

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders

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Hi members,

Happy New Year to all SaPAR members. Your committee met on Wednesday 16th January at our new venue The Riversway Elim Church, Lancaster Road, Shrewsbury. We had changed the location to get a private room without the background music. Don't forget that members are welcome to attend any committee meeting if they wish to do so, they are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

The first Sunday ride out will be on March 3rd 2019, led by Ken our Ride Lead Co-Ordinator. He is very short of volunteers to lead the rides, if there are no ride leaders there will be no rides! Help can be given in the planning stage of your ride but the committee are not going to chase around to get ride leaders. It is the same people each year who lead and the same people who come on the rides, so come on if you enjoy the rides consider putting yourself forward to lead a ride. Stuart is doing July.

Wistanstow classic car and bike show is the first event of the season, the date is Sunday 17th March at Wistanstow village hall. Help will be needed to staff the stand and any member with an old / classic bike may like to display said bike on the SaPAR stand. Please contact Kevin Fletcher if you can help in any way. You can contact a Kevin by using the contact form on the SaPAR web site under the 'Other' tab.

Bike4Life is on Sunday 28th April, at RAF Cosford and SaPAR will need a good presence on the stand with both bodies and bikes. This event precedes our Meet and Greet at Montford Bridge picnic area which we will be advertising at Bike4Life. The Meet and Greet is on Sunday 19th May and is run in partnership with SAMM (IAM), Bike Safe, Blood Bikes and the West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership. The Tutors will be doing assessed rides so members will be needed to staff the stand. Unfortunately, Stuart and I are away for both these events, so please help out if you can.

We are looking to buy new promotional materials for this season as RoSPA has a new logo so we need to update our banners and flag. Our Tutors have new Hi Viz jackets which are very smart and will present a professional image for the group.

Bill, Howard and Stuart have been looking at the time it takes to complete the training of Associates. At present they are allowed a maximum of 10 sessions but there has been no actual time limit over which these take place. It has been agreed by the committee that except in exceptional circumstances any new Associates will have a period of four months from allocation to a Tutor to complete their training. The reason for this is allow the Tutors to progress Associates in a timely manner to help us avoid a long waiting list.

Charles Bridgeman, our social events co-ordinator, has a number of ideas for events that he is working on. An off-road day at Leaton Estates with a possible BBQ, a trip around Weston Park stately home with a possible time trial type event on your own bike on the back drive, a trip to the Isle of Man and a trip to Scotland. If you have any ideas, let him know. Another bike group we are members of is arranging a session with i2i who some of us have been to previously. They have a couple of spare places at the moment if anyone is interested. If so let me know.

We have re-affiliated to the BMF so don't forget that you can get member discounts on a number of products. See the BMF web site for details, the club discount code is **CLB19FJH**.

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