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Happy New Year from not so sunny California! So, no need to be that jealous as we have had an inordinate amount of rain and cooler weather before, during and after Christmas.

Caution is the word over here on the west coast of the States, so mask wearing indoors is compulsory.

No motorcycling on the cards for me whilst here, the fastest I go is with pedal power on my e-bike and I haven't done too much of that yet with the heavy rain and cycle paths awash with storm debris. Hoping for better times in January and also a visit to New Orleans.

I hope you have all managed to have reasonable Christmas and New Year celebrations this year without too many changes of plans.

Looking back at December, in this month's issue we have a pictorial record of the Reading Toy Run, in which so many of you participated. Nick Tasker reviews some of the bikes you may have seen if you visited Motorcycle Live at the NEC, and if, like me, you were unable to attend he gives you a rundown of what you missed. Thanks to John Gordon for supplying the route for me to create a winter ride which you will find on the centre pages. I haven't created one for a while, so perhaps some of you have a ride worth sharing to send me in gpx or itn files with a few words, to share with all?

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Keep the rubber side down...





TVAM ROLL OF HONOUR

BETTER BIKING

NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

Keith Boden	Hugh McCurry	Calin Spica
Hume Fairholme	Duncan McLaughlin	Kevin Spokes
Jose Fernandez	Frederick 'Fred' Norton	Daniel Spring
Rob Harris	Anthony Olsen	Nathan Thomas
Kevin Hurley	Colin Rackliff	David Tilton
David Jenkins	Aivars Silins	John Watson
Nick Lambert	Charlie Smith	Resat Yucesir

TEST PASSES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Candidate	Observer	
Martin Beukes	Lance Gibson	
Nicholas Collins	Peter Dalglish	
Geoffrey Cooper	Paul Naish	
Ed Cozens	Christopher Davey	
Daniel de Matos	Andrew Smith	With a FIRST Pass
Mark Evans	Paul Wells	
Julian Evins	Paul Naish	With a FIRST Pass
Jeremy Fisher	David Parker	
David Grieves	Andrew Storey	
Luke Graham	Mick Goodhall	With a FIRST Pass
Donna Heath	Andrew Ball	With a FIRST Pass
Philip Jones	John Stevenson	
Graham Kitteridge	David Mack	With a FIRST Pass
Pierre Louw	Barrie Smith	With a FIRST Pass
Shaun MacGregor	Carl Flint	With a FIRST Pass
Konrad Marciniak	Peter Dalglish	With a FIRST Pass
Owen Mayes	Trevor Warwick	With a FIRST Pass
Harry Morgan	James Bates	With a FIRST Pass
Adrian Percival	Andrew Collins	With a FIRST Pass
Lijo Philip	Christopher Davey	With a FIRST Pass
Simon Plank	Carole Hooper	
Chris Procter	Paul Johnson	With a FIRST Pass
Mark Thomas	Di Woodcock	

COMBINED NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ENTRIES FOR NEW MEMBERS AND TEST PASSES AS WE DO NOT PUBLISH IN DECEMBER AS THE EDITOR AND SLIPSTREAM TEAM NEED A BREAK!

NEW MEMBERS IN DECEMBER

Colin Campbell	Martin Sweetman
Jacqueline Carli	Oliver 'Oli' Wiseman
Mel Dickinson	Danny Wozny
Nick Evans	
Adrian Garman	
Arnold Hornsey	
Alex Lemon	

TEST PASSES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Candidate	Observer	
Brian Walmsley	Sid Collyer	With a FIRST Pass
Crispin Walker	Andrew Collins	
Alexander Watts	Mick Goodall	
John Willock	Peter Browne	
Paul Winter	Paul Taylor	
Mark Woodrow	Graham Bugby	



November's test passes. We are sorry we couldn't take one of the December test passes acknowledged at the St. Crispin's monthly meet, as the meeting only took place online.

FROM THE SADDLE

And Happy New Year to everyone.

Firstly, I'd like to remind everyone that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday 16th January at 12.30pm. At the time of writing, we hope to hold the AGM as a face-to-face meeting at St. Crispin's. We are continuing to evaluate the Covid-19 risks and guidelines and if conditions deem it appropriate then we will move this to an online meeting.

The ongoing monitoring of the guidelines and rules around Covid-19 will also be used to inform any restrictions we might place around our social and riding activities. I'm writing this on New Year's Eve and there are currently no formal guidelines or rules in place in England that mean we need to restrict our activities – although this may have already changed by the time you're reading this article. We do urge members to keep themselves safe and to take appropriate individual measures. We will keep everyone informed as to any restrictions that we, the government or IAM RoadSmart decide to implement, so please keep an eye out for any relevant messages on Groups.io.

One of our flagship training events, the 7Ws weekend, continues to evolve. Started many years ago under the leadership of Daf Phillips, we held the 40th 7Ws last September. Ness and Andy Boudier organised a very successful celebratory event, with a great mix of observed runs, social runs and social interaction – as well as raising a whopping £464 for the Air Ambulance (which receives no public funding) via contributions and a raffle. Due to family and business pressures, they have decided to step back from 7Ws and the organisation is now with the Training Team; we'd like to say a big "thank you" to Ness and Andy. Details of the 41st 7Ws, to be held on 8th–10th April 2022 and based in Llandrindod Wells (where else?) are now on the Groups.io calendar. Although some things have evolved, the core aims of 7Ws as a training weekend, aimed at Associates, and enjoying great riding on some fabulous Welsh roads, remain the same. See the calendar entry on Groups.io for more information or scan QR code to register your interest.



The local teams have been organising some fantastic runs in the lead-up to Christmas and over the New Year break. It's great to see so many getting engaged on these runs despite some less-than-ideal weather. The team leaders will be taking more steps to increase engagement and will also be taking the lead on driving TVAM involvement at local events. Please ensure you engage with your local team and get along to the team meetings and social runs. The local teams are really the heart of the club and so much of the social and riding activity is driven from the local team members.



Although we've had some unseasonably warm weather over New Year (the warmest on record), and the evenings are starting to get lighter, please do keep an eye out for cold snaps, icy patches and micro-climates. It's sometimes better to delay going out for an hour or two than to risk encountering frost or ice. We have better weather to look forward to and I hope to see you on a ride soon.

Chris Brownlee
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Nick Tasker takes a look at the 2021



Lots of great bikes, but is there anything really exciting?

Until Covid-19 put paid to the expo season last year I hadn't missed a single Motorcycle Live since I first passed my test in 2009. A family event, my Mum views it as a nice day out with the family where she can snag a few bargains on next year's touring gear. My brother and his wife poke skeptically at bikes while meeting up with friends. I use the opportunity to corner bewildered staff and bombard them with technical questions, climb all over every motorcycle I can find and try to take motorcycling's metaphorical temperature.

My motorcycling obsession – and there is no other word – is about everything on two (or more wheels). I never got into it for the culture, or the machismo, or the bragging rights – I liked the machines. As such, stepping into the hall at the NEC is just...fantastic. Doing so on a weekday and discovering that there are half as many people crowding the space was a wonderful surprise, allowing me to get more time with more bikes. I usually come with a list of specific machines to get up close and personal with, but also try to get an overview and see if I can put my finger on the pulse of the British motorcycling industry.

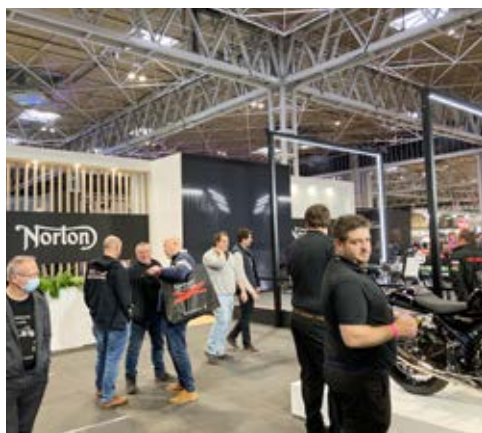
This year was always going to be a bit weird; Covid-19 hasn't gone away, and there are some manufacturers who, after getting stung last year, clearly gambled on the show not happening at all. But even ignoring the fact that the only Yamaha products on

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held at the
NEC in
December

display were T-shirts and that the entire Piaggio Group failed to materialise, there was still something rather flat about the show this year. The stands that were present were a little more restrained; marketing budgets and general uncertainty contributed to this, but so did customs and border issues, slimming Honda's line-up and stranding most of Ducati's bikes in France.

Half the bikes I'd seen announced in manufacturer press releases in the previous weeks and months were absent. I was curious about the newly-updated Yamaha T-Max 560 and the all-new Moto-Guzzi V100 Mandello would have had my attention. Ducati's Desert X was notable by its absence, and Triumph were only showing a camo-wrapped 'pre-production' version of its (since revealed) Tiger 1200. But even if those bikes had been there, they wouldn't have been anything truly revolutionary. The only genuine surprise was BSA, unveiling for the first time their re-launched (Indian-owned) brand and very aesthetically-convincing new Gold Star. And that's just a dressed-up old BMW/Rotax engine in a retro chassis.



Norton's back! And they're offering the same V4 and retro-twin they made before...



Ducati's new 17" Multistrada Pikes Peak was stuck in France, along with most of their other bikes

It was cool to see (and sit on) Harley-Davidson's new 1200cc adventure bike, the Pan America, and the suspension that automatically lowers as you come to a stop is a neat addition to the genre. Their new Sportster uses the same water-cooled engine and comes with so much plastic cladding that it makes a Kawasaki Ninja look naked by comparison. I like flat bars and I like feet-forward riding positions, but not on the same bike. I'm sure we'll see ergonomic variants of that platform in the years to come as noise and emissions regulations strangle the life out of their air-cooled engines, but on this occasion, I was left feeling somewhat underwhelmed.



Dressed-up BMW engine in a 60's chassis and running gear. Cool, but not new.

And honestly, that's my overriding impression of the entire show, and indeed motorcycling as a whole at the moment. In theory, we've never had it so good – choice, build-quality, features, performance...we're living in a golden age of motorcycling. And yet, there's no excitement, no passion, and no risk. Late-stage motorcycling has figured out what the best way to solve every problem is, and no-one's trying anything new. They simply benchmark the leading competitors and remix their own version. And if a manufacturer is already the segment leader, then they just iterate and tweak the formula, so as not to upset their existing customers.

The Moto-Guzzi V100 Mandello should be a seismic event; Guzzi is finally going water-cooled! Piaggio has clearly decided the brand will live on and has stumped up



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the not-inconsiderable investment in an all-new power plant. But by all accounts, it's yet another ~110bhp two-box half-faired sports-tourer. Harley-Davidson making an Adventure bike should have stopped the whole motorcycling world in its tracks, but instead, we're informed that it's merely another credible entry in the fully-saturated 1200cc Adventure market. One neat new innovation does not a groundbreaking motorcycle make. It seems churlish to complain about a bunch of really good new motorcycles simply because they're not blowing my mind, but that's what gets people out into showrooms. Nobody gets so giddy they can't resist rushing out to buy a bike that's basically the same as the one they already have.



Like Ducati discovered with the Diavel, making a modern bike look "authentic" takes a lot of plastic

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Honda's new NT1100 is literally a restyled Africa Twin with a smaller front wheel. Same engine, same frame, same electronics suite. The Japanese manufacturer had more stand-space dedicated to a display of old Fireblades than their "all-new" sports-tourer, which says a lot. Suzuki's GSX-S 1000 GT is an updated GSX-S 1000 with panniers; they fixed the obvious flaw from the old model and executed an extremely questionable styling pass. On paper, it finally trades blows with the Kawasaki Ninja 1000SX, but ignoring aesthetics it does nothing whatsoever to get my attention. That aside, Suzuki had nothing new to offer, and so tried to distract everyone with old race bikes instead.



Tucked in a corner of the Honda stand, the NT1100 looks fine but lacks 'wow' factor



Triumph added a half-fairing and luggage to their Trident to make the new Tiger Sport 660. I'm sure it's fine, and I can summon zero enthusiasm for what will, I'm sure, be a very competent and practical entry in the segment. Honda added slightly bigger panniers to the Goldwing and refined a bunch of their scooters slightly. BMW added radar-guided cruise control to their R1250RT. Ducati rebranded the Multistrada 950 into the Multistrada V2, raising the price and reducing the engine

If anything, that front fairing looks even worse in person



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performance to get past EU emissions regulations. There are updated variants of most of their bikes, so I guess they're all better now...?

Kawasaki added some electronics to the Versys 650. Royal Enfield had me temporarily excited when I spotted a Himalayan with the 650cc twin-cylinder engine from the Interceptor, but I later learned that this was a third-party one-off and not a production model. CCM are still selling unlimited new variations on their 600cc single-cylinder naked retro thing, and KTM boosted their 790 Adventure to 890cc to create the new 890 Adventure. I'm sure it's just like the old one, but slightly quicker.



Adventure re-skin for the Forza 350 scooter will probably see as much dirt as the average Africa Twin

We've got a real problem here, folks. I normally find all motorcycles exciting and interesting, and yet looking at the current showroom options leaves me cold. There's nothing new, nothing exciting, nothing that might make me sell everything in my garage in order to claim as my own some all-new and revolutionary new two-wheeled machine. The closest we've come of late are Kawasaki creating an insane 200bhp supercharged sports-tourer (a few years old, now) and Ducati stuffing a V4 in their already-excellent Multistrada. Light-weight adventure bikes are apparently all the rage, but Yamaha's existing Tenere 700, MV Augusta's new Lucky Explorer, and Aprilia's just-released Tuareg 660 were all no-shows.

In theory, this apparent plateau could be explained by the fact that internal combustion motorcycling's days are certainly numbered. The dates are already set for cars, and it's only a matter of time before the two-wheeled world is given its own deadline. Against that backdrop, it makes sense to reduce the models and engine choices, re-use platforms, and recycle existing, winning formulas. Now is the time to maximise profits while they still can, because manufacturers sure as hell aren't ready for the electric revolution.



Even with Formula 1 tech employed we're still nowhere near parity with petrol

Super Soco and various other Chinese manufacturers are working hard on building credible urban-use 125-equivalents for reasonable money, and at the other end of the spectrum you've got £20,000 Zeros and Livewires. There's nothing with reasonable range, reasonable performance, and a reasonable price tag, which puts us about 10-15 years behind where electric cars currently are. My own calculations suggest that fitting enough batteries into an electric Ninja 1000SX to match the petrol version's performance would result in a 750kg motorcycle. Electric cars are averaging over two tons, or around double that of their petrol forebears at the turn of



None of the established players are seriously developing marketable electric motorcycles yet



Will motorcycling survive the electric transition?

the century. Like an obese diabetic vacationing at an all-you-can-eat fast-food buffet, Motorcycling can't survive that kind of weight gain.

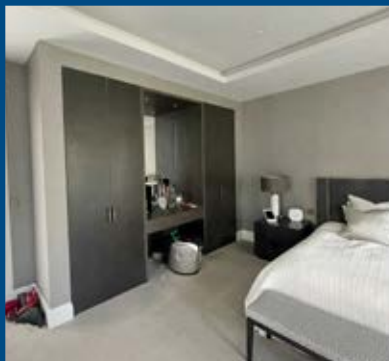
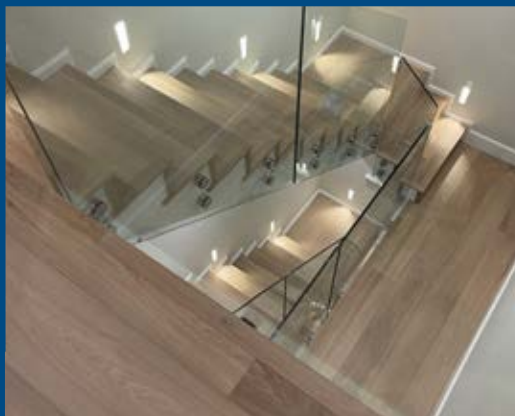
In short, I think that the entire motorcycle industry is holding its breath. No-one is spending any money developing any radical new internal-combustion motorcycles because they don't know if that investment will pay off before the technology is banned. They also don't want (or aren't able) to sink the vast sums required into battery R&D, and know that current technology can't meet their current customers' expectations on price, performance, or range. They're hoping that someone in the car world, where deep pockets are engaged in extremely expensive research, makes some kind of breakthrough (solid-state batteries, batteries-as-chassis etc.) that suddenly makes electric motorcycles a realistic proposition, and are saving up to buy said tech when it becomes available.

They're probably also hoping that said technology becomes available before internal combustion two-wheelers are banned from showrooms. Those of us who like to travel or don't want to have to recharge every 70 miles when commuting or riding for fun will just stick to used bikes, maintaining what we have while we wait for electric bikes to become genuinely competitive. But many motorcycle manufacturers simply won't survive that gap, if it comes. They need sales year-on-year to maintain R&D and staff budgets that will be required to develop, build, and sell future motorcycles. You need a healthy industry to attract new riders and fight over-regulation. If the new-bike industry goes into hibernation, it might never reawaken.

So; if you're in the market for a new motorcycle, then go out and treat yourself. Enjoy it while you can. That's what the whole industry is doing right now...



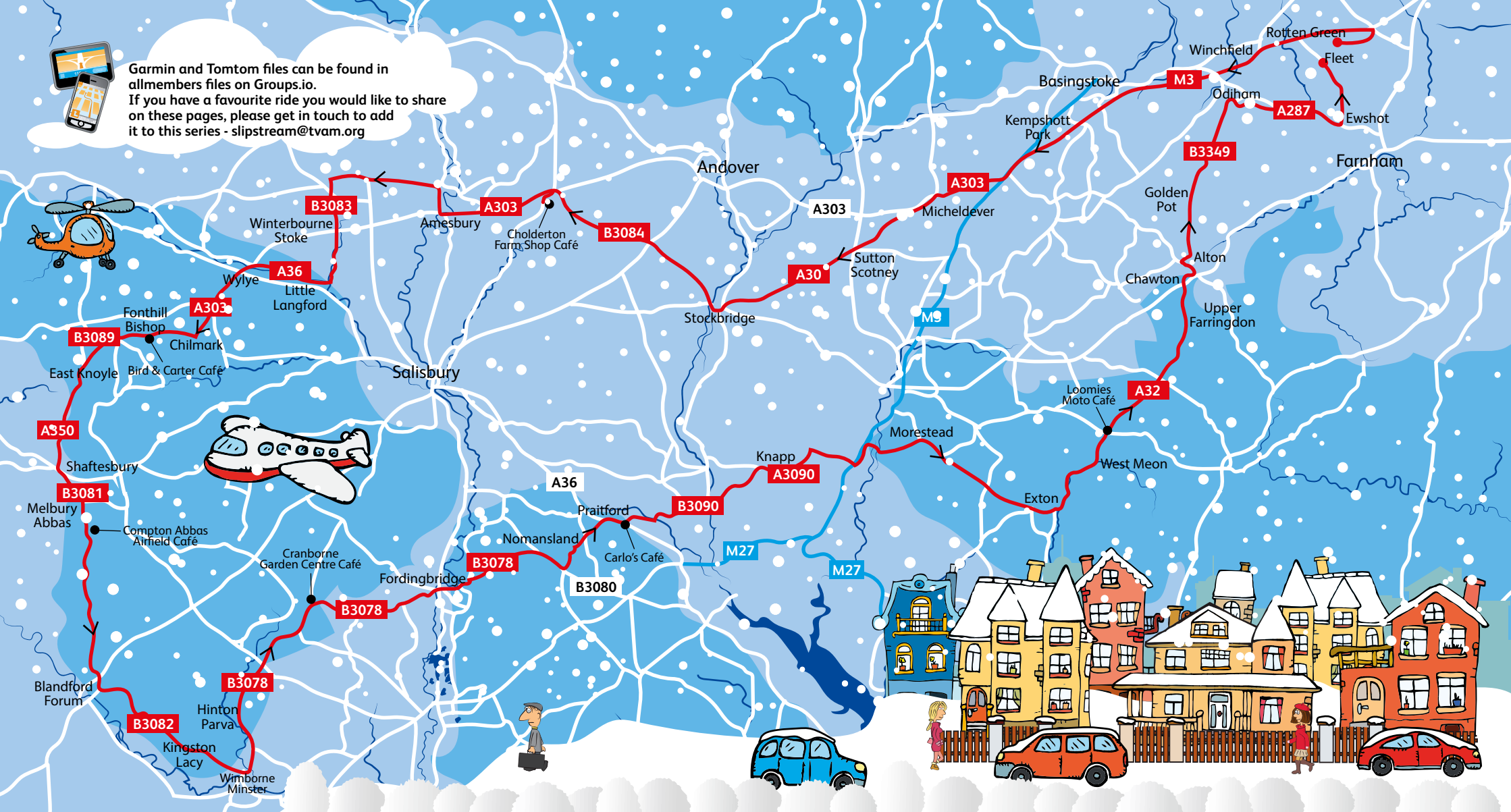
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Winter Ride

Route by: John Gordon

Distance: 190 miles

The route makes a good winter ride and the 190 miles can be completed in 5 hours. So allowing for two stops of 1.5 hours means if you leave at 9am you will be back home by 3.30pm, within daylight

hours. It is a mixture of roads that you can ride at pace or enjoy the villages and countryside you pass through at a more relaxed speed. If the motorway stretch is not for you there are numerous other ways to get to Stockbridge.

Additional waypoints have been added to ensure Tom Tom and Garmin satnavs follow the same route. Approximately 3 miles before approaching Kingston Lacy on the B3082 is a two mile avenue of beech trees. These were planted by William John Banks

who inherited the Kingston Lacy estate in 1835. The avenue was a birthday gift to William John's mother, Frances, and there were 365 trees on one side of the road for each day of the year and 366 on the other, for a leap year. Driven into exile by his liking for men he never saw the fruits of his labour. It is there for us to enjoy but to see it at its best come back in the spring.

On my ride I used the Bird and Carter Café (large heated marquee) for brunch and Carlo's for a

second stop, which suited a run from Fleet. Since members will start from different locations I have added Cholderton Farm Shop, Compton Abbas Airfield Café, Cranborne Garden Centre Café and Loomies so you can adjust the stops to suit your start point.

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THANK YOU READING TOY RUN DECEMBER 2021



drone footage

Just a quick note from me to say a very big thank you for those that helped make the 2021 Reading Toy Run such a success. There were 1320 motorcycles and 339 pillions who rode past the smiling Richard Clauson, Alias Count-ing Dracula (Blood Bike Joke – which most of us had to have explained to us) and his clicker team at Shute End. As a matter of interest Richard comes down from Derbyshire for the event, so thank you for that Richard and may you long continue to do so. I just can't think of anyone else who would get so excited about numbers!

As you will no doubt be aware, almost every time we hold the run, there are more junctions to marshal. This is the reason it is so important that we are able to call on members of the club year after year to bring your experience and enthusiasm to the run, not only to make the run itself a success, but also to provide such a wonderful spectacle for the thousands of local people who line the route.

I have attached a photo that one of Santa's little helpers took at the school so you can see at least some of the toys which were donated, and which will make Christmas so much better for a huge number of less fortunate children. All possible because of you. I don't get tired of saying it, but, without you it wouldn't happen.

I am always humbled when I see the bottom car park with over 160 marshals milling around who, under the direction of Corinne and the Group Leaders, Robina Maher, Andrew Gardiner, Garry Tallet, Jim Bates and Garry Andrews (all club members incidentally) magically form into a cohesive force and go out and do the business. The cheerful camaraderie shown by everyone is amazing and I really feel like I'm with 160 mates – Thank you for that.

As Tiny Tim said "God bless us every one". I hope you and your families had a truly great Christmas and New Year. I'm sure that I'll see many of you at St Crispin's and out on runs etc. before too long, but if not, I look forward to seeing you all again at the 2022 Reading Toy Run.

If Ben Spiller were still with us he would have told me in no uncertain terms, as he did every year, to make sure that I thanked all those from TVAM who marshalled. So thank you from Ben's family and the rest of the team that organise the Reading Toy Run.

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Saturday 14th May

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Following the success of the off-road weekends in 2021 we have reserved space in their 2022 calendar. The 2021 weekends were over-subscribed by double so we have increased capacity to suit.

These are fully inclusive trips with 3 nights' accommodation, inclusive of breakfast, fantastic dinners and wine!

Also including off-road bike hire, all protective kit and coaching by Steph Jeavons (Solo Round the World Rider) plus others!

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There will be 10 hire bikes – or take your own bike!

Price for 3 nights stay with bike hire, kit and two days guided trail ride.

Single occupancy – £750

Sharing twin room – £650 each

Without bike hire is £200 less than above.

Dates

Tues–Friday 22nd – 25th March – Improvers Trip

Friday–Monday 22nd – 25th April – Beginners Trip



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Price for 3 nights stay with bike hire, kit and two days guided trail ride.

Single occupancy per cabin – £700

Couple sharing cabin – £650 each

Dates

Thurs–Sunday 21st – 24th July – Improvers Trip

Thurs–Sunday 11th – 14th August – Beginners Trip

These really are great venues and we will have both places to ourselves – so it is very relaxed.

Both are top-end weekends and the food really is to die for! :) The trails are great too and you will have so much FUN!

We anticipate a high demand so please reserve your places early – in the first instance send your preferred date and requirements plus **Beginner** or **Improver** to phildon3@gmail.com

Happy off-roading

Phil Donovan

TVAM CALENDAR

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If you have a run for the calendar please send details to socialruns@tvam.org. Keep an eye on the groups.io calendar for the latest news. Also check local teams.

JANUARY 2022

SUN 16	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am. AGM - 12.30pm Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
SUN 23	BOB'S FAVOURITES (B) Starting in Marlborough town centre, 10am for a 10.30am departure. Bob takes us on a tour of some of his favourite roads and back lanes. A run of about 100 miles. Back before it gets dark. An RSVP would be useful to gauge numbers but not essential. Further details from Bob D'Mellow at bob.dmellow@gmail.com
SUN 23	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io . Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 30	ROBBIE'S FIFTH SUNDAY RUN (B) For details check groups.io or contact Robbie McIntosh at mcintosh.robby@btinternet.com but will be heading out of WAGland somewhere!

FEBRUARY 2022

SUN 6	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
SUN 6	WAGs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) From 10am and about 100 -140 miles. A social run led by Mr Byrne usually involving some interesting roads that haven't been mowed for a while. Open to all badges and other TVAM group members. Further details as and when available so keep a watch on Groups.io . An RSVP is encouraged. For further information contact Paul Gilmore 07527 777500 or Sean Byrne 07977 22272.
SAT 12	RAMs SECOND SATURDAY RUN (C) Usually a morning run. Details to be posted on groups.io . Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SAT 12	AVEBURY ADVENTURE (B) Meet at McDonald's, Bath Road, Calcot, RG31 7SA at 9am for a 9.30am departure. Around 140 miles, returning to Calcot for about 3.30pm. This will be a re-run of last year's Avebury Adventure taking in some of the best roads around the North Wessex Downs AONB. Check groups.io calendar - Paul Gilmore - paulusgg@btinternet.com or 07527 777500.

SUN 20	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
SUN 27	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 27	PAV'S ZIG-ZAG TO ZIG-ZAG HILL (B) Pav takes us on a ride through the lanes to Zig-Zag Hill in Dorset. Meeting in the car park outside Stryker UK, Hambridge Road, Newbury, RG14 5AW at 10am for prompt 10.30am departure. Pub lunch at the Royal Oak in Swallowcliffe. Total distance approx 140 miles, and back to Newbury by mid-afternoon. An RSVP would be useful to confirm numbers for lunch at the pub, also OK to turn up on the day if you can't commit before. Contact Julian 'Pav' Pavitt at julian.k.pavitt@gmail.com

MARCH 2022

SUN 6	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
SAT 12	RAMs SECOND SATURDAY RUN (C) Usually a morning run. Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 20	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
TUE 22 – FRI 25	MOTO-JUNKIES OFF ROAD 4 DAY TRIPS - BEGINNERS For those who have had little or no off-road experience. These are fully inclusive trips with 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner and wine! Also including off-road bike hire or take your own, all protective kit and coaching by Steph Jeavons, staying at a beautiful 16th century farmhouse in Dolgellau. Send your preferred date plus Beginner or Improver to phildon3@gmail.com . See page 26.
SUN 27	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org

APRIL 2022

SUN 3	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
FRI 8 – SUN 10	#41 7Ws TRAINING WEEKEND, LLANDRINDOD WELLS (T) Now staying at the Metropole Hotel with a focus on Associate training, the 7Ws weekends help improve riding skills and confidence while having fun on some stunning Welsh roads. See the calendar entry on Groups.io for more details and the link to register your interest.

SAT 9	TRAINING RUN - hosted by RAMs (T) Full day - locations to be confirmed. Two observed runs in the morning, lunch, then a run back to to Reading.
SUN 17	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
FRI 22 - MON 25	MOTO-JUNKIES OFF ROAD 4 DAY TRIPS - IMPROVERS For those who have some basic skills and wish to further improve. These are fully inclusive trips with 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner and wine! Also including off-road bike hire or take your own, all protective kit and coaching by Steph Jeavons, staying at a beautiful 16th century farmhouse in Dolgellau. Send your preferred date plus Beginner or Improver to phildon3@gmail.com. See page 26.
SUN 24	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (B) Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
MAY 2022	
SUN 1	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
SAT 14	RAMs SECOND SATURDAY RUN (C) Usually a morning run. Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 15	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
SUN 22	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
JUNE 2022	
SUN 5	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
SAT 11	RAMs SECOND SATURDAY RUN (C) Usually a morning run. Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 19	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
SUN 26	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io. Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
JULY 2022	

SUN 3	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
SAT 9	RAMs SECOND SATURDAY RUN (C) Usually a morning run. Details to be posted on groups.io . Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org
SUN 17	ST CRISPIN'S SUNDAY - 8.45am Members' monthly meet at St Crispin's School, Wokingham.
THU 21 - SUN 24	OFF-ROAD WITH GLAMPING, MACHYNLLETH - IMPROVERS NICK SANDERS EXPEDITION CENTRE Individual heated cabins for 3 nights accommodation in Wales, breakfast, dinner plus cakes and free wine. Great trails and a perfect venue. Send your preferred date plus Beginner or Improver to phildon3@gmail.com . See page 27.
SUN 24	RAMs FOURTH SUNDAY RUN (C) Details to be posted on groups.io . Contact Dana or Ben with any questions at reading@tvam.org

AUGUST 2022

SUN 7	GNATs FIRST SUNDAY RUN (B) Join the GNATs for their first Sunday of the month run. Contact wycombe@tvam.org for meet details.
THU 11 - SUN 14	OFF-ROAD WITH GLAMPING, MACHYNLLETH - BEGINNERS NICK SANDERS EXPEDITION CENTRE Individual heated cabins for 3 nights accommodation in Wales, breakfast, dinner plus cakes and free wine. Great trails and a perfect venue. Send your preferred date plus Beginner or Improver to phildon3@gmail.com . See page 27.

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- B+: Progressive pace for the confident, focused rider.
- B: Medium paced, relaxed ride.
- C: Suitable for first timers or those looking for a MORE leisurely pace. No overtaking within the group.
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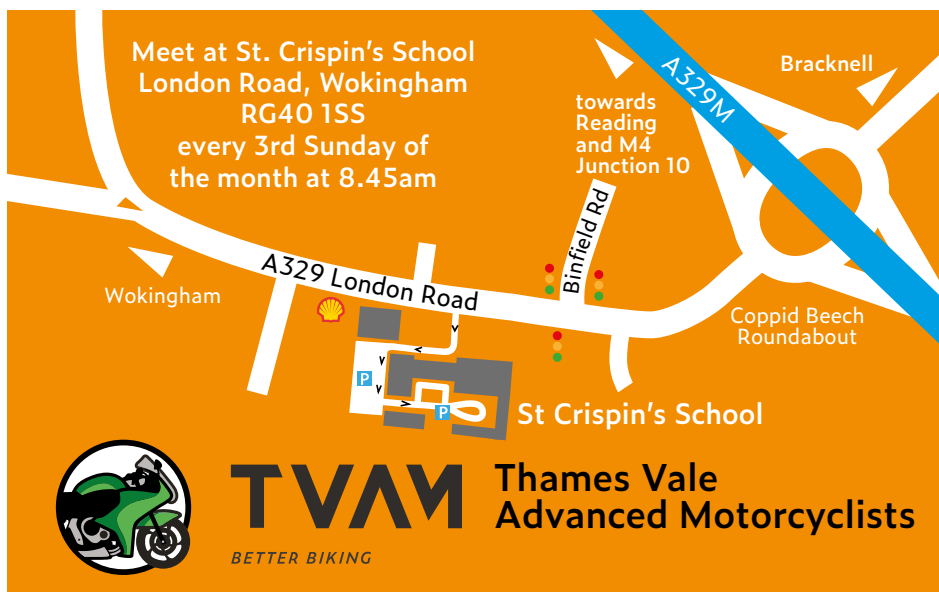
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LOCAL TEAM MEETS - contact your local team for online meeting times.

To join a team other than your own, go to groups.io all members and see Wiki - Join a subgroup

Basingstoke (BAR)

When: First Monday of the month
Where: Jekyll & Hyde, Hartley Wespall, Turgis Green, RG27 OAX
Time: 7.30pm

Camberley (CLAMs)

When: 1st Tuesday every other month
Where: The Bee, School Road, Bagshot, Windlesham, GU20 6PD
Time: 8pm (Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Great Northern (GNATs)

Meet 1: After each St Crispin's for coffee at The Farm Café, Ashridge Manor Garden Centre, Forest Road, Wokingham, RG40 5QY (to be resumed when possible)
Meet 2: Rideout first Sunday of the month.

Reading (RAMs)

When: First Monday of the month
Where: Fox and Hounds, Theale, RG7 4BE
Time: 8pm – ride beforehand see RAMs group in groups.io for details

Slough (SAM)

When: First Saturday of the month
Where: Jenners Riverside Café, Ray Mead Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8NP
Time: 9am

Wantage & Newbury (WAGs)

When: Second Wednesday of the month
How: Join us – wags@tvam.groups.io
Time: Zoom call at 7.30pm

Wokingham & Bracknell (WOBMOB)

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month
How: Join us – wobmob@tvam.groups.io
Time: Zoom call at 8pm

Green Team (Full Members)

Meet 1: Last weekend of the month – see *Slipstream* or groups.io calendar
Meet 2: Wednesday following St Crispin's at The Crown, The Street, Swallowfield, RG7 1QY
Time: 7.30pm

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<https://groups.io/groups>

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