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NEWSLETTER

February 2022

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first, our successes ~ our 'raison d'etre'

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• Congratulations to

Neville Pugh

for passing the IAMRS/IMI National Observer Assessment

The first of our new cohort of trainee Observers.

Hmm..... I feel an article coming on for next month's edition

and

Mark Cosgrove and Observer Les Congdon

For a successful F1RST Advanced Test

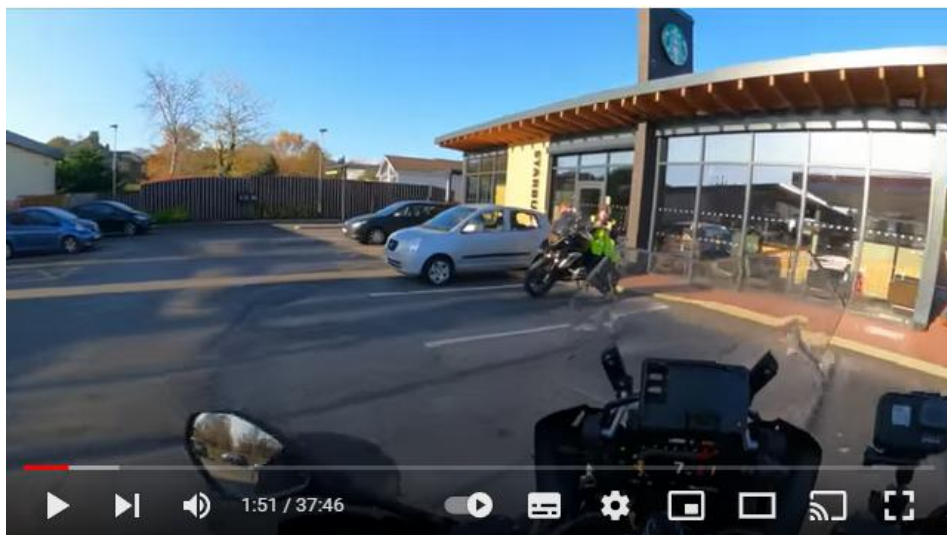
Going to press, so any further passes this month will be announced in the next issue.
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This contribution was kindly submitted by Clive Evans.

I thought this might be interesting for members and (especially) associates?

The full video of well known YouTuber 'Username Kate' doing her advanced test.

Click [here](#) to view.



Official Club Ride outs in January

Roger Barrett ~ Wednesday 4th **Ride out to the Ace Café, London**

For a while I'd been wondering whether a group ride into London would be practical. First of all the roads in and out tend to be motorways or large trunk roads and then there is the inevitable traffic to deal with, adding to the stress of keeping a group together.

I had to go into London in November so I thought that would be the ideal time to check out a route to the iconic Ace Café. As it happened it was 2C and raining on that day so I ended up going in the car. Not as daft as it sounds though for trying out a route as it's much easier to stop and make notes as you go along.

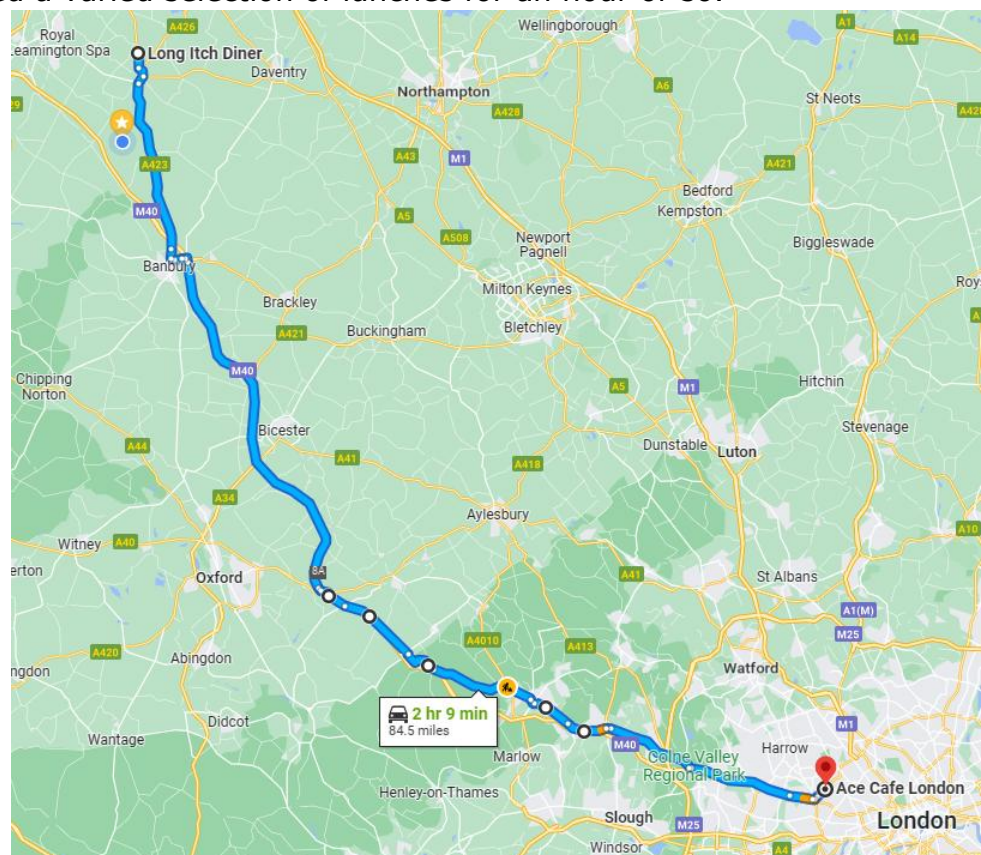
The route I finally decided upon was quite simple – down to Banbury from the Long Itch Diner then onto the M40 to Oxford Services, then take the old A40 all the way down.

We had eleven bikes turn up for the ride on 4th January and in the end the journey was straightforward. We did get delayed at a series of temporary road works in High Wycombe but fortunately the road was fairly wide so we simply filtered down the middle to the front of the queues. Even the Western Avenue section nearer London was not too busy as the new average speed cameras tend to keep the traffic flowing.

We had to juggle things a little around the Hanger Lane roundabout (mainly me trying to find the correct lane of the five available) then briefly onto the North Circular Road to arrive at the Ace Café.

The café has changed ownership a few times over the years but the place was welcoming and the service excellent so we enjoyed a varied selection of lunches for an hour or so.

We took the same route on the way back which was quieter this time as the High Wycombe roadwork queues all seem to be coming the other way. After a comfort break at Oxford Services we re-joined the M40 only to come across stationary traffic after a few miles. No problem I thought, we're on bikes so we filtered through carefully between lanes 2 and 3, only to find a Highways Officer had halted all three lanes of traffic. We got to the front and upon asking what was going on he replied they were filling in a pothole up ahead! It must have been a dangerous one to close the whole road, particularly to bikes of course, so a short ten minute delay was no problem.



After that, it was straight up the motorway in convoy until we split between who was going Banbury direction and who was going back to Warwick or Coventry.

It was a good day overall and given the time of year we were fortunate with the warm weather. Definitely one to repeat next year.



Preston Capes Litter commented,

That was an excellent ride, so thanks for organising. They even closed the M40 for us.

Margaret Damen commented,

Really enjoyed it - a chance to brush up on filtering skills, good curvy hill road by Stokenchurch and classic destination. Thank you Roger!

Howard Biggs ~ Sunday 15th

Rideout to Phoenix Kitchen, Claydon Manor

Howard Biggs led a 118 mile ride around Buckinghamshire, which could not possibly have been as wet as last year's visit.

No ride details, but this comment from

Nick Lilley on Facebook.....

Living the dream with CWAM on a refreshing ride to Claydon House for a toasted teacake.

Tip of the week - buy shares in mobile traffic light manufacturers. *(A few hold-ups then? Ed.)*

Nick Lilley also commented,
Great ride as always Howard, thanks.

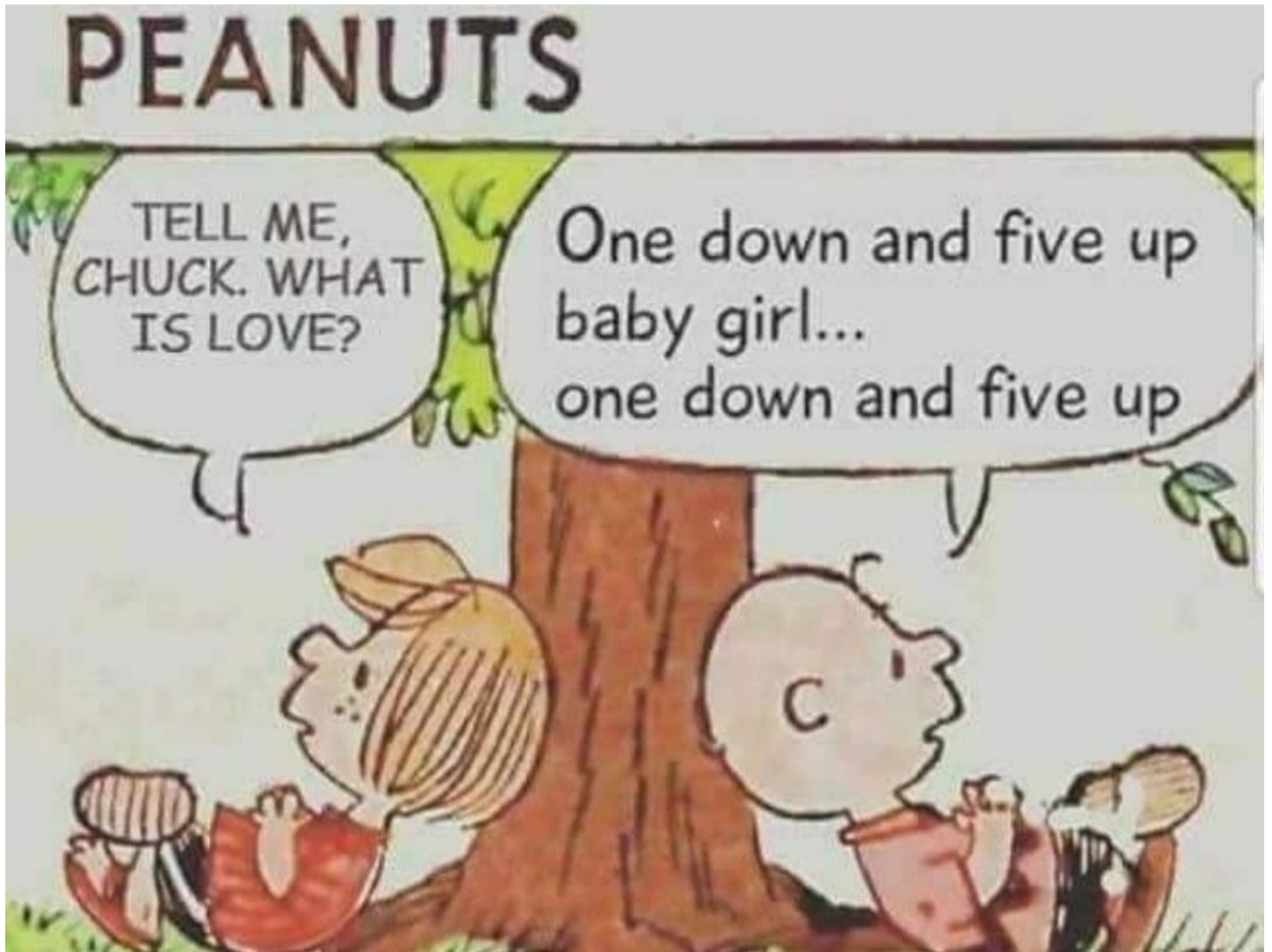
Mark Prior commented,
Thanks Howard, great ride out today,
good roads and good company.



(Better Nick, only one with a helmet on and most of us can tell it is Zoe anyway Ed.)

Motorcycle Memes anyone?

A topical one this month, for Valentine's Day.



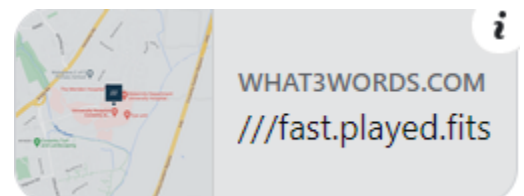
Missed last month by at least a third of our members, who are not Facebook users.....

Ian Johnston

Hi does anyone know if it's free to park motorcycles at Walsgrave hospital? All I got from Google are the numerous complaints about the £100 fines people get regularly.

Loads of answers, thanks to all, Mike Drapers even with detailed maps. My appointment was at 09:00, I made it in plenty of time, but not being used to rush hour traffic these days, had I gone in the car I would have been very late.

Motorbike is definitely the 'way to go' when visiting hospitals!





Simon Brown

7 January at 07:16 · 🌐



So . . . as you may be aware, there have been a number of car and bike thefts around the Jaguar Social Club of late. The CWAM Committee has therefore decided that, rather than provide an easy opportunity for thieves on club Sundays, we would post a car-park attendant to watch over our bikes whilst members were inside the Club making their morning arrangements. It has fallen to me to arrange a rota.

The "job description" will be to remain in the car-park, coffee in hand, for about 45-50 minutes before joining any group informal ride-out or departing.

As you know, Club Sundays are on alternate Sundays, beginning this week on 9th January, with that date and the 22nd already arranged. So, if we were to arrange a rota looking, say, 3 or 4 months forward, I am seeking volunteers for 5th Feb, 19th Feb, 5th March, 19th March, 2nd April, 16th April, 30th April, 14th May and 28th May - only 9 separate 45 minutes slots before the end of May!

Please let me know either direct, to my e.mail address if you have it, or by e.mail to Nick who will forward it on to me.

Thank you.

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5 comments Seen by 131

Sandy Hubbard asked

What time would the car park attendant need to arrive? And would I need to bring my own shotgun? I'm assuming just the fact someone is watching is the deterrent as I don't make 5ft tall and can't run very fast but would love to say hello to you all as you park up

Preston Capes Litter asked

Simon, will you publish a list of volunteers or contact direct as a reminder as some of us have sieve like brains (ok, maybe just me) and are likely to forget?

Simon Brown Yes, of course, but at the moment the rota is me, followed by me, then me!
(Following this reply Simon had numerous offers to help, but if you are not on Facebook you could offer your support to him at the AGM, or the Next Club Sunday perhaps? Ed.)

Kosha Maya shared a **photo**.

Who's up for a skills day out this year? There's about 4 areas in my riding ability today that I can attribute to the feedback and controlled environment that a skills day facilitated.

You get a whole day talking to IAM members, masters and observers!



Another impromptu club rideout, on Sun, 8th

Nick Lilley

Living the dream with CWAM with the Famous Five at Yew Tree Farm. Great company and a pleasant rural ride, ideal for an unseasonably warm January morning. Thanks Mike.

Mark Prior

Thanks for leading Mike, nice ride out today

John Chivers

What a happy bunch! Good to catch up with **Gilbert** too this morning.



Caroline Wilson shared a link.

9 January at 09:23 · 🌍

A reminder for anyone interested... the IAM motorcycle skills days went on sale today:



IAMROADSMART.COM

Skills Days | IAM RoadSmart | UK Road Safety Charity

IAM RoadSmart Skills Days allow drivers and riders the chance to develop their skills...



Kosha Maya

Thanks for the reminder Caroline!

Caroline Wilson

Author

I've treated myself to a ticket on June 12 at Mallory Park

Paul Black

Caroline Wilson see you there

Simon Brown

So, further to my post on 7th January regarding car-park duties at the Jag Club on Club Sundays I have had a few responses and so can publish the following rota:-
22nd Jan - me; 5th Feb - Candice; 19th Feb - Mike D; 5th March - Jason W. There have been no volunteers for 19th March, 2nd April, 16th April, 30th April, 14th May and 28th May, so unless any more members volunteer, I guess it will be me!



Dave Shakespeare created a poll.

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Hi All,

We have the possibility of a club night at the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull.

The event would be on the 10th May, and would consist of a look around all of the wonderful 2 wheeled delights, complete with a entertaining and informative tour guide. There may be a small entrance fee, but until I can get a rough idea of attendees, I can't negotiate any further.

If you think this would be of interest to you, please tick the option.

Thanks

Dave



Yes Please

100% >

(Obviously, if you are not on Facebook, don't try to click 'Yes Please' on here!

Ed.)

[Martin Payne](#) shared a [post](#).

And [Rod Bromfield](#) commented.

Makes me shiver now all the times we rode around Greece years ago in tennis shoes shorts and just a bandanna for sun protection. I'm amazed we survived.



Steve Krikler

I know many of us ride with a top box carrying all sorts of spares and things 'just in case ...'. I have all sorts sliding around, so whenever I want something I have to rummage; Sod's Law dictates that whatever I want is at the bottom under everything else. Then Roger showed me how he has fitter a partition into his top box which keeps things nicely constrained. As I have a 3D printer and some modest design skills I decided to print an organiser. My wife thinks I am mad, but I am hoping someone on here will agree with me as to how much of an improvement this is.



Ian Chapman asked,
How long did your printer take to build that Steve?

Steve Krikler replied,
Ah, a pertinent question from someone with experience in printing! My printer's bed is 300x300 mm, the organiser is 375 mm long and too wide to print diagonally, so I had to print it in two pieces and glue them. I enabled support for the curved base, which added time, and I used a .2 mm layer height, so the bigger part took over 62 hours! The smaller part was another 41 hours. I was not happy with the radius of curve and redesigned the front. I printed this without support and at a later height of .24, it 'only' took 27 hours.



Mike Darby also posted

After installing my Innovv K5 system on my bike, I realised how vulnerable the front lens is to stone damage so came up with this lens protector which simply slides over the front lens tube. It's 3D printed and incorporates a thin optical quality sacrificial lens. I have made a few of these to suite not only the front Camera of the K5 but also the K3 cameras (one of which the K5 uses on the rear).

I'm giving away a pair of these to CWAM members who would like a pair for their Innovv systems (one pair per member) and all I ask is one large letter stamp to cover postage and optionally a donation to cancer research when you pass a suitable donation point (£4 would be about right).

I will be discussing these with suitable outlets to sell on a retail basis and would appreciate feed back on their use if possible. PM me if interested in a pair and simply state K2 3 or 5.

These photos show their typical application.

Mark Lunt replied I have been toying with the idea of getting a K3 system but was wondering about what protection the front camera would have. Your invention fits the bill nicely. If you still have them when I get around to ordering a system, I would be very happy with your terms of business!



CWAM AGM 8:15pm, Shilton Village Hall 15th Feb.

It's often the case that things feel a little flat after the cheeriness (false or otherwise) of Christmas and the fiesta of fireworks that is New Year's Eve. As usual, CWAM comes to the rescue, banishing your dark night doldrums with a recipe to exile ennui and massacre melancholy. I have fallen into my usual trap of overstatement; suffice to say that CWAM is offering you the prospect of munching and mingling with like-minded mates.

It is that very special time of year when, with trumpets trumping and cymbals cymballing, we herald the CWAM Annual General Meeting. Hot food will be provided for all attendees who have pre-ordered and the bar will be open. You will neither starve nor thirst and will have the added satisfaction of playing an important role in the governance of the group.

You should all have received details of the meeting which starts promptly at 8:15pm in Shilton Village Hall. If you haven't, please contact me at secretary@cwam.org.uk and I will inundate you with documentation.

To order food, complete the form at <https://forms.gle/dLHVRkkCA5TMxZ1b8>. We always enjoy a good turnout at our AGMs and the Committee looks forward to seeing you there. **Nick Lilley, Group Secretary.**

British Motorcycle Federation News

Here's their web site link to read more <https://www.britishmotorcyclists.co.uk/>



Electric Bike Breaks Distance Record

Posted on 20 January 2023



Honda C90 Tops the Classic Charts

Posted on 19 January 2023



Two & Four Stroke Hybrid Developed



Free electrics

Posted on 16 January 2023

MoT switch is a false economy: Plans for biennial MoT testing could leave dangerous vehicles on the road

First published 20 January 2023 by Jordan Gibbons



And this interesting article from MCN was brought to my attention by a very prominent member of CWAM, who still prefers to remain anonymous.

Here's the link to read the full article.



<https://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/mot-changes/>

How to add the *CWAM* Events Diary to your calendar

A very prominent member of CWAM, who prefers anonymity, suggested this article....

Before you look at our upcoming events diary, a reminder that you can have it synced to your personal calendar on your phone, including free automatic updates /changes.

This was last published in the Newsletter around 2019, I think, so time for a reminder.

John Chivers sent me this and I've tried my best (and failed) to reproduce his excellent formatting and layout with my antiquated version of Word.

I didn't have a personal calendar on my phone, as my life isn't busy enough. However, in the interests of editorial thoroughness, I had a go and managed to do this quite easily.

However, if it looks a little daunting to you, come along to the AGM and after the event and meal you might be able to 'collar' someone who is familiar with 'all things IT related', to help.

How to Add the CWAM Events Diary to Your Calendar

The CWAM events diary is managed on Google Calendar and is published as a public Google Calendar feed. This means that you can add this feed into your preferred calendar and it will be automatically updated as events are added, amended, or removed. This guide is designed to help you to add the CWAM Events Diary calendar feed to the most frequently-used calendars.


Please read the instructions below carefully. DO NOT simply click on, download, and open the ICS file link at the bottom of this document without following the instructions below, or you will very likely add the events individually as a one-off action and receive no updates to the calendar. We are adding a calendar feed – not a series of individual events.

Google Calendar

This works from a desktop or mobile device, but note that you can't currently subscribe to a public calendar from within the Google Calendar app itself.

1. Log in to your Google account (<https://accounts.google.com/>).
2. Either:
 - a. Navigate to <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r?cid=cwamweb@gmail.com>.

OR

- a. Go to the **Events Diary** page on the CWAM website (<http://cwam.org.uk>).
- b. Click on the  icon at the bottom right of the agenda or month view.

3. When prompted to **Add calendar**, tap **Add**.
4. The **CWAM Events Diary** calendar feed should show up as a feed in your calendar. You can toggle the calendar feed on and off.

Apple iOS Devices

1. **Copy** (don't open) the **CWAM Events Diary calendar feed link** at the bottom of this document.
2. On your iOS device, tap the Settings icon, then scroll down and select **Calendars**.
3. Select **Add Account** and select **Other**.
4. Select the **Add Subscribed Calendar** option, paste the **CWAM Events Diary calendar feed link** in the Server box and click **Next**. You do not need a username or password.
5. Toggle your view of the subscribed calendar by opening the Calendar app and tapping Calendars in the upper left corner. Tap a calendar name to either display or remove calendar events.

Microsoft Outlook

1. Activate the calendar view.
2. Click on **Add** from the ribbon menu bar.
3. Select **From Internet...**
4. Paste the **calendar link** from the bottom of this document into the field.
5. Click **Yes** in response to **Add this Internet calendar to Outlook and subscribe to updates**.

Other Systems

You're on your own, but Google is your friend! Try searching for "*add ics calendar subscription feed to [insert name of your calendar program or app]*" and then add the calendar feed link below.

CWAM Events Diary calendar feed link

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/cwamweb%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

To copy the link from Adobe Acrobat Reader on a PC, right-click and from the context menu choose **Select Tool**. You can then highlight and copy text.

CWAM events in February

For more detail on any of these events, please click on this [direct link](#) to the events diary on our website.

NB it says at the top "To view details of any event left click the text"

when	what	where
Wed 1st 09:00 to approx 13:00	Rogers 1st Wednesday of the month Rideout to Chipping Norton	Sorry, but if you are not on Facebook, don't have your calendar synced and haven't checked your email recently, sadly, you are too late for this!!
Sun 5 th 09:00	CWAM Club Sunday and very probably a rideout	Please park sensibly/courteously at Jaguar Cars Sports & Social Club, Fenton Rd, CV5 9PS Bikes will be guarded by Candice.
Sun 12 th 09:00 to approx 13:00	A pleasant ride to the High Ash Farm Café in Abbots Bromley. Approximately 75 miles.	From Hinckley A5 McDonald's (1 Dodwells Rd, Hinckley, LE10 3BZ) at 09:00. Return to Triumph Motorcycles café in Hinckley just before 13:00.
Wed 15 th 09:30	Chris Tudball leads a 100 miles official club rideout	To Barnsdale Gardens Tea Rooms, (near Okeham) Link to full details above.
Wed 15 th From 20:00	CWAM AGM	At Shilton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Shilton CV7 9JZ
Sun 19 th 09:00	CWAM Club Sunday and very probably a rideout	Please park sensibly/courteously at Jaguar Cars Sports & Social Club, Fenton Rd, CV5 9PS Bikes guard will be Mike Darby.
Wed 22 nd 20:00	Committee Meeting	Not on Zoom this time! For real @ Shilton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Shilton CV7 9JZ
Sun 26 th	A possible Rideout	Please contact John Chivers if you would like to lead a CWAM rideout.

Just in case you don't do it this month, but decide to in the future, I have been asked to point out that John's instructions on how to automatically sync this diary to your phone

are always available if you continue to scroll down to the bottom of the EVENTS DIARY on the CWAM website.

here's what it says "You can insert CWAM Diary entries into your personal Outlook, Google and IOS calendars. If you're unsure how to do it we have a brief guide to assist , just click on [adding the cwam events diary to your calendar.](#)"

A reminder that I would like to know of any 'first time ride-out leaders' which I still think deserve a mention in the Newsletters. Thank you.

IAM RoadSmart News

As usual the latest IAM RoadSmart News is [here](#),
their tips and blogs are [here](#)
and their Facebook page is [here](#).

CWAM small print



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