

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders



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Happy New Year to one and all.

It hasn't been biking weather especially not for those of us who live up above the snow line. The Tutors have had to take a sabbatical due to the risk from the state of the roads. It is always best to err on the side of safety, also who likes to get their pride and joy covered in road salt.

Your committee met on Wednesday 17th January at the Four Crosses. There was a good turn out with only two members missing, they were on holiday sunning themselves. I am not saying that I have green eyes but

SaPAR as a group will have a stand at both Meole Brace and Cosford for the 2018 Bike4Life. The date of of this for your diary is Sunday 22nd April. Please we need volunteers to staff the stands at both venues and we need at least four bikes at Cosford. Don't feel shy, all the help we can get is most welcome, let me have your names as soon as possible. Times for both venues to be confirmed.

Our own event the Meet and Greet is on Sunday 13th May at the Montford Bridge picnic area, again we will need people to staff the stand and Tutors for the assessed rides. A good turn out would be great as we are running this event in association with IAM and Blood Bikes. We are also hoping to have a presence from the Police and Safer Roads Partnership. Our other events this year are, Wistanstow, Broseley, Forden and possibly Llangollen. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

RoSPA has now given the area we come under a new RoSPA Regional Co-ordinator, Richard Howes. Any dealings with head office will now need to be directed through him.

As a group we are affiliated to RoSPA but also affiliated to the BMF. This in turn means that our members are Affiliated members of the BMF and their preferred insurer, BikeSure, offer a discount to members so bear them in mind when renewing your bike insurance.

The BikerDown course run by Powys Council was well attended with those people who had never attended anything like this before said it was an eye opener. We intend putting on some further days so keep your eyes open for e-mails, on the web page and the newsletter. Just remember the most important person at the scene of a road traffic collision is you. Your safety is paramount, you do not want to add to the casualty figures!

We have 95 members at the moment and there is a waiting list for Associates to be allocated to Tutors so please, if you are allocated a Tutor try to get out with them when the weather improves.

Ride outs are due to start in March, weather permitting. The ride leader, leads the ride(!), it is not a race and that is why we use the second bike drop off system to mark junctions and have a tail end Charlie. You are responsible for your own riding at all times and there is no need to exceed any speed limits. Ken Swinton is the ride leader co-ordinator, so if you would like to lead a ride contact Ken, he is also our web master. Glyn Jones is the Facebook page administrator and Glyn would like items submitted to him for inclusion on the group page. Any photos, or videos, taken at events or ride outs can be given to Ken or Glyn.

This is a very big please, if you have re-taken your RoSPA test but have not let the group know please do so. We need to keep our records up to date re the numbers of Associates and Full Members. Tina has sent an e-mail to those who we believe have let their test lapse. If you have received such e-mail, please reply to Tina. Thank you.

There is a Tutor evening on Tuesday 30th January at the Four Crosses, Bicton at 7pm. Can all Tutors please try to be there with Roadcraft books as we need to ensure everyone has the latest version.

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Group curry night, Wednesday 28th February, 7.30pm at the Bangaly Pride, Oakengates, Telford. There are 20 places up for grabs, let Tina know on membership@saparweb.com if you want to go.

Last laugh.

I can resist anything, except temptation!

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