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## Objects in the mirror...

**Good to see** more and more SAM riders have made the effort to get out and about. Quite a few formerly lost souls have been turning up on Saturdays and the number of informal ride-outs is rising beyond the one or two once more. There's the odd new bike around too, so some have been eager to snap up the last of the pre-season deals. Not all has been going swimmingly though as the cleanest 05 GS in the world despite 32000 miles on the clock has just lunched it's back axle and drive shaft unit. Anyone who treats their bike with as much respect as Chris Holland deserves better. Good luck with the fix Chris!

## Objects in the foreground...

**Hexham Trip:** Finally – the outbound route should now be on our site. See forthcoming page! We have about 16 victims in total I think and as previously stated a rather full Bunkhouse! On the first May Bank Holiday, Mark and I will doing a final recce to see that all is well with the local riding routes and the dinner arrangements at the Twice Brewed Inn. Oh the trouble we go to just so others can enjoy themselves.

**Eiffel Trip:** As participants will know, due to direct e-mails from Mick; The return Ferry for the June trip. has been cancelled. Most have therefore opted to stay an extra day. Tee Hee. Oh what a disappointment, still we'll grin and bear as we always do! Mind you, that was a pre Volcanic ash decision on behalf of the Ferry company, but I expect nothing has changed. Expect a final demand from Mick shortly in respect of the balance payment – If you want your bike back that is!

**On any Sunday:** I expected a response by now to the **additional and less formal picnic idea**. But guess what? No-one seems to be interested. See last months Mag. I shall mention it more widely at the next meet, that'll teach the lot of you! It takes little more effort than throwing a dart at a map and telling folk where it landed... well almost!

**12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010: South Yorkshire Police** are hosting the **National Bikesafe Show** in 2010 at the Sheffield Arena. Entrance is free.

**On any Sunday 2. This was about Sunday runs!** Once more a nil response except from Mark Dunstan. So... we did one and you missed it... Yah Boo Sucks then! Off we went like a couple of Billy no-mates to the twisties in North Yorks. More about how it went further in. Just to make you feel left out,

**Live long... Join in... you can't have too much fun!**



### SAM 'Logo' Clothing.

Polo Shirt	£17.50
Polo Shirt Ladies fit	£17.50
T-Shirt	£14.00
Sweat Shirt	£19.60
Rugby Shirt	£23.60
Woolly Hats IAM/SAM	£8.00

**Tel. Steve Dyson 0777 929 4149**

### Dates for 2010

Month	Club night	Committee
Jan	none	27th
Feb	1st	24th
Mar	1st	31st
Apr	12th	21st
<b>May</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>26th</b>
Jun	7th	30th
Jul	5th	28th
Aug	2nd	25th
Sept	6th	29th
Oct	4th	27th
Nov	1st	24th
Dec	6th	none

### SAM Social events for 2010

Candy Town – Meal -	Sat	Feb.	27
Ride, Picnic and games (Venue tbd)	Sun	July.	18
Autumn Boogie £7-50 per head	Sat	Nov.	??

### Ladies rides (chaps also welcome!)

First evening ride- from McD's Meadow hall	Tbd
Second evening ride - ditto	Tbd
Second day ride - ditto	Tbd

### Club night features

Feb	1st	2010	i2i motorcycle training.
Mar	1st.		??
Apr	12th.		AGM
<b>May</b>	<b>10th.</b>		<b>??</b>
June	7th.		Sheffield Road Safety Partnership
July.	5th.		??
Aug.	2nd.		??
Sept.	6th.		India on a Royal Enfield
Oct.	4 <sup>th</sup> .		??
Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> .		??
Dec	?		??



# Congratulations



## March AGM meeting Awards:



Here left: Colin Bentham accepting his pass Certificate from Observer Patrick Newstead

Well done Colin... done with delivering the Cadbury's Milk Tray then have you? Someone found out you were using the fire ladders did they?

And another: It's our Rosemary getting her pass from er... Someone or other



Oh I've had enough of this: Some people are just too popular or... successful. The Burgman Trophy for most passes? Cripes... It's not as though you've put any effort in Patrick! When did we last see you presenting a Certificate for being someone's principal Observer? Even the Chairman looks non-plussed





Just as well the old Monthly got the Vernon Bentley award... or it would have been a bit repetitive. Thus we happily follow the tradition of previous versions.

Acceptance Speech..?

W2W would like to thank... Its Mother... Its tea lady... The Chairman and Hon Sec for settling for a small bribe etc.

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## **Annual General Meeting - Formalities Treeton Miners Welfare Monday 12th April 2010**

### **1. Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed members to the AGM.

### **2. Apologies**

F. Morley, D. Wilson, L. Sirret.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM**

Proposed A. White, seconded L. Hadfield, carried.

### **4. Matters arising**

None.

### **5. Chairman's report**

Current membership stands at 197 members, 146 are full members. There were 16 passes in the last year.

Thanks were offered to;

- S. Sutcliffe, S. Winterburn and K. Hood for serving on the committee.
- S. Winterburn for organising speakers at club nights and social events.
- Pat & Roger, our hosts at Treeton Miners Welfare.
- All the regular attendee's at club nights.

## 6. Treasurers report and the adoption of the accounts

Thanks were offered to P. Wild for his help.

The accounts are stable and financially secure.

Savings have been made by offering Wheel to Wheel electronically and moving to the new venue at Treeton.

The annual accounts were presented to the meeting.

There will be no increase in the membership fees this year.

The social account remains in credit.

Particular thanks to G. Brown for his production and accounting of the Boogie expenses.

Donations have been made to charities from the social account.

Thanks to A. Stalker for auditing the accounts.

The accounts were adopted; proposed S, Grundy, seconded P. Wild, carried.

## 7. Election of officers

Office:	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Carried
Chairperson:	M. Clayton	A. Yates	P. Newstead	yes
Secretary:	R. Gittins	M. Foster	C, Holland	yes
Treasurer:	C. Holland	J. Foster	A. McCarthy	yes

## 8. Election of the committee

### Retiring and standing for re-election

L. Hadfield, A. Yates; proposed S. Whitehouse, seconded F. Olia

### Retiring and not standing for re-election

S. Winterburn, S. Sutcliffe

### Co-opted member standing for election to the committee

J. Foster; proposed C. Walker, seconded S. Croote

### New committee members standing for election

P. Harley, B. Wilkinson, K. Morley; approved & carried from the floor.

**9. Election of the auditors**

A. Stalker and D. Greaves; approved & carried from the floor.

**10. Presentation of Awards**

The Burgman Award for the most test passes in the last year; P. Newstead.

The Vernon Bentley Award for services to the group; R. Dickerson

**11. Any other business**

Thanks were offered to J. Gittins for her help with the picnic and audio visual equipment.

**12. Time and date of the next AGM.: Monday 04 April 2011.**

**The meeting closed at 20-35 hrs.**

**Buffet followed.** - Gerry Brown probably ate the most! But wot? No ice cream! Sorry Gerry.

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**New Members:**

Tom Cassidy                      Barnsley                      -                      Mark Glossop                      Rotherham

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**IAM Rider Skills Days: Reminders**

**Knockhill – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

This skills day has been planned to attract riders who want to improve their road skills. It is not intended to be a free for all track day so if you are simply looking to put you and your bike through its paces then we recommend you try one of the many commercial 'track-day' packages available on the market.

The content is intended to improve your road skills at a venue which provides a controlled environment free from two way traffic, junctions, pedestrians, and street furniture.

Each group of up to 5 riders will have a dedicated instructor who will deliver a set of core competencies for rider development. We will run a morning and an afternoon session to ensure continuity of a training programme which includes 3 hours open circuit time.

**Also at Mallory Park –15th April and 21st October - 2010**

If you want to take part in either: please contact: Lyn Francis **Tel. 020 8996 9668**

**To learn more or purchase on line go to [www.iam.org.uk](http://www.iam.org.uk) and click on Motorcyclist on the top bar then onto events diary.**

**You will need to log on with your membership number and go to the events diary.**

**Let us know if you book!**



## Rainbow recruitment day:

Thanks to all those Observers and Members who came to Rainbow Motorcycles on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Rob And Mike brought the Ezi-up and err... eased it up and well before 10 O'clock we were open for business. Sir Alan, somewhat untypically Triumphant below left! ( *Rob's recommended him for a Peerage now – we just have to have a whip round for the necessary bung*) had pre-ordained a route for taking out the victims, and the rest of us sat about for a while waiting for the Scramble bell to go off!



Any hoo the day was a success of sorts – lots of convivial interaction with new faces to spread the word of SAM and three or was it four assessment rides in the morning period resulting in a few potential new members.

Worth repeating – possibly in August?

**However:** on the subject of motorcycle gangs... **sorry clubs!**

## Sonny Barger lives on?

There is much about the Hells Angels that remains shrouded in mystery. The gang and its current membership are murky topics, and what goes on inside its secretive clubhouses tends to stay there. The Hells Angels Motorcycle Club began in Fontana, Calif. in 1948, at a time when military surplus motorcycles were easily affordable and the placid post-war years left many veterans bored and itching for adventure. In the wake of a feud with a rival gang, a vet named Otto Friedli broke away from one of the earliest post-war motorcycle clubs, the Pissed Off Bastards, and started the new club.

"Hell's Angels" was a popular moniker for bomber squadrons in World Wars I and II, and also the title of a 1930 Howard Hughes film about the Royal Flying Corps. For years, the HAMC, as members refer to the group, remained a California organization but later, in 1961, a chapter opened outside the state in Auckland, New Zealand. Eventually, fuelled by the alluring imagery of devil-may-care outlaws making their own rules, the club grew to most American states and 30 or more other countries,

**The Angels became more widely known** through their Oakland figurehead, the infamous **Sonny Barger**. Sonny became their most widely known 'face' and spokesman over the years

Pop culture, especially the 1954 Marlon Brando film *The Wild One* and Hunter S. Thompson's 1966 account of spending a year with the gang in northern California helped buttress their iconic image. The Angels insist the club's reputation as a criminal organization is undeserved, pointing to its frequent charity work on behalf of children and veterans. A banner on the bottom of the Hells Angels website reads, "When we do right nobody remembers, when we do wrong nobody forgets."

Hells Angels can be recognized by their leather or denim jackets featuring the red-and-white winged "death's head" logo, the letters HAMC and often the number 81 — representing *H*, the eighth letter of the alphabet, and *A*, the first. Like soldiers who don emblems on their military uniforms, Hells Angels wear a variety of patches on their jackets indicating their status in the group; the precise meaning is known only to fellow Angels (fully-fledged Angels are known as full-patch). Members are known to one another only by their road names.

As far as becoming a Hells Angel, without putting in a lot of unspecified effort... good luck! The membership information on the web site essentially boils down to this: "If you have to ask the question, you probably won't understand the answer."

### **Words from Sonny...**

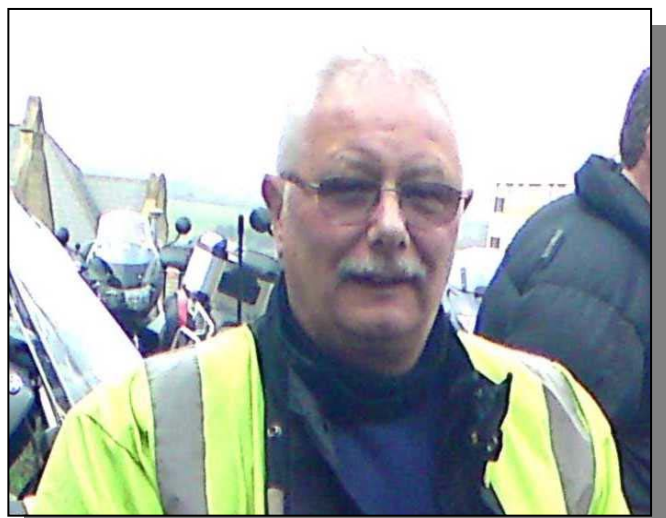
*"Treat me good, I'll treat you better; treat me bad, I'll treat you worse."*

*"As a street tough, I looked the part. I wore my Levi's jeans with one-inch-wide cuffs at the bottom, smoked Camels (as opposed to Lucky Strikes, my Dad's brand), had the attitude, and rode a motorcycle. My friends and I wore V-neck T-shirts with a cigarette pack rolled up in the sleeve. We bought black engineer boots (with a silver buckle) at the Red Wing shoe store, the same place Oakland working grunts bought their work boots. If you had the cash, a black leather jacket made sense if you rode motorcycles."*

**But What of Sonny Now?** There have been reports of his death... but is this true?

Others say that he has fled to the North of England and, in a bid to clean up his image now rides a Scooter and performs voluntary work with a Road Safety and Advanced skills motorcycle organisation.

If you see Sonny around... Just a minute.... Cripes... It can't be... Can it..?



**But what replaces the Harley for err.. lets call him Alan..? Well... Two wheels are?** Better than three, are better than four, are better than five!

### **Introducing the new Twingo.. Turbozima**



Are you of the age where mobility is a concern? Do you place an ever increasing importance on stability? If so... the Twingo is for you. It not only comes with lots of shopping space under the seat... Ideal for those larger prescription collections, but also there's a secret stay-fresh compartment for those used incontinence items. The forward footplates will ease those aching joints and, if you're stiff in the mornings...ahem... the easy steering means negotiating those supermarket aisles will be a breeze.

Our mystery model is sporting the free high visibility waistcoat, which allows you to spot your trendy reflection as you whizz by those plate glass windows and which also allows any lady passers by to more easily admire you when you park up to adopt an easy but confident pose. ( Helmet and insouciance not included)

'Two wheels really are better than five, so invest in a Twingo today... Alan did and despite being an Advanced rider...He's never looked back..!' and... If you enquire now you'll get a free Parking Pen.

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But... retained by popular request; Unless you can do this...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwBRWbubTbM> don't claim you've got the hang of your GS jut yet!

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### **Where were you on our first Sunday ride then?**

Now look ere! Either you do want these... as several of you intimated last year... or, also as several of you intimated last year... you don't..

Did you miss the invite in last months Mag? Are you still searching for the 'any' button on the keyboard?

Well, it was a corker. Up to Whitby via Helmsley and Stokesley or is it the other way round? No matter. Our final Whitby approach was via some typically Heartbeat back lanes. Up and down. Over and round. It started with a chase as the Blue and yellow Volvo estate immediately in front of Mark tried to energetically demonstrate an ability to leave a decently ridden motorcycle behind on a long string of rising and falling bends. I don't think so Officer. All at legal speeds though...well plus the seemingly allowed 10%. We turned off after a bit, down some very minor B and then even lesser roads. Magic scenery, quaint if sparse houses, no traffic or tractors to speak of. Some 'no skill required' smooth impromptu wheelie bumps to amuse the front end if inclined. A very satisfying 10 or 11 miles leading eventually back to the main drag into Whitby for the final mile or two.

Lunch was at a very nice Garden centre – very Sunday roast – with soup to start – and kiddie or pensioner portions for the pink rinsed gaiety girls and others, like me, who didn't want to doze off in the Zimmer or the saddle afterwards.

Then on to Scarborough to join those peering at trays of Cockles or a seemingly cellophane asphyxiated dressed Crab... £5-00 for a small one! What is the world coming to? Or a Gerry style ice cream if wanted... all accompanied with a synapse awakening involuntary sniff at the aroma of seaweed memorably wafting over the North Bay. A few other Sniffs and Snorts follow... from the 'I do it for the lifestyle' Harley riders parked up nearby...Live to ride eh? Potato Potato instead of Roppa Doppa? Mind you, I did like one particular de-cluttered example of the Harley parked across the street, but saying so caused Mark to run away, threatening to ride back alone.

Lots of opportunities to perfect our timing on the way back, no not the spark plug related sort... the fluid overtaking sort. Wot got rusty over the winter?

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### **Another excuse for a bit of a run out?**

**Martin Stevens** of the **Kent Motorcycle Group** has contacted the Hon sec. Their round Britain charity ride is starting in June and includes a leg from Scotch corner to Lincoln and Peterborough via the Humber bridge and Squires cafe:

Hi Rob

We are getting near the launch date for the ride and thought it would be great to meet some of you for lunch at Squires Café on **Friday 18th June at about 1300 hours**. This day we may be escorted to Squires by YAM and will be met at Squires by Keith Chapman for the ride down to Peterborough

Kind regards

Martin Stevens

Ed. There is also an invite to join up on the leg to Lincoln or Peterborough. I shall be in the Eiffel district with Sir Alan on the 18<sup>th</sup> sporting a Bratwurst if I get lucky, ( not for Alan's benefit though!) but other imperatives permitting, Rob and/or Mike may pop along to the Squires for lunch and a part way ride back. Contact Rob directly to join up.

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### **A Thank you from all of us...to both of you!**



After announcing their retirement from the SAM committee....**We say many thanks** to Sue and Sharon for their significant efforts over the years in helping SAM prosper. Sue will complete the prep for the annual picnic and continue to play an active supporting role outside the Committee





Aha! Just the right time to stock up on those essential replacements. You know the sort of thing... Helmets, gloves, Jackets, trousers, boots, disc-locks, chains, cleaning stuff. Enough, enough already... Just go down to HG in Doncaster and spend spend spend or is it save, save save?



### For Sale

Hi Ron,

**A neighbour has a bike for sale** which I thought might be of interest to one of the members. It's an ex Police machine, a Triumph TR6 (Trophy) 650 cc. with less than 500 miles on the clock from when re-conditioned.

The engine and frame numbers don't match so the engine came from a different bike at some time.

Thought you might want to put it in the mag. A picture is attached. I don't think the sale includes the bloke sat on it.

Anybody interested can let me have their 'phone number and I will pass it on to the owner.

Patrick Newstead. *Nice looking bike Patrick. Is that you under the hat sneaking a butchers on the right?*

### Reminder to Members

Don't be afraid to contact the Mag with any items for sale. We'll be glad to include them.