

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders



Newsletter May 2018!

Hi all,

The committee held its meeting on 16th May and there was a lot to discuss, namely the RoSPA accreditation scheme and the update on our Meet and Greet that we held on the 13th May. Thank you to everyone who came to that event to help, it was not as busy as last year but we signed up four new members on the day and four more are in the pipeline. Next year we think the rides will start between 10am to 2pm so as not to tie the Tutors and helpers up longer than necessary.

Forden vintage vehicle show is our next event on 23rd September but we are also having a presence at Broseley show on the first weekend of August. Further details to follow.

After lots of very hard work, mainly by Bill our Chair, we have passed the new RoSPA accreditation scheme. This lasts for three years then we have to re-apply to RoSPA Head Office.

There have been two Tutor training ride outs both of which were well attended. If you are having training with a Tutor please do your best to keep to the arranged appointments and read the b.... book. A good working knowledge does help with your riding. There is a crib sheet of the most important pages, if you would like one please e-mail Stuart at training@saparweb.com. I found the crib sheet a great help as it shows you the main points that you need to know.

The Safer Roads Partnership are holding two Biker Down courses in Shropshire later this year. One in Shrewsbury on 22nd September and Telford on 7th October, these courses are free and if you would like to attend one of these courses, please email your details (name, email address, contact telephone number) to Roadsafety1@westmercia.pnn.police.uk You never know when you may need the knowledge you pick up on these courses.

Welcome to a new Tutor Rob Hall, well done to him for passing and good luck with your new Associate who I am sure you will get shortly!

We have 96 members, of which 49 are full, 28 Associates, 5 Honorary, 10 pillion and 4 who are still to pay their subs. Tina, Membership Secretary, prefers payment via the GoCardless scheme as it saves a significant amount of time and potential missed payments. If you have not signed up to this yet and are unsure, please contact Tina on membership@saparweb.com.

The next ride out is Sunday 3rd June and is being led by Phil Noble. Please meet at Montford Bridge picnic area at 9am with a full tank of fuel for a 9.15am briefing. Guests can attend three ride outs then we would like them to join SaPAR, we are after all first and foremost an advanced riding and training group and we like to see a good standard of riding from our members. The July ride out did not generate a volunteer to lead it, on this occasion to prevent it being cancelled Bill, our overworked Chairman, has stepped up to lead it. If you would like to lead a ride but are not sure how to go about it please contact our ride leader Ken on via the contact form on the SaPAR web site (www.saparweb.com, 'Other' tab and then contacts), advice and guidance will be given.

The committee are looking at revamping our group clothing, so if you need any items please contact Mike using the order form on the group web site ('Other' tab and then clothing. Mike does not keep a stock but orders items as they are required.

NOTE – The A5104 down from the far side of the Horseshoe Pass towards Corwen now has a 50mph limit and average speed cameras which are operating, there is also a plain Police bike floating around. We have seen this bike twice, observation is a marvellous thing and much cheaper than a fine. You have been warned.

Remember to complete the GDPR e-mail Tina sent you on 22nd April. At the date of the meeting a number of members had still not responded.

Ride safe and keep it shiny side up.

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