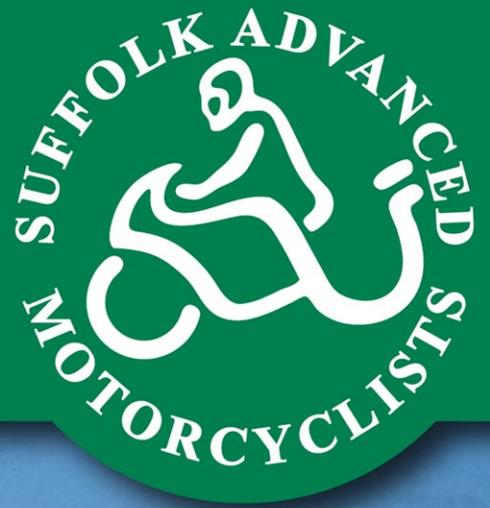


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The Rudland clan taking part in the Chief's Challenge. After riding all over Suffolk looking for a village idiot. Then five turned up together

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# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



A very warm welcome to the September edition of the SAM Observer.

I'm writing this having got home from helping to marshal the Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club's (CCMC) Summer fun run. The weather was fine, there was a great turnout who enjoyed the picturesque route through the heart of the county, finishing at the Ipswich Transport Museum the beneficiary of the event. Thanks to Giles Arbon for his organisation of the event, to Mike Roberts for

leading the marshals out and to everyone that volunteered to help out with the marshalling points. I'd like to also pass on the appreciation and thanks from Phil Sayer on behalf of the CCMC. Phil reported that 148 bikes registered and the museum received a donation of £750.

I had to admit to the reception staff at the museum that I've lived in Ipswich for the last ... 17 years and I'd not visited the museum previously. I was very impressed with the quality of the exhibits, vehicles and facilities, which is a great day out for the whole family.

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Whilst I'm on the subject of events I have to thank Vini Evans for his honesty having praised him and the Social Ride team for organising July's Noose of Norfolk all day ride out, in last month's Chairman's Chat.

In Vini's own words:

Whilst I'm quite willing to accept any plaudits going, I think you ought to acknowledge David Wood for organising and co-ordinating the 'Noose of Norfolk'. I simply plotted the route. Although if there's any cash going....

Vini

So to put things right, having previously thanked Vini and the team, a BIG thank you to David Wood for organising, co-ordinating and taking photos during the

'Noose of Norfolk'. In particular, thanks for capturing my good side David! There's no cash going, but would you allow me to buy you breakfast, on the next social ride out we both attend, to make it up to you? Oh no, I might have just set an expensive precedent...

We were all disappointed to learn that last month's planned guest speaker, Rhys Lawrey, cancelled at the last minute due to a wheel bearing failure on his way to us. You'll be pleased to know that Trevor Read, Events, has been in touch with Rhys and he's re-scheduled to attend November's group night.

This month's group night is dedicated to Chiefs' Challenge mug presentation and prize draw for all those members that managed to complete the challenge, visiting all 60 of this year's "Icons and Eateries" located throughout the county. First prize being £200 worth of vouchers for MotoTechniks, this year's sponsor. I managed to complete the challenge but realised it needed more planning and consideration than I originally put into it as I missed the Brandon Country Park tea rooms having previously been all the way West and to the nearby RAF Lakenheath aircraft viewing area! Here's my favourite photo from the event taken at; you've guested it.



Don't forget the Chief's rule about the draw prizes, in that you **MUST** be present to receive any prize if you're lucky enough to have your name drawn from the hat.

See you there.

Cheers

*Steve*

# NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Andrew Goodey Mark Hird

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.

John Wiseman his Observer was Paul Spalding

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



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# BATMAN MEETS PHANTOM MENACE

I'm at Orwell Motorcycles in Ipswich yet again. This time the GTR is getting a new pair of boots. The last set of Michelin Pilot Road GT tyres had done 9100 miles, and while the rear probably had another 1500 miles left on it, I was persuaded to go for a pair. Normally I change one at a time (being thrifty/tight), but last time the front and rear coincided for replacement, and I had a pair fitted. You really can't beat the transformation a new set of tyres makes. You can understand just how it makes such a huge difference to race bikes.

As per usual the plan is to see what they have that looks interesting, have a ride around the countryside, and write a review for you (and keep Felix smiling). It's a tough job but somebody has to do it (you too could submit a review of something you've tested.) Sitting outside was a Suzuki GSX-S1000Z Phantom naked bike in full stealth black. It really does look like it has fallen off the set of a Batman or sci-fi movie. It has the engine from the GSX-R1000, with a slightly different tune, pumping out 150 hp and placed in a naked 'street fighter' style package. There's a sensible upright riding position, good wide mirrors, traction control, ABS, slipper clutch and comprehensive instruments (more on them later).



I have to say it is getting harder and harder to write reviews and can see the struggle that our guest speaker in June, Simon Weir (Ride Magazine editor), and

his colleagues have finding something new to say. The truth is there are no really bad bikes these days. There are bikes you personally may not like, but unless you are using them for what they are not intended (trials riding on a Honda Pan European) then they all perform very well.



So what of the GSX-S1000? Embarrassingly I stalled it three times in the first five minutes, in stop start traffic. After that, I loved it! The handling is excellent. Think and it turns, but it is not a twitchy handful on bumpy back roads. Obviously the performance is very good and I was really surprised at the amount of natural engine braking it produced, in any gear (including 6<sup>th</sup>!) Put this all together with a standard exhaust and airbox that produced a very deep rumble and wailing rasp when revved, and I was playing tunes all over the B1078 in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> gear. The exhaust was loud enough for me to ask Mark at Orwells if it was indeed standard.

What didn't I like? I'm sure you can probably guess, as I seem to put it in every review and it is common to most modern bikes, namely, an overly

light throttle action. This makes it difficult to isolate your body movements on a bumpy road from being fed into the engine response. Also, the GSX-S1000 has fuel injection that 'hunts' on a constant throttle when doing 30/40mph. After

about 90 miles of my test ride I was getting used to it, but I do wish the test riders concentrated a little bit more on this aspect, rather than seemingly solely looking at ‘nail it’ pick up. Finally, the instruments. These are all on a large LCD panel. The speedo, revs and gear indicator are all easy to read, but again, as per many other bikes, the rest of the info is just too damn small. I know I’m getting old, but even when parked up, I struggled.



So despite those complaints, I liked this bike so much I would seriously consider buying one with my own money. So much so I wondered if they did a faired version with panniers. They do! Well almost. There’s the GSX-S1000F, but sadly no panniers. I think I may have to take a look again at its Kawasaki rival the Z1000SX (another visit to Orwells).

As always, if this has whetted your appetite for this bike or its faired brother, I’m sure Mark at Orwells would be more than happy to arrange a test ride for you. Or if you are having work done on your bike and one of these is available as a courtesy bike, take the opportunity. It’s great fun, and increasing your experience on a variety of bikes is never a bad thing.

Mike Roberts



# MASTERS TEST.

The time had come for me to retake my Darkside test or put in for an IAM retest. While I was out for a ride with Mike n Derek I asked what they thought about me getting a First and Derek said why don't you do your Masters. It sowed a seed.

I do have trouble with jumping through hoops but really enjoy a challenge. So I signed up for a Mentored Masters test including up to Six mentored rides and the test.

Quite quickly I was assigned a Mentor and commenced my training. A very nice guy, Phil took me through the process, the rides were quite long and surprisingly tiring. Each ride out we covered various parts of what's expected of a Master and how to achieve the desired level. Phil was quite complementary of my riding, I ride regularly with Mike, Rob and Derek and some other hooligans from the club so I do try to ride to an IAM standard most of the time ;-)

After the first ride the areas I had to make "progress" in were exactly that, I mainly needed to add a bit of Sparkle also judge what Sparkle is and where restraint is required. Also a bit of restraint when filtering as an ex London commuter my filtering was a bit too sparkly, what landing space ... LOL, also I needed to shake off some bad habits, Off Siding on Left Handers and turning in early on Right Handers things I'd picked up in London when doing an advanced course many many years ago, BTW both Mr Roberts and Mr Barker had already mentioned these sins.

Each ride started with settling into an Observed ride, a break and discussion, followed by a second longer Observed ride, sometimes with a demo ride in between or at the end and then a full debrief, also taking away some homework. Oh and Cake or a Bacon Sarnie.

Four rides later of continuous tuning and putting in the miles in between each session my mentor Phil told me he was willing to put me in for my test Eak!

The test was carried out, out of area so the roads and surroundings are unfamiliar to you.

I won't say where my test was as there's absolutely no point in practicing the route as the Examiner will know!

I did ride to the start point the week before just to feel confident with turning up at right place at the right time only to spot the Examiner there LOL.

The test was about an hour and a half long. Short chat and an explanation of what he was looking for and off we went. During the pre-flight discussion a few questions were thrown in not many and not too testing. I'm not good with quoting things verbatim, I nearly lost a point for this. (This is one of them there hoops I don't do!).

The Examiner was friendly and helpful he wants you to pass and enjoy the experience. Listen to what he says there's some good advice and hints in the pre ride chat.

The route was great, full of great roads and testing situations, I was so glad I'd upped my concentration levels by putting in the effort and time beforehand.

All the test was on the Indicators except for the first couple miles. We returned start point about an hour and fifteen mins after setting out. The Examiner jumped off his bike and said you've passed with a big grin, we then sat down for a coffee and full debrief.

This is the bit I don't quite believe I didn't just pass I got a Distinction mainly dropping 5 points for missing an overtake and weeny bit of off siding on a C road (whoops).

So was it worth doing? Most Definitely

Did I jump through any hoops? Nope it all made sense, I understood what was required and why.

I thoroughly enjoyed it and I believe my riding has really benefited from the extra work.

Give it a Go your most definitely up your game.

Feel free to contact me if you want to know more

All the Best Graham Parker



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Meet in car park Tesco's Martlesham **IP5 3RU** in good time for **08:30** Briefing and subsequent departure.

**All riders must attend Briefing.**

Ride Co-ordinator: Richard Ockleton

**A12** North signed Lowestoft, Woodbridge, Martlesham

**Left** onto **B1079** signed Grundisburgh, Hasketon

Through Otley to **B1077**,

**Right** onto **B1077**, signed Debenham, to junction **A1120**

**Left** onto **A1120** signed Stowmarket and Debenham (**B1077**) for 0.2 miles

**Right** onto **B1077** signed Debenham

Keep **B1077** to Eye

**Right** **B1117** signed Stradbroke, Horham

Keep **B1117** through Ashfield Green

**Left** **B1116** signed Harleston, Fressingfield

Keep **B1116** to Harleston

At 'T' turn **right** onto Needham Road

**Left** onto Wilderness Lane, signed [Pulham Market, Norwich?]

Over onto The Street, through Starston

Keep on the road through Pulham St Mary and Pulham Market to roundabout junction with **A140**

Over roundabout, **B1134** signed Attleborough

Keep **B1134** until 'T' with **B1077**

**Left** onto **B1077** signed Diss

Keep **B1077** into Diss

**Right** at roundabout junction **B1077/A1066** signed Thetford

Immediate **left** into Lower Denmark Street

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# COPDOCK MOTORCYCLE CLUB FUN RUN 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

24 SAM volunteers turned out to provide marshals for the Fun Run on the 27th.

The route took us around the north and east of Ipswich taking the B1078, B1084 then heading through Woodbridge and out towards Waldingfield Golf course then on to Brightwell and into Ipswich via Bucklesham finishing at the Ipswich Transport museum.

148 bikes attended the event and £750 was raised for the Transport museum on a nice warm late summer's day and I even found one volunteer marshal having a nice cuppa, provided by a friendly household, on my way round as "tail end Charlie". We even had the fire bike with us on this occasion ridden by Jon Southgate which was a nice addition to the fleet and it certainly slowed some down at his marshal point :-)) a big thanks to Jon.

We have been very lucky this year and both fun runs have had brilliant weather and brilliant marshals. If you haven't marshalled before please do think about it for next year as it's always nice to see new people.

I would like to thank all that volunteered and a special thanks to Mike Roberts for his help and guidance over the year since I took on this role, I hope I have done it justice as I had a hard act to follow!

So the next call for volunteers will be for parking marshals at the Copdock Motorbike Show on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you can help for this please do let me know.

Giles Arbon

# 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

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| 🏍️ Dean Harris      | 🏍️ Vini Evans  | 🏍️ Robert Baker |
| 🏍️ Richard Ockelton | 🏍️ Nick Braley |                 |

## RIDE LEADERS

🏍️ Brian Ellis 🏍️ 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

21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Mr Allards  
Stowupland  
IP14 4BD

Tel:01449 615006

Meet at Beacon Hill lorry park **IP6 8LP** in good time for **13:30** departure.

**All riders must attend Briefing.**

Ride Co-ordinator is Richard Ockleton.

Join the **A140** and get in lane quickly for the right turn to Coddendam.

Just past the church the 'main' road turns sharp right but instead go straight ahead.

Through Crowfield to Pettaugh. Turn **right** on the **A1120**.

Follow this to Dennington where a **left** is taken just past the church onto Laxfield Road.

After three quarters of a mile turn **left** onto the **B1118** to Stradbroke.

Turn **left** on the **B1117** to Eye.

At the High Street turn **right** and follow until meeting the **A140** at Brome.

Turn **right** and then immediately **left** through Stuston to meet the **A143**.

Turn **left** and follow to Rickinghall where a **left** turn is taken onto the **B1113**.

At Old Newton crossroads (Leg of Mutton) turn **left**.

After three quarters of a mile turn **right** at the old primary school.

Straight over the small crossroads and along to the farm shop entrance on the **right** at Stowupland.

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# NOOSE OF NORFOLK

## SAM Summer Charity Ride

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 24 expectant members assembled in Diss for SAM's third summer charity ride. The previous two routes had both been around Suffolk and by way of a change, Vini Evans had offered either 'Escape to Essex', or 'Noose of Norfolk'. As good Suffolk country boys, not wishing to get close to the wide boys of Essex and London, all Ride Leaders voted to strut our stuff north of the border around Norfolk.



Our chosen charity for 2017 is again Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS<sup>i</sup>) and Brian Ellis invited a representative to describe their work and the emergencies they attend.

We were privileged to meet Dr Pam Crispin, Chair of SARS, who gave up her Sunday morning rest to meet us after four consecutive 12 hour shifts on duty. The first impressive feature was the sheer volume and range of sophisticated life-



saving equipment that she took with her to emergencies (in her own private car). This allows responders (unpaid volunteers) to carry out advanced procedures at the scene, which are normally only undertaken at a hospital. This can mean truly lifesaving interventions,

particularly when patients are trapped and rapid evacuation to hospital isn't possible. In addition to helping save lives, the presence of a SARS specialist at an incident can reduce the chances of patients suffering permanent disability or unnecessary pain.

It is an unfortunate fact that many road traffic accidents involve motorcyclists, mostly young persons, and Dr Crispin drew an unfavourable comparison between their clothing, training and bikes (and age) and the SAM members assembled before her. At the end of her talk, Brian thanked her for coming along and in a collection, members donated £120 to SARS

It was now time for the main business of the day and after the briefing, the riders set off at intervals in four groups.

After some routine miles along the A1066 to Thetford, we reached more interesting minor roads across country to Downham Market. I'd forgotten the 'joys' of Fenland roads with their undulating, bumpy character, especially around Southery. A quick whiz along A10 and A149 and we reached Heacham for morning cake and coffee. However, here two problems befell my group. As we pulled into the car park, Ken Beckinsale's Triumph ground to a halt and refused to re-start. With all electrics (apart from the alarm) dead, it looked like a flat battery. Checking connections and wiring, no obvious fault was found and we decided to leave it to see if it got over its sulk while we had breakfast.

That's when we encountered problem two! Breakfast had stopped being served at 11am and lunch was not available until 11.30am leaving a 30 minute starvation

gap! Coffee and a cake were fine by me although others (Martin) were not so sanguine.



Back outside to test Ken's bike. Still no sign of life and so matters got desperate. Brian, Martin and myself tried to bump start it. Second gear, third gear, neither was any good with the wheel refusing to turn and merely locking-up. We had to



give up before SARS was required to resuscitate aging motorcyclists suffering cardiac arrest! We left Ken to call RAC to the rescue. (They eventually turned up nearly three hours later, pleading high demand from visiting car drivers.)

The next leg around the coast proved better than expected with much less traffic than feared and overtakes possible outside the confines of the narrow village streets. However, as we cleared Cromer and headed south alongside the North Sea, it clouded over to be followed shortly after by steady rain. The brightly lit Kingfisher Café appeared as a welcome sight out of the dreary, wet gloomy Walcott: a typical English summer's day. However, a full range of hot freshly cooked food was available and Martin and Brian soon recovered from their starvation induced despondency. Their mood was further enhanced when the café manager came across to our table and made a £20 donation for SARS: a very generous act.



As expected and encouraged by the rain, riders decided to complete the trip in different ways with no one going back to the designated finish at Diss. Martin and I decided to continue with the planned route together as far as the A140. In spite of the rain, we enjoyed the interesting, quiet roads to Gt Yarmouth via Happisburg etc,

going through villages not visited before. After a re-fuelling stop in Yarmouth, it was a straightforward ride down the A143 to Scole. Here Martin and I went our separate ways: him continuing on A140; myself through Eye and then the B1077 to Ipswich. Soon it was blue skies, sunshine and the welcome warmth of Suffolk.

Back home in time for tea after 245 miles along a variety of roads, through villages not visited before in the good company of fellow members of SAM and money raised for SARS. What better way to spend a Sunday?



David Wood



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# EDITORIAL



What can I say, Firstly a big thank you to Our Chief Observer for sorting out and running his Challenge this year. Throughout the summer I have been trying to get out and about, but the usual story, work, family and other distractions got in the way.

So last week (end of August) I skived off and took Sunday off and went round the outside points and the coastal route. All went well until I posted a few pictures on FB to be told that one of my points was not where I thought it was but the other side of the river.... So I had to dash out after work and get this point. Last club night I was late... again, so dash round Ipswich to catch these trophies.

Anyway I, and I hope your sitting down, have covered 1,500 miles this year.. Yes I know that a few of our members, Mr R, Mr P, and Mr B do this weekly and consume at least half the county's bacon reserve.

Well the harvest is now in and it will be soon Beet season, O joy lots of mud on the roads, Nights are drawing in and Autumn is in the air, getting cooler in the evening and mornings which has a distinct nip.

Of cause this does mean that you're not going to be out and about, sitting at home watch dribble on the telly as your dear beloved has the zapper, Well I have the perfect solution for your winter blues.... Re live your summer rides, write them down so you won't forget, and then share them with the club and what better way than in our magazine. ☺

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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.... ☹

## 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

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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A lot of useful information about SAM and its activities is available on our website. Below are some key links members will find useful.

### CONTACTS

Contact details of SAM's Committee & Observers, complete with photographs so you can recognise everyone.

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

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

### CALENDAR

Our online calendar with relevant links which can also be linked to your smartphone. Contact: Mike Roberts

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What is expected of the Observer and Associate while preparing for the IAM motorcycle test. Contact: Karl Hale

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All the latest news and discussion on all things SAM and motorcycle related. Have a read, and then register to join in. Contact: Mike Roberts

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

# SAM EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

## SEPTEMBER 2017

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Autumn Saturday Jaunt** The Copper Kettle. Meet in car park behind B&M Home Store at Copdock, **IP8 3TT** in good time for **13:30**. **All riders must attend the Briefing**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Henham Steam Rally**, The SAM Publicity Team will be attending this event. If you would like to help, please contact any of the team

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Observer Assessment Day** A day for those wishing to train to become an Observer where their suitability will be assessed. Contact: **Karl Hale**

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Theory Evening.** Fynn Valley Golf Club. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. **19:30**. This month's topic: **Overtaking**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Safe Rider** is a joint initiative between Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies. If you can help the Publicity Team on the Saturday of this event, please contact Glyn Hill on 07986-319163

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Motorcycle Dexterity & Control.** Sidegate Primary School IP4. This session is for associates. Contact: Derek Barker to book a place.

## OCTOBER 2017

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, Copdock Show** 09:00 – 16:30, If you can help with motorcycle parking or on our promotion stand, please speak to a Committee member.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> SAM Committee meeting.** Fynn Valley Golf Club. **19:30**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Run,** Angel Café, Diss, **IP22 4NQ** Meet in car park Tescos Martlesham **IP5 3RU** in good time for **08:30**, Briefing and subsequent departure.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> SAM Group Night.** Announcements at 19:30 followed by Guest Speaker Speaker Mick Croome from Speed Skills ([www.speedskills.net](http://www.speedskills.net))

talking about his time as a member of the police Special Escort Group (SEG). Bar and restaurant serving all types of food/drinks including teas and coffees.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Theory Evening.** Fynn Valley Golf Club. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. **19:30.** This month's topic: **Planning & Positioning**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday Jaunt.** Mr Allards, Stowupland, **IP14 4BD**  
Meet at Beacon Hill lorry park **IP6 8LP** in good time for **13:30** departure All riders must attend Briefing.

## 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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## CHIEF'S CHALLENGE 2017.

Sunday July 23rd. Well that's another Chief's Challenge over, just got to get the pictures made. Again many thanks to Karl for an interesting, challenging and sometimes devious set of clues (he must have spent hours trawling through Google Maps) Thanks also to Jean for sitting behind me, lifting her leg over the dreaded top box many times throughout a day, also to friend and team mate Steve Milbourne with his trusty (sometimes) SatNav, and coffees at his home while we sat checking routes etc. The trips were fun, challenging at times and varied around 726 miles covered overall including back tracking to locate the odd place we had missed, no dramas only one mishap which Steve prefers not to talk about so we won't. Many laughs and some excellent food and coffee breaks. Weather wise we were very lucky saw no rain until the last Sunday when it caught up with us after threatening all day. Nearing the end of our trip on the way back to Woodbridge it started, not really heavy but enough to make us damp. Great fun will have to think of something else to do for the rest of the summer.

Sonnie Westley.



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Dean Harris getting friendly with the Mayor of Ipswich Sarah Barber, we have invited the Mayor to one of our group nights. That's 2 well known people we've had in the promo tent this year, who's next?  
Glyn Hill.



Dean making sure every biker has the opportunity to take the Advance course...

Should have gone to Specsavers...





SAM's Publicity Team doing what they do best at Long Melford Country Fair.  
Picture sent in by Judy Chittcock

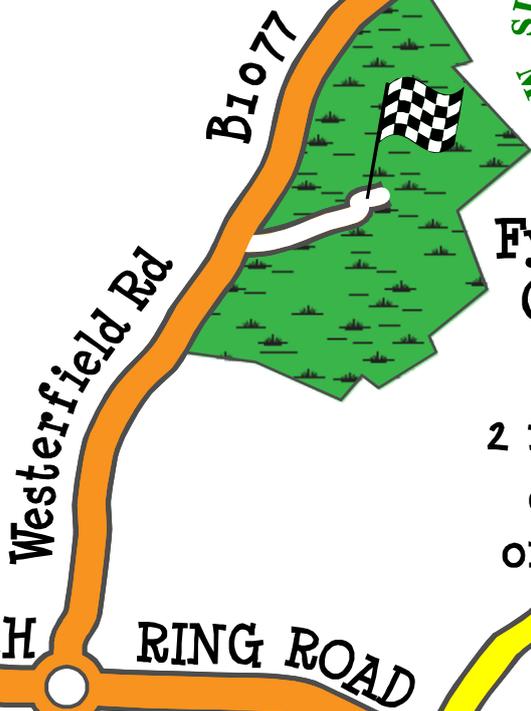
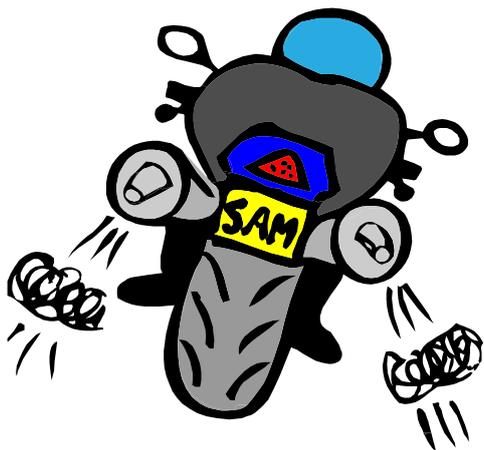
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