



ESAM NEWSLETTER

East Sussex Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter

Welcome to Issue No.1

Welcome to our first newsletter, which replaces the magazine. The committee reluctantly decided to replace the magazine for several reasons; these included issues with trying to obtain articles from members to publish and the cost of printing. The committee now intends to keep members up to date via our Website, Facebook page and this newsletter.

Website

One of our members, James Wilding, now hosts our website. It has been reformatted to work in portrait mode so that it is more user friendly for mobile phones but don't panic, it will still work in landscape on your PC.



Events for 2025

We will be inviting JS Gedge back on one of our Open Sundays. Last year was very successful with many members taking out demonstrators. A wonderful BBQ was provided by our own Master Chef/Butcher Nigel Jarvis.

Love Life and Ride Ltd attended our November Open Sunday demonstrating airbags and puncture prevention solutions. They have agreed to come back in 2025 and will be providing a fitting service for the puncture prevention solution along with their airbags. Discounts will be available on the day.

Christmas Dinner 2024

Following a successful Christmas Dinner at the Cooden Beach Golf Club in 2023 we are going back there this year and will be holding the dinner on the 21st December. All bookings have now been taken and confirmed with the venue for this event.

From the membership secretary, Richard W.

We have had a fairly busy year with membership. 2024 saw no fewer than 24 new members join us as associates. Membership seems to be improving year on year since lockdown. Although the club has a way to go to get back to pre-lockdown figures, the improvement is most welcome.

Advanced Rider successes

We have had 18 have passes in 2024, of which 8 were "F1rst"; this is a super achievement from our core of Observers.

Passes:

Steve F, Gary M Christian D, Richard W, Josh Y, Phil H, Max M, Melissa T.

F1rst passes:

Gary S, Chris H, Craig D, Rui C, Steve L, James W, Richard C, Michael M, Andrew S, Kia S.

Observer Update from Alan B.

Since the AGM earlier this year we have continued to drive forwards on expanding the Observer corps and providing additional support to those who wanted to make the change from Local to National Observer. Our initial work here is now largely complete and I am happy to advise that our team now comprises of 13 NO's, 2 LO's and 1 TNO (Trainee NO). We are all supporting at least one Associate as they progress towards taking their advanced test.

During the summer and autumn we've also had a few Observer ride-outs kindly organised and led by Alex. This has been a great opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other, enjoy a good breakfast and a safe, progressive ride. Chris O'Connor (Slow Riding Coach) & Ray Bridgman (Co-Ordinator) who both provide invaluable support to the team join us on these rides together with an invite to our local Examiners, Katrina, Paul and Steve without whom the job would not be complete.

The team are also available to help our existing members should you want to refresh your skills or gain a F1RST. Just reach out to one of the Observers, or you can email me :

chiefobserver@esam.org.uk Safe riding, Alan

Win a valuable prize – The Members Raffle

Our first draw to award a prize aimed at enhancing the safety of your riding experience will take place during our Open Sunday at Reid Hall on Sunday 12th January at around 11AM.

All members are automatically included and have a chance to win up to £300 to put towards the cost of a Skills Day, Masters Training, safety clothing... or perhaps you could gift the Advanced Rider Course to a friend or loved one. All we will need from you is an appropriate receipt dated after the draw, and we will transfer the money into your bank account.

Each of our members has a row number on the members list and using a random number generator, one of you will win. You don't have to be in the room, you just have to be a member, but why not come along, enjoy a hot drink and something to eat from the kitchen and the chance to win a significant prize!

Christmas Raffle

Following last year's successful Christmas Raffle we decided to hold another raising money for the Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance. The prizes include:

- Crash helmet care kit from J&S
- 2 x Goody package from J&S
- Battery optimate from JS Gedge
- Free MOT from the Motorcycle Man
- Ace Café mug and tea set
- MotoGirl £50 gift voucher
- MotoBull £50 gift voucher
- MCN motorcycle show – 2 tickets
- Sportsbike shop £50 voucher
- 2 x Custom Café breakfast for two
- Sammy Miller Museum family entry
- Eggs to Apples Tea & Cake for two
- Jarvis Butchers 1kg of Burwash Beauties
- Motorcycle Cleaning kit from Ray
- 2 x Nikwax cleaning and proofing kit
- £250 voucher from Stratstone BMW (formerly Arden's)

NB –The draw will be held during the January 12th Open Sunday

2025 Calendar

Open Sundays

12 Jan

9 Feb

9 Mar

13 Apr

11 May

8 Jun

13 July

10 Aug

14 Sep

12 Oct

9 Nov

14 Dec

Breakfast Runs

26 Jan

23 Feb

23 Mar

27 Apr

25 May

22 Jun

27 Jul

24 Aug

28 Sep

26 Oct

23 Nov

28 Dec

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Committee

Chairman - Peter Higgins, chair@esam.org.uk

Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary— Richard White, membership@esam.org.uk

Secretary - Nigel Jarvis

Treasurer & Chief Observer - Alan Buckmaster

Publicity coordinator - Wayne Fortis

Shadow Membership Secretary - Mark Wiles

Charity Status Coordinator - Ken Brooks

Social media - Alex Rickman

Motorcycle events - Chris O'Connor

Non-Executive Committee

Newsletter Editor - vacant

Rideout Co-ordinator - Malcolm Scrase

Observer Allocation - Ray Bridgeman

Website Manager - James Wilding

Slow Riding - Chris O'Connor

And Finally.....

If you have any motorcycle related items for sale we will be adding a section to this newsletter for you advertise them, please email chair@esam.org.uk with the details.

If you are a tradesperson or can offer products and services at “mates rates” please feel free to advertise on the newsletter, please email chair@esam.org.uk

Lastly this newsletter will only be as good as the content, please forward articles for future issues to chair@esam.org.uk

