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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the July edition of our SAM magazine.



Yesterday morning I was sitting on an early, London bound train, idly gazing out at our green and pleasant land when I was startled back to life by a text from SAM's editor, Felix. Curiously I opened the text and at once my early morning daydream was shattered, Felix was kindly reminding me that my Chairman's Chat was overdue. Sh*! with everything else that's been going on it had completely slipped my mind. Having text a hasty apology I started to ponder over what I could 'chat' about. It was then that a wry smile crept over my face. I rarely think or utter the word Sh*! but there was a period in my life when I used the word far too frequently and the fact that I rarely use the word nowadays I can attribute to mastering 'The IAM system'.

In my novice motorcycling days, when Information, Position, Speed, Gear and Acceleration were influenced more by luck than judgement, the four letter expletive rang out in David's ear on many occasions. In those days our bike to bike communication was voice activated so minor mishaps, those that only warranted one sh*! simply opened the airwaves and therefore went largely unnoticed by my poor, long suffering husband. However, I'm now ashamed to confess, there were also numerous misjudged bends and poorly planned manoeuvres that provoked an involuntary sh*! sh*! sh*! which David heard loud and clear, so much so that it almost became my little catch phrase. Fortunately those days are long gone, passing the advanced test and following the IAM system has not only made me a better, safer rider it had, until yesterday, eliminated the sh*! word from my vocabulary.

True as it maybe, my little tale is hardly likely to encourage other motorcyclists to pursue their IAM test. Fortunately we have a superb new promotional tool to help us attract new members, an updated version of the Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclist DVD and it's already proving to be very successful. If, like me, you've already seen this updated version, I think you'll agree that it's very eye catching and very classy. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in producing such a high quality piece of work.

I'd also like to give a special mention to Derek Barker, Rob Day and John Sillett who successfully completed their Land's End to John O'Groats by
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sunset challenge and in doing so have to date raised over £1000 for the Canine Partners charity. Well done chaps, I look forward to hearing all about it soon.

Just before I whiz this over to Felix, I'd like to remind you about the next 2 group nights. Our guest speaker for July 17th is Graham Matcham from Cambrian Tyres and August 21st is our Barbeque night, no guest speaker just a relaxed evening of natter and laughter with old friends and new. There were a few hiccups with last year's barbeque including me nearly missing out on the food altogether because I was doing the announcements but we've listened to your feedback and I'm confident it will be much better this year so I do hope you'll be able to join me.

With my very best wishes,

Beverley

IAM TEST PASSES

This month two members have passed their Advanced test.
Congratulations to:

Andy Jaques
Helen Oliver

his Observer was
her Observer was

Ralph Fogg
Derek barker

When you pass your advanced test please let
Derek Barker or Susan Smith know.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

Fyfe Johnston Francis Miller Geoffrey Kay

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

DEXTERITY SLOW RIDING

Steve Ayles was the winner of June's slow speed race at the dexterity day.
One of the only times you win Losing.

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COPDOCK MOTORCYCLE CLUB FUN RUN 13TH MAY

Did you like Felix's photos of the Copdock charity bike run in last month's magazine? Well here's the inside story of how it came about. As well being a member of SAM, I'm also on the committee of the Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club, which organises the annual bike show at Trinity Park (aka the Suffolk Showground) – this year is our 21st show, it's on Sunday 30 September, and we've got some great attractions lined up - so put it in your diaries now! Why do we do it? Well we all like riding bikes and raising money for local good causes, which make a great combination. We also used to organise a couple of charity fun runs every year, but we hadn't organised any charity fun runs for a couple of years because of concerns about the organisers' legal liability if anybody had any accidents (there have been some unfortunate cases reported in the press, so this was not just 'elf and safety' gone mad), but this year we managed to increase our public liability insurance to £2 million, and decided to put on a run in May.



You might think a charity fun run would be a fairly simple event to organise, but you'd be wrong. We found a venue to finish at (Stonham Barns), worked out an interesting route, selected a charity to give the proceeds to, and thought we were nearly there – but no such luck! We always start our runs at Washbrook Service Station, with the bikes lined up the hill. No problem, said the police, so long as that side of the road is closed. Kevin Stark and his colleagues kindly told us who to liaise with at Suffolk County Council to apply for a road closure, so we set up a meeting. No problem, said the Council folks,

but the rules have changed and you now need to give 3 months notice - and May 13th is only 6 weeks away; and to arrange a diversion you will need to employ a traffic management firm, which needless to say will not be cheap. We nearly gave up at that point, but everybody involved was incredibly helpful and cut through the red tape for us. One of the biggest plus points was that David Rudland had kindly agreed to provide a team of SAM members as 'volunteers' to act as marshals around the route, and that gave the police and the Council confidence that all would go smoothly. The Council agreed to the road closure without the use of diversion signs, we printed and handed out flyers, talked to local radio, and hoped the rain would stay away and the bikes would turn up.



Sunday May 13th dawned with a clear blue sky and the promise of a sunny morning. We arrived at Washbrook and were amazed and delighted when over 300 motorcyclists arrived, paid their £5 and registered to go on the run. They came on BSA Bantams, Vincents, Fireblades, custom Harleys and everything in between. The route marshalling went like clockwork, the weather was fantastic, and everybody enjoyed the ride. Nobody broke down, and fortunately the police riders had left before one disgruntled motorist decided to ignore the

road closure signs and drive down Washbrook Hill in the fast lane on the wrong side of the road. All over? Not quite.

On Saturday 16th June, 8 Copdock m/c Club committee members went to Cambridge Airport to hand over the money raised - a cheque for £1,300 - to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, and talk to the crew – pilot, doctor, and paramedic. If you don't know about them, go and look at the web site (<http://www.eaaa.org.uk/>). Each helicopter and crew costs £2million a year to keep running, and it all comes from voluntary donations. They get called out 3 – 5 times a day on average, and they've saved the lives of lots of riders over the last few years, so we were delighted to be able to support them with your help.

We couldn't have done it without all of you SAM members who helped, so many thanks to you all, and especially to David and Kevin, and to Karl Hale and his police rider colleagues who came in their free time to help us manage the ride. David has kindly agreed to manage the bike parking for us at this year's show in September – so please let him know if you are able to help. We were delighted to be able to help SAM as one of our good causes with the proceeds of last year's show, in appreciation for all the help SAM members have given us, and look forward to working with SAM in the future to promote safe riding.



The next charity ride? We've decided that one is enough for 2012, as there's not really enough time to arrange one as well as the show on September 30th, but all being well we plan to arrange two runs in 2013. See you then!

Phil Sayer



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FIVE GO TO ANDALUCÍA

SUN, WIND, FINE ROADS AND NO TRAFFIC LA SEGUNDA PARTE

Continued from June's edition

Wednesday – “Photographs: Lakes, gorges and towns” - Paul S and Keith

Keith and Paul decided to take off with their cameras to the north east of Teba. They set off on the mountain roads through the lakes heading towards Antequera, making numerous stops for photos, including a stop at the gorge Los Gaitanes, where Frank Sinatra was killed in the film *Von Ryan's Express*. From



Antequera, 24kms of dual carriageway saw them back on mountain roads towards Iznajor and more lakes. These small roads on the Michelin map are all green shaded and took us to the old town of Priego-de-Cordoba. Although only 80km from the old city of Cordoba, they cut short their ride in order to get back in time for Paul N's birthday dinner that evening. Initially, they stayed on 'green' roads through to Lucena before joining a fast road back to Campillos and Teba.

That evening we celebrated Paul's birthday in style in village restaurant. Several of us chose the special for the evening, “*Iberian Surprise*” which was a hanging skewer of grilled meats (pork again!) and fried vegetables. Paul's health was thoroughly toasted in beer and wine before the evening was out.

Thursday – “General strike, Carmona hill town and a birthday treat” 225km

On our last day, the unions had called a general strike to protest about the government's austerity cuts. Our worries were: Could we buy petrol? Will cafes be open for lunch? And, least of all, would our host put us up for another day if our flight was cancelled?

Our last ride out was north-west across the plains towards Seville. Dave had returned his bike and was going to relax as Paul N's pillion on the GS1200, playing the part of Maureen Gilbert as navigator and action photographer.

The day started badly with two u-turns back towards the village, followed by formation riding around the roundabout before we dismounted to check maps and reach a committee decision and set off on the original road.

The initial part took us over rolling hills, deserted countryside with only lots of statuesque wind turbines (well, I like them). We dropped down into Moron where we had planned to stop for a coffee. However, it was closed and the only sign of life was groups of men (no women), talking about the strike. Pushing on, we found a roadside family café open for business and enjoyed cheap coffees and cakes.

Through a bustling town of Arahal, across a flat plain to our destination – the hill-top picturesque town of Carmona. No sooner had we stopped and Dave dismounted when Paul got an extra birthday present. A local señorita leapt on board, grabbed Paul tightly and demanded a ride around the town. Gentleman that he is, how could he refuse and with a quick “*Vamos!*”, they were off. Meanwhile we parked and looked round for somewhere to eat. After a surprisingly short time the



merry couple were back. Paul was rewarded with a kiss and fulsome praise for his style (in Spanish) before the señorita returned to her drinking buddies. Lunch was followed by a stroll around the car-free mediaeval part of the town before on the bikes and back along flat countryside to Marchena and Osuna. It could have been the Fens but with sunshine, better roads and no traffic. Back at base it was confirmed that our flight had not been cancelled, so it was change, pack and transfer to Malaga airport. There was just time to finish off the free beers and empty the fridge before we left.

With no crowds, cafes and shops closed, I have never been in such a quiet airport. We ended up eating in what appeared to be the staff canteen surrounded by posters about the general strike.



As we reflected on a great holiday, it was time for a few words of wisdom to the birthday boy about the future from his more mature and knowledgeable companions.

Much of this consisted of which pain killers were best for which ache and pain and part of an aging body. Our Paul Newman's Big Birthday trip to Andalucía was summarised as “*well, for the last four days all we've done is eat, drink and ride motorcycles*”. And so our Spanish Saga came to an end in appropriate style – in the airport bar.

Epilogue

There was one final event back in Ipswich. With Keith and Paul S safely returned home, David took control of Keith's Citroen to drop off Paul N and Dave in Ipswich. We discovered idiosyncratic warning features of Keith's Citroen if you don't shut the doors properly and that the car rolls quite freely when closing the sliding doors if the hand-brake is not on properly. Finally, Dave discovered that if you don't make clear to your wife that you're getting home at 2 o'clock in the morning **not** the afternoon, don't be surprised if the door is locked and bolted and that you have to wake up the whole household to get in.

A most enjoyable holiday in a great biking location - deserted roads (especially if you can arrange for a general strike) with cheap food, drink and lodgings. For an easy first time in Spain, with freedom to travel further and experience different bikes, fly-ride.

As ever, the advice is, give it a go!

PS

If you fancy a similar experience but in France and riding old British classic bikes such as BSA, Norton and Velocette, check out www.classicbikeprovence.com as featured in Times on 5th May 2012.

David Wood

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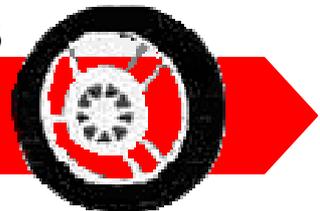
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You will be expected to provide a suitable means of carrying a map / the route

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BARROW

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01284 811795

Meet at Tesco Stowmarket at 18:15 for an 18:30 departure

Run leader T.B.A.

Leave Tesco and **Turn left** at small **Roundabout**. **Turn right** at main **Roundabout** onto **A1120**

Turn right at traffic lights and follow the signs for Stowmarket Town Center over next **Roundabout**. **Turn left** at 2nd set of traffic lights signposted Gt Finborough **B1115** continue for 1.5 miles

Turn right onto Lower Road signposted Rattlesden continue for approx 2 miles

Turn left onto Fen Street signposted Rattlesden

Go through Rattlesden and continue for 2 miles

Turn right onto Gedding Hill signposted Gedding

Turn left onto Drinkstone Road signposted Bradfield St George

T/R onto Felsham Road continue for approx 5 miles

NB. Be careful here. Junction has unusual layout. It is not just a righthand bend. You have to stop!

Turn right onto **A134** signposted Bury St Edmunds continue for 2 miles

Turn left at roundabout. **Turn right** at roundabout onto Cullum Road / **A1302**

Turn left at double **mini-roundabout** onto **A143** continue for 2 miles

Turn right Westley Lane signposted Westley continue for 1.5 miles

Turn left at staggered cross-roads signposted Barrow

In the centre of Barrow the chip shop is diagonally opposite to the memorial

AUGUST'S BREAKFAST RUN

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST
THE TIVOLI (WETHERSPOON)
16, CHESTERTON RD
CAMBRIDGE
CB4 3AX
01223 310450

Meet at Tesco's Stowmarket at (9 for 9:15)

Ride Co-ordinator – Vincent Evans

Turn right on to the **A1120**, **turn right** at the Cedars `interchange`

Bear **left** at roundabout on to Needham Road, cross over on to Combs Lane

Turn left on to Finborough Road – **B1115**

Turn Right at Bildeston to Lavenham, **Turn left** at High Street then **right** just past church on to Bridge Street Road. **Turn left** on **A134** into Long Melford

Turn right on to **A1092** through Cavendish and Clare

Turn right on to **A1017** and by-pass Haverhill to join **A1307**

Turn right for Horseheath then **right** in village signed West Wickham, Balsham, Fulbourne. At Cherry Hinton **turn right** on **A1134** to large roundabout – 1st exit – Coldhams Lane

Turn left at Newmarket Road traffic lights

Take 3rd exit at roundabout onto Elizabeth Way

Take 1st exit at roundabout onto Chesterton Road

Enter the one way loop. As it draws to an end The Tivoli is on the left
There are `Parking` lay-bys which are free on Sundays and a small (6) motorcycle bay 50yds further on

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.

HINTS AND TIPS BRUNCH RUN

HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS, SWAFFHAM

SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2012

ORGANISER KARL HALE

Meet at Tesco's, Stowmarket. 9.15am for a 9.30am briefing
(you must be at briefing)

All the usual things, as you would expect from a breakfast run, getting up early, riding lovely roads, a chance to chat with like minded people and of course the chance for the obligatory Billy Bunter brunch at the end. You've also the chance to have your riding looked at give and be given general feedback. This is an informal, relaxed way of keeping up or gaining knowledge of advanced riding.

I have organised three different routes to get to the same location, each route will take between 1hr 30min to 1 hr 50min plus how ever long the midway briefing takes. Each route will be lead by a ride leader so you don't have to worry about navigation, just ride and enjoy.

Who can help me make this a success?

- 👉 Pillions – socialize / enjoy the ride.
- 👉 Associates – Ride / be part of a led group / participate in debrief / socialize / enjoy.
- 👉 Full members – Ride / be part of a led group / demonstration ride/ participate in debrief / socialize / enjoy.
- 👉 Ride Leaders – Ride / Navigate / positive demonstration ride / participate in debrief / socialize / enjoy.
- 👉 Observers – Ride / assist in general observation of a group / positive demonstration ride / be part of a led group / participate in debrief / socialize / enjoy.
- 👉 Bring along a pillion or let someone know who are not members, as this is a very sociable type of ride out. All are welcome and is a good promotion for the group.

More details on SAM website forum.

PUBLICITY PAGE

A GOOD DAY AT FRAMLINGHAM

Firstly my thanks to everyone for turning up at the Fram Gala, I think around 17 bikes attended, which was pretty good on a day when the weather could have gone either way. As it turned out the sun came out and we all got a chance to practice our "slow riding skills" whilst leading the procession through the streets of Framlingham. Please see the letter of thanks from the organisers.

June Bikesafe was well attended with 16 riders attending with some interest to continue their knowledge with SAM. Another BikeSafe session was booked for July 14th and my thanks go to Vicky Smith and the returning Bill Dunham for keeping her eye on proceedings.

By the time this article is published we will have attended the annual Tendring Show, so a report on that in the next issue.

One show coming up that I would like a little help with is the Classic Vehicle Show at Stonham Barns on Sunday August 19th. Steve and myself will be manning the stand for this one as Nigel takes a well earned break. Anyone interested please get in touch.

Finally, the DVD is finished and will be handed out at the Felixstowe show on June 24th, seems a long while ago as you read this! If you haven't seen it yet please go to our website, hope you're impressed. A really big thank you needs to go to Tom Newman from SummerIsle Studios for the production and Stuart Young for the direction and "on-bike" filming. Also chipping in but probably causing more problems than help was myself, Nigel Chittock and Derek Barker.

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11 June 2012

Nigel & Judy Chittock
Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclists

Dear Nigel & Judy

On behalf of the Framlingham Gala Committee I would like to thank you and all the members of your club very much for joining us at the Framlingham Gala this year. You all looked amazing and it really added that little bit extra to the procession this year. Please pass on our thanks to everyone. I hope that you all had an enjoyable afternoon.

We had a good crowd attend as the weather did improve and it was a very successful weekend for the Sports Club.

Once again many thanks from us all.

Janet Mayhew
Secretary Framlingham Gala Committee

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JULY'S EDITORIAL 2012



I'm watching the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the TV so while they are waffling on I can write my Editorial

Been an exciting week this week, Wednesday 31st May, I left home in at about 18:00 basting in the sun, clear blue skies and quite hot, and I thought that it was time to take my thermal lining out, down the A140 to the A14, round Ipswich and join the A12, when I got to Stratford St Mary a big black cloud loom over Colchester and a few miles down the road the heavens opened and it bucketed down, the road speed drops to about 30. The road in to Colchester was flooded and I splashed my way to my meeting. By the time I arrived it has stopped raining.

When I got back to bike I noticed the rear tyre was flat, Oh pooh, Called up Carol Nash and got put through to AA who would be with me in about an 1 ½, The poor people I was visiting had to put up with me a bit longer, after a few cups of tea Mr AA arrived blew the tyre up and found the hole, as he put his finger over the hole and part of the tyre ballooned near the hole, "can't fix that, you'll have to be picked up" A brief call to the call centre, "Truck will be here in 3 hours time"

I said that I would wait on the driveway as it was 21:30 but they would not have any of it so a few more cups of tea. And at 00:00 the truck arrived loaded up the bike on the back which is very nerve racking as the chap cranks the ratchet straps down. Finally got home at 01:30.

Saturday 2nd, removed the rear wheel in the morning and dashing in to Ipswich to get a new tyre at Autofit, back home fitted it to the bike and while I was at it serviced the rear brake calliper, greasing the slides. Drained and replaced the oil in the rear drive box. And just for good measure washed the bike as well.

And paid for it by Sunday 3rd, opened the curtains in the morning and it was pouring, Had breakfast and headed down to Stowmarket on the B1113 to be met by 9 hardy souls hiding in the trolley park.

We left and rode up to Holt, at one point I thought the rain would stop as it had eased off and was looking brighter over there, but no it didn't, on the contrary it got harder on the way to Dereham the riders in front were immersed in a cloud of spray. Once in the café spirits were high, nice warm cups of tea and

coffee with a few breakfasts as well. Leaving behind large puddles from our dripping kit.

Four of us left together and headed back, the rain hadn't eased at all, and I peeled off at Ixworth headed for Walsham Le Willows and home. Ran in my new tyre,

Sunday 4th is the Fram Gala again this morning it's raining. But soon cleared up, I had to go in to Ipswich before hand. We must have had some rain yesterday as the road before the A140 was flooded again. On my way out I passing by Asda to get petrol, but because I was running a little late went round the A14~A12~ Wickham Market and Framlingham, after a short wait and a few flags tied to bikes we set off, Slow riding at walking pace to the Castle. Crowds lining the route, waving and cheering, It was difficult to wave back as I was riding the clutch most of the way there. Glad to arrive as my arm was beginning to ache.

Sunday the 17th Ruaraidh, my son and I met Martin Andrews and his son, Chris Smith and his son Jason, and Beverley Rudland, My brother Damian at Clapham Common for the start of the London to Brighton British Heart Foundation sponsored cycle ride. We started at 9am but the first start was 5.30am with the last one at 11am with 27,000 cyclists passing though the gates. Which meant that the roads where heavily congested and we had to stop quite a lot to allow traffic to flow. We had arranged for every one to meet up at the



half way point if we got split up. I must be getting old as it was much harder work than a few years ago. I think the reason being that you get in to a pack mentality and push a little bit harder to keep up with the traffic, I was struggling up a hill and people where shooting past me as if I was standing, and not only the fit ones, Mind you on a straight downhill bit of road I managed to

get to 43mph. ☺. There were numerous accidents and my son was knocked off by someone cutting in front. All in all a good day and it didn't rain.

Thank you to all the members who have contributed to this month's magazine, I hope you have enjoyed the new look. Don't forget to send in your articles.

Safe Riding

Felix..

Editor for

CLOSING DATE FOR COPY FRIDAY AFTER CLUB NIGHT

If you'd like to help save the Group on the printing and postage costs of your monthly 'hard copy' of the 'SAM Observer' by opting to receive an email notification instead, then please give me your email details on Group Night or send me an email.

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.

DEXTERITY AND CONTROL DAYS

Having recently attended one of Karl's 'Dexterity and Control Days', I thought I would just say what an excellent morning it was, also helped by the sun making an all too rare appearance. I have been biking in some form or another for over 30 years, and like most, I suppose, I thought I had fairly good control of a motorcycle at slow speeds. However, this course really opened my eyes – nothing particularly startling, but all good, common sense techniques, very easily and patiently explained by (in my case Karl), but exactly the same I'm sure with the other instructors.

I would say that my slow speed control has improved 100%, with a corresponding increase in confidence - all for the sake of a Saturday morning.

I'm tempted to say that I think that this course ought to be mandatory if one is taking the SAM test, as I can't believe that anyone would not find it greatly advantageous. Also, it's rather more fun than picking up a pranged bike off the car park floor.

So, fellow Associates, what are you waiting for?.

Rob Farthing

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SAM EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2012

Fri 13th ~ Sat 14th

BikeSafe Course Volunteers are required from SAM members to attend on the Saturday afternoon. please contact Nigel Chittock

Saturday 14th

M/C Dexterity & Control. Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich. 09:00 – 13:00

Tuesday 17th

SAM Group Night. Announcements at 19:30 followed by guest speaker Graham Matcham, who is the brand rep for Continental tyres

Thursday 19th

Theory Evening. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. 19:30. Overtaking

Sunday 22nd

Hints and Tips Brunch Run, Swaffham See page 19 for details

Thursday 26th

Chip Run. Rumbles fish bar, Barrow IP29 5AF
Meet at Tesco Stowmarket **Meet time is 18:15.**

AUGUST 2012

Sunday 5th

The SAM Observer July 2012

Breakfast Run. The Tivoli (Wetherspoon)

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- Sunday 19th** 16, Chesterton Rd Cambridge CB4 3AX
M/C Dexterity & Control. Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich. 09:00 – 13:00
- Tuesday 21st** **SAM Group Night. BBQ** Announcements at 19:30
- Thursday 23th** **Theory Evening.** Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. 19:30. Observation, Planning and Positioning
- Thursday 30th** **Chip Run.** Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 4BS

OCTOBER 2012

- Saturday 6th** **MX (BULLSHIT AND GEARS)** Email me to book a place bobmcgeady@btinternet.com
Go to <http://www.mxtryout.co.uk> and complete the adult booking form. Send the completed form to me at 13 Waterloo Avenue Leiston Suffolk IP16 4HE together with a cheque for £50 payable to G MAYES as a deposit. The balance is payable on the day
- Sunday 14th** **Breakfast Run.** TBA
- Tuesday 16th** **SAM Group Night.** Announcements at 19:30 followed by guest speaker
- Thursday 18th** **Theory Evening.** Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. 19:30. Brakes, Gears and Acceleration
- Sunday 21nd** **M/C Dexterity & Control.** Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich. 09:00 – 13:00

NOVEMBER 2012

- Sunday 4th** **Breakfast Run.** TBA

OTHER EVENTS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

JULY 2012

Monday 23rd

The local **ROSPA** group have invited us to join them on a visit to "Made In Italy", Stowmarket. <http://www.suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=16&t=1056>

AUGUST 2012

Monday 27th

Triangle MCC. Motorcycle charity Run, starts 10.30 am at Orwell Crossing Truck Stop, to, The White Lodge Public House, Attleborough Donations £5 per bike.
www.trianglemcc.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 2012

Friday 14th ~ Sunday 16th

The BMF Tailend show, East of England show ground, Peterborough.
www.thebmfshow.co.uk

Sunday 30th

North Manchester Custom and Classic Bike Show. Ramsbottom Cricket Club, BL9 0AT. £3.00
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OCTOBER 2012

Sat 20th ~ Sun 21st

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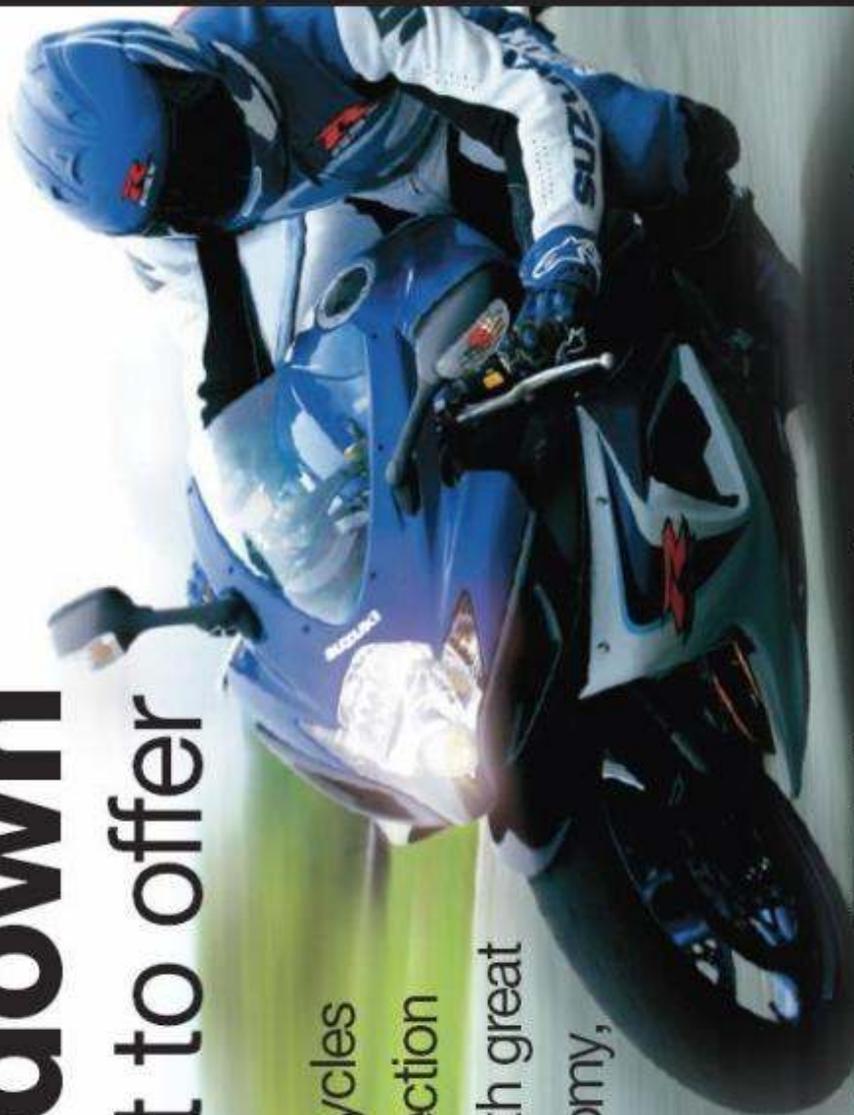
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