



# TREADS

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## EDITORS BITS

– Chris

From my point of view February and March is usually the calm before the storm – itching to get back out on the bike but as the weather improves the list of life laundry (including gardening, spring cleaning, summer sports etc.) gets longer too. On the bike front, spring tasks include the checking the gear as well as the bike itself and then budgeting for what needs replacing.

As the weather begins to improve and the Skills Development Course approaches, I have begun to think about the state of the roads when the Somerset flooding subsides. I can only imagine what state the road surface will be in and how this may affect ride outs this year. Hopefully things will have cleared up but it is worth a thought if you are down that way in the coming months.

Coming soon – The AGM will be at The Crown in Saltford from 7pm, 7th March 2014. We have the lounge area reserved (next to the restaurant and away from the bar) so we shouldn't be disturbed by noise other than what we manage to generate.

Please come along, have your say and support your club!

## View from the saddle – Mark

Like it or loathe it, I think it's here to stay – 20mph speed limits are springing up all over the place; Keynsham is a good example where they were introduced at the beginning of December 2013 and have been catching quite a few of us drivers/riders out.

Road speed limits are used in most countries to set the maximum (or minimum in some cases) speed at which road vehicles may legally travel on particular stretches of road. Speed limits are commonly set by legislative bodies of nations and enforced by national or regional police. Local councils can also set their own speed limits in certain areas though they should be clearly signed – something that B&NES might like to revisit!

Limits are set to attempt to cap road traffic speed for:-

- Improving traffic safety;
- Reducing number of traffic collisions;
- Reducing road traffic casualties;
- Reducing environmental impact (vibration, emissions, vehicle noise);
- Increasing fuel use efficiency;
- Satisfying local community wishes.

I don't have any particular problem with any of those reasons but I do dislike the way that the speed limits are enforced – a

man hiding in a van or sneaking about behind a bush! They seem to delight in catching us out and this generates more money for the councils and police. This wouldn't be so bad and more easily accepted if the money went back into repairing the roads – but don't get me started on pot holes!!

The first maximum speed limit was the 10mph limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861 and it seems we haven't come that far if we are now enforcing a 20mph in the 21st century – what progress!!

France seems to have a better way of controlling the road speed. They have loops in the road and around towns/cities which are linked to the traffic lights and can monitor how fast you are driving. If you are going too fast it triggers a sensor so that the traffic lights turn red, holding you there for longer than you would if you had driven at the correct speed. There is no penalty or fixed payment – this would only happen if you chose to run the red light. It seems a much better way of dealing with the problem and causes less aggravation.

And a thought to leave you with ....

Did you know ?..... that the fastest convicted 'speeder' in the UK was a guy called Daniel Nicks, convicted of 175mph (282km/h) on a Honda Fireblade in 2000 – unless anyone knows differently!

# Karting

This year, Mark has organised a karting event for Club members in Cheddar, followed by a meal afterwards at a local pub (to be confirmed) for anyone who would like to come.

We know from our visit last year it is a really well-run place. Take a look at their website: - <http://www.southwestkarting.co.uk/>

The cost will be £35 per person with a minimum of 12 to 15 people needed.

Please will you let Mark know by 15th Feb if you are

interested in coming along, and whether that is for the karting, the meal or both. Mark's e-mail address is [events@aamc.co.uk](mailto:events@aamc.co.uk)

You will need to let Mark have a deposit of £10, as he has already paid a deposit to the karting centre to secure the date and time.

## SMIDSY Talk

In last month's issue of Treads we mentioned a talk by Stephen Wilkinson-Carr on January 27th...

"Hi Simon, Just returned from this. Well worth the visit. Informative and entertaining." – Nigel.

Stephen has now agreed a date just for us – Wednesday 23rd April. Details to follow.



RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders  
Gloucestershire Group

**Ever had a vehicle pull out on you at a junction?  
Ever pulled out from a junction into the path of another vehicle?  
Ever wondered why such incidents happen?**

There are numerous reasons such potential and actual collisions happen and most are more to do with human physiology (our eyes tell us lies), vehicle design and environmental factors than driver / rider ability.

**Want to know more?**

Join us for a free talk designed for both drivers and riders by Stephen Wilkinson-Carr, RoSPA Senior Tutor, Glos RoADAR

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 Details to follow

Contact: [membership@glos-roadar.org.uk](mailto:membership@glos-roadar.org.uk) 07976 644485

### Something to say?

Please don't be shy. E-mail [editor@aamc.co.uk](mailto:editor@aamc.co.uk) And send some photos in too!

# Biker Down Workshop Letters

– Neville

You may have seen on the Club website message board that Neville has enrolled on a free workshop entitled 'Biker Down'.

**This is run by the Glos Fire Brigade and Road Safety Office, and is free to attend. It is a 3 hour course covering scene management, biker first aid and a talk on "being seen".**

If you are interested please drop me a line and I will pass on contact details for you to hopefully get booked on to the course. Its free, in Glos and runs 10am - 1pm on 26th April. The Workshop will be held at SkillZONE in Gloucester - secure bike parking and car parking is available on site.

The 3 hour workshop will start at 10am and will cover the following topics:

## 1. Incident scene management

A presentation from a Fire Bike Team member, on scene management and personal safety for a biker happening upon an RTC involving a motorcyclist.

## 2. Casualty care

This module is delivered by a trauma care trained Firefighter, covering; Trauma and mechanism of injury, snatch rescues, why when and how, basic life support, CPR, managing spinal injuries and crash helmet removal, when and how. This is a practical module where everyone will be given the opportunity to have a go at CPR & helmet removal.

## 3. The science of being seen

During this session we discuss why drivers may not see motorcyclists. Within in the discussion phenomena such as Motion Camouflage and Looming are discussed as well as tips on what you can do to be seen without necessarily the need for covering yourself head to foot in luminous yellow!"

If you are interested, drop Neville a line, [nevilleperrett@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleperrett@gmail.com)

Thanks, Neville,

## FOR SALE

My Triumph Sprint 2009 St1050 ABS, up for Sale £3,995 Contact me for further details, via facebook or mobile.

Thanks, Tim.

P.S. bike is lovely and clean with new rear Bridgestone fitted and fresh MOT, consider PX for smaller trail bike 600cc with cash adjustment.



## Diary

### March

#### Friday 7th

Club AGM. Come and have a say in the running of your Club.

#### Sunday 9th

First Club Ride.

We endeavour to issue Treads on a regular basis during the third week of the month. Therefore if you have any items to be published in Treads, can you please ensure that they reach the editor before or during the first week of that month. Contributions for Treads are always needed, whether they are motorcycle related or of general interest! Please don't be shy.

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