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Merry Christmas



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And a very Happy Christmas to you all. Mike Roberts did the cover picture editing and graphical work.



Wallace and Gromit.... Oh Dear 😊

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



A very warm welcome to the December edition of the SAM Observer, the last of 2017.

I'm writing this having returned from a weekend away for the Motorcycle Live show at the NEC, Birmingham, where by way of thanks IAM Roadsmart provided free entry to the show to its Observers for its celebration of the Year of the Observer. I enjoyed the evening celebration and the interview, conducted by Steve Platter, with motorcycle racers Leon Haslam and Peter Hickman. The show, the largest I've attended, covered 3 of the main halls at the NEC.

Whilst I was there I bumped into Austin Vince, on the Honda stand, wearing his distinctive overalls. I spoke to him about his previous visit to SAM, which was in January 2011. He said he was worried that we wouldn't find his jokes about sex funny and that he was quite relieved when they produced plenty of laughs from the group.

<http://www.austinvince.com/>

Would anyone like to see Austin come along as guest speaker to a future group night? It would be a strictly over 18 only event, based on our previous experience. If so, please express your interest with a member of the Events team.

With reference to my October Chairman's Chat where I thanked everyone who helped out with promotions and the motorcycle parking at the Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club's (CCMC) 26th show, I'm pleased to have received a cheque at November's group night, presented by Phil Sayer in his capacity of Secretary of the CCMC. Please see Phil's letter of thanks on behalf of the CCMC on page 8. The amount received will go a long way to supporting SAM's finances over the coming year, which is down to the generosity of everyone that contributed.

Also with reference to October's edition, where I referred to the Battlefields Tour in and around Cambrai, France, which saw one of the first battles to be fought

with tanks; have you seen the Channel 4 programme “Guy Martin's WW1 Tank” where he wants to build a working replica of a World War One tank? If not, the programme is available online until the 18th December via the link below:

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/guy-martins-wwi-tank/on-demand/66852-001>

A big thank you goes to the Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Sarah Barber and her consort Mr Luke Barber for joining us at November's group night and to the Mayor for presenting the Social Ride team's certificates. By way of a thank you I've offered to take Luke out on a Free Taster Session at a date of his choosing. We also showed our appreciation to Kevin Stark, our former IAM Examiner of 10 years, with the presentation of a couple of gifts. I'm sure he'll make good use of the cycling gift vouchers and find a pride of place to hang the large portrait of our Chief Observer, Karl Hale!

This month's group night is being held on Tuesday 12th December due to the proximity to the festive session. There is no Theory Evening this month either, for the same reason.

As of January we have a new venue for Theory Evenings. The decision to change the venue was made by the committee based on increasing room hire costs at Fynn Valley over recent months, which aren't sustainable in the long term. Watch this space and the SAM Calendar (available from the SAM website using the link below) for further details which will also be included with your 2018 SAM membership renewal.

<http://www.suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/cal>

As 2017 comes to a close I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas / festive season and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Cheers

Steve

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to our most recent Associate members:

Michael Prentice Stephen Hart Bill D'Albertanson
Carolyn Farley

If anyone else has joined us and not had a mention yet, let the Editor know and he will put your name in the next Issue

IAM TEST PASSES

Congratulations to the members who have passed their
Advanced test this month.

Kevin Canham
Peter Verbelyi
Ian Hardy

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his Observer was

Dean Harris
Andre Castle
Ross Mckinlay

When you pass your advanced test please let
Karl Hale or Susan Smith know.



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Steve Gocher
Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclists
by email

6th November 2017

Dear Steve

I am writing on behalf of the Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club to thank you for your help in making the 26th Copdock Motorcycle Show a great success in spite of the weather; once again we had a record number of traders, autojumbler and club stands. This year we had a bigger than ever custom tent, and a large trials arena showing displays of trials riding by local clubs, featuring twelve times world champion Dougie Lampkin. All the profits from the Show are given to local charities and other good causes; last year we gave away over £51,000. Unfortunately this year as a result of the poor weather show attendance was down by nearly 3,000 on last year, so we have considerably less money to give away.

The Club only has seventeen members, and we could not put on the show without the generous help and assistance we receive from the many individuals and organisations who give us their time and support, both financial and in kind. In particular I want to thank Bernard Adams of CAM Rider who was again our main sponsor.

Please pass on to your members a huge thank you for your help in running the bike park for us again; we really could not have made the Show a success without your help. It is my pleasure to tell you that the Copdock Committee has agreed to give you £2,000 to support SAM's activities in promoting safer motorcycling in Suffolk; I would like to present the cheque to you at the next meeting.

With very best wishes

Phil Sayer

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SAM COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

20th February 2018.

The club needs your help, Would you like to help out ? Can you spare a few hours a month ? And make a huge difference on what happens within the club. Like all well-oiled machines it needs cogs. Become a cog and join the committee. Now is your chance. Fill in the form and send it to Steve Gocher via post or email. Nominations have to be given in one month before the AGM on

For more information and to download a nomination form visit

<http://www.suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/nom>

This Nomination Paper must be returned to the group Secretary at least seven days before the election by Tuesday 13th February 2018

SAM Committee Nominations 2018

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SAM MEMBERSHIP FEES

SAM membership fees are due in January. The current cost is £22 for single membership and £25 for joint membership. If you have a current standing order with your bank for the correct amount, you need do nothing, your membership card will automatically be sent or can be collected at January's meeting.

If you do not have a standing order but would like your subs to be paid this way, contact your bank online, or fill in the form (available on SAM's website under Join Us) <http://www.suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/sam-membership-renewal.html> and send to your bank.

If you wish to pay with cash or by cheque please fill in a SAM membership renewal form (available on the SAM website, under Join Us) <http://www.suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/sam-membership-renewal.html> and either send this via post to me, my address is on the bottom of the form, or I will be at January's group night.

Thank you

Linda Barker

Membership Secretary

WHILE OTHERS SLEEP the promotions team

are out getting cold, well according to temp gauge in the car it was showing a chilly 0°, as I pulled up at the meeting point a rather cold looking Dean was waiting having travelled from Boxford to Bury St Edmunds on his beloved Versys, the heated grips helped but he needed the tea and breakfast wrap at the only place open at that time on a Sunday, yes, you know the place good old McDonalds, the bikers oasis any time day or night. So after a rather tasteless breakfast wrap and a hot cup of tea off we go to meet the guys from Orwell's who invited us to join them at the Arc Shopping Centre, along with Ipswich and Bury rider Training, and the guys from English Electric Motor Co, who are they I hear you ask, well they sell electric motor cycles, after discussing the pros and cons of electricity we invited them along to one of our meetings to tell us about

the future of motorcycling, which they gladly accepted, so watch this space to see when they are coming, I guarantee you will not want to miss it. You may also get a chance to ride one. As I said earlier it was a cold start but we ended up in the best position with the sun on us most of the day, well you know what they say about the sun and the righteous.

Business was slow but we had some interest, we will have to wait and see if anyone comes through. The Orwell's team seemed to be busy, it was good to chat to Rob and Dave the new owners at Orwell's, they are keen to promote SAM and are very happy for us to do some more promo events at the shop, so pop in and introduce yourself they want to help us so let's support them. We hope we have persuaded them to take the IAM Road Smart Course themselves and maybe sponsor a couple of their sales men. Now that could be interesting.

I think the guys on the electric bike stand were the busiest of all with lots of people asking questions about the bikes the batteries the range etc, etc. All the questions that you can ask when they come to speak at one of our meetings in the new year.

So all in all another good day for the promo team, if you would like to help out on a promo day give me a call. You never know you might enjoy it, we do.

Glyn Hill



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WELSH TRIP 2017

Starring:- **Dean Harris as (Wing Commander)**
 Glyn Hill as (Flight Lieutenant)
 Rob Baker as (Captain Crash)
 Trevor Read as (Corporal Chaos)

Day 1, Friday 6th October

Started with a meeting at Krazy Horse for breakfast at 09:30 the usual fare being enjoyed by the 4 of us.



Departure commenced at 11:00 heading along the A14 for several miles. This went without much of a hitch until Bar Hill.

Picture this, a new trainee Observer whilst practicing his dexterity skills while filtering failed to notice a large flatbed trailer that jumped out and stole the cover off his panier. Hence his nick name. I must add this was filtering at its most extreme.

Not to be deterred we continued along the A14. After the traffic had cleared we made good progress until much needed break was taken at Corley services (approx. 140 miles) where tea cake and chocolate were endured.

After watering and feeding had taken place we headed along the M6 towards Birmingham, Then along M42 past the NEC turnoff continuing towards Solihull from there we came off at the M50 junction heading towards South West Wales and Pontypool where Wing Commander Harris needed yet another comfort break due mostly to the large amounts of tea consumed at the previous stop, a lesson to be learned I think?

Next we took the A472 towards Bargoed our destination for the evening. This exposed us to even more extreme filtering but I am happy to say we all got through unscathed mainly due to the very polite lorry drivers. Wing Commander Harris must have felt like Moses as it was like the parting of the Red Sea. Arriving in Bargoed we encountered an even more Extreme hill start another good test of our advanced training. On arrival at our destination we were met by a very nice lady called Gail who opened a large garage for us to lock the bikes away for the Night.



After Cleaning up we wandered into town and after some extreme walking we found a bar come dinner where we ordered 3 x Steak and Ale Pies and Sausage and chips for the Wing Commander. After which a Live Band struck up for the evening entertainment they took a while to get going but they were actually quite good however this did not stop Corporal Chaos grabbing 40 winks much to the surprise of my 3 companions and the owner of the bar. Flight Lieutenant Hill has evidence of this in his defence it had been a long day with extreme amounts of concentration called for there seems to be a pattern developing Extreme.

Day 2 Saturday 7th October

Started with Captain Crash getting up at Silly o'clock to get his nicotine fix. Bearing in mind 3 of us shared a room Corporal Chaos on the bottom Bunk Captain Crash on top bunk him being the lightest and the Wing commander on the Futon meant that the two of us were soon awake as well. To be fair though Captain Crash did make the Tea.

Flight Lieutenant had the single room above to himself so we figured we would let him lay in as he needed his beauty sleep. We however had to wake him up as our host Gail was eager to set us on our way with a cooked Breakfast and his room doubled up as the breakfast room.

After the Wing Commander and Flight Lieutenant had plotted our route from South Wales to Wrexham in the North via the Brecon Beacons straight through the middle where we encountered some fantastic roads such as the A5 and A483 going over features such as the Llangollen Bridge then going onto the tiny twist roads marked in red and white on the map we all agreed what fun and sites we had seen arriving in our Pub/Hotel in Wrexham about 17:30 after sorting the bikes out we agreed to meet in the bar at 19:00, we all enjoyed a good traditional Pub meal washed down with a few beers we covered approx. 130 miles today.

Day 3 Sunday 8th October

Started again with a full Cooked Breakfast, after loading the bikes up we finally got going about 10:00. Heading out of Wrexham towards Prestatyn following the coast Road the A55 to Bangor via Colwyn Bay experiencing some breath-taking views out over the Bay here we stopped for a comfort break you guessed it tea and cake.

From here we proceeded across the Britannia Bridge over the Mania straights onto the Island of Anglesey. We turned right along the B5025 towards Amlwch Port. Here we were treated to tea and cake once again along the world-famous Welsh Ice Cream accompanied with a brief history lesson.

Amlwch Port is famous for exporting Copper to Cardiff as well as an association with Lord Nelson. Apparently, he used the Copper to enhance the strength and performance of his fleet to help him be victorious at the battle of Trafalgar. From here we headed towards Holyhead on the A5, From Holyhead we were taken on a mystery tour down the south side of the Island of Anglesey crossing over Cattle Grids to riding roads where we were accompanied by woolly 4 legged friends.

Some extreme Scenery and roads once again returning over Menai Bridge back into Mainland Wales and The Royal Victoria Hotel at Llanberis and the Snowdonia National Park our destination for the evening. We all agreed that today had probably been the best roads and the fact that we had gone right around the whole coast line of Anglesey which we all agreed was on our bucket lists and we were all very glad we had done it.

We clocked 162 miles today.



BREAKFAST RUN 2018

7th January 2018

Route 11, Beside the Shell garage, A11 Northbound

Norfolk, **NR17 2PU**

Tel: 01953 797068, <http://route-11.co.uk/>

Meet at Beacon Hill (**IP6 8LP**) in good time for **09:30** Briefing and subsequent departure.

All riders must attend Briefing.

Ride Co-ordinator: Richard Ockelton

On leaving services take **1st** exit off Roundabout onto **A140** then **1st right** onto **B1078** toward Coddendam.

On entering Coddendam, **turn right** (before the bridge) onto Sandy Lane then first left (signposted Hemingstone).

At T junction **turn right** to re-join **B1078**.

Take the next **left turn** (staggered cross roads) then the next **right turn** (signposted Gosbeck and Helmingham).

At T junction **turn left** onto **B1077**.

At T junction **turn left** onto **A1120** then **first right** back onto **B1077**.

Follow **B1077** through Debenham and Eye.

At T junction with **A140** **turn right** then **first left** back onto **B1077**.

Take second exit at Roundabout then **turn left** at T junction onto **A1066**.

Go straight over 3 Roundabout's then **turn right** at **4th** Roundabout back once again onto **B1077** (signposted Attleborough).

Stay on **B1077** through Shelfanger and Winfarthing then turn right at X roads onto **B1113**.

Follow **B1113** through New Buckenham then **turn left** at the (slightly staggered) cross roads signposted Carleton Rode and Upgate Street.

Turn left at the T junction (signposted Attleborough).

In Spooner Row **turn left** at the X roads (by the Boars pub)

At Roundabout take second exit, over **A11** then first exit at next Roundabout

Turn left at T junction. At next T junction **turn left** to join **A11** toward Norwich.
Route 11 is on the **left** next to the Shell garage (turn onto garage forecourt and then bear round to the **left** onto café car park).

RIDE CO-ORDINATORS AND RIDE LEADERS

Ride Leaders and Ride Coordinators are the full SAM members that facilitate SAM social rides. In order to maintain and hopefully increase the club social rides, the club needs sufficient numbers to allow our much-loved breakfast, Summer Chip and Winter Saturday Jaunts to continue. If you are interested in helping the club, and helping yourself by becoming a Ride Co-ordinator and ride Leader, please contact Sara Hale to find out more information about one or both of these roles

RIDE CO-ORDINATOR AND RIDE LEADER

 David Wood	 Chris Nunn	 Glyn Hill
 Dean Harris	 Vini Evans	 Robert Baker
 Richard Ockelton	 Nick Braley	 Brian Ellis

RIDE LEADERS

 Ken Beckinsale  Tim Wash  Martin Drury

Please check the SAM Calendar and SAM Forum on-line for last minute changes/cancellations. On the Forum you will also find the routes as text, route cards, and on Google Maps / Streetview, along with a photo of the destination, so you can familiarise yourself with the route before the day.

SATURDAY JAUNT

20th January 2018

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Stanway
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Tel: 01206 211312

<https://www.thebarnstanway.co.uk/departments/the-barn-cafe/>

Meet in car park behind B&M Home Store at Copdock (**IP8 3TT**) in good time for **13:00** Briefing and subsequent departure.

All riders must attend Briefing.

Ride Co-ordinator Dean Harris.

Turn left out of Tescos to join the Ipswich bound **A1214**.

Turn left at the traffic lights at the Holiday Inn joining the **A1071** to Boxford.

Turn left on the **A134** to Assington.

Turn right into The Street to Bures High St.

Turn left joining Colchester Rd.

After 1 mile **turn right** into an unnamed road to Wakes Colne.

Turn left onto the **A1124**.

Turn right into Turkey Cock Lane.

Entrance to Garden Centre is almost a mile on the **right** hand side.

SOCIAL RIDES

Please note that it is you, the rider, who is deemed to be in control of the vehicle at all times during an Observed Run and during all other Group activities and that the Committee of Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclists cannot and do not accept any liability whatsoever for any injury to person or damage to vehicle occurring in the course of any rally or other event organised by the Group. Any member attending such an event does so entirely at his or her own risk and must maintain their own insurance to cover any said injury to person or damage to vehicle and must be riding a road legal vehicle, having valid road tax, insurance and MOT certificate (if applicable).

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Day 4 Monday 9th October

Started with guess what - you got it, a full cooked breakfast!. We decided that as it was still early we would take a walk down to the lake and look back towards the 3 peaks. Whilst a bit murky it was still warm with the sun trying to break through it was a very enjoyable walk. On the way back to the Hotel we called into the Snowdonia Railway station to have a look at the train. As it was murky we decided against going up Snowdon on the train so we headed back to the hotel and loaded up the bikes.

We departed at 11:00 turning left out of our Hotel heading out through the Snowdonia national park on the A489. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking with very steep inclines and declines with some slow and some faster twisty sections a very good test of the bike handling skills. I can honestly say I have yet to ride a better road in my opinion.

Once we left the National park we headed towards Aberwysyth where we stopped for a break about 14:00. After a good break of approx. 1 hour we headed out towards Cardigan the Road again ran right along the coast giving fantastic views out over Cardigan Bay where we then stopped again for Tea and Cakes what a surprise I hear you say.

Heading towards Fishguard again on the A487 approx. 30 miles from our Hotel for the Night at St David's. The Last 5 Miles were a bit Grim and this was the 1st time in 4 days we actually got rained on. We reached the Grove Hotel at 18:30 where a few more beers and a hearty meal was enjoyed by us all.

Day 5 Tuesday 10th October

The pattern continued meeting up for a full cooked Breakfast before loading up the bikes and heading out. Leaving St David's at 10:00 we headed out along the coast road towards Newdale the famous surfing beach for a quick photo stop. It looked a bit rough to me but I am not an expert on surfing. From there we headed towards Carmarthen on the A40 the most boring part of the whole trip so far. However, once we reached Carmarthen we picked up the B Roads again and aimed towards Brecon and tea and Cake at Morrisons.

From there we headed towards Abergavenny having gone straight up through the middle we decided to head across the top heading back towards Blighty on some beautiful roads following the Worcester Canal. Diverting up towards Ledbury for

afternoon Tea where we had the poshest tea we had all trip Earl Grey. Due to a late Autumn fair we were diverted another way towards Tewksbury and our final overnight stay of the trip. Having checked in at the Tudor House Hotel we all decided we had had enough pub food so asked the hotel if they could recommend something a bit different. They recommended an Indian restaurant and the food was superb. It must have been the season for fairs as there was one in Tewksbury on this night.



As it was still quite early we all decided to have a walk around and take in the sites. It was good to people watch. However Wing Commander and Corporal Chaos decided as neither of us could remember the last time we went on a ghost train we would give it a go. Much to the amusement of the Flight Lieutenant and Captain Crash we were wedged into the carriage by the attendant who promptly gave up on fitting the seat belt claiming we were not going anywhere as we had to partake in some extreme synchronised breathing was called for.

Flight Lieutenant and Captain Crash did not go on the ride as the Flight lieutenant said with us two on it may fall apart with the extreme weight The Wing Commander and Corporal Chaos put the Ghost Train under. This was the scariest ride of the whole trip. Glad to say nothing happened to us or the Ghost

train. Back we headed to our Hotel for about 23:30 having done about 169 miles today + the ghost train.

Day 6 The Journey Home

What a way to start the Journey home a full English Breakfast now we are back in blighty we can say that. The Wing Commander and Flight Lieutenant had plotted with Military precision our journey home without touching a single motorway. Leaving Tewksbury, we headed towards Evesham and Banbury. While the two lead riders turned right for Croughton. The Flight Lieutenant had to stop to sort out his crash helmet as Corporal Chaos with him he said to carry on he would catch up. I did this but turned left to Banbury even though I had seen the other two turn right. Why did he do this I hear you say. I cannot answer that my excuse is I wanted to see the Banbury cross and a fine lady on a white horse hasten to add found neither. Having realised my mistake I found out were the others where turned around and found them having tea and cake what a surprise but at least we were all back together again.

This earned me a new nick name of Sid the Sloth from Ice age as he always takes wrong turnings apparently.

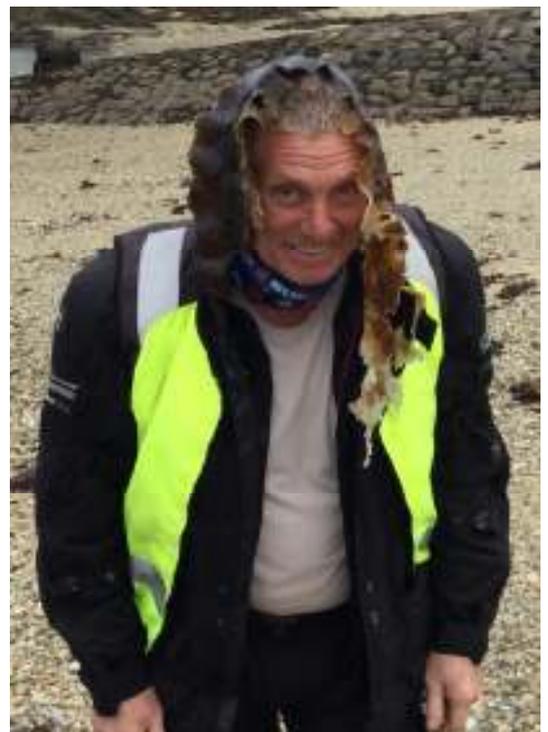
Leaving Croughton we headed to roundabout city on the A428 stopping at McDonalds' just outside Cambridge were we all said our goodbyes and headed home.

By the time I got home I had done 182 miles. I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to The Wing Commander and the Flight Lieutenant for organising and plotting our way around Wales. Also a big thank you to Captain Crash for his Company.

All I can say is that if you have not done Wales then it is worth a trip. We had a fantastic time a real laugh and some great memories from this trip.

I personally cannot wait till next year. I will sign off now Corporal Chaos (Sid the Sloth) until next Year.

Trevor Read





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EDITORIAL



Here I sit on the eve of the biggest snow storm of 2017 desperately wondering what to say. Managed to get my poor old girl woken up so I could come to club night. First time out for at least a month.

Nice to see the Mayor of Ipswich and for her to give out the certificates to our ride leaders see the pictures on the last page.

But alas the roads are not the cleanest at the moment, also our four legged critters are running round with other things on their little minds which can add to a bit of excitement to a journey.

I feel sorry for the farmers, they have to get the sugar beet of fields and to the beet factory so that we can put sugar on our cornflakes yet they can't put mud on the roads, or there is hell to pay. Some ingenious person has come up with a beet hoover, called a Mouse, which hoovers up the beet, that the tractor has left on the side of the field and spitting them into a lorry which doesn't go on the fields. Problem solved, although the beetsters still have to get to and from.

I leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and great New Year. Things can only get better from here, 21st December is the shortest day and the nights are pulling out and the biking season is almost in view.



Safe Riding **Felix..** Editor

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THANK YOU

To all the members who have contributed to this month's magazine. ☺

But..... what about the rest of you.... ☹

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I hope that you have been enjoying the reports that members who go on ride outs have written, and as you can see, it doesn't have to be a wordy passage, so feel free to scribble a few words down, a few pictures and next month you will have another great magazine to read

Don't forget to take your cameras and a notebook to record your trip then you can write a nice article about it for your favourite magazine. I have a word template if anyone would like it, email me and I'll send you a copy which has all the formatting re-set on it. Please remember that we use Times New Roman as the main font for the magazine at a size 16 so that when the printer converts the A4 pages down to A5 the font looks like a 12. I like pictures to be separate to your articles because I can make them bigger or small to fill the page

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SAM EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday 12th SAM Christmas Group Night. Announcements at **19:30** followed by Christmas group night. Bar and restaurant serving all types of food/drinks including teas and coffees.

Saturday 16th Saturday Jaunt The Case. Assington. **CO10 5LD**, Meet at Bury St Edmunds Tesco's by the clothing Bins between petrol station and store **IP32 7JS** in good time for **13:00** Briefing and subsequent departure.

All riders must attend the Briefing

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and merry new year.... Not too merry

JANUARY 2018

Wednesday 3rd SAM Committee meeting. 19:30

Sunday 7th Breakfast Run, Route 11, Norfolk, **NR17 2PU** Meet at Beacon Hill **IP6 8LP** in good time for **09:30** Briefing and subsequent departure.

Thursday 11th A session of training for new Observers 19:00 ~ 21:30. Topic: Briefings and correcting common riding faults. Contact: Karl Hale and Derek Barker

Tuesday 16th SAM Group Night. Announcements at 19:30 followed by Guest Speaker Kevin Willams from Survival Skills <http://www.survivalskills.co.uk> on the 'Science of Being Seen'. Bar and restaurant serving all types of food/drinks including teas and coffees.

Thursday 18th Theory Evening. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. **19:30**. This month's topic: **Gears & Acceleration**

Saturday 20th Saturday Jaunt. Coffee Shop at Barnplants Garden Centre, **CO3 8ND**, Meet in car park behind B&M Home Store at Copdock **IP8 3TT** in good time for **13:00** Briefing and subsequent departure

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday 4th Breakfast Run, TBA, All riders must attend Briefing.

Wednesday 7th SAM Committee meeting. 19:30

Saturday 17th Saturday Jaunt TBA, All riders must attend the Briefing

Tuesday 20th SAM AGM Group Night. AGM at **19:30** followed by, Announcements, Bar and restaurant serving all types of food/drinks including teas and coffees.

Thursday 22nd Theory Evening. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. **19:30.** This month's topic: **Overtaking**

MARCH 2018

Sunday 4th Breakfast Run, TBA All riders must attend the Briefing.

Wednesday 7th SAM Committee meeting. 19:30

Saturday 17th Saturday Jaunt TBA, All riders must attend the Briefing

Tuesday 20th SAM Group Night. Announcements at 19:30 followed by Guest Speaker is traveller Rhys Lawrey (www.2mororider.com), Bar and restaurant serving all types of food/drinks including teas and coffees.

Thursday 22nd Theory Evening. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. **19:30.** This month's topic: **Planning & Positioning**

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Please check the SAM Calendar & Forum for further details and for any changes after going to press. Especially in winter months when the weather can be unpredictable

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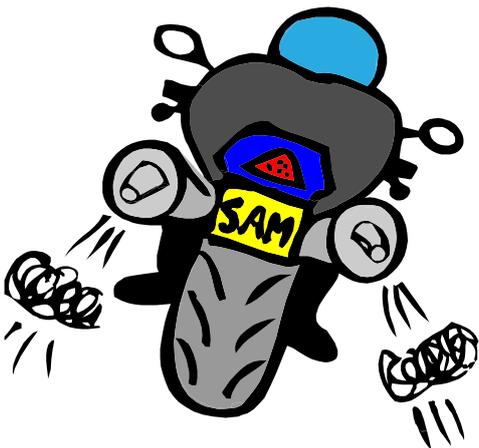
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