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We meet on the third Monday of every month at the Kingston Bowling Club, Ash Grove, Hull, HU5 1LU at 7.30pm

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Free - Please take one...

Hull and East Riding Advanced Motorcyclists

Editor's Note...

Hi All and Merry Christmas,
A big thank you to all who attended our Christmas Party which was an excellent evening, enjoyed by all — pictures inside. I apologise now if you have been missed out, like any good magazine I have picked the good looking ones (have a look!). Highlight for me this month is Paul Key's idea to have a charity ride next year which I fully support, well done Paul. My backside hurts at the thought of 450 miles in one day, or should I say no problem and pretend it doesn't worry me!
Ride well and ride safe—Joey



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Please ask any of the Committee for information regarding the regalia.

Anyone who does not have a copy of the IAM Group Rides booklet, contact a member of the committee.

Events Diary 2009

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled ride time.

Date	Place	Event	Time	Ride Leader	Contact Number
<i>December</i>					
Sunday 20	Humber Bridge	Run	10.00am	Ross Cameron	01482 879943
Saturday 26	Tesco Beverley	Run	10.00am	Ross Cameron	01482 879943

Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year

If Beverley Market Place is closed when you arrive the alternative area is at Halfords Car Park Beverley.

Please note holders of associate membership are also eligible for the Social Ride Outs

Associate Members please be aware that the fee applicable on the Observed rides will be £8.00 per session.

To book an event
please contact
ROSS CAMERON
01482 879943

If you have an opinion on this month's articles, or any biking issue, why not let me know. I'll print your comments, although I reserve the right to edit them if required.

Thanks Joey - Editor

New Club Meet Venue

**Kingston Bowling Club
Ash Grove
Just off Beverley Road
Hull
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The committee of HERAM have decided to move future club meetings to a new and more suitable location. The new venue is much more appropriate to our needs and they are keen to have us there. The room is warm, well decorated, nicely laid out and just the right size for our meetings. There is a SECURE car park and it may be possible for members coming on bikes to park them right outside the bar window.

We look forward to seeing you there in the New Year

GS Bling!

Hi readers what about this for all our GS lovers. Made in Scunthorpe 40 quid 5 quid more for the GS version. It is made from 1.2mm thick high quality stainless steel. It is laser cut to ensure stunning accuracy. It is then bent, by hand, on a CNC press brake with each angle being checked by a craftsperson and finally it is hand finished to give it a polished yet lightly brushed appearance. The hand finishing can take the best part of an hour to get the best finish depending on original surface condition. I cannot find anything else similar on the net at this time with the laser cut R1200GS logo which is put into the top of the cover. It comes with replacement high quality stainless steel fasteners, spring washers and spacers. on the web www.cymarc.co.uk



Pete Aaron— Observer

Why not tell your friends club meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Jar in Hand Public House, Sutton Park, Hull. Meetings are open to full, associate and prospective members.



Christmas IAM Offer— Get one for the wife!

£10 off IAM merchandise ordered before Christmas!
Simply order over £30 (excluding postage costs) of IAM merchandise before Christmas and we will take £10 off the total price!



For a great range of ideal Christmas gifts and stocking fillers see pages 68 and 69 of the latest Advanced Driving magazine. This offer applies to all branded merchandise including our badges, pins, jackets, warm fleeces, the ever popular biker neck scarves, caps, umbrellas, bike stands, tank and helmet stickers. Our high visibility reflective jacket is also included. This offer is available on telephone orders only so please call 0871 911 1730 quoting ADM7. Offer ends 1st January 2010 and excludes IAM and other listed books and DVD's.

Hunt for the most advanced rider of the year

As the UK's leading independent road safety charity, the IAM is using the show to promote its Skill for Life programme, designed by bikers, for bikers, to make you a better and safer rider.



The hunt is on for the 2010 advanced rider of the year – with the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) offering a new Yamaha bike worth up to £11,500 for the rider who can beat the rest in a series of tests of riding skill.

The "New Advanced Rider of the Year 2010" competition was announced at the Motorcycle and Scooter show at the NEC.

And from 26 November 2009 until 31 August 2010, buyers of the Skill for Life rider programme who pass their IAM

advanced bike test will automatically go through to get a chance to win a new Yamaha.

Commenting at the launch on the IAM stand, journalist and broadcaster Vicki Butler-Henderson said: "The IAM are clearly committed to riders and our interests. I for one am going to take up the challenge and will apply for an IAM Skill for Life riding programme in the spring. I hope more people will join me and further improve their riding skills and enjoyment."

Simon Best, IAM CEO, commented: "Behind the prize is a serious motive. We want to raise awareness of advanced riding and its role in improving road safety, and reach as many as possible who could improve their riding skills and confidence."

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Stiffer Speeding Penalties for Leading Ride Out

Precis of an article by Steve Farrell - Motorcycle News, 19 November 2009 16:34 and published in Chainlinks magazine November 2009.

Motorcyclists at the head of a group of riders will face stiffer penalties for speeding under a crown court ruling. Being the lead rider in a group is an aggravating factor making you partly responsible for speeding offences of those behind you according to the decision.

The ruling can be applied in any future cases where two or more motorcyclists riding together are accused of speeding. The head rider might be only a few mph over the limit but could be given the same penalty as the worst offender behind.

If you are riding at the front any group at excess speed, then the very fact you're at the front is potentially an aggravating factor.

The case concerns a rider who reached 85mph on his Yamaha R1 while leading a group of three riders on the 60mph A272 near Rogate, Sussex, last June. The speed is within the usual threshold for a fixed penalty of three points and a £60 fine. But Chichester Crown Court ruled he should receive the same penalty as a following rider accused of going 103mph.

Barrister notes on the ruling state: 'Although his was the lesser speed, [the bench] found it an aggravating feature that he was the lead motorcyclist, was setting the pace and he knew that the other two motorcyclists would want to catch him up and would be speeding to do so.'

Gary Baldwin, former police motorcyclist and co-director of advanced riding school Rapid Training, said: "It's a dangerous precedent to suggest you are now responsible for someone who's in control of another vehicle.

(Chain Lincs Editor's note. I would not expect any of our riders on group activities to be doing 103mph or 85mph. Nevertheless this is something to be considered on group rides, where we know that tail enders often need to ride faster. Possibly it is also something to be considered by observers while observing or giving a demonstration.



Those of you who attended The International Motorcycle & Scooter Show at Birmingham's NEC may have seen the training area allocated to the 'Get On' campaign.

The idea behind the campaign is to introduce potential riders to motorcycles, allowing them to have a 'free ride', in the hope of encouraging them to take further training. The scheme is the brain child of Steve Kenward, CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCI). The 'free rides' are being delivered nationwide by members of its Trainers' Association (MCITA).

Our very own HERAM committee member and trustee, Heather Boldy, is Chairwoman of the MCI's Trainers Association. The main role of the MCITA is liaising with Rosemary Thew, CEO of the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) and Government Ministers, involved in dealing with changes in legislation regarding the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive.

I was asked by the MCITA to work at the NEC and deliver training on behalf of 'Get On'.

Judging by the queues of people who took part in the programme, clearly there are hundreds of people who want to get involved and learn to ride motorcycles. This is very encouraging after the negative press our industry has received recently with the introduction of the new motorcycle test. In fact, by 11am each morning, all the available training slots were fully booked for the rest of the day, which has got to be good news for training providers, dealerships, manufacturers and the industry as a whole.

Along with instructors from training schools around the country, I trained twenty or so novices in the Get On Arena, including one of the staff from the DSA's head office in Nottingham. A great time was had by all and it was great to see so many friendly faces from home visiting the show.

Kev Smart

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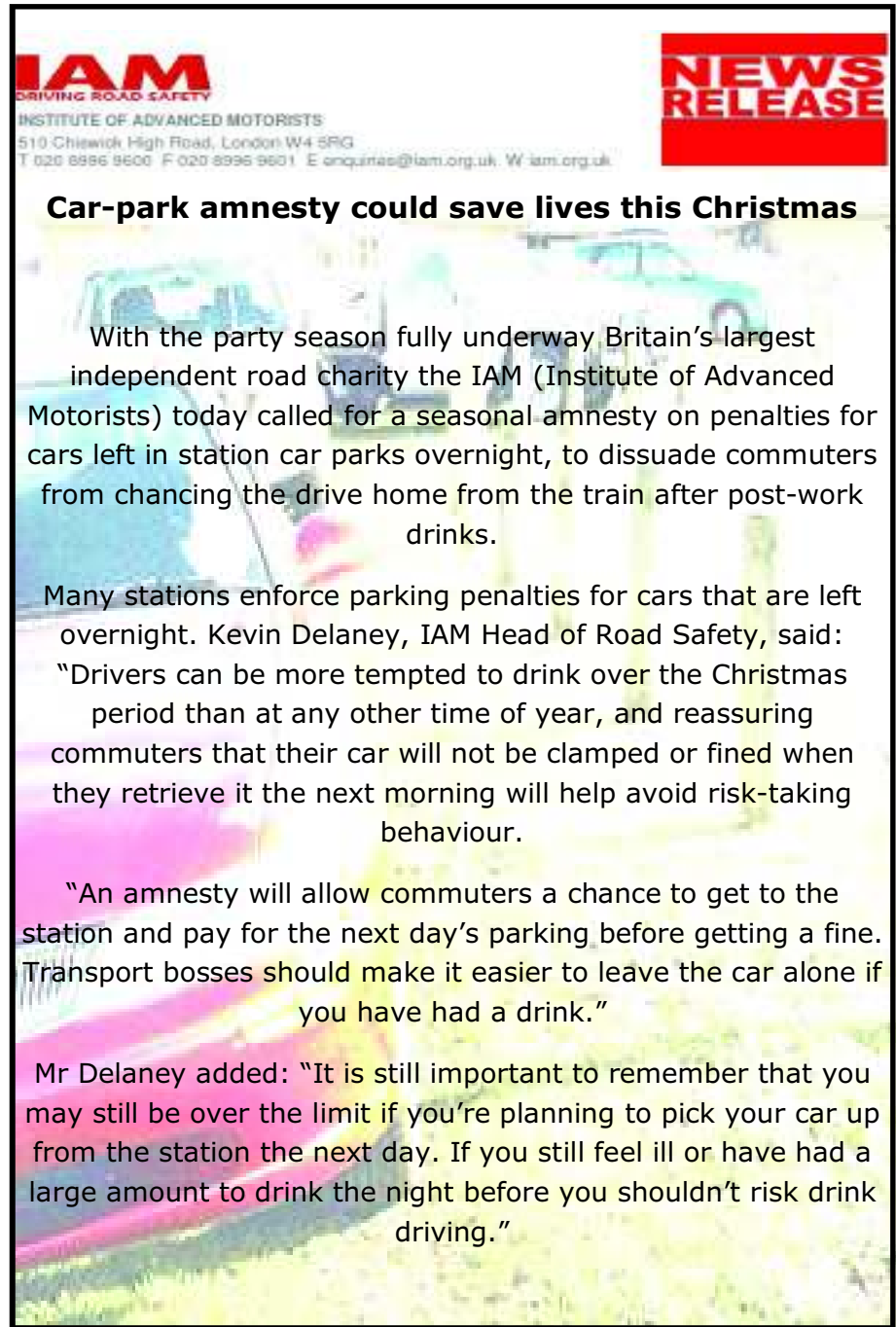
Car-park amnesty could save lives this Christmas

With the party season fully underway Britain's largest independent road charity the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) today called for a seasonal amnesty on penalties for cars left in station car parks overnight, to dissuade commuters from chancing the drive home from the train after post-work drinks.

Many stations enforce parking penalties for cars that are left overnight. Kevin Delaney, IAM Head of Road Safety, said: "Drivers can be more tempted to drink over the Christmas period than at any other time of year, and reassuring commuters that their car will not be clamped or fined when they retrieve it the next morning will help avoid risk-taking behaviour.

"An amnesty will allow commuters a chance to get to the station and pay for the next day's parking before getting a fine. Transport bosses should make it easier to leave the car alone if you have had a drink."

Mr Delaney added: "It is still important to remember that you may still be over the limit if you're planning to pick your car up from the station the next day. If you still feel ill or have had a large amount to drink the night before you shouldn't risk drink driving."



Charity Ride Summer 2010

Myself and Rob Read have come up with the idea of organising a charity fundraising ride out during the summer months next year. The route will be based on my trip this autumn and will start in Hull, riding across to the Lake District, taking in all 5 passes in the Lakes

(Hardknott, Wrynose, Honister, Whinlatter and Kirkstone) before returning home. This totals around 450 miles.



In order to be worthwhile sponsoring, the run will be done in one day and the charity will be chosen by the consensus of those taking part. I am willing to organise and lead the ride and am looking for other club members to come along with me and Rob, have a good bum aching day out and raise some money for a worthwhile cause. Having raised this at the last club meeting a few people have shown interest and it would be nice to get plenty of us along. Anybody interested can email me at paulandlesley@paulandlesley.karoo.co.uk or see me or Rob at a club meeting. Once we have an idea of numbers I can arrange sponsorship forms and put together an itinerary, firm up a date etc.

Keep an eye out in the magazine and at club meetings for further details.

Paul Key

IAM Xmas Party 2009

