

Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders

Newsletter July / August 2019.



Hi members,

This is a joint newsletter from the last couple of committee meetings. I do hope that members read it.

The funeral of Glyn Jones, one of the founder members of SaPAR and a much loved Tutor, took place on Monday 12th August. A large number of members attended on their bikes and rode from Glyn's home to Telford crematorium. Glyn's wife, Flossie, was very pleased with the way the funeral went and wished to have her thanks passed on to all present and those who sent her cards. The committee has decided to set up an award in Glyn's name to be awarded to the SaPAR member who has contributed the most to the group in the previous year, from AGM to AGM. Members are requested to nominate and vote for the person they would like to see receive the award. I await your correspondence on this matter.

Another of our long serving Tutors, Mike Kinna, has moved home to Lincolnshire. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new home. Robin Padgett has taken on the role of clothing officer and also training co-ordinator, he will be matching up new Associates with Tutors. This is to relieve the work load of the training officer.

The group's next event is Forden Classic Motor Vehicle show on Sunday 22nd September. Any member who can help please contact Kevin Fletcher or myself.

Charles Bridgeman led a well-attended ride on the first Sunday of September into Herefordshire. Alex Hutchinson-Collier is leading the October ride out which will end up at Snailbeach Village Hall at 3.pm for the AGM. Please even if you cannot make the ride out come to the meeting. There are places on the committee that need filling and all posts are up for grabs. Out long suffering Chair, Bill Croxon, is stepping down, Stuart McMillan is stepping down from his role on the committee, but both will stay as advanced tutors. I will be stepping down as Secretary and there is a requirement for a new Facebook guru to take on Glyn's role. Ken, our web master, is filling in temporarily but he wishes for someone else to take on the role. So as you can see changes are afoot and SaPAR needs members to step up and put themselves forward. The relevant paperwork will be sent out shortly, please give it some thought, can you help? SaPAR usually has eleven committee meetings a year and it is desirable that members of the committee are able to attend at least eight of these.

SaPAR has 14 Associates in training, 17 not in training of which 3 are awaiting allocation and 14 are on the holding list, 10 active Tutors and some new ones in the pipeline. We 101 members, 54 Full, 31 Associate, 6 Honorary and 10 pillion. There have been 3 leavers and 8 joiners so far this year.

When an Associate takes up training, they need to commit with both riding practice and book work. It has been noted that those who do best take on board the guidance and get the training done in a committed and timely manner, doing the required book work in the process. A good test result is great for the Associate and gives the Tutor a lift. Please remember that all the Tutors give their time voluntarily and it is nice for them to see a positive result. So please if you cannot commit for any reason let the Training Co-ordinator know.

Charles Bridgeman, Social Events co-ordinator, is going to put on a curry night in October. He has asked if anyone has a good venue that they would like to share with him.

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