

West Sussex Advanced Motorcyclists Newsletter - January 2017



Turning Right, do it right.

Despite the behaviour of some motorists, none of us have the ability to see around corners. When going around a right hand bend, we stay towards the nearside (ideally Lane 1) so that we get the best and earliest view of what is around the corner. Also, and importantly, it also enlarges our safety bubble in relation to oncoming traffic. However, for right hand turns, (which is essentially the same manoeuvre), these safety aspects of our riding can sometimes be omitted. For the purposes of this article, we are going to concentrate on a right hand turn into a side road.

When I notice that my associates are having a few issues with right hand turns, or are not planning for the nightmare scenario, I take them over the back of Goodwood to a place called Lavant. A sleepy village north of Chichester, with not too much traffic, but with some interesting roads in the surrounding area. The right turn below is in Lavant and is where you turn into Fordwater Lane from Pook Lane whilst travelling east.



As we approach Fordwater lane we have positioned ourselves just to the left of the centre of the road, and before we turn into Fordwater Lane, we are waiting to get the view into the turning. We stay in this lane until we get enough view so that we can decide if **a)** it is completely safe to turn into this road and **b)** when we do turn into this side road which will be the best lane to adopt for the road ahead?



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Unfortunately too many people turn-in in anticipation of getting the view rather than waiting for it. And let's not forget that just with braking distances we need to build in a reaction time for us to see the side road is clear, and decide upon the most appropriate position before we manoeuvre the bike. At 15 mph we travel at 22 feet per second. So if our reaction time is 0.3 secs which is very optimistic, from the point you see that everything is safe and decide on your intended course you have rolled on another 7ft. (over bike length). If you are unsure what your personal reaction time is, try this test at www.justpark.com

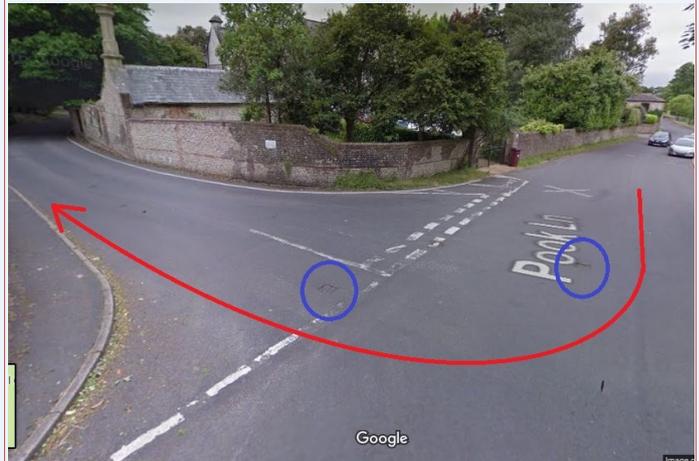


Unfortunately, as in the picture above, people begin to turn far too early, ***before*** they have 100% view into the side road. If this happens they end up in the middle of the carriageway and then have to change position for the road ahead as it continues bending to the right.

However, if you waited for another couple of metres, got the whole picture, and turned in a little later, you would be able to see everything ***and*** take the ideal line.

How do I know if my associates have taken the ideal line? If you look carefully there are a couple of small metal inspection covers on the road, circled in blue. If they leave these to their left hand side, or ride

over them, I know they've turned in too early. If they leave them to their right hand side (off side), then I know they have negotiated the corner correctly.



Supermarket Challenge

The last meeting at Dial Post saw a lot more people turn up and give the Supermarket Challenge a go. Without doubt, times are increasing, skills levels are improving; which is only a good thing. The lead table for the group is as below and I have only listed the top 5. But as you can see the Members are giving the Observers a good run for their money. Let's hope in January the Observers can fight back.

MEMBERS

Paul Baillie 25.34s
Brian Tucknott 23.58s
Paul Drew 19.69s
Piet Reynolds 16.22s
Simon Orsborn 15.89s

OBSERVERS

Kevin Orman 28.8s
Mark Russell 22.90s
David Lindfield 22.58s
Andy Piper 21.29s
Helen Seller 17.45s

Well done to all those above and everyone else who has taken part.

WELCOME TO WSAM

New members in December 2016.

Rowena Alameddine—Brighton

Test Passes for 2016

Congratulations to all those below for passing their Advanced Test in the last year and on behalf of the group a very big 'Thank you' to all the Observers for their time, effort and hard work.

Candidate	Result	Observer
Oliver Tappin	First	G Munday
Nigel Ruddock	Pass	Peter Oakley
Brian Tucknott	First	R Burnett
Dylan Durant	Pass	A Cuthell
Garry Cross	First	M Crosby
Su Parrish	Pass	S Osborn
Dean Allgood	First	C Cooper
Liam Richards	Pass	D Lindfield
Elliott Andrew	First	M Crosby
Tony Murrell	Pass	D Sparrow
Alan Bradford	Pass	D Sparrow
Anthony Farrar	Pass	M Webber
Keith Evans	Pass	A Cuthell
Mark Douglas	First	M Crosby
Peter Smith	Pass	M Webber
Chris Mewse	Pass	C Kernahan
Sue Morrice	Pass	R Bright
David Couling	Pass	K Orman
William Lazell	Pass	M Meachim
Alastair Pease	Pass	P Oakley

Self Cancelling Indicators.

Has anyone heard of STS (Safer Turn System) the manufacturers of an aftermarket Self Cancelling Indicators system for motorcycles?. I got a unsolicited email from them about 2 weeks ago, but



then tripped across this video. [See here](#)

The full website is www.safer-turn.com and I would love to hear from any member who knows about them or has had the system fitted to their machine.

Interestingly I have since heard from them again and they are looking to come and give WSAM a talk and demonstration.

A M25 Precautionary Tale

Which Lane? By Bill Lowe.

I recently had closer contact with the surface of the M25 than I liked. Minding my own business in the third lane of a four lane section of the M25 (not filtering) the young woman in the car to my right, the fourth lane, decided she wanted to be in 'my' lane. Result my 'bike is now written off and I have some health issues now. BUT nothing broken body wise and I am alive. Fortunately the 40mph restrictions were illuminated so this sad affair took place at about 25mph.

So lessons to be learnt? Obviously try and not ride in the 'blind spot' of other vehicles but I feel it would not have helped in this instance. Also hard to achieve when the

traffic gets bunched up. Try and keep an escape route, i.e. ride near a gap between vehicles or the hard shoulder. Possibly ride in either the 'slow' lane or the 'fast' lane? That way you can only be attacked from one side AND there is the hard shoulder and some space to the side of these lanes. Food for thought and your comments would be welcome.

The good part. Following me was another motorcyclist who saw the whole sad event. He stopped, helped me and the bike to the hard shoulder, made sure I was OK and provided an excellent witness statement. I am sure in the same circumstances we would all do the same. I have a new machine, refuse to be put off and will continue to enjoy two wheel travel.

M1 Monday. Is this strange looking machine the future?



Think of mopeds and two-strokes immediately come to mind. Great for performance and nostalgia, but not so great for the environment. California-based Monday Motorcycles have decided to bring the moped into the 21st century, with their electric M-1. The M-1 has two riding modes, Economy and Sport. In Economy mode top speed is

restricted to just 20mph due to electric bike regulations in many states, while the range is 50 miles. Put the 'ped in Sport mode and your speed increases to 40mph as the full 5.5kW of power is unleashed. The range takes a big hit in Sport mode, dropping to 20-30 miles. Don't worry though, you can pedal if you run out of juice and the M-1 makes use of regenerative braking to top up the battery whenever you brake.

When you get to your destination the battery can be removed so you can charge it inside and not have to worry about the local youths unplugging your bike for a laugh.

A USB port on the dash allows you to charge your devices on the go, while Bluetooth connectivity enables connectivity with your smartphone for more dash features and remote wireless unlocking.

The stylish M-1 is now available to pre-order in the US for the price of \$5995 (£4897), which may be a bit of a stumbling block for something with such a low top speed and short range. Check out this youtube video [here](#).

Diary for January 2017

Sunday 8th January

10.00am - 12.00noon

Today is our monthly gathering at Dial Post Village Hall (DPVH). The committee meet at 9.00am for an hour and then after that everyone is welcome for tea, coffee, biscuits and a natter.

Unless the weather is dreadful, I'll be setting up the Supermarket Challenge in the car park again for people to have a go.

21st-22nd January 2017

The Adventure Travel Show

The Adventure Travel Show, now in its 21st year, is the UK's only event dedicated to travel experiences off the beaten track. This is your chance to immerse yourself in a weekend of Adventure travel inspiration and discover off the beaten track travel experiences with the biggest collection of specialist travel operators under one roof. Plus, you can listen to over 100 free talks in four theatres from explorers, industry experts, guide book writers and expedition leaders who will help you uncover your perfect adventure.



Venue: Olympia, Hammersmith Road, Kensington, London, [W14 8UX](#)

Price: Pre-book: £8 - £12. OTD: £10 - £15. Under 16's free.

tel: 0871 230 7159

Website: www.adventureshow.com

Dates to consider in 2017

Dark Star Brewery Tour and Meal

We are arranging a tour for 20 members of the Dark Star Brewery in Partridge Green, followed by a meal at Dark Star's brewery tap the Partridge. The date is not confirmed, but is likely to be April 8th.

AMCA Yamaha Motocross Experience

Have you ever fancied trying motocross, but we're too scared? We are looking to run an event at AMCA in Wiltshire, this will be an introduction to motocross and all gear will be provided. The cost will be around £130 per person with spaces limited to 12 riders. The date is not confirmed, but will probably be in July. See the weblink [here](#).

If you are interested in attending either of these events please email Kevin Orman.

kevin.orman@btinternet.com

And Finally

For this month's videos we're going to take a trip down memory lane to a time long, long, ago when I was just 17 years old. I know it's a bit of a long video, but you can be sure that Chris Mansfield will watch it from start to finish. See the video [here](#). But as you can see, once you watch this one video, you will click on more and more.

I'm not a fan of trikes, but even I fancy having a go on this one. Check it out [here](#).

That's all folks.....