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Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2022!

First our congratulations to...

Bryan Piggin	and Observer	Steve Tamsett
Tom Waling	and Observer	Chris Weir
Neil Goulding	and Observer	Les Congdon
Bob Austin	and Observer	Jon Read
Gareth Bustin	and Observer	Mark Franks
James Rushton	and Observer	Nigel Vernon
Rob Phelps	and Observer	Mike Anthony
David Ross	and Observer	Bill Morris
Paul Tomkins	and Observer	Zoë Eastwell
Greg Garner	and Observer	Aimee Hurst
Darren Dilkes	and Observer	Peter Borrell
Mark Butler	and Observer	Sean McKeown
John Elliott	and Observer	Les Congdon
Mark Smith	and Observer	Steve Tamsett

Who all passed their Advanced test in 2021 and...

James Tyler	and Observer	Les Congdon
Tony Allaker	and Observer	Bryan Spence

Who passed their Advanced test with a First

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and would welcome any comments on how it could be improved in future.

Chair's Update

Another year disrupted and life still hasn't returned to what it was pre-Covid. After lockdown last Christmas we didn't manage to get properly started again until March, but since then we have been very busy. During the year we have enrolled an extraordinary 31 new Associates. Compare that to only 12 last year, which wasn't entirely surprising, and 22 in 2019 and 20 in 2018.

We do still have a waiting list, but this has been much reduced over the year, with a fierce focus on ensuring that all Observers were working well with Associates and that new Observers were recruited and trained from amongst the members. During the year, six new Observers qualified as Local Observers and two Local Observers as National Observers, taking us to 22 Observers in total with a further four trainee Observers going through the process now. This ensures that the Club remains in excellent shape to continue to offer Advanced training to Associates.

The membership currently stands at around 120. A huge amount of work has gone into running the club during the last year and I'd like to thank all those involved. Of course, that includes the Observers who turn out every other Saturday to give their time, but also everyone involved in managing the membership enquiries, assessment rides, check rides and group rides, keeping the Facebook page and website up to date and arranging the Winter Club evenings.

We have a full timetable planned for the coming year, so keep an eye on the Facebook page and emails and get involved, enjoying what the club has to offer. We're hoping to send a quarterly newsletter, so if you have any tales to tell or information to share, please get in touch.

Ride safe and I'll see you all in 2022

Zoë Eastwell

Club Nights

You should have received details of the excellent Club nights put together by the Social Events team. These started in October with our AGM and a fascinating session from one of our local IAM examiners, Alex Hathaway.

The Club nights take place at the Fosse Riders Clubhouse and have been supported by our friends at MCA in Leicester. The last event in December included a demonstration on how to pick up a fallen motorcycle. Not everyone who tried managed it, but most did!

The next Club night is this **Tuesday 11th January** and will be an evening with Jim Sampson, who is an ex-Police Motorcycle instructor. It's an event not to be missed, so add it to your diaries immediately! We look forward to seeing you there.

You can check out the Calendar on the website for future events:

<https://www.ladam.org.uk/calendar>.

Overtaking Event

Thank you to everyone who turned out and made our first Overtaking Event such a success. It was a damp and cold day, but the feedback has been really encouraging with both Associates and Observers gaining valuable information.



A particular thank you to Steve, Ian and Jon who were our slow drivers. Driving in a figure of eight circuit, they were able to give all riders plenty of opportunities for overtaking over the course of the morning.

Thanks also to Reg and his wife for supplying the refreshments on site. Reg is also a biker and

really enjoyed being a part of the event, so much so that he has volunteered to be at any future events.

More photos of the day can be found on our Facebook page [here](#). We will be seeing how any video footage taken on the day, together with the photos, can give us some training material for the future.

This way of giving everyone the opportunity to practice overtaking has attracted the attention of the Nottingham Advanced Motorbike group (Nottsam) who are keen to get involved in future. The Committee are interested in working with other groups as it means we can all benefit from the various initiatives being introduced in the wider world. More details will be shared soon.

There are a few tweaks to think about, such as slowing the vans even further and using a car instead of one of the vans to give more balanced overtake scenarios. So for those who didn't make it, don't worry - it will be repeated in future!

LADAM TOURS 2022

Although not strictly speaking a tour, enough people signed up for the i2i Machine Control training on 19th and 20th May 2022 for it to be a LADAM only course. This is an excellent course, highly recommended by anyone who has done it previously. More details about accommodation and the ride up to York will be circulated soon to those who have registered.

There has also been a fantastic response to the Wales and France tours in 2022, which will be led by Mike Anthony.

The trip to France is scheduled for 8th to 11th July. Despite the current uncertainty around travel to France, this tour will be going ahead. For those going, booking accommodation and the train will need to be done as soon as possible and further details will be circulated shortly.

Following the success of last year's Wales trip, this will be repeated over the three-day weekend of the August Bank Holiday. We will be staying in the same hotel and riding out from there on the second day. The tour will be capped at 15 bikes, so if you haven't signed up already and are interested, don't leave it too late.

And in other news...

The latest IAM RoadSmart News is [here](#), their tips and blogs are [here](#).

You may have read that the Highway Code is changing. We'd be interested to hear your views on the changes, how they should be introduced and the impact on vulnerable road users. You can add a comment to our Facebook book, which is a closed group and can be found [here](#).

Club membership fees are due in January. These have been held at £15 per year and further details will be sent out in due course via email.

Watch out for more news on Group Rides, which happen every Club Saturday. They provide a great opportunity to explore with a group of like-minded motorcyclists and to practice your advanced and group riding skills. They are open to all Members and some are also open to Associates. The calendar will be updated as locations for the Saturday rides are confirmed, and we are also considering some longer days out during the summer.

In our next newsletter we would like to include stories from some of our members. If you would like to provide a story, maybe about your journey with LADAM, please contact Zoë or Ian, details below.

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For future events check out the [Calendar Page](#)

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