

CWAM



NEWSLETTER

October 2023

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

Congratulations to

Bob Stanton and Observer John Chivers

Richard Chamberlain and Observer Martin Williams

For their excellent F1RST Advanced Tests

Going to press, so any further passes this month will be announced in the next issue.

A great opportunity has arisen for one of you!

Yes, you lucky people, the Newsletter will need a new editor from the New Year.

This gives three months warning so that the committee will have time to vet and narrow down the list of applicants, before making their final choice. Nick Lilley incredibly produced 134 issues before me, and I will have marked up a mere 25. But haven't we both had such fun doing it!

It is simply not fair that just two CWAM members should have held this prestigious honour for so long, so I've decided to step aside and let someone else take on this envied role.

To help you to make your mind up I'll write more next time to explain how what began as an onerous learning curve in my first few months has now become a positive joy to produce, the result that it now averages 20 pages is surely testament to that fact?

Official Club Ride outs in October

Nick Lilley ~ Wednesday 6th **Ride out to Bicester.**

Standing in for Roger, Nick Lilley led an exploration of rural North Oxfordshire, calling in at The Bicester Bean for half-time refreshments. This very successful ride was fully booked within hours!

Nick Wrote on Facebook thanks to those who kept me company on the pretty route to Bicester and back. Also, thanks to the four who cancelled their booking rather than simply not turning up, it helped me enormously and allowed four others, who would otherwise have languished at home, to join the ride.

No official report on this rideout, but at least a super photo of Nick!



Jason Whitwell ~ Wednesday 20th

Ride out to Bourton on the water.

This was to have been Jason's first rideout for the club. My three articles on running rideouts cannot claim the credit. Jason was having a conversation with Nick Lilley on a previous rideout and just decided to run one himself, on the spur of the moment!

*(However, Candice **was** influenced by my articles and is planning to lead her first ride-out very soon. Ed.)*

Wisely, this was cancelled at the last minute, due to adverse weather conditions. We look forward to more favourable conditions so that he can have a re-run.

Dave Shakespeare ~ Sunday 24th

Ride out to Elan Valley and Devil's Bridge.

No report, this time, but I did manage to source these photos from Facebook.



What an excellent turnout!



Firstly, the presentations.....

Kenny Kwok with Mark Lunt standing in for his absent Observer Mike Searle.





And John Casserly with his Observer Neil Harrison.

This was, by all accounts, an Excellent Club Night featuring Our very own Kirk Pickstone and Sandra Owens telling us about their dream trip in **"Norway, the long way up"**.



Bikers touring Norway often venture as far as the Arctic Circle but Kirk and Sandra went one step further, to Nordkaap, the most northerly point of Europe. They shared where they went, what they saw, who organised the tour and what one should expect.

I have no official report yet, but as is so often the case, Facebook to the rescue!

From Facebook, here is the YouTube link to the video of their adventure

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gHilxtUCRw> Also,

If you go on the club Website their full Powerpoint presentation is published there.

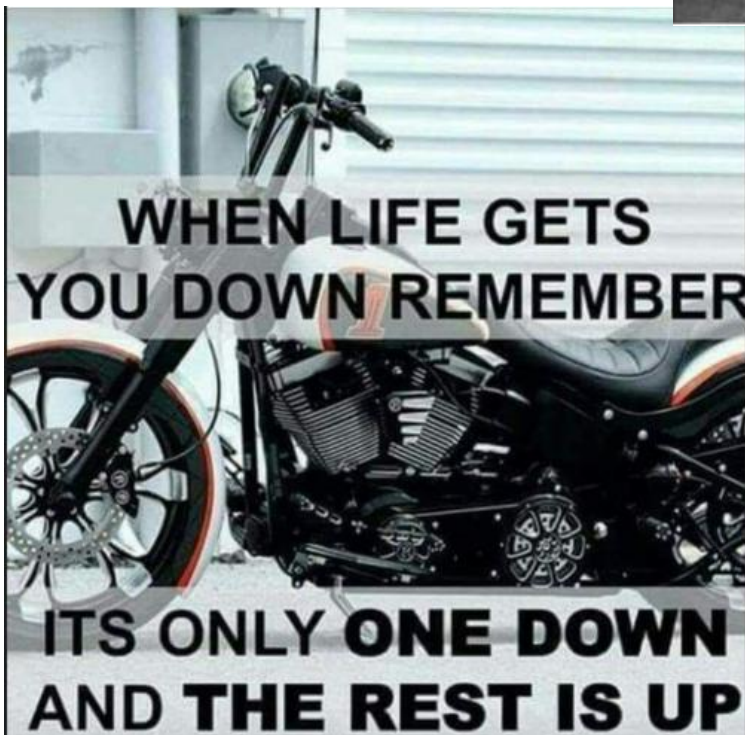
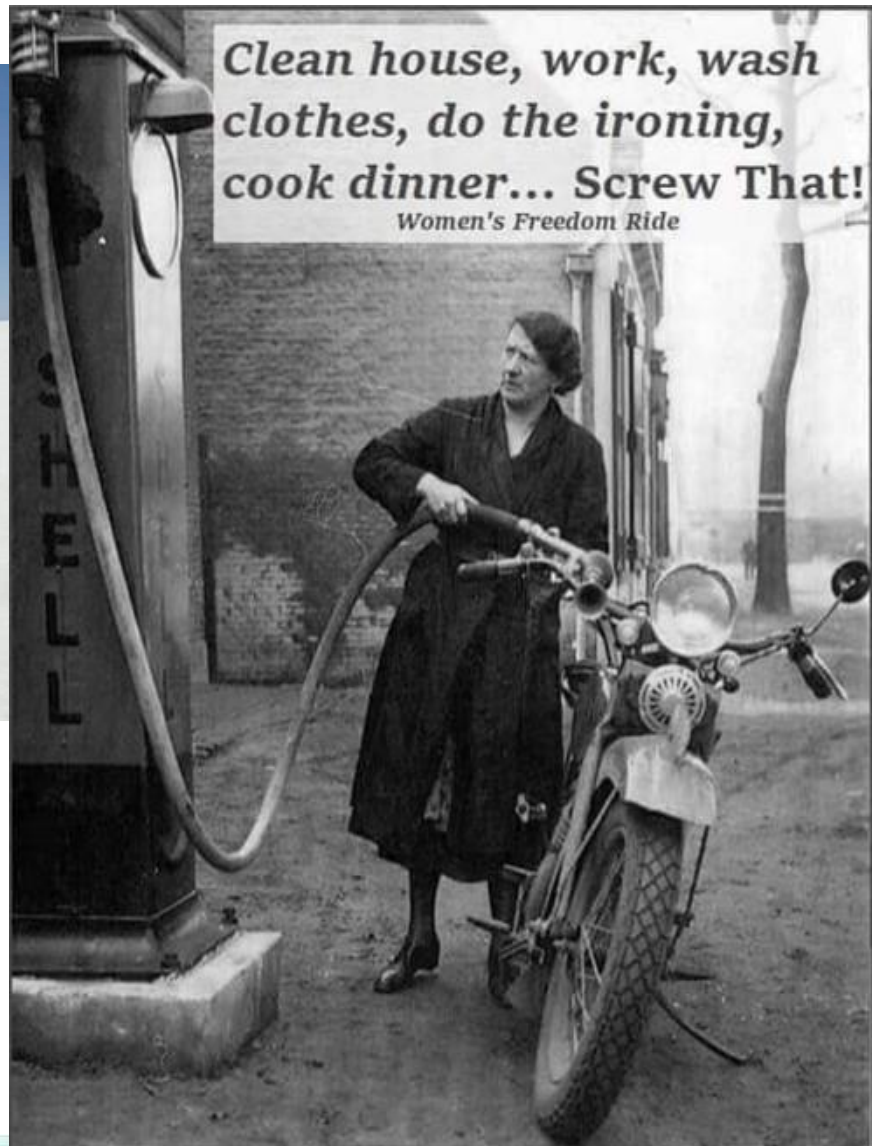
And last, but not least, Tess Pugh was the Open Day games winner.



Motorcycle Memes anyone?

What motorcycling has taught me:
Honor
Respect
Courage
Honesty
Inner strength
and
The knowledge that I'm just fine the way I am

(This last sentence, in particular, sums up my role in CWAM. When I first joined, I aspired to join rideouts to Scotland, the Lakes and Wales, but I've had to face facts. I'm just not adventurous enough. I am, and always will be, merely a 'casual biker'. Ed.)





It was a good turnout considering the threat of inclement weather. Most of us arrived before the heavens opened and the rain had stopped when it was time to leave.

Nick Lilley and **Tarnya Brink** were their usual ebullient selves, working their magic in the kitchen to make sure we were all well fed on copious quantities of free pork and Turkey Baps. (As this is such an inclusive club, vegetarian options were also available.)





There was also a mini lesson in how to pick your bike up. (Nigel Wright had been promising to show me, ever since my first Open Day'.) No rain when we met this time, so this seemed to be a golden opportunity! And, true to his word, he did.

First, lock the handlebars fully against the tank.





Despite much encouragement from Martin Nee and Roger, I still couldn't manage it!

(OK, I can see that Nigel is lifting with his legs, not his back, but my knees are 'shot' ~ through years of doing the Cha, Cha, Cha ~ so I can only use my back, which isn't much better! Ed.)

However here's the link to my video of Nigel showing just how easy it should be!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zg05JpKoINA>



And this just in..... the results of the games played on Members day.

Overall winner (and Best Female), Tess Pugh chose a Boggle game as her prize.



Runner up, Mark Ford (and Best Male) chose a bottle of Merlot.

Best Child was won by Beth Cordrey's daughter, Meg, winning a game of Uno. (We thought it best not to offer her the Cava that was the remaining item in the prize pot.)

(And, of course Nigel Wright won the bike lifting competition, so he could have had the bottle of Cava! Ed.)

Thanks to all those who participated. Mark Lunt.

A Steam Powered Rocket Bike

This article was kindly submitted by Alan Brickwood from the latest edition of the IMechE's 'Professional Engineering' magazine.

Steam-powered rocket bike propels 'daredevil grandad' to world speed record

20 Sep 2023

Joseph Flaig



Graham Sykes accelerates on the Force of Nature steam-powered rocket bike

Garden shed engineering might conjure images of flimsy birdfeeders, maybe even wooden furniture for the more ambitious. For Graham Sykes, a precision engineer and 'daredevil grandad' from Bedale, North Yorkshire, it means designing and building a steam-powered rocket bike.

The **Force of Nature**, as the bike is known, hit top speeds of roughly 290km/h (180mph) at Elvington Speed Week in May. Controlled by Sykes, it managed 263.6km/h (163.8mph) in just 3.87 seconds over one-eighth of a mile, breaking the world speed record for a steam-powered motorcycle – and it is yet to reach full power, Sykes claimed. Click this link to read more

<https://www.imeche.org/news/news-article/steam-powered-rocket-bike-propels-'daredevil-grandad'-to-world-speed-record>

Airless Tyre For Bikes?

Other news 26 September 2023



An airless tyre, using memory alloys as the load bearing component, is the claim of the Los Angeles based SMART Tire Company. It's been working with NASA to develop a tyre from the experience of an exploration vehicle used on the Moon. The result is the SMART (Shape Memory Alloy Radial Technology) which has a non-pneumatic tyre shape comprising a mesh or radial bands, mainly of the memory alloy NiTiNol. Memory alloys are capable of "undergoing phase transitions at the molecular level with significant reversible strain (up to 10%) an order of magnitude more than ordinary materials." In other words, it can deform significantly and will always spring back into shape – SMART claims the result is has the elastic qualities

European Licence Proposal: Different Speed Limits For Cars And Motorcycles

FEMA News 13 September 2023



If you thought the current driving licence directive was a monstrosity, wait until you read some of the proposals in the European Parliament rapporteur's draft report on the proposal by the European Commission to revise the directive. Perhaps the most bizarre proposal: different speed limits for different vehicles... FEMA considers a proper and balanced driving licence directive as one of the most important instruments for road safety. It should also ensure that it facilitates our citizens in mobility needs. A good driving license system enables citizens of all ages in using their own transport modes to participate in the society, go to school or work and to visit relatives and friends where walking, cycling or public transport are not the best

CWAM events in October

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
Sun 1 st 09:00	CWAM Club Sunday	Please park sensibly/courteously at Jaguar Cars Sports & Social Club, Fenton Rd, CV5 9PS
Wed 4 th 09:30 to approx 14:00	Rogers 1st Wednesday of the month Rideout	The Two Flags Café, A47 Morcott, Rutland. Starting at Caffè Nero, Rugby and finishing at the Long Itch Diner. An hour and a half each way, 110 miles.
Sun 8 th 09:00?	A possible Rideout	Please contact John Chivers if you would like to lead a CWAM rideout.
Wed 11 th 19:30	CWAM Club night	John Chivers is giving a short talk about social riding followed by a social hour.
Sun 15 th 09:00	CWAM Club Sunday	Please park sensibly/courteously at Jaguar Cars Sports & Social Club, Fenton Rd, CV5 9PS
Sun 22 nd 09:00?	A possible Rideout	Please contact John Chivers if you would like to lead a CWAM rideout.
Sun 29 th 09:00	CWAM Club Sunday	Please park sensibly/courteously at Jaguar Cars Sports & Social Club, Fenton Rd, CV5 9PS

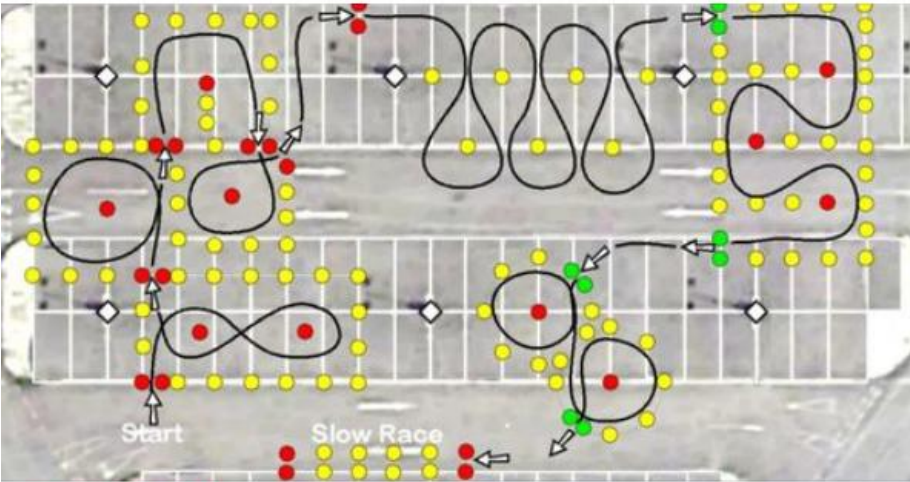
Missed last month by at least a third of our members, who are not Facebook users.....

Kosha Maya
Top contributor · 31 August at 20:01 · 🌐

Pop the date in your diaries!!

This is the event I attended a couple months back - helps massively to gain confidence in your control over your bike!

Highly recommend 🍷 I'll see if I can brave leading a ride out (attempt no. 2) down to it.. only took a couple hours across some pretty cracking roads.



SUN, 22 OCT AT 10:00

Free Low-speed Skills training for all riders at Berkeley Power Station, Glos. Starts at 10 a.m.

<https://w3w.co/imply.private.flats>

Shared to CWAM

Too late for last months edition.....

Simon Mills
Top contributor · 17 September at 08:09 · 🌐

Should any runs be planned to Wales, this goes a long way to explaining the change in speed limits.

There seems to be some significant confusion here in Wales ahead of tomorrow's Speed Limit change and so, I thought I would help by briefly explaining how the change works so that there can be no confusion:

Any roads that were previously 30 will now be 20 apart from the roads that aren't going to be 20, which will still remain as 30. When you see street lights you have to assume that the roads will be 20 even if the signs still say 30 because despite the signs saying 30, the roads could be 20, apart from, of course, the roads (as explained above) which will remain 30 despite them being 20. It's also important to remember that there will still be a number of roads which despite them having streetlights will not be 20, and in these cases they could be 30, 40, 50, 60 or even 70, however, always bear in mind that even if the signs on these roads still state 30 they could, of course, be 20 unless they are one of the roads that have been designated 30, in which case the 20 restriction will not apply.



Nick Lilley

Admin

Top contributor

· 3 September at 09:31 · 🌐



Must be a record turn out this morning, could it be something to do with the sun after dismal August.



Nick Lilley

Admin

Top contributor

· 3 September at 13:02 · 🌐



Living the dream with CWAM at Blaze Inn Saddles on a superb sunny Sunday morning. Thanks to the multitude for being such good company. We all arrived at the same time so it can't be bad.



Geoff Brown
4 d · 🌐

Seven of us braved the rain for this mornings breakfast run to the Depot, I think everyone enjoyed it despite the wet conditions.

Again we were made to feel welcome by the staff and owner of "Industry and Supply Co" who served us the coffee/tea and batches".

It does you good too get out in the rain once in a while, it focuses your senses and gets you in touch with the bike so much more than a bimble in the sun.

Until the next one 🍵

<https://industryandsupply.com/>



Nick Lilley

Admin Top contributor · 17 September at 13:36 · 🌐

Living the dream with CWAM in Weedon Bec at what was once known as The Royal Ordnance Depot which dates back to the early 1800s. I am a sucker for single track roads and Geoff took us along a cracker leading to Flecknoe. Being last man, I offer special thanks to the riders marking the junctions which enabled us to arrive at The Depot together. Also, thanks to the whole group for keeping nicely bunched as we travelled the ring road and on into Stoneleigh. Good route, good dest... See more







David Buchholz

Top contributor · 1 d · 🌐



Interesting new video from cardo about being able to link up to sena's unfortunately those of us with this the older generation pactalk can't do this but it looks like if there is one of the new cardo units in the group we might be able to hook everyone up



YOUTUBE.COM

MESHED TOGETHER | Cardo x Sena | Full Tutorial Guide

🚀 BREAKTHROUGH ALERT! 🎉 In a world where rider communication is paramou...

And here's the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTF5kypWZR4>

That's all from Facebook for now as I am trying to keep it below 20 pages!!

STOP PRESS

The article below just in (30th Sept!) from John Chivers, talk about 'cutting it fine'!

I plan to run another associates-only on-road social ride introduction session before the end of the year. This will comprise a short introductory session over a breakfast before we embark on a local ride and finish at a suitably stocked refreshments location.

As the name suggests, this will be open only to associate members.

This won't be too long a ride and we'll stay in the local area. The point is to offer those who might feel uncomfortable with attending one of our normal ride-outs an introduction as to how we run them.

As someone who felt I wasn't worthy of attending social rides until I'd passed my test, I know how intimidating it can feel as an associate.

For the record, I subsequently realised my fears were completely unfounded and kicked myself for missing this important social aspect of the club from the start, but nevertheless, an associates-only ride allows you to experience the joys of group social rides without any such fears!

Looking at dates for the rest of this year, I can currently offer the dates below.

If you are interested in attending, please email me at cwam@johnchivers.com listing all of those dates you could potentially attend (just remove the ones you can't). We'll go with a date that fits the majority of respondents.

- Saturday 21 October
- Sunday 22 October
- Saturday 28 October
- Saturday 4 November
- Saturday 11 November
- Saturday 18 November
- Sunday 19 November
- Saturday 25 November
- Saturday 2 December
- Sunday 3 December
- Saturday 9 December
- Saturday 16 December
- Sunday 17 December

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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