

## News Bulletin from Cornwall Advanced Motorcyclists

### Chair's Chat

**Dear CAM Members,**

Having just been to watch the new Bob Marley film "One Love" it reminded me of one of his quotes: "Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet". Well, if you have ridden through this winter, you will have experienced both. Even with the best wet weather gear the rain finds its way in eventually! What's impressive is that the winter Cornish climate doesn't dampen CAM Members' hardy spirits. It is down to your support that CAM flourishes.



### Social Events

We have seen impressive gatherings for both our Club Sunday Meetings held on the first Sunday of every month and the midmonth ride outs held on the third Sunday of each month. Thank you to Lofty and Graham who have provided such interesting presentations which everyone enjoyed and led a number of the rides.

At the very end of January, we held our annual CAM Bowling Championships in Newquay; an event that continues to grow in popularity. This year we saw Graham Barnett take the Golden Ball Trophy from David Partridge. Many thanks to Julie who organises this event and in no small part makes it such a fun and successful evening.



### Dates for your diaries

**13th & 14th April:** If you are looking to develop your riding skills don't forget the Inter Group Training Team (IGTT) are hosting their annual event for region 1 of the IAMRS at Whiddon Down, Devon, EX20 2QT. The training options include: IAM F1rst, National Observer Prep, Master assessment & honing your skills. Its great value at only £35 including a breakfast bap and afternoon tea. Mark & Tim play an integral part in the success of this event so if you want more information contact [IGTT@iampamroadsmart.org.uk](mailto:IGTT@iampamroadsmart.org.uk).

**8th & 9th June:** Following the popularity of the weekend away to Minehead we will be holding a similar event with a ride through the Quantocks and Cheddar Gorge. We will leave on Saturday 8th June, stay at the Bridgewater North Premier Inn (Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgewater, TA6 4RR) and return home on Sunday 9th June. Please email Gary once you have booked your Premier Inn room. [garypikecam@gmail.com](mailto:garypikecam@gmail.com)

**15th September:** We are changing the format of our AGM. This year it will be held on September 15th 11am-1pm at Ladock Hall. As well as the usual updates on how the club is performing, Shaun Cronin our Area Service Delivery Manager from IAMRS will be giving an inspiring talk on riding knowledge and skills and updating us on the future initiatives that the IAM has in store. We will be giving all attendees complimentary refreshments and pasties. There will be an organised ride afterwards; I look forward to seeing you there.

### Changes to the Committee:

At our last committee meeting we learnt that as from September Gary will be stepping down from the role of Social Events Coordinator for a well-earned rest. I would like to thank Gary and his wife, Linda, for all their hard work over the years in organising many events for the club and particularly their key role in managing Club Sunday. We are delighted that Mike has stepped up to help prepare hot food at this event, but we do need volunteers to help with the making of tea, coffee and the taking of payments. If you fancy getting involved, then please get in touch with Gary.

***Ride safe and enjoy the roads ahead!***

Warm regards,  
Ashley Rudd  
CAM Chair

### A Note of Interest from David Mooney

On 15<sup>th</sup> January this year, I believe CAM and probably IAM history was made: this was the day that Brodie and Dan Luke both passed their advanced tests and also each achieved a 1<sup>st</sup>. For father and son to do this is really quite something. Time spent with them training was particularly enjoyable for me as they soaked up everything I threw at them like a sponge! I should say at this point, Dan's initial training was carried out by Terry and I took over for the easy bit.

Their achievement is made even more notable by the fact that Brodie was still recovering from a broken leg suffered on his trip to Europe and Dan is currently undertaking a demanding apprenticeship training as a Radiographer.

This is a massive achievement and I'm glad to say they are both keen to progress their riding skills.

## Information from Sue Dobson and Mark Tucker

### Guest Speakers

#### Tuesday 14 May - Kevin Williams 'Crash Course'

Following a previous successful visit to Ladock where Kevin presented a talk on the 'Science of Being Seen', he is making a return visit in May with a new talk. Kevin will deliver a '**Crash Course In How Not To**' - investigating the circumstances leading to the three 'standard' bike crashes - junctions, corners and overtakes - and pointers for what should alert us things are about to go wrong! The date is confirmed, tickets on sale soon - do give a heads up on the date to any non club member friends who may be interested - more publicity to follow.

Later in the year we will also have a talk by Graham Feest, '**Traffic, Transport, Roads And Safety**'.

Graham is a road safety consultant who has given talks to several IAM bike and car clubs, but this will be his first visit to CAM.

We're provisionally planning this talk for October, so watch out for a confirmed date and full details in the next newsletter!

### Conundrum from Michael Trace

#### TO MAKE YOU THINK

I purchased the new highway code when it was published earlier this year and I was surprised by an omission which I thought should be in there. I might have missed it but I could not see it and so I ask this question: What is the number one rule when using the roads in the UK. The top priority before anything else. But this rule is missing from the new Highway Code, do you know what it is?

Answer given in next newsletter.

### Training/Observing

Associates are wonderful people who have paid a lot of money, to become safer, 'better' riders, what ever that means to them. We are in the same mind always wanting to do better. There have been over the last 30 plus years updates on the Highway Code (HC), Road Craft (RC) and the IAM's Associate Course Handbook. We apply ourselves and develop our riding to maintain the best skills and safety standards we can. To this end CAM have now introduced Observer quality standard checks in line with the pre-test check rides NO's carry out for Associates. Today, Observers need a good knowledge of the new and updated law/rules in the current HC e.g. H1, H2 and H3 with others that have been amended.

You arrange your first meeting with your Associate and they don't turn up! You have to call them and they say it's raining your reply ..... so? They say I don't ride in the rain. Deep breath,....and you say well that is not a reason not to ride, we all ride in the rain and it is a very good way to hone your bike control skills. So you re arrange your meeting and its not raining. You now start your introduction and open up your conversation and guide lines on your training system as per the meeting guide (see CAM website resources, aid memoire). You find out about their riding history and what, if any, other bikes they have had prior to the one they have now. After about 20/25 minutes you ask them to guide you to the next town, or coffee shop, say about ten miles away, you've done the bike safety checks etc. signed the disclaimer, then thumbs up before you set off. Enjoy

Observing/training is a fab way to maintain your own skill set and makes you think, why do we ride 'the system' and you question yourself which we should do all the time.

CAM has a good reputation and training levels so have a great year

### Terry Tomlin

## **Forthcoming Events**

**Sun 7th Apr** Open Club Sunday at Ladock. Doors open at 9:45am for registration.

**Sun 21st Apr** CAM Mid Month Club Ride out. Meet for 10am departure Starbucks Chiverton Cross.

**Sun 5th May** Open Club Sunday at Ladock. Doors open at 9:45am for registration

**Wed 8th May** CAM Mid Week Social Ride. Meet for 6pm departure Starbucks Chiverton Cross.

**Sun 12th May** Observer Training Refresher / per to peer. Ladock Village Hall 10am

Don't forget to check out our club YouTube channel. There are various videos to watch. Subscription is free and if you would like to contribute or have any suggested topics, please let Gary Pike know .

We always need lead riders for our full day rides, which happen on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Email me if you would like to lead a ride, and don't forget to take a look at the talk Lofty gave and is on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@cornwalladvancedmotorcycli3147>

## **This Month's Passes - Congratulations are due to:-**

**Stephyn Lenny F1RST - Brodie Luke F1RST - Daniel Luke F1RST - Dave Hall Pass - Mike Langdon F1RST- Mark Bailey F1RST**

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