

The SAM Observer

January 2023



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The picture is of the modern day version if the Honda crunch and was taken by Mike at one of Copdock's charity rides in 2022. Cover created by Mike Roberts

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Decembers group night certificate presentation by Paul Ballard To :-



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The Secretary, Eric Aldridge.

NOT THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

From the Secretary

I'm writing this 'ramble' for the January magazine before Christmas and any celebrations we can muster. Thankfully, to get me into the Christmas spirit we have had a flurry of snow and the temperatures are still hovering around freezing.

No bike riding this week. The weather was predicted so all the tender plants in the garden have been wrapped in frost blanket or moved undercover.

As I mentioned last month SAM will be holding the AGM on 15th February 2023 and also giving the coveted awards to members as usual. This month we have included, in the magazine, the meeting agenda and also the draft minutes from last year's AGM that need the approval of the membership at the meeting.

On pages 16-19 you will find the Treasurer's Report 2022 of the Clubs accounts. This needs the member's approval at the AGM. We publish the report to give members the opportunity to examine how your funds are received and spent during the year and to raise any concerns you may have at the AGM.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member on the Committee as Robert (Tall Bob) Rhodes has joined us as Events Organiser. He will be arranging guest speakers for our Group Nights in 2023 so if any of you have any ideas for interesting speakers (not necessarily bike related) then have a chat with Bob.

Also, I will be staying as Group Secretary but that still leaves a replacement Editor required urgently if the Observer magazine is to continue.

Nomination forms for Committee members are available on the website on the website and published in this magazine on page 13

We held our Christmas Quiz in December with our treasurer, Bryan Duncan as the Quiz Master. The Committee was concerned that the night clashed with the semi-final of the world cup and members would be keen to watch the match. Unfortunately, England didn't make it through the quarters so interest in the remaining matches reduced dramatically.

There were 39 members who braved the cold weather at the quiz making 6 teams and the evening was a very successful night. Our thanks to Bryan for arranging not only the quiz but the refreshments too. A great night was had by all especially by me as I filled an empty chair in the winning team.

At the same meeting Don Whinney, Chairman of Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club thanked SAM for their support for their Fun Runs and the Copdock Show passing a cheque to SAM to assist in the SAM training costs for Associates and young riders. Picture on page 31

Jim Jarvie O.B.E will be our Guest Speaker at the January Group Night. He will be discussing the identification, investigation and prosecutions of drug smugglers in the UK. Please come along for what promises to be an interesting evening.

Unfortunately, this is the time of the year when we may have to cancel social rides due to inclement weather. Already the December Saturday Jaunt was cancelled. This was announced at the December Group Night and when possible we will indicate cancellations on the calendar so please check the website beforehand. Equally, we may be removing our linings and wearing summer gloves – who knows?

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and wish you all the best for the New Year

Eric Aldridge

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

Christopher Daniels

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 Hills	his Observer was	Paul Newman
Murray Dellow	first his observer was	Mathew Barker

When you pass your advanced test please let Paul Ballard or Geoff Scott know

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SAM THEORY EVENINGS

As most of you know, on the 4th Wednesday evening every month, SAM holds its monthly Theory Evening. Based on an ever revolving subject list of important rider skills these nights are an informal evening of facts and lively banter all aimed at improving your ride based on the information in the Advanced Rider Course Logbook.

Each session covers one of the four main topic areas;

Overtaking	Planning & Positioning
Cornering	Gears & Acceleration



Mainly aimed at Associates going through the course, these evenings are also a good way for full members to brush up on their theory and add their experiences and questions to the session.

The great benefit of attending these sessions in the classroom means it saves time on the road, covering theory and has the added advantage of an opportunity to discuss any issues you may have generally on your Advanced Rider Course.

Next theory night meeting will be January 25th 2023. 19:30 ~ 22:00.

On overtaking with Paul Newman as the tutor.

Paul Ballard

SAM Chief Observer



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SAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 15th February 2023

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's welcome** Glyn Hill

GH will open meeting with Group Night announcements etc

2. **Minutes of the last meeting (16th February 2022)**

(published in January Magazine) To be accepted as accurate by members

The members will be asked if there are any:

👉 Objections:

👉 Accepted: (*show of hands*)

Proposed by *name*.....

Seconded by *name*.....

3. **Treasurer's Report** Bryan Duncan

The members will be asked if there are any:

👉 Objections:

👉 Accepted: (*show of hands*)

Proposed by *name*.....

Seconded by *name*.....

4. **Election of Officers (*GH continues to Chair*)**

Chairman Nomination **Glyn Hill** last elected 2022 (as VC)

Proposed by David Franklin

Seconded by Trevor Read

Accepted by: (*show of hands*)

GH (if elected) takes the Chair and continues election

Vice Chairman Nomination (*position vacant*)

Proposed by
Seconded by
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

Treasurer Nomination **Bryan Duncan** last elected 2022
Proposed by Geoff Scott
Seconded by Paul Ballard
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

Secretary Nomination **Eric Aldridge** Last elected 2022
Proposed by Geoff Scott
Seconded by Trevor Read
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

Annually all group officers and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Committee need to stand for re/election-ie 4 members

Membership Secretary Nomination **David Franklin** Last elected 2021
Proposed by Geoff scott
Seconded by Trevor Read
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

Webmaster & Comunciations Nomination **Les Smith** *Last elected 2021*
Proposed by Felix Oliver
Seconded by
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

Associate Training Office Nomination **Geoff Scott** *Last elected 2021*
Proposed by Bryan Duncan
Seconded by Dean Harris
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

New Committee Member

Events Organiser Nomination **Robert Rhodes (Bob)**

Proposed by Trevor Read
Seconded by Geoff Scott
Accepted by: *(show of hands)*

5. Close AGM meeting

REFRESHMENT BREAK

6. Award Trophies

Description of Awards for 2022 and Recipients

Gosden Trophy

Presented by Paul Ballard

Awarded to Associate who has shown sparkle and enthusiasm.
(Bob Gosden is a retired IAM examiner and member since 1979.)

The Maddock Trophy

Presented by Glyn Hill

(John and Jenny Maddock founded SAM in 1989 John passed away in 2015.)

Awarded to member who has made an outstanding contribution to the running of the group.

Rob Day Trophy

Presented by Rob Day (TBC)

Awarded to the outstanding Observer who has qualified during the latest Observer training programme. Chosen by Observer team.

Trophy was constructed and donated by Rob a former Chief Observer and founder member

The David Arbon Ride Leader of the Year Award Presented by Trevor Read

Chosen by Ride Leader Team in a secret ballot.

The Chairman's Trophy

Presented by Glyn Hill

Awarded at the discretion of the Chairman in recognition of an outstanding contribution by a member to the running of the SAM group

Other Awards:



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SAM COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

AGM

15th February 2023.

Would you like to help your club 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 the secretary via post or email. Nominations have to be given in one month before the AGM. 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 one month before the election by Wednesday 15th February 2023

SAM Committee Nominations 2023

I nominate For the post
of

Proposed by:

Name Signed Date

Seconded by:

Name Signed Date

Nominee's signature Date

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under the "Extras" heading."
Saves ripping it out of the magazine.**

SAM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To the few of you who have still to pay their subs, can I please remind you that subs were due on 1st January.

If you have already paid, or pay by Standing Order, please disregard this reminder.

SAM's preferred method of payment is by Standing Order (known as STO) and it is a handy way of not having to remember!

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Complete the Standing Order form and send it to your bank, or if you have internet banking facilities, use the details on the form to set up a regular payment via your bank's online services.

If payment by Standing Order is not possible, payment by bank transfer (known as BACS) is perfectly acceptable. Our details are;

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Sort Code: 20-92-08, Account No: 10363650.

The cost of renewal for 2023 remains, yet again, unchanged at £22 for a Full/Associate member and £25 for joint rider/pillion membership.

If, for whatever reason, you cannot pay by either the STO or BACS options, please contact me directly and we will find another way.

Stay safe,

Bryan Duncan,
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SUFFOLK ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

Registered Charity no. 1067800

Trustee's Annual report for year ending 31st December 2022

Name: Suffolk Advanced Motorcyclists (SAM)

Registered No.: 1067800

Main Address: 29 Longfield Road, Ipswich, IP9 2UA

Committee members: The Group Committee shall constitute The Trustees of the Charity. Committee members are elected by the members of the group at an Annual General Meeting.

At 31st December 2022 the officers of the committee were:-

G. Hill	Chairman	Vacant	Vice-Chairman
E. Aldridge	Secretary	B. Duncan	Treasurer

Bankers: Barclays, New Market Place, Beccles, NR34 9HD

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the charity is to promote the improvement of riding standards and help new members pass the IAM advanced test.

SAM promotes the club at SafeRider events and hosts publicity stands at local shows such as Copdock, etc. It is affiliated with the Institute of Advanced Motorists and its members must also be members of the IAM.

Main achievements during the year

The enduring effect of the Corona Virus pandemic is that our Group Nights are still running at only 80% attendance compared to pre-Covid times. However, taking advantage of the fact that our accounts were very healthy due to two years reduced expenditure, we invested heavily in promotional clothing, giveaways and our general presentation. We noticed a missed opportunity at the various shows we attend and purchased the necessary technology to enable us to sign-up new members on the spot. This has proved to be highly successful.

We also upgraded our web-site to enable us to be more interactive with our members.

Whilst Group Night revenue is important to us, the continued high level of membership and membership subscriptions; plus the £3000 donation from Copdock, continue to keep us in a healthy financial position.

SUFFOLK ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
Registered Charity no. 1067800

Examiners report on accounts for year ending 31st December 2022

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- (ii) To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act
- (iii) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directives given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners qualified statement

In connection with my examination, all matters arising were resolved satisfactorily. I therefore have no reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met.

Mary Lal-Sagar
3 Davey Lane
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

Income		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	*Notes		
Subscription (Inc. SFL)		6476	5605
Gift Aid tax refund		1129	1269
Donations		5	5
Income from Social Events		590	217
Advertising Income		600	668
Promotional Income	*1	3000	3000
Sundry Income		5	18
		<hr/> 11,800	<hr/> 8,162
Expenditure			
Group Administration	*3	6164	4006
Insurance		152	0
Social Events		657	457
R/Leaders & Observers		890	220
Training; equipment & books		1032	1249
Promotion	*2	5882	194
Reimbursed "Young Riders"		283	99
		<hr/> 15,059	<hr/> 6,226
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<hr/> -3,259	<hr/> 4,555

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
Cash Assets		
Bank Account	24,710	27,969
Outstanding cheques, etc.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets	24,710	27,969
Represented by:		
Balance at 1 st January 2021	27,969	23,414
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>-3,259</u>	<u>4,555</u>
	24,710	27,969

Notes to the Accounts

Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a “receipts and payments basis” and in accordance with S42 (3) Charities Act 1993.

1. Promotion income:

Promotional income is specifically awarded to SAM to promote the objectives of the group.

	£	
Promotional Income	3,000	
2. Promotional Expenses	<u>(5882)</u>	
	-2,882	

3. Group administration costs:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Room hire	3,039	1212
Monthly magazine costs	2,616	2,346
Postage & Stationery	253	299
Professional fees	80	80
Sundries	<u>176</u>	<u>70</u>
	6,164	4,006

RIDE LEADERS



SOCIAL RIDE COORDINATOR

🏍️ Trevor Read

RIDE LEADERS

🏍️ Eric Aldridge 🏍️ Ken Beckinsale 🏍️ Kevin Bolt 🏍️ Chris Bond
🏍️ Jeremy Duszynski 🏍️ Brian Ellis 🏍️ Vini Evans 🏍️ Dave Frankin
🏍️ Mike Roberts 🏍️ Steve Hart 🏍️ Jon Marriott 🏍️ Alex Jones
🏍️ Fred Sparrow 🏍️ Andrew Robotham 🏍️ Les Smith
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OBSERVER / ASSOCIATE CHARTER

Purpose

The purpose of the Charter is to make clear the definition of what is expected in the Observer / Associate relationship.

The Observers

Have made the effort to train, not only for the IAM test but have taken part in extensive Observer training to become Observers for the group. They are a valuable asset to the group and give of their time freely, except for a small contribution from the associates for their expenses. Observers attend regular refresher training sessions with National Observers, support theory nights and Riding Dexterity days.

The Associates

- ❧ Must have good bike control skills to complete their course. If it is found that the Associate is lacking in this department and therefore dangerous, it will be suggested that the associate will need to seek further training from a qualified trainer at their own expense with another organisation before continuing with their Advanced course.
- ❧ Are expected to have an equal commitment, with the goal being the IAM test.
- ❧ Are to be available for regular Observed Rides ideally every two weeks with at least 100 practice miles being covered in that period. Continuity cannot be maintained with regular gaps of three weeks or more, or no miles between observed rides.
- ❧ Must agree the dates of the next runs at the debriefing and must practice any improvement recommendations between the runs.
- ❧ Will where possible attend a riding Dexterity Day to improve their slow speed manoeuvres and control.
- ❧ Must make an effort to study the theory by reading 'Advanced Rider Book' and the Highway Code plus attend club Theory Nights when possible.
- ❧ Cancellation of a planned run due to poor weather conditions will be at the discretion of the Observer. If after a period of one month, an Observer has not heard from the Associate it will be assumed that interest has been lost and the Associate will be placed back at the bottom of the waiting list.

- 👤 When the Observer feels the associate is riding consistently at the test standard a Cross check will be arranged with a National Observer.
- 👤 The Observer will give as much help and encouragement as possible, but the onus is on the associate to endeavour.

WHERE ARE WE GOING AND HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE? Social Rides in February

Breakfast Run to Grumpy's, Church Road, Earsham on 5th, Start from from Beacon Hills Services. Please arrive in time for departure at **09.30** latest. Route is via Peasenhall, Halesworth, Bungay. A distance of 37 miles taking around an hour

Saturday Jaunt to Browns Cafe, Mundford on the 18th, Depart from Beacon Hill Services. Please arrive in time for **12.30** departure latest. Route via Stow, Rickingham, Diss, Wymondham, Watton. A distance of 67 miles taking 1hr 35mins

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Secretary,

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Paul Milner,

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SAM EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

Please see website and magazine for updates

JANUARY 2023

Wednesday 18th **SAM Group Night.** Announcements followed by Guest speaker, **Jim Jarvie O.B.E.** Identifying, investigating and prosecuting drug smuggling in the UK or see the Calendar for latest info. **19:30~22:00** at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich **IP5 1JF** Bar serving drinks, including teas and coffees.

Saturday 21st **Saturday Jaunt** to Wild Blackberry at Bromeswell. Meet at Beacon Hill Services in time for 12.30 departure

Wednesday 25th **Theory Evening** 19:00 ~ 22:00. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. topic this month it is Overtaking with Paul Newman as the tutor. Meet in the Board Room

FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday 1st **SAM Committee meeting 19:00~22:00.** Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich **IP5 1JF**

Sunday 5th **Breakfast run** to Grumpy's, Church Road, Earsham, Start from from Beacon Hills Services, Please arrive in time for departure at **09.30** latest

Wednesday 15th **SAM Group Night.** Announcements, AGM, followed by Guest speaker, TBA or see the Calendar for latest info. **19:30~22:00** at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich **IP5 1JF** Bar serving drinks, including teas and coffees.

Saturday 18th **Saturday Jaunt** to Browns Cafe, Mundford. Depart from Beacon Hill Services. Please arrive in time for **12.30** departure latest

Wednesday 22nd **Theory Evening** 19:00 ~ 22:00. Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. Topic: To be confirmed, Contact: Paul Ballard, Meet in The Board Room

MARCH 2023

Wednesday 1st **SAM Committee meeting 19:00~22:00.** Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich **IP5 1JF**

Sunday 5th **Breakfast run** to Mr D's Diner, Hatfield Peverel. Meet at Beacon Hill Services in time for **09.00** departure

Wednesday 15th **SAM Group Night.** Announcements, AGM, followed by Guest speaker, TBA or see the Calendar for latest info. **19:30~22:00** at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich **IP5 1JF** Bar serving drinks, including teas and coffees.

Saturday 18th **Saturday Jaunt** to Goodies Food Hall, Long Stratton. Meet at Beacon Hill Services in time for **13.00** departure



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CONTACTS

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

<https://suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/contact-us/>

CALENDAR

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

<https://suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/sam-calendar/>

OBSERVER ASSOCIATE CHARTER

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

<https://suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SAM-Members-Group-Social-Rides-Charter.pdf>

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[TBA](#)

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[TBA](#)

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FORUM

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

EDITORIAL 2023



Trust you all had a great Christmas and relaxing New Year.

I moved the bike into the garage and it got so excited that it peeed itself all over the floor, so now I have to take it to bits to find out why??

We thundered down the motorway to Bristol to spend Christmas with the family but as they don't have room for us we dragged the caravan down with us. We were so glad the cold snap had finished, it just rained all the time we were there. Just to rub it in as soon as we arrived home the sun came out.

Well February magazine could be my last magazine as your editor, and I have thoroughly enjoyed doing it, it also helped no end with my dyslexia which has been a bonus. So I hope that you're all help the new editor by sending in as many story's as you can

For everyone who has sent in and supported the magazine, Thank you

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THANK YOU

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

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Please check the SAM Calendar, Forum & Facebook page 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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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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Michael Coutharde-Steer presented
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