

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders

Newsletter March /April 2019.



Hi members,

There was no newsletter in March so this is a joint one!

There is a recurring theme in all the committee meeting minutes throughout the year, no prizes for guessing what it is. **RIDE LEADERS**

We have asked for members to step up and take on the role of ride leader, we have offered help with the planning and support if needed but there have not been any firm offers. So this year the April ride out will be lead by Ken the rain bringer, the May ride out will be moved to the second Sunday in May (12th) and will go from Montford Bridge picnic are to Weston Park for the group visit. The visit will included the opportunity to take part in a group time trial on one of Weston Park's private roads (this will be at the riders own risk and no liability will be accepted by SaPAR or Weston Park), a look around the gardens and a guided tour of the house. This will all cost £10.00 for members and £20.00 for non-members. There is a limit on numbers so booking is essential and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, please contact me on the e-mail address below to book your place.

The July ride out will be a mystery tour led by Stuart McMillan, with the August ride out going to the Broseley Bike Fest where SaPAR will have a presence. This ride needs a leader, it is not a long ride so come on folks someone needs to step up and take it. There are no other monthly rides planned for this year due to lack of leaders. Ken has looked at the ride attendance sheets for the last 12 months and contacted those who have attended the rides regularly to see if they can be gently nudged into action!

SaPAR now has a new pull up banner and A1 display poster, necessitated by RoSPA's change of logo, ready for the new season. Wistanstow classic bike show has been and gone and the stand was staffed by the same old faces. We need members to help us promote the group at such events and we do not do many each year. Just a few hours of your time would be appreciated, cake is normally available or even provided.

The next event is Bike4Life on Sunday 28th April at RAF Cosford. We need a good presence with bikes for the stand and members to talk to people. Robin Padgett is the logistics master for this event and he needs to know who will help on the day and if they are bringing a bike for the stand. Bikes need to be on the stand by 9am and cannot be removed until the end, normally 3.30pm. Let me know on the e-mail below if you can attend and help and I will pass the information onto Robin.

Meet and Greet at Montford Bridge picnic area, this follows three weeks later on Sunday 19th May. It is run in conjunction with our partners, SAMM (IAM) and the Safer Roads Partnership. We need members to staff the stand as the Tutors will be carrying out assessed rides. Unfortunately Stuart and I are away for both these events so will be unable to attend as we have in previous years. So come on folks we need names up front with a positive commitment, you do not need to stay all day but we need a list up front so we can draw up a rota.

Dave Rogers has taken over his old role as Treasurer, he loves the fact that nearly all members pay their membership fee by GoCardless as it cuts down the amount of work for both David and Tina our Membership Secretary. We currently have 96 members made up of 55 Full, 25 Associates, 5 Honorary and 11 Pillion. There are currently 11 Associates on the training holding list for various reasons. Stuart our Training Officer will be contacting each by e-mail soon to see when they want to commence their training. We need to ensure we can accommodate new members joining and we do not want to return to the dark days of a long waiting list. Look out for the e-mail if you are one of the members on the holding list.

The annual Tutor training ride out took place on Sunday 31st March. I am told it was a productive day and the boys were not just out for a jolly in the sunshine and yes, Ken was there! They have honed their skills on each other and are ready to take on the gauntlet of Associate training.

Mike, our clothing man, has had a new line of clothing done with the new RoSPA logo. So if you need a new polo shirt, fleece, sweatshirt, baseball cap etc contact Mike Kinna. If you look back through your recent e-mail you will find one from him on this very subject.

Ken, the web master, has put a FAQ page on the web site. For those that do not know FAQ stands for Frequently Asked Questions. Stuart and I are also aware of another acronym FSQ, you can work that one out for yourself. If you have a question that you think would be relevant for the FAQ page send it to Ken by using the contact facility on the web page and selecting the recipient as 'Web Info'.. Even if you do not know the answer send it to Ken and I am sure he will sort it. Please keep an eye on the web site Ken puts a lot of work into it, pictures of events and ride outs are always welcome. On that topic do not forget our Facebook page, Glyn, our Facebook guru, again puts a lot of time into this and would appreciate relevant photos, videos etc.

Robin Padgett attended J&S Motorcycles to put some of our leaflets there. J&S offer members a 5% discount on clothing, but only clothing so ask before you assume. After all you do not want to make an ass of you and me, as in you not me!!

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