

Northallerton Advanced Bikes.

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Christmas Message from the Chairman

As we rapidly approach the end of 2011 I would like to wish all NAB Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2011 has been full of events ranging from extreme cold weather to unusually warm weather, spring arriving early, the austerity cuts imposed, which is starting to really affect people now, even IAM House has noticed a difference as the National conference was held over a weekend this year.

The conference theme being to recruit and retain IAM members as there has been a drop in membership renewals.

The NAB committee has already started planning events and activities for 2012 with the Festive meal on the 20th January and guest speakers planned for the meetings. NAB event days are planned for later in the year and of course ride outs being organised from April to October.

All these plans would not be possible without all the hard work performed behind the scenes by the committee members, observers, senior observers, training manager and the continued support from NAB members who attend and help out with the activities, without this NAB wouldn't be able to function so I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that made 2011 a successful year.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for ride outs or activities for 2012 then feel free to put them forward, this is every ones group and we would appreciate any input. I wish you all plenty of Christmas spirit take care and happy riding for 2012.

Thanks *Alec Cropper*

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Meeting Review 29th November 2011, by Henry Brown

There was a good turnout of twenty-five of us in all - when we finally managed to extract the last half-dozen from the bar and get them into the dining room for the main feature, which was our very own Steve Hardwick's talk on the National Escort Group (Motorcycle Patrol).

Steve's talk was a cracker. We got a real insight into what goes into providing a motor cycle escort for cycle races ranging from local "fish & Chipper" races (destination chip shop!) to major events including the Tour of Britain and Tour de France. Steve outlined the history of the N.E.G. since the Nineties when the Police provided the escort, to the present day including the formation of the group of about thirty motorcyclists in 2005 and selection from all regions by the Police from 2007.

The training of the N.E.G. motorcyclists is rigorous, requiring Police Class 1 or ROSPA or IAM qualification and completion of an assessment by questionnaire for admission to the training program. This includes mentoring in three local races and completion of a training log, with a pass or fail at level 3, and a formal assessment after the fourth race. The special skills required of the escort rider include the ability to handle the bike without having to think about that while attention is on the dynamics of the race, and excellent spatial awareness. The reasons for all that became obvious while watching the DVD!

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Steve explained that a cycle race convoy may consist of up to 40 vehicles, depending on the nature of the event, and could include police, the lead car, marshals, judges, the press and TV, an ambulance, an AA van and the 'Broom' who sweeps up any competitor who gets left too far behind. A DVD of footage made during a race brought home the reality of doing the motorcycle escort's job during a cycle race, the first part giving what the N.E.G. calls the 'peleton' (French - the leading pack of cyclists) escort rider's view of the convoy. It is fair to say that watching the DVD raised pulse rates among the audience, with the motorcycle having to avoid hazards including bollards and parked vehicles. Steve related an encounter of his own with a flock of sheep in 2008 - none of the sheep left their name and address..... Speeds are around 30 m.p.h on the flat, and Steve described King of the Mountain stages as a nightmare with downhill speeds reaching up to 70 mph!

If you are interested in this further have a look here:

<http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/road/article/roadst-National-Escort-Group>

Other mentions

Roy Povey took bookings for NAB's Christmas 'do' on January 20th. Roy encouraged everyone to put forward any ideas about what they want to see happening at Northallerton Advanced Bikes. Roy (the poet) Million presided over another successful raffle (well, Roy M. could sell sand in the Sahara!). The writer won his own packet of Fruit Flavour Jellies.

NEC Bike Show report from Roy Povey

Well after publicising a trip to Birmingham bike show, there was not enough interest for a minibus. So I decided to take my car and fill it with three NAB amigos (Bob Garry and Paul) we left the Bridge at 0700 had a bland trip down (fog all the way) and one dispute between Paul and the sat nav.

Arrived at 1030 at the NEC on entry the big decision model railway or bike show, you guessed, Bike show. We decided to stay together which lasted about 20 minutes. Paul and I wandered from stand to stand, Paul on and off nearly every sports bike and me looking for a bike that I can put my feet down (not an easy challenge). Bob and Garry who have recently bought new bikes were confirming they made the right choice? I'm sure they did.

The highlight of the day for Bob and Garry was spending an hour being total overwhelmed by a three wheel Morgan with a bike engine and only cost £38,000 and made of wood.

The photographs of old bikes were just like viewers and the trailer is for Ken Pacey to copy for his bike.

The journey home was uneventful, but the entertainment was outstanding (Good music)

A good day was had by all.

Roy Povey.



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Something Different.

A short tale from an IAM Examiners Memoirs.

Around 2000 we introduced Bikesafe in North Yorkshire, we would take the then Honda sponsored show caravan display up to Hawes and park it near PennyGarth café on a sunny Sunday and mingle.

Brave souls who were interested enough would approach the guys manning the caravan (which usually included cops, paramedic bikers and some IAM Observers), and avail themselves of the free assessment rides down the dales.

On one particular occasion I had taken 2 riders out, a couple (a male and a female) on their respective bikes, I seem to recall the guy was on the typical `Blade of the time and his partner was piloting a smaller Suzuki SV650 twin (in my opinion a more entertaining bike, oh, did I not mention I used to have one myself ??! ☺).

The format was quite simple – I would follow them from Hawes down towards Leyburn on the A684 and observe their competencies through the various obstacles on the way. We would then stop somewhere appropriate for a feedback session with tips and appropriate advice, then it would be my turn in front ! The following riders would be asked to just “do their own thing” whilst watching my lines etc and to see if they could observe ahead of me what I was preparing for as I changed road position etc

Naturally I would be keeping a close eye on them in my mirrors as we worked our way back to Hawes, making sure I didn't leave them too far behind. When I arrived back at Pennygarth I would just park my Police bike (good old BMW R80RT in the day !) step off it and then walk back to my 2 riders without speaking. The first comment from the 'guest' would always be the same or something similar: “ I didn't realise a BMW could do that !” Followed immediately by a, “ Did you know that your brake light isn't working ??”

Not working – I wonder why that was ? You can probably imagine where our conversation would go from there ! (Acceleration sense, forward observation, planning, Advanced Riding – oh would you like to learn more – it just so happens, blah blah !)

The Season of goodwill [and humour]

This shows police officers do have a sense of humour, a Christmas tale from another NAB member:

Christmas Day and I get the 0700-1500 day shift, the public don't usually venture out till about 10.00 but about 0800 I am minding my own business trundling up the A19 when a low flying Audi A4 swoops off the slip road and powers off oblivious to anything and enjoying the deserted road ahead.

Seeing there are 2 cars on the road, the Audi and the lurking Ford Sierra Cosworth police car, I follow him at a rather 'progressive' pace, his rear observations are rather absent which results in him getting stopped. The conversation goes something like this:

'Morning, hope this isn't a late present run, fella, whats your name?'

'Tom'

'Tom-Tom what?'

'Tom Jones.'

'Tom Jones?' says I, in a rather inquisitive tone.

'Well it's not unusual!'

A broad smile lightened up both our faces and we parted company with a bit of advice on use of mirrors and a warm festive handshake. Then for the rest of the morning I was humming away, you know when someone puts a tune in your mind. Argghhh!!! [In case you're wondering his name was actually Thomas Jones]



Decembers tips are from the editor!

Don't presume the grey BMW on the A1M is not an unmarked police car.
[Nearly got me]

If you consume too many 'Desperado's' at your xmas do be prepared for the day after.
[Desperado-Lager lime and tequila in a bottle, I really should have read the label!]

If you look at the sky and think you have time to walk the dog before the rain arrives, then think again! [or wear a waterproof]

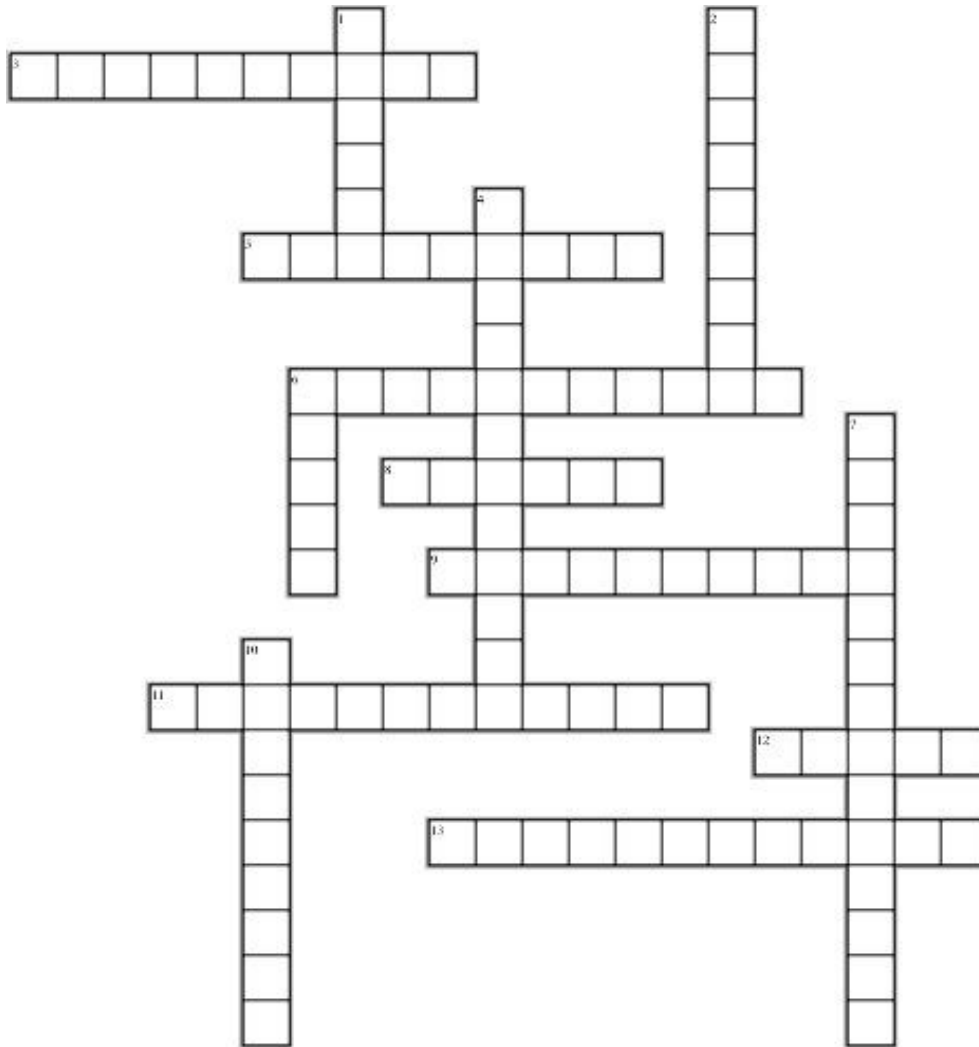
Biking tips will return in the new year.

**Picture Quiz- Novembers bike was a 1979 Kawasaki Z1b
But-What classic bike is this? [I actually had one late 1980's]**



The caption competition has been withdrawn as no captions or comments were submitted from last months news letter.

Try this bikers crossword, answers next month.



42ipoc crossword.com

Across

- BSB winners from the north east
- the examiners prison
- race around louth
- jumpin jack flash its a?
- where the speed records are held will tell you this bike model
- this bike may have stripes
- Jap Giant
- The clue is in the weather for this superbike supremo

Down

- they also make keyboards
- norton made one of these
- where the cock o the north races are
- No noise allowed here!
- Italian legend of the track
- where the iron horses are made

To print this page just press ctrl P and select current page, makes it easier to do the crossword.

Next club night:- .Tuesday 31st January 2012

Bridge House Hotel
Catterick Bridge,
Richmond,
DL10 7PE
Phone: +44 (0)1748 818331



Tuesday 31st January Malcolm Lonsdale will give an IAM Customer Service presentation.

*******There is NO MEETING IN DECEMBER .*******

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Editors Comments: Can I just wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and don't forget if you can contribute anything please send it to me at my e mail address.

Kind Regards NW

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Ho ho humbug



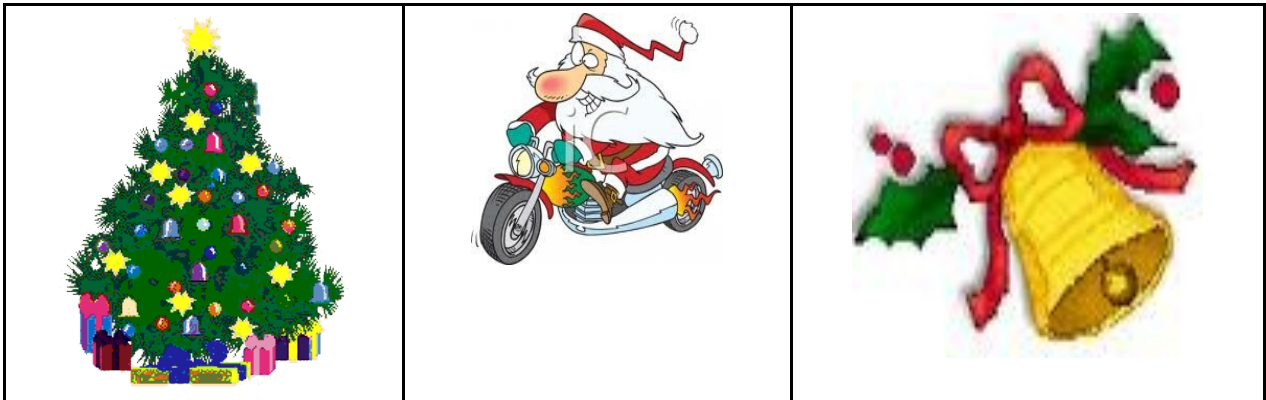
Call and see Tim and the staff at Hein Gericke Darlington,
Supporting NAB as members.

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NAB Christmas/New Year Function.

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It is proposed that the Club hold a Christmas Meal with entertainment on Friday 20 January 2012. Couples welcome. £10 deposit per person will be required at time of booking.



Evening Menu

All Prices include the Food and Either a Disco or a Singer until Midnight (Karaoke may follow after in the Main Bar)

Hot Buffet

£13.50 Per Person

Curry, Korma, Balti, Madras, Lasagne, Chilli, Chicken Supreme, Vegetable Stirfry, Jacket Potatoes, Naan Bread, Garlic Bread and Rice.

Selection of Desserts available at £4.00 Per Person

Food includes savoury and sweet options (14-18 of the following items) – Sandwiches, Indian pieces, Chinese pieces, Crisps, Onion Rings, Sausages, Pork Pies, Quiche, Scotch Eggs, Sausage rolls, Cheese Bites, Thai Prawns, Assorted chicken pieces, Chicken dippers, Potato Wedges, Carrot Cucumber and Celery stick,

Mini Chocolate Éclairs and Mini cheesecakes or similar
(All items are subject to availability, includes vegetarian options)

Traditional Christmas Dinner

£19.95 Per Person

Starters

Homemade Tomato Soup Served with a warm roll

Chefs Pate Served with Melba Toast

Camembert Bites Served on a on a bed of green salad with Caramelised Onion Chutney (V)

Cod Spinach and Cheddar Cheese Fishcake served on a bed of green salad with Caramelised Onion Chutney

Main Course

Roast Turkey and All The Trimmings

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Fillet of Plaice served with a Cream, Lime and Peanut Butter Sauce

Roasted Vegetable Wellington Served with a Tomato Sauce (V)

All the above are served with roast and mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy

Sweets

Traditional Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce

Or

The Chef's Selection of Sweets

Tea or Coffee with Christmas Chocolate

PLEASE PAY A £10.00 DEPOSIT WITH ALL BOOKINGS.

PLEASE INFORM THE HOTEL IF ANYONE HAS AN FOOD ALLERGY SO THAT THE CHEF CAN PREPARE AN ALTERNATIVE MEAL.

PLEASE ADVISE THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE HAND OF MENU CHOICES. THANK YOU

Return

Name:

Preferred Date:

Numbers attending:

Type(s) of Meal required:

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Please indicate any special dietary needs.

Replies to Roy Povey at rhpovey@hotmail.co.uk

All members who wish to attend the Christmas function please forward a cheque for £10 per head deposit to Roy Povey, with your meal requirements, by the 1 January 2012, with the outstanding monies paid on the night. (No deposit no booking) Total cost of the evening £20 per head.

Regards.

Mr R Povey

48 Leeming Lane, Catterick Village, North Yorkshire, DL107NL

That's all folks.

Happy Christmas