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Cover, from Leanda Hoyland-Linch of her R1250RS after a very muddy afternoon jaunt.

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# EDITORIAL MUSINGS

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## Tony Chyc

I'm writing this from a holiday cottage in Leicestershire. Most of the week has been some combination of cold, wet and windy. Today it's all three – at least we haven't seen the threatened sleet or snow. The combination of the miserable weather and some joint problems means that I've only been out on my bike once this year. My BMW Connected app records all my rides even when the sat nav functionality fails. It is pretty comprehensive:

Total distance 27 miles

Riding time 41 minutes

Average speed 40 mph

Minimum temperature 7oC

Maximum temperature 9oC

Minimum altitude 156 feet

Maximum altitude 323 feet

Maximum speed 78 mph (oops)

Maximum left lean angle 23o

Maximum right lean angle 26o

Maximum acceleration 0.4g

Maximum deceleration 0.7g

So what, if anything, does this tell me about my ride? It confirms what we already knew that there is a distinct lack of hills and hairpin bends in East Anglia. I obviously got a little carried away overtaking on the A12 – easily done! It does look as if the weather might improve soon so I will definitely be getting out more on my bike. I'm toying with the idea of a short trip to northern France in the spring. We have accommodation booked for Spain in September and could fly there or spend more time and money taking the bike



# EDITORIAL MUSINGS

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there. There look to be some interesting roads in the area we're heading for. It's fair to say that discussions are ongoing in the Chyc household regarding transport for that holiday... What about the rest of you? Chef's challenge? Day trips? Touring in the UK? Touring abroad? I realise that some of you have to book annual leave and don't have as much spare time as us retired chaps. In many ways that's all the more reason to get planning. Of course, whenever you're out and about on your bike we always appreciate photos and comments for the magazine. It doesn't have to be a major article unless you have had a particularly special experience.

We did mention in last month's magazine that the new Norwich BMW Motorrad dealer will be having an open morning at the Norwich Food Hall on 7th March. We only had the date and not the time when we went to press. It is 9am to noon. Sounds like yet another good excuse for a ride!

*Tony Chyc*

## **Leanda Hoyland-Linch**

As I type, there appears to be a very strange apparition outside. It's vivid cerulean blue and has something resembling a big whiteish/yellow ball tentatively hovering within. Could it be the sun and sky? It must be a misprint!

The daffodils in my garden tell me it is Spring, so is it really safe to emerge from the murky months of hibernation?

January and February were pretty much a write-off weather-wise except for the odd

the odd day. Fortunately, one of those was February 21st when a decent cohort of SAM members met at Stowmarket Tesco for the jaunt over to Perrywoods Garden Centre in Sudbury. It was a great ride, though not without its challenges; floods, craters, and slippery mud among them. My bike was still filthy from my previous ride and enjoyed yet another coating of mud.

February's Group Night and AGM was well attended. It was a proud night for me, as I walked away not just with a fabulous piece of silverware - the Maddox Cup, awarded to 'the Member who has made and outstanding contribution to the running of the Club', but also the title of Vice-Chair of the SAM Committee.

Congratulations to the other award winners. It was a very enjoyable evening and so good to see it well-supported.





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# EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Our Events Co-ordinator, Ian Bishop, has filled this year with some great speakers and events. I am looking forward to seeing Lois Pryce at our next one. Another date for your diaries is September 15th, when our group night will be held at Bentwaters Cold War Museum. There will be an hour-long ride to the Museum from Kesgrave, then a chance to explore this fascinating place, which is housed in the former hardened bunker and control centre of RAF Bentwaters. There will be an opportunity to visit the restoration hangar which is in a restricted area of the site. The Museum has a cafe, with a great choice of hot and cold food and drink. More details will follow nearer the time.

With the general craziness created by mad men going on in the world now, and the inevitable increase in energy costs, motorists will again be hit very hard at the pumps. As motorcyclists, we can enjoy a crumb of comfort in the knowledge that we have an alternative and more economical form of transport than our

gas-guzzling four-wheelers (*Insert smug chortle from EV drivers here!*)

I will be making the most of lots of riding opportunities coming up - as an escape from all the bad news if nothing else. This weekend I'll be heading to the Group 1 BMW launch event at Norfolk Food Hall - please remember to book to help them with catering - and early in May I am heading north to do the NC500 with a Scottish Bike Club. Meanwhile there's the Chief's Challenge to get stuck into (as well as the menu at the various food destinations). Will we all be a stone heavier by the awards night in November? Probably!!

Meanwhile, I have my fingers crossed that current world instability does not thwart my trip to New York in a few week's time. I will be on two wheels whilst there, but without an engine, as apparently, cycling is the best way to explore Central Park.

If you are submitting copy for April's issue of the magazine, please send it to Tony Chyc asap, as I will aim to get as much of the magazine layout done before I leave.

Hope to see you at group night.

*Leanda Hoyle-Jinch*

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# NEW MEMBERS, AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

## New Members

Guy Halliday

Ian Mitchell

Philip Elder

Daniel Robinson

## Certificates

Marcus Cousins

His Observer was Nick Braley.



## Have you registered for the Chief (Chef's) Challenge yet?

To take part, email Chief Observer, Mike Roberts, on :chef-challenge-2026@mjrproductions.co.uk

Marcus Cousins being presented with his SAM badge after passing his test.



# Q&A: MIKE DEWEY, ASSOCIATE

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## First bike?

When I was 16, I found a yellow Puch VZ50 for £40. It had three-speed twist grip gears. 35mph, but freedom, until it became unreliable. To replace it I found another Puch, an M50s this time. A bit faster with foot change gears, brought from a friend. I recall this being an enjoyable time going around with friends on FSIE's and AP50's.

## Bike history?

I moved up to an Orange CB125s, on which I took my test in 1982. I remember my father lending me £10 so I could take the test before the two-part one came in. Fortunately I passed first time. In those days, having a full licence made you popular as girls seemed to like being a pillion. I had to wait until I earned a wage to get my next bike, a Honda CX500, on which I started going further with trips to John O'Groats and Wales. Unfortunately, it was the B model which had inherent cam chain issues. Of course it broke, causing me to get a new engine. I sold it quickly after that. At the time we were British bike enthusiasts so I found a 1982 Triumph Bonneville T140E for sale. It had damaged forks but was only £900, so easily fixed. It turned out to be not the best buy: lots of



maintenance and AA recovery. We parted company when it was stolen from a bike park in Colchester town centre.

The next bike was a 1991 Super Tenere which I still have. I used it for ten years until kids came along and it was laid up for nearly 20 years in the garage and sheds.

In 2021, a friend loaned me a bike which reignited my passion for riding. During COVID I restored it, then rode it regularly for the next three years. It still has an MOT.

The next bike was one I had wanted for a while; a BMW R1250 GSA. It's a great ride every time I take it out. The easiest ride I ever had to the south of France. Other bikes I keep abroad: a BMW G650 XCountry. We use it to explore the French countryside and small villages when we are on holiday. A nine-litre fuel tank can be a little challenging sometimes. I also have a 1970 Velosolex fun 50cc with an engine that rests on top of the front wheel. My wife found it for me, and it cost four bottles of beer from someone who was going to take it to the skip.



# Q&A: MIKE DEWEY, ASSOCIATE

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## **Favourite Bike?**

BMW R1250GSA.

## **Best ride?**

Riding to my wedding in the south of France, on the Super Tenere, then riding up to the church escorted by a couple of other bikes in top hat and tails, followed by a honeymoon riding over the Pyrenees down to Barcelona and along the coast to Valencia, before riding back through the middle of Spain to catch the ferry at Santander.

## **Worst ride?**

Most long rides on the Triumph, especially riding to Scotland with my girlfriend (now my wife) in the rain. Breaking down just outside Inverness and getting recovered to a campsite by the AA. Then waiting three

days for a new alternator to be delivered, still in the rain. If I charged the battery we could go out for half an hour. The wife-to-be was not impressed, but we did get home eventually.

## **Furthest ride?**

Valencia in Spain from France in two days.

## **Favourite Pit Stop?**

Munchies Café Aldeburgh. It opens early enough on a Sunday morning to get a coffee and bacon roll.

## **How long an IAM member?**

I joined SAM at the Copdock Bike Show in 2025 so I am still an Associate. I was advised to go to the SAM tent as was looking to take an advanced rider test. It didn't take much encouragement for me to sign up and I have enjoyed being an Associate and going out on observed rides with Tony Chyc.

## **Favourite Bike Shop?**

I don't really have a favourite bike shop as I have tried to maintain and service the bikes I've had myself. The BMW GSA being the exception.



*Mike Dewey*



# GROUP NIGHT AND AGM - FEBRUARY 18th

There was a very decent turnout for February Awards Night which included award presentations and the SAM 2026 AGM.

A full report of the Officer's statements is available along with a record of nominations and votes.

All previous committee members except for Tony Chyc, who resigned as Vice-Chair, were unanimously re-elected. Leanda Hoyland-Linch was elected as Vice-Chair.

## Officers

Chairman :Trevor Read  
Vice Chair: Leanda Hoyland-Linch  
Secretary: Bruce Pearce  
Treasurer: Bryan Duncan

## Committee Members

Chief Observer: Mike Roberts  
Membership Secretary: Dave Franklin  
Caring SAM/Charity Co-ordinator: Brian Ellis  
Social Ride Coordinator: Phil DeBoise  
Associate Co-ordinator: Robert Rhodes  
Continuous Training: Geoff Scott  
Events Organiser: Ian Bishop  
Webmaster & Communications: Les Smith  
Magazine Co-Editor: Leanda Hoyland-Linch  
Magazine Co-Editor: Tony Chyc

## Awards

The Glynn Hill Trophy, chosen by the Chairman: Tony Chyc

(collected in his absence by Leanda Hoyland-Linch and presented by Linda and Emma Hill.



# GROUP NIGHT AND AGM - FEBRUARY 18th

**The Rob Day Trophy for the best new Observer:**

Bruce Pearce  
Presented by Rob Day

**The Maddox Cup for The Member who has made an outstanding contribution to the running of the Club:**

Leanda Hoyland-Linch  
Presented by Trevor Read

**The Gosden Trophy for the Associate with the most sparkle and enthusiasm:**

Natalie Bannister  
Presented by Mike Roberts

**The Trevor Arbon Ride Leader Award:**

Phil De Boise  
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# WHEN IN ROME - NICK BRALEY

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Riding or driving overseas throws up a series of challenges with a recurring dilemma of following the locals or sticking to what you know best.

Sometimes the decision is quite easy. Just because the locals tailgate, doesn't make it safe or sensible, and as I always think, what do you gain anyway? Very little, but you lose plenty, including the vision that can help set up an overtake.

Speed is another one: when all the locals drive 20 kph over the limit do you go along with that or risk becoming a hazard by holding everyone up and/or encouraging dangerous overtaking? Personal choice, and I might take the Fifth Amendment on that one.

Now, living/working/holidaying in various places, I've had a number of fines over the years for a few run-ins with the local plod. Driving with my arm out the window in Malawi was the most bizarre, but I got a new one this year: a warning for advanced driving.

I'll set the scene. A mountain road, proper twisty and a half-decent hire car capable of a progressive drive. Not Alpha Romeo standard but a nice upgrade from the Skoda Fabia I'd driven in Tasmania a few weeks earlier. So faced with a series of tight bends, I use my road position (in IPSGA) to make sure I get a decent view around the bends, some straight lining when safe, all whilst staying within the speed limits and being sure not to cross any solid lines as or when they appear. You

know when you're 'on it' and I proper flew up and down this one pass, saw off more than a few campers and an Audi RS, driven by someone without the ability to use it - nothing new there. He tried, he really did, but getting that view not only keeps you safe, but it also speeds you up too. Not braking ahead of every bend, smoothly gliding through the bends, using all the info you can, including the sat-nav to know when to set up a possible overtake off the right hander...

I get to the valley, park up and check in to my hotel with a big grin as happens after a decent drive. It was a day I'd have much rather have been on a bike but given the rain I'd encountered, a rare one on this holiday in NZ.

The grin is soon wiped when I see the hotel I've booked, but I don't mess about. On the mobile and I sorted out another hotel 50 miles down the road and a chance to enjoy a couple more mountain roads. Later I check out the reviews of the hotel and the one from the day before is titled "Texas chainsaw massacre vibe". Guess I am not the only one unimpressed. Trust me, I don't have high standards when it comes to hotels. I once stayed in a hotel in Kenya for £1 a night which was probably a fair price.

Anyhow, as I get to my car, one of NZ's finest approaches me and asks if I have just driven in over the mountain road. Being the polite type I confirm I have at which point he informs me he's had a report that I was frequently driving on the opposite side of the road. 'Yeah, on approaching a left hander, I'll use my road position to get



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# WHEN IN ROME - NICK BRALEY

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a view, Officer. In the UK we learn to use the whole road to keep ourselves safe. Advanced driving, based on the police roadcraft system. I teach it on motorbikes'. He then proceeds to tell me he's never heard of it and that it is dangerous to drive on the other side of the road and that it's an offence in NZ. Not sure of his knowledge of the law, I politely asked how you can overtake then? He conceded that it was legal for overtaking but not for helping to improve your vision ahead of a bend. I said I'd tone it down, appreciating that offsideing evidently is new to this part of the world, unlike Europe where it's clearly well established as the norm on mountain roads.

So, after a document check I was let off with an official warning and told my car was now 'tagged' and any future

infringement or reports of similar driving would mean a \$150 fine. Like an ASBO but for bad boys in cars! So now I have a choice: Drive in a manner I consider to be safer but risk a fine for so doing? When in Rome... I actually opted for the sensible middle way, to drive as I like to but not if I am in sight of another car. That way there's no one to get upset and report you.

What sort of driver approaches a copper to report someone for offsideing anyway? Maybe the driver of a souped-up Audi RS who had his ego bruised on a mountain pass by the driver of a Kia Niro? Guess the ego of Audi drivers is one thing that is the same wherever you are.

*Nick Braley*

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- Planning and Positioning
- Cornering
- Gears and Acceleration

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



Next theory night: Wednesday 25th March  
Subject: Gears and Acceleration  
7.30 pm to 10 pm.

*Mike Roberts*  
SAM Chief Observer

**Remember you can register for this event on the SAM website!**

*Check out SAM National, and Chief Observer, Mike Roberts' series of useful Youtube videos covering theory and riding skills. Follow Mike: [www.youtube.com/@mikeroberts](http://www.youtube.com/@mikeroberts)*



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## Group I Norwich BMW Motorrad Welcome Event!

Group I Norwich BMW welcome you to celebrate the opening of the brand-new Motorrad Site in Norwich!

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Location: Norfolk Food Hall, Dereham Rd, Norwich NR5 0TT.



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# SAM EVENTS: MARCH

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## MARCH 2026

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### **Wednesday March 4th**

Committee Meeting 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF

### **Wednesday March 18th**

SAM Group Night. Announcements at 19:30 followed by Lois Pryce. Lois Pryce is a British author, journalist and a founder/curator of the Adventure Travel Film Festival. She is the author of *Lois on the Loose*, *Red Tape & White Knuckles* and *Revolutionary Ride*, travel memoirs about her solo motorcycle journeys through the Americas, Africa and Iran. This will be advertised to other local groups, so we expect a larger than normal turnout. Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF Bar serving drinks, including soft drinks, etc.

NOTE: The Bar only accepts card payments - no cash.

### **Saturday March 21st**

Saturday Jaunt to Southwold.

Meet at Mototechniks, Stowmarket in time for the first group to leave by 12.30 pm.

Route via Mickfield, Debenham, Sibton and on to Old Hall Cafe Southwold.

A distance of 42 miles taking around 1 ¼ hrs

### **Saturday March 22nd**

Motorcycle Dexterity & Control

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### **Wednesday March 25th**

Theory Evening – Gears and Acceleration. 7.30 pm to 10 pm

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich IP5 1JF

Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. Meet in The Board Room.

**Please, please, please note that if you do not arrive by the stated time for ride outs, they may leave without you. It is also helpful if you sign up via Eventbrite so that we know numbers for catering and ride leaders.**

# SAM EVENTS: APRIL

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## APRIL 2026

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### **Wednesday April 1st**

Committee Meeting 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF

### **Sunday April 5th**

Breakfast Run to Silver Ball Café, London Road. Reed, Royston, SG8 8BD. 01763 848200.

Meet at Tescos, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7JS in time for the first group to leave by 08:30.

A distance of 55 miles taking approximately 1 hr 30mins.

**Please note the earlier start time!**

### **Wednesday April 15th**

SAM Group Night. Announcements at 19:30 followed by a talk by our own Karen Clarke about her solo tour of Scandinavia.

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF

Bar serving drinks, including soft drinks, etc.

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### **Saturday April 18th**

Saturday Jaunt to Millers Kitchen, Kersey. Meet at Wherstead Services, IP2 8NQ in time for the first group to leave by 12.30 pm. A shorter distance of 40 miles taking just over an hour and quarter so you can enjoy the scenery of the West Suffolk countryside

### **Wednesday April 22nd**

Theory Evening – Overtaking. 7.30 pm to 10 pm

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich IP5 1JF

Come along and learn more about Roadcraft. Meet in The Board Room.

### **Thursday April 23rd**

The first Chip Run of the year to The Codfather, King Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EQ

A distance of 34 miles taking almost exactly an hour. Be ready to leave B&M at Copdock for 17.30pm.

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# A LOOK BACK AT SOCIAL RIDES IN FEBRUARY

## **Saturday Jaunt to Perrywoods (Sudbury) – 21st February 2026**

A healthy number of twenty-five SAM members turned up for our first visit to the new Perrywoods branch at Sudbury and were not disappointed. There was the threat of rain in the air but held off until early evening, but unfortunately you couldn't say the same for the roads as they were terrible but at least they provided entertainment on who had the dirtiest bike. Weather and roads apart, it was a good to get out on two-wheels. The staff and food at Perrywoods were excellent and certainly worth a visit again.

## **Breakfast Run to Café 24, Stonham Barns - 1st March 2026**

Numbers were slightly down for the last winter breakfast run which saw eighteen members defy the poor weather forecast to meet up at B&M Copdock, Ipswich. It certainly felt like Groundhog Day with the constant forecast of rain, but fingers crossed, it should improve over the next couple of weeks. The roads were quite dry apart from the odd few puddles and I realise how much this makes such a difference to the riding experience. All riders completed the ride safely and Café 24 did their usual efficiency in looking

after us. This is our last 09.30 start, so personally I'm looking forward to going back to the 08.30am start and of course the warm weather.

*Phil DeBoise*



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## **Saturday Jaunt, 21st March, to Old Hall Café, Southwold**

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[Café With Walks Southwold Suffolk](#) | [Old Hall Southwold](#) | [Southwold](#)

Don't forget to turn up early at Mototechniks before the first group leaves at 12.30pm. It gives you a chance to see those brand-new motorcycles to tempt you and to say hello to the team in Mototechniks. Old Hall Café is a new venue for SAM but I'm sure if you have children, dogs or grandchildren you will have already visited the venue (especially in summer when the Maize Maze is open- you will get lost by the way). This jaunt is just over 42 miles and should take approx. 1hr 15min.

Leaving Mototechniks head to the garage first and go around joining Tot Hill towards Haughley, then turn right and right again onto Station Road, then over the level crossing and across the Finningham crossroads. Stay on this road as it goes one way then another giving you some good Suffolk County views, but don't relax too much or you'll miss the left turn towards Middlewood Green. Remember to stop at the A140 crossroads then go straight over passing through Mickfield and onto Debenham. Take a right onto the B1077 and take the left turn as it joins the A1120. Now it's a case of staying on the A1120 all the way until you get to Sibton where you will turn left on the Heveningham Long Lane (be prepared for some undulations) and turn right when it meets the B1117. Now follow this road all the way towards Halesworth where you will pick up the Southwold Road (B1123). As you get to the A145 junction, it's a right, left (A12) then right onto the A1095 where you will stay on this road until you can see the Old Hall Café establishment on the right opposite the Brewery.

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## **Breakfast Run, 5th April, Silver Ball Café from Tesco's, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7JS**

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Silver Ball Café, London Road, Reed, Royston, SG8 8BD 01763 848200

This run is a welcome return to one of the established biker venues in Hertfordshire. It's a blast from the past with usually a wide variety of machines both new and old and also signifies a return to 08.30am starts which means the end of winter (fingers crossed). Starting off at Tesco's, Bury St Edmunds, it's a short distance to join the A14 for one junction Westbound before turning off and heading towards Westley. Keep on the road passing through Horringer joining the A143 and staying on the road passing through Wickham Street then turning left going through Stradishall onto the B1063 where shortly you will arrive at Clare, where you will pick up the A1092 to Stoke By Clare, passing through the small villages of Baythorne End and New England where you will turn left onto the A1017 and cross County border of Cambridgeshire. Follow the road to Steeple Bumstead turning onto the B1054 then the B1051 at Great Samford. Follow the

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road to Thaxted before turning right onto the B184 and head Northwards until you hit Elder Street. Turn right and head towards the larger town of Newport. Turn left onto the B1039 go through the great name of Wendens Ambo and go over the M11. Now stay on the B1039 and again head Northwards until you reach Barley where the road becomes the B1368. Don't forget to deviate to the right at Barkway and the A10 will be very close. When you meet the A10, take care when joining the carriageway and get ready to turn off left at the Silver Ball café. A distance of 55 miles taking approximately 1hr 30mins.

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## **Saturday Jaunt, 18th April, to Millers Kitchen, Kersey leaving from Wherstead Services, IP2 8NQ**

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[Café, The Miller's Kitchen, Kersey](#)

Another return to a popular venue for our Saturday afternoon jaunt. It's Kersey Mill – Millers Kitchen and quite popular within the SAM members who drop in for a coffee, breakfast and cake. Don't forget, it closes at 16:00pm so don't arrive too late in the day. A shorter distance of 40 miles taking just over an hour and quarter so you can enjoy the scenery of the West Suffolk countryside. Starting at the new Wherstead Services for a 12:30pm departure at the top of the A14 / A137 junction, head down the hill towards Ipswich and at the bottom, go round the roundabout and follow the River Orwell towards Holbrook. Keep going and Alton Water will be on your right and the River Stour on your left. Go through Stutton on the B1080 and join the A137 at Brantham and head into Manningtree. Stay on the A137 until the top of the hill by the garage and head off towards Lawford on the B1029 and eventually Dedham. Go under the A12 at Stratford St Mary turning right towards Higham. At the junction of the B1068, bear left and head towards Stoke By Nayland until you reach the A134 North of Leavenheath and make your way through Newton Green turning right as you leave the village, towards Great Waldingfield and through to the lovely town of Lavenham with those beautiful buildings. In Lavenham, turn right onto the A1141 and stay on the road until you reach Millers Kitchen at Kersey Mill. Enjoy your cake and tea.

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## **Thursday Chip Run, 23rd April, to The Codfather, King Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EQ**

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[The Codfather](#)

Yahoo, our first Chip Run of the year sees us return to the popular Codfather fish and chip restaurant in Sudbury. We always receive a warm welcome and there's plenty of room for hungry riders. A distance of 34 miles taking almost exactly an hour. Be ready

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to leave B&M at Copdock for 17.30pm. Riders will travel one junction eastwards on the A14 getting off at the A14 to head down the hill turning right at the roundabout. Follow the B1456 along the Strand shadowing the River Orwell and take the Holbrook turning. Then follow the road through Holbrook, Stutton and take the left when the A137 joins at Brantham. Cross the River Stour, the railway line and head up the hill, turning right to follow the A137 to Ardleigh, then turn right onto the B1029 and cross over the A12 at Langham. Turn right at Boxted and you'll enjoy the many twists and turns of this road until you reach the A134. Turn right to go through Nayland, Leavenheath, Newton Green and finally Sudbury. Then it's a short drive to the town centre and the Codfather restaurant can be found on the left at the market square on King Street.

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Enjoy the rides,

*Phil DeBoise*

Ride Leader and Social Ride Co-Ordinator

## Group night pics!



# LAWSHALL MOTORWORKS

The BMW owners among us were very disappointed by the closure of Reiten Motorrad. For those of you who haven't heard Ethan Stenner who was one of the mechanics in the Reiten Motorrad workshop has started his own business. Ethan is obviously a BMW specialist but will happily work on other makes too. These are the services he is currently offering:

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Online calendar with relevant links which can also be linked to your smartphone.

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## Observer Associate Charter

What is expected of the Observer and Associate while preparing for the IAM motorcycle test.

Contact: Mike Roberts, Chief Observer.

<https://suffolk-advanced-motorcyclists.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Observer-Associate-Charter-New-2022.pdf>

## Caring SAM

Our customer service and complaints.

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## Group Social Ride Charter

Group Social Ride Charter which should be read by anyone wanting to come on a social ride. Its link is:

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

## Discount Scheme

Proof of identity will be required to be shown. (e.g. Current IAM membership card). Save your membership fee, and more, by using these retailers who give a discount to SAM members.

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