

# Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders

## Newsletter AGM 2019.



Hi members,

Okay so I lied, **THIS** is the last newsletter from yours truly.

The AGM was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Snailbeach Village Hall, 3pm after the monthly ride out. 11 riders left Montford Bridge behind ride leader Alex Hutchinson-Collier but after an eventful ride only 10 made the meeting.

There was grand total of 20 people at the AGM (and one of these was a guest), not really a good turn out when SaPAR has over 100 members and tea, coffee and biscuits were on offer! The meeting lasted 1 hour 10 minutes.

Martin Powell the RoSPA Regional Co-ordinator was present, he is also a member of SaPAR. Martin gave a short insight into his role and how he can help groups and can be contacted on [mpowell@rospa.com](mailto:mpowell@rospa.com)

We now have a new Chairman, Rob Hall who is also one of our Tutors. The new Secretary is Tina Kelly with help from Helen Parker. Robin Padgett is in a new role of Training Co-ordinator, Robin will be dealing with the administration side of the training liaising with and allocating Associates etc.

Bill, Stuart and Sally have stepped down from their committee roles. Bill and Stuart are two of our senior Tutors and will be continuing in those roles along with Howard and Kevin. Stuart will retain the title of Training Officer and will continue to lead on the practical side of the training including training of new Tutors and quality assurance.

We welcome another new face to the committee, Simon Plevin who had volunteered to take on managing the SaPAR Facebook page.

A note from the oracle, to avoid disappointment or nasty surprises on test day you need to know what you are talking about and be able to show it. In other words, read the dammed book and get out on your bike and practice what it says, or nerves may be your downfall. This means not just the day you are out with your Tutor.

If on test day the Examiner wants to use something you are not happy about, e.g use a radio or you are not happy with the intended method of direction, you need to say so in a polite but firm manner.

Ken is still collecting names for ride leaders for 2020 so swamp him with names! Please be aware though, that you need to pre-ride your route to check tea and lunch stops, toilets and fuel, and any issues with the intended roads.

Ride safe and enjoy.  
Sally McMillan