

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders



Newsletter March 2018.

Welcome members, this is a joint newsletter for February and March.

Firstly a reminder that April's ride out is on the second Sunday in April, the 8th, and not the 1st, due to Easter. Ken is the leader so pray for good weather. A statement of fact from the ride lead co-ordinator, **NO RIDE LEADER = NO RIDE**. There is a vacancy for a ride leaders in July, November and December, speak to Ken, don't be shy.

RoSPA has set up a Facebook page and Ken has put a link to it on our web site. Have a look and let the committee know what you think.

Bill has been working with the Safer Roads Partnership and the local IAM group (SAMM) on a joint leaflet to promote safer riding, all looked good until RoSPA Head Office said NO. They will not let us use the RoSPA logo alongside the IAM logo, so we are using our SaPAR logo instead.

The forms for the new accreditation scheme have been submitted to RoSPA along with our updated constitution and tutor document. We await the outcome.

Please if you take any photos on ride outs or at events send a copy to Ken for the web site and Glyn for Facebook. We have 94 members at this moment in time so there should be a few photos and a gentle reminder a few members need to pay and some even need to do their re-test! Don't forget SaPAR is affiliated to the BMF, if you are a paid up member of the group you can get discounts on insurance etc through them. Ken has updated our web site to clarify the situation regarding membership fees and renewals. If in doubt have a look.

The Data Protection Act is being updated on the 25th May this year, the changes effect ALL of us. You will now need to opt in to receive communication from the group, newsletters, e-mails etc. New members will fill in a box on the application form, existing members will receive an e-mail regarding the above and will need to reply if they wish to continue receiving contact from the above. **LOOK OUT FOR THE E-MAIL.**

Wistanstow Bike show was cancelled due to the weather, thank you to those who offered to help. Our next event is Bike4Life on 22nd April. The committee decided last year that we as a group would no longer carry out the parking at Meole Brace and has now decided that we will not be having a stand at Meole Brace. We are going to consolidate all our efforts and people at Cosford. Volunteers to staff the stand at Cosford will be needed, we want a good turn out with bikes and members so please if you can help, let me know.

Our Meet and Greet event is on Sunday 13th May at Montford Bridge picnic area, Tutors are needed to carry out the assessed rides and members to staff the stand. This event is being run in conjunction with the IAM and Safer Roads Partnership, please come and support your group. Let me know if you will be there to help staff the stand so we know numbers.

As the good weather is here, polish the bike, cream the leathers and enjoy the ride.

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