

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders



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Hi members,

Ken now has ride leaders for November and December so weather permitting these rides will run. There are no planned rides for January and February because even if the roads are okay the Montford Bridge picnic area can be icy. The rides commence in March and run the first Sunday of each month, please form an orderly queue to give your name to Ken as a ride leader.

It is never too early to plan events for next year, the committee has agreed on the following:

- 17th March – Wistanstow classic show
- 28th April – a stand at RAF Cosford for Bike4Life
- 19th May – our own Meet and Greet event at Montford Bridge picnic area, along with our guests, SAMM (IAM), Bike Safe, Blood Bikes and The Safer Roads Partnership.
- 4th August – Broseley Festival of Motorcycling.
- 15th September – Forden classic show.

All these events need people to staff the stand and speak to people about SaPAR. You do not have to be a Tutor, Committee member or indeed an Advanced Rider, many hands make light work. I look forward to seeing some new faces as well as some old ones!

Bill, our chair, has attended and co-presented two Biker Down courses, one in Shrewsbury and one in Telford. If you have not attended keep your eyes open for the next round, you are never too old to learn and things change all the time. Keep up to date with current thinking and stay safe.

Does anyone know of a room the committee can hire at a small fee for committee meetings? At the present we are at the Four Crosses but it would be good to look at another venue.

Don't forget the new clothing range that SaPAR now has. The items are very smart and would make nice Christmas presents! Have a look at the web site.

At the time of the committee meeting we had 96 members, 56 Full, 28 Associates, 5 Honorary and 11 Pillions. 91.2 percent of the members now pay their membership of SaPAR by the Go Cardless scheme.

When a new Associate member joins SaPAR they pay for their group Hi Viz vest which is held until they pass their RoSPA advanced motorcycle test. The onus is on the Associate to inform their Tutor when they pass their test so the process can be put into motion to supply the vest. RoSPA Head Office will not inform the group of who is taking their test or any result. This is rather unfair as we as a group do the recruiting and training.

Ken, our web master and ride leader co-ordinator, likes to collect photographs of the ride outs and events to use on our web site. If you take any and wish them to be used contact Ken.

We are thinking of running the training vouchers again this year as potential Christmas presents. Keep an eye out in the local papers for an advert. What better present for a loved one than a voucher for training to help make them safer on the roads.

Glyn our Facebook wizard likes to have items of interest to put up on Facebook. If you see a good video or have any good photos let Glyn have them.

The Christmas bash is booked for Friday 30th November 2018 at The Haughmond, Upton Magna, Shropshire. SY4 4TZ. See the e-mail from Michelle Jennings for more details.

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