikeshow.co.uk/>

Group Riding Workshop

A must for all those hoping to enjoy any of the many CWAM rideouts is the Group Riding Workshop on Sunday on **13th May** at Shilton Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. The morning comprises an open discussion on the different skills required to participate in a successful group ride and a practical riding session followed by a debrief. **This workshop is aimed at all social ride participants regardless of experience.**



Elan Vally Rideout

Trevor Smith writes -

Sunday 29th April saw a gap in the inclement weather of the previous few days and with grim forecasts for the week ahead my fellow riders considered themselves to be fortunate to be riding on dry roads and under overcast skies. With the temperature of around 9 degrees those who could boast heated grips used them to the full.



Geoff Alan, leading a run with CWAM for the first time, took an involving route towards our destination at a brisk pace and before long we were enjoying a cake and coffee at a handily located Morrisons. Fed and watered we eventually arrived at the Elan Valley visitor centre to enjoy more refreshments and learn how this project has served the Midlands population over the years. Before heading

for home Geoff took us to a viewpoint which gave up a great view of one of the reservoirs.

Once again, the return journey offered both pace and good overtaking opportunities and the miles flew by, around 250 of them in all.

Good ride, good route and good company. Thanks Geoff, looking forward to your next run!

Thanks to Trev for the photo and writing so promptly.

Used not abused crash helmet collection

Don't forget our old helmet collection in support of Red Cross training. Please bring your old helmets to the social nights and Keith Daffern will pass them on to the Red Cross Centre in Coventry. If you are unable to get to our fabulous Club Nights contact Keith and he will be happy to arrange a convenient handover.



NB Helmets should be wearable for training purposes and not battered skip fodder.



Of the five advanced test passes CWAM has had so far this year, THREE, that's 60%, have resulted in F1RSTs. That is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to our talented team of observers and the hard working associates.



Round Britain Rally

Ken and Sandy Hubbard are devotees and long-time participants in The Round Britain Rally (RBR) and I notice fellow CWAM Chris Allen is also taking up the challenge this year. RBR is a touring and photographic event for motorcyclists and drivers of three wheeled vehicles and any



historic registered vehicle. The rally enables you to tour some of the best countryside on mainland Britain and visit many landmarks that will probably be new to you.

Every county of Britain is included and every landmark visited is allotted points which you earn towards your award. The number of points allocated to each landmark is dependant on its location, so a landmark in the Highlands of Scotland will be score higher than one in the Midlands. As proof of your visit, you take a photograph of your bike & number at the scene. The rally officially starts in April but entries are accepted up to the end of August so there's still loads of time to apply.

As a taster, the picture shows one of the landmarks from a previous year, the Memorial Drinking Fountain at Arnside , Cumbria, with the railway viaduct and Whitbarrow Scar beyond. See <http://www.roundbritainrally.co.uk/> .

IAM RoadSmart News

As usual the latest IAM RoadSmart News is [here](#) with an item on rider training in Nepal, and their blogs are [here](#) with tips on filtering. I'm not entirely convinced about the need to look out for other motorcycles approaching you from the rear; to be quite frank I may give an occasional glance in my mirrors but my attention is focussed on what's happening ahead of me. Another bike isn't going to squeeze past me but a naughty driver ahead may well choose that particular moment to switch lanes or move to block my progress.

CWAM are offering a fantastic **50% discount** on their highly acclaimed Advanced Rider Course, for comparative youngsters under the age of 30. Just £74.50 provides the wherewithal to become one of the most skilled riders on the road. Tell all your family and friends to contact [Mark](#) for a free assessment ride without delay.



CWAM Events in May

Wed	2	GDPR Sub-Committee	Bagington Oak	-	Start 19:30	Ian Collard
Sun	6	CWAM Club Sunday	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Starts 09:00	Associates & Full Members	Not just for check rides but a chance for all CWAMs to get together, socialise and go for an informal ride.	Andy Spencer
Sun	13	Group Riding Workshop	Shilton Village Hall. Wood Lane CV7 9JZ 10:00 - 13:00	All CWAMs	All you ever wanted to know about mastering group riding, etiquette and so much more. This workshop is aimed at all social ride participants regardless of experience. A must for those who want to join our social rideouts.	Trevor Smith

Wed	16	Club Social Night	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Opens 19:30 Starts 20:00	Everyone and guests	Mick Wynn talks about his TT racing career and the best type of base layers to wear throughout the year. He will have samples of Halvarssons, Lindstrands and Jofama clothing.	Ryan Howatt
Thur	17	Committee Meeting	Shilton Village Hall. Wood Lane CV7 9JZ	Committee members	Starts 20:00	Ian Collard
Sun	20	CWAM Club Sunday	Jaguar Sports & Social Club Fenton Road CV5 9DR Starts 09:00	Associates & Full Members	Not just for check rides but a chance for all CWAMs to get together, socialise and go for an informal ride.	Andy Spencer
Wed	23	Social Ride Out	Evening rideout Provisional date	Associates & Full Members	Please contact Trevor Smith if you would like to lead this rideout	Trevor Smith
Sun	27	Social Ride Out	McDonald's A46/A435 Alcester Meet 08:30 leave 09:00	Associates & Full Members	Welcome summer with the Wye Valley Tour, a visual treat along a super route. Around 250 miles, full tank required.	Ian Collard
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Whether you fancy a day by the sea or just a change of scenery, here are just a few of the many Non-CWAM events on offer this month.		
4-6	BMAD Bike Festival Paignton Beach, Devon	http://www.bmad.co.uk/
5-7	Llandudno Transport Festival Bodafon Fields, LL30 3BW Free	http://www.llantransfest.co.uk/
5-7	Bike 1066 Plus 'May Day Run' Hastings, East Sussex Free	http://www.bike1066.com
13	Classic Bike Show The Dover Transport Museum, CT16 2JX	https://dovertransportmuseum.org.uk
19-20	MCN Festival Of Motorcycling Peterborough Arena, Cambs, PE2 6XE	http://www.mcnfestival.com/
19	Kempton Park Motorcycle Autojumble Sunbury on Thames, TW16 5AQ	www.kemptonparkautojumble.co.uk
25-27	The Bike Shed Tobacco Dock, E1W 2SF	http://thebikeshed.cc
Racing		
5-7	Mce British Superbike Championship Oulton Park CW6 9BW	http://www.britishsuperbike.com/
15-19	North West 200 Portstewart, BT55 7PT	http://northwest200.org/
26	Nifty Fifty Endurance Moped Championship Winchester, SO22 6RG	http://niftyfiftyendurance.com/
25-27	Superbike World Championship Donington Park, DE74 2RP	https://doningtonpark.msv.com/DP-18-WSB-1
26-8 Jn	Isle Of Man Tt 2018	http://www.iomtt.com/

For all future events check out the [Diary page](#).

If anyone has news to share, tips to pass on, pictures for the gallery or items for sale please mail me

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