



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

While we are still in the grips of COVID the group has had to put a hold on our monthly meetings at Dial Post Village hall for the foreseeable future. Our A.G.M has already been postponed from April this year and we will be having a virtual Zoom meeting on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 10am. So, there will be notification of this to any member that wishes to join the meeting on the day. Keep an eye on your electronic mailbox.

I have been very impressed with the level of activity and observed rides that have taken place too.

So well done to all the observers beavering away out there for the group ensuring our associates don't get too rusty!

Helen Seller

COMMITTEE STUFF

- A.G.M. Date: Sunday October 11th 10 am via zoom meeting. Details will follow.
- Branded Polo Shirts for sale. £15 each all sizes! +£3.95P P&P.
Please contact Rob Bright rob.bright@btinternet.com to order or for more information
- Tests passed since the last newsletter

			Observer
Robert Bryant		F1rst	H Seller
Allan Steele		Pass	G Proctor
John Hagan		Pass	A Cuthell
Richard Aylen		Pass	P Oakley

- New members joined in 2020 (newest first)

Alexandra Johnson	Associate	Chris Dearnley	Associate
Stephen Taylor	Associate	Chris Harris	Associate
Ricky Nunn-Hammond	Associate	Mark Swarbrick	Associate
Geoffrey Burgess	Associate	Adam Gerrard	Associate
Simon Bryant	Associate	Martyn Young	Associate
Jerry Taylor	Associate	Nick Quarrie	Associate
Harry Smith	Associate	Robin Clarke	Full
Trevor Nicholls	Associate	Nicholas Lee	Associate
Lorraine Dove	Associate	Kevin Parrish	Full
Phil Lawes	Full		

INTERESTING STUFF

MOTORWAYS to have 60 mph limit to help cut pollution. 5-mile stretches have been identified as a trial for 12 months to see how this works in practice.

M6 junction 6-7 by Wilton. M1 junction 33-34 by Rotherham. M602 junction 1-3 by Eccles. M5 junction 1-2 by Oldbury.

HIGHWAY CODE RE BOOT. Proposed changes are afoot to parts of the Highway Code, which although does not directly affect motorcyclists, does affect the way they ride. These new changes will be looking at the group of **VULNERABLE ROAD USERS**. There will be a “hierarchy of road users” and new rules. Rule H1, ensures that those road users who can do the greatest harm, have the greatest responsibility to reduce danger or threat they may pose to other road users. The object of the hierarchy is not to give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in every situation, but rather to ensure a more mutually respectful and considerate culture of safe and effective road use that will benefit all. This is still in the consultation process.



NEW MATERIAL TO REVOLUTIONISE BIKE SAFETY.

A team of scientists has created a new material it says cannot be cut. PROTEUS uses ceramic spheres suspended in Aluminium foam to repel attacks from angle grinders, drill bits and water jet cutters. Attacking any metal creates a vibration, but when “Proteus” is attacked, its ceramic technology, resonates and increases the vibration.

This is sent back to the tool being used. Allegedly in seconds this breaks the tool and the “Proteus” remains uncut. What is interesting is that this new material weight is 85% less than steel...

NEWLETTER

Thanks to those who have responded to our appeal for help.

If you have any articles that may be of interest to other members, please forward them to me.

Cheers
That's all for the moment

Helen