# **Group Night Annual General Meeting** Christmas Social

16th December 2024



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# Donation from Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club

#### Welcome Don and Chris Whinney











## **Tonight**

- Welcome to new members
- Group News
  - Test Passes
  - BMF
- AGM
- Prizes, Awards & Thanks
- Review of 2024 and Plans for 2025
  - Marketing & Promotion, David Loney
  - Events, David Wood







#### **Test Results**



#### 3 Year Re-Test: Congratulations to

Clare Hinsley Gold

Catherine Valentine Gold

Graham Spall Gold

Alan Huett Gold

Karl Grimwade\* Gold





#### **Test Results**



#### 3 Year Re-Test: Congratulations to

Kevin Bolt
 Silver

Dave Hardwicke Gold

Cliff Batley Gold

Steve Cook
 Silver

Adrian Carey Gold





#### **Test Results**

#### **Associate Test: Congratulations to**

•	Mark	Cappaert	Silver	David W
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•	Mark	Loomes*	<b>Bronze</b>	Stephen \	V
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- Graham Smith Gold Phil S
- Darren Ritchie\* Gold Phil S
- Adam Bradley Gold Stephen W





## Test Results (cont'd)

#### **Advanced Tutor Re-Tests: Congratulations to**

Steve Russell Gold

Phil Sayer Gold







## **British Motorcycle Federation**

#### Just an update for everybody

- We pay to affiliate with the BMF
- This provides the club, its officials, instructors, members and helpers with some indemnity insurance against negligence resulting in damage or injuries, financial losses, abuse and defamation
- All and any incident must be reported to committee
- Scope is limited to recognised and approved activities
- A discount code!!! CLB25WLP
- See more on the BMF at www.britishmotorcyclists.co.uk

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Approval of 2023 AGM minutes and Actions
- 3. Chairman's report including review of 2024 and objectives for 2025
- 4. Training Report
- 5. Membership Secretary Report
- 6. Receipt and acceptance of the group's accounts for 2024
- 7. Approval of fees for 2025
- 8. Election of the Committee
- 9. AOB & Questions

Close of AGM





- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Approval of 2023 AGM minutes

One action from AGM

**Secretary -** It was agreed to circulate to the membership the role descriptions for the Training Officer and Events Co-ordinator.





#### 3. Chairman's Report

## The Group continues to grow and prosper thanks to your support and commitment

- Total membership is 148, with 27 new members this year via website
   & word of mouth more successful than from shows & try-out rides.
- Our Facebook Group has been a success (276 members)
  - A big thank you to Chris Broughton and yourselves for the many photographs, articles and comments posted
- Events: a full programme
  - Group Nights; Social Rides weekend & mid-week; evening chippies
  - Overnight Trips: UK and Europe





#### 3. Chairman's Report (cont)

#### Continued excellence in training rides, tutoring and test passes

- We have 5 active Advanced Tutors and 15 Tutors we trained three more tutors in 2024 (John Davis, Steve Last and Neil Burley)
- 15 Associates have taken their tests and achieved 11 Golds, 2 Silvers and
   2 Bronze
- Re-Tests: 27 with 6 Gold/ Advanced Tutor Tests, 16 Gold, 4 Silver and one fail.
- 6 members who were due to retest have not yet taken their tests
   Very well done to all our members and their respective tutors

## AGM 2024 Objectives for 2025

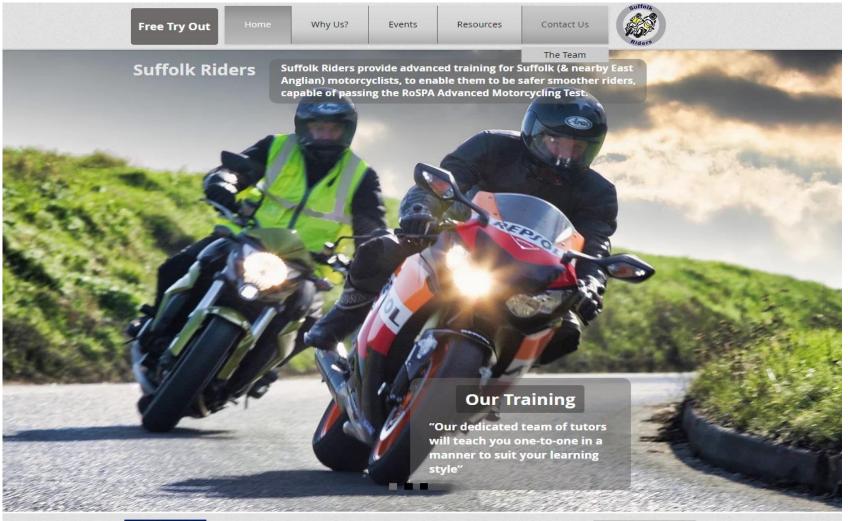
#### ..... and beyond

- Continue growth of the group currently 149 members at end of 2024 (146 at the start of the year). Aim for over 150 by end 2025
- To achieve growth by better promotion of the group and its activities, on both conventional and social media
- For Suffolk Riders to be the first choice for local riders wanting to be the best they can be at advanced riding.
- To build a more cohesive community of riders by involving more members in the activities of the group.

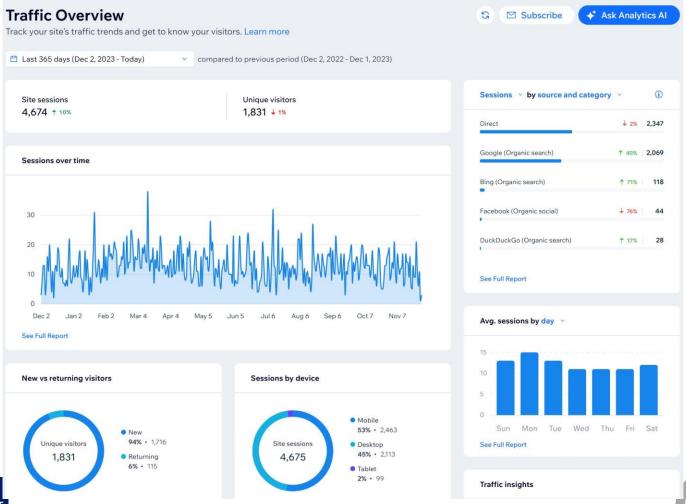




#### Website



#### Website: 1544 unique visitors, 137 returners





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#### 4. Training Report

#### The Training Organisation – Delivery vs Plans for 2024

- Train as many associates as possible to RoSPA test standard
  - √ 15 associates took & passed their test 11 gold, 2 silver. 2 bronze
  - ✓ 2 associates are waiting for a tutor (just joined!)
- Provide any additional training required by the 27 full members who are due for retest.
  - ✓ All members approaching test were contacted.
  - ✓ 27 retests taken, 6 ATT, 16 gold, 4 silver & 1 fail. 6 members yet to take retest
- Provide monthly training rides for both members and associates, March to December.
  - √ 10 training rides arranged from March. 10 were run





#### 4. Training Report

#### The Training Organisation – Delivery vs Plans

- Run a Tutor training course if sufficient interest
  - ✓ Three new tutors were trained
- Provide additional training for the existing Tutors
  - ✓ A tutors' training day was held



demand

✓ Held in June 2024



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#### 5. Membership Secretary's Report

#### **Membership**

The group currently has 149 members compared to 146 this time last year

- 5 active Advanced Tutors
- 15 Tutors
- 94 Full members
- 32 Associates
- 3 Non-riding members
- 6 Life Members (included in the above figures)





#### 5. Membership Secretary's Report

#### **Membership Fees**

- Current Member Categories and their joining fee
  - Associate £52
  - Associate 'New Rider' £52 (SR pay first test fee)
  - Associate Safe Rider £37
  - Full Membership £30
  - Non-Riding Membership £10
- Annual SR subscription £30 (£25 discounted)
- All tutors must be members of RoSPA £40
  - Others are encouraged to be RoSPA members (free 3-year retests)



#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- Income from subs up slightly but joining fees down due to fewer new members joining
- Gift Aid Repayment down slightly at £717 (£954)
- Overall expenses up compared with 2023, but includes items bought for stock
- Tutor expenses down as no Tutor Training weekend day ride instead
- Net profit for the year of £540 compared with £1,100 in 2023
- Total Assets £17,250, up slightly on 2023 (£16,700)
- £3,000 donation from Copdock Bike Show
- Without the Copdock donation we would have made a £2,500 loss





#### Suffolk Riders Accounts 1st Dec 2023 - 30th Nov 2024 Profit & Loss

		2024					2023		
INCOME					INCOME				
Joining Fees	£	1,307.00			Joining Fees	£	1,517.00		
Subs	£	2,860.00			Subs	£	2,550.00		
Group nights	£	324.53			Group nights	£	295.00		
Slow Riding	£	-			Slow Riding	£	-		
Sale of Goods	£	120.00			Sale of Goods	£	-		
Other (Gift Aid)	£	881.83			Other (Gift Aid)	£	954.88		
TOTAL INCOME	£	-	£	5,493.36	TOTAL INCOME	£	-	£	5,316.88
COST OF SALES	£	-			COST OF SALES	£	-		
Test Fees	£	320.00			Test Fees	£	765.00		
Tutor Expenses	£	2,277.88			Tutor Expenses	£	3,360.82		
Manuals	£	695.82			Manuals	£	330.16		
Stationery	£	126.67			Stationery	£	59.79		
Merchandise	£	932.40			Merchandise	£	-		
TOTAL COS	£	-	£	4,352.77	TOTAL COS	£	-	£	4,515.77
GROSS PROFIT	£	-	£	1,140.59	GROSS PROFIT	£	-	£	801.11
EXPENSES	£	-			EXPENSES	£	-		
Room Hire	£	1,028.60			Room Hire	£	754.40		
IT	£	811.02			IT	£	226.18		
AGM	£	338.20			AGM	£	428.70		
PayPal Fees	£	42.72			PayPal Fees	£	50.51		
Promotion	£	312.99			Promotion	£	85.00		
Miscellaneous Exps	£	1,059.72			Miscellaneous Exps	£	1,015.37		
Depreciation	£	-			Depreciation	£	107.18		
TOTAL EXPENSES			£	3,593.25	TOTAL EXPENSES	£	-	£	2,667.34
Net Ordinary Income			-£	2,452.66	Net Ordinary Income	£	-	-£	1,866.23
Other Income/Exps					Other Income/Exps	£	-		
Liability c/f from 2021					Liability c/f from 2021				
CCMC Donation	£	3,000.00			CCMC Donation	£	3,000.00		
Other Income			£	3,000.00	Other Income	£	-	£	3,000.00
TOTAL NET INCOME			£	547.34	TOTAL NET INCOME			£	1,133.77



#### Suffolk Riders Accounts 1st Dec 2023 - 30th Nov 2024 Balance Sheet

		2024				2023		
Fixed Assets NBV B/F				Fixed Assets NBV B/F	£	107.18		
Less Depreciation				Less Depreciation	£	107.18		
TOTAL Fixed Assets			£ -	TOTAL Fixed Assets			£ -	
Cash at Bank	£ 1	17,296.87		Cash at Bank	£	13,324.16		
Petty Cash	£	30.00		Petty Cash	£	30.00		
PayPal Balance	£	137.10		PayPal Balance	£	364.47		
Debtors (CCMC)				Debtors (CCMC)	£	3,000.00		
Creditors (room hire)	-£	198.00						
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			£ 17,265.97	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	£	-	£ 16,718.6	3
TOTAL FIXED & CURRENT				TOTAL FIXED & CURRENT				
ASSETS			£ 17,265.97	ASSETS			£ 16,718.63	3
Current Liabilities				Current Liabilities	£	-		
Other Liabilities	£	-		Other Liabilities	£	-		
TOTAL LIABILITIES			£ -	TOTAL LIABILITIES			£ -	
TOTAL ASSETS			£ 17,265.97	TOTAL ASSETS			£ 16,718.63	3
Financed by:				Financed by:				
Opening Balance			£ 16,718.63	Opening Balance			£ 15,584.80	6
Retained Earnings			£ 547.34	Retained Earnings			£ 1,133.7	7
TOTAL			£ 17,265.97	TOTAL			£ 16,718.63	3







#### **Treasurer's Report**

- 6. We invite you to accept the Accounts
- 7. Committee proposes no change in membership fees





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#### 8. Elections

The following current members of your committee are prepared to stand for re-election. Of course, we welcome other nominations for all posts. **Do I hear any more nominations?** 

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Jeff Martin	Phil Sayer	Stephen Worrall
Treasurer	Phil Sayer	David Wood	Stephen Worrall
Secretary	Stephen Worrall	David Wood	Richard Evans
Membership Secretary	Steve Last	Jeff Martin	David Loney
Webmaster	Richard Evans	Phil Sayer	Stephen Worrall
Social Media	Chris Broughton	Jeff Martin	David Loney
Marketing	David Loney	Phil Sayer	Richard Evans

#### 8. Elections

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Training Administrator	Chris Austin	Phil Sayer	Jeff Martin
Ordinary member	Tony Cornwall	Jeff Martin	Phil Sayer
Events Co-ordinator			
Training Officer			

But as yet, no nominations for the other two vacant posts.

Anyone wishing to stand?

#### 8. Events Coordinator - Description

We (You!) want a range of social events that are fun and informative

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Arrange and manage meetings of Events Working Group, typically four per year
- With their help, develop a programme of events, including Ride-Outs and speakers for Group Nights
- Solicit ideas and suggestions for events from all members
- Act as the Group contact point for guest speakers at events
- Record and report EWG decisions and recommendations to the Group Committee

## AGM 2024 9. AOB

AOB received - none

Any questions from members?

#### **End of AGM**





# Prizes, Awards & Acknowledgements





## Richard Tricker Prize for Most Improved Rider

#### **Darren Hammond**

**Tutor Keith Gilbert** 

Darren was Keith's 40th RoSPA associate and Keith said: "his enthusiasm to learn, ride and practise was second to none. He passed his test with a very well-earned GOLD".







# Machine Handling Course – Slow Riding 'Race'

Winner

Adam Johnson







# The 2024 Museums Challenge RESULTS

#### **Tony Fuller**

For the benefit of new Members...

The idea is to provide a list of destinations, but there are prizes for those who visit the most places.





## These are all the places

21 are within 100 miles of Needham Market.

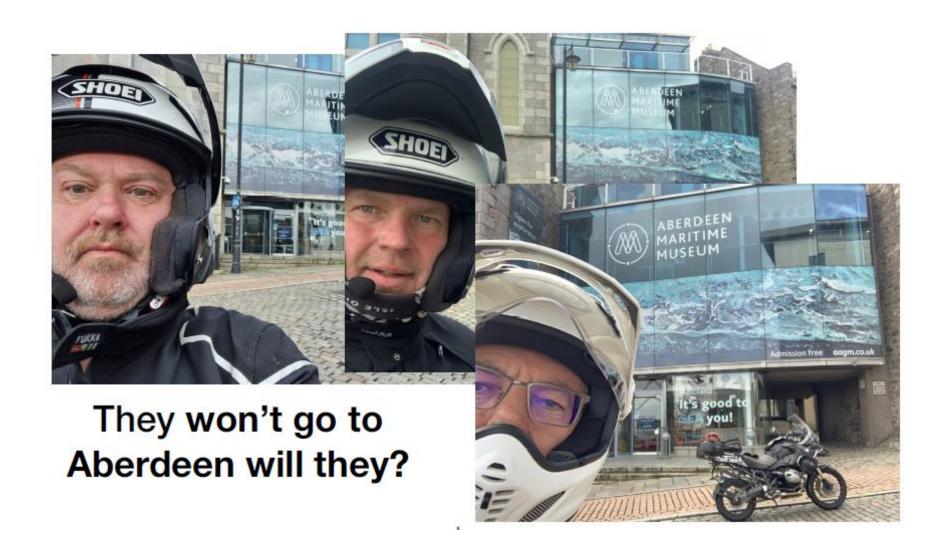
41 are within 150 miles of Needham market

So most places are a day out!

Nobody is going to ride down to Falmouth are they !!!!! Its 370 miles from here.



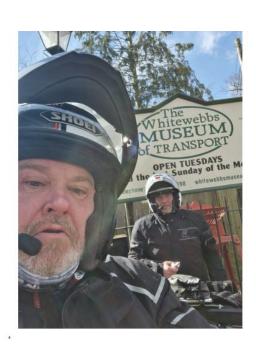




## They travelled in groups



They travelled in pairs



## Others travelled alone



Some parked next to Concorde















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Andy recorded his miles – 5158.

Just doing the challenge...



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## David completed the challenge whilst still an associate



Jim managed 43 Places before his bike suffered a terminal failure.



- 19 People registered for the challenge.
- 13 claimed some visits, mostly only a few.
- 3 people visited a significant number of Museums.

## Congratulations to :Jim Compton, Neville Goodchild & Brian Carter

Quote from Brian Carter-"I did not do any of these challenges to win a prize, it just gives me a destination for a ride"

# Despite attempts to make it harder this year. 3 people visited all 69 museums

# Congratulations to: David Marsh, Tony Palmer & Andy Branch

Quote from Tony Palmer: "It's been a great challenge, had some great rides & routes, as last year very much enjoyed it. Thanks very much again for organizing such a great challenge, with a bit of route planning made plenty of memorable riding. This weekend had been the ultimate test for waterproof clothing..."

## Tea Ladies

A big thanks on behalf of all members to the wonderful ladies who manage the kitchen and provide our refreshments.

Maureen & Linda





## Thank you to .....

- Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club for their donation of £3,000
- Advanced Tutors Steve, Keith, Ian, Phil & Stephen
  - For their commitment to high standards and test successes
- The Tutor Group for supporting 42 tests
- Examiners: Neale McConnell, Paul Fletcher, Mick Jones (Essex)
- The Committee
  - For managing the Group and continuing its success
- Events Sub-group
  - For putting on a good number of social rides, including trips local and afar





## Finally, Thank You To ......

## YOU!

Our members for being a part of Suffolk Riders,

believing in what we do,

supporting the events and

becoming better riders





## 2024 - Another busy year!

- Marketing & Promotion David Loney
- Events David Wood
  - Group Nights Full programme
  - Social Ride-Outs
    - Breakfast Runs; Chippies; Mid-Week Visits
  - Competitions
  - Overnight Trips Europe





### **2024 Events Review**

#### Events Team

David, Vini, Brian, Steve L,
 Chris A, Terry, Phil, Tony,
 Neville – left November



- Five in Spring; Four in Autumn
- Summer Social Meet-up Cretingham Bell, Phil
- BBQ Stowmarket, Keith

#### Shows

Stonham Barns; Copdock Show;
 Bike Day, Kesgrave





#### **2024 Events Review**

#### Group Riding

- Practice session with Stephen and Vini
- Visits
  - Thursford Steam Museum, Vini
  - Langham Glass Blowing, Vini
  - Air Ambulance, Essex & Herts John Beckett
  - Sir David Attenborough Steve Amner
- Treasure Hunt & Social Meet-Up at Sorrell Horse lan & Lisa
  - Winners: Car David & Linda;
     Solo Luke Williams; Pillions; No entries!
- Transport Museums Challenge Tony Fuller









#### 2024 Events Review

#### Breakfast Ride-Outs

- Weekend local rides and longer "mates' day trips", Ludlow & Melton Mowbray, Brian & Neville
- Evening Chip Runs (Wed or Thurs)

#### Overnight Trips

- Vosges, Experienced riders Phil
- France, Euro Virgins II Keith & Maureen



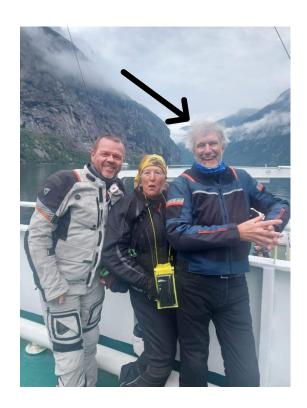


## **2025 Group Nights**

- 27 Jan Quiz Night
  - Questions: Chris Austin & Team 'Wet and Windy'
  - 2026 Quiz Masters Losers!
- 24 Feb Helmets
  - Milly from Mototechniks
- 24 March Andy Tofts (Magellan)
  - Touring Europe & beyond
- 28 April TBA
- Summer social meet-ups







## 2025 Group Rides

- 29 Dec Twixt Run:
   Rocket House Café, Cromer
  - Tony Palmer
- 12 Jan Social Ride tba
  - Brian Carter
- 16 March Training Rides start again
- 17 April Chippie Runs start again





## **2025 Other Events**

#### Group Night Summer Rides / Visits

- Social Meet-ups
- Mid-Week meet for breakfast and then ride
- Visits to venues of interest
- 25 Jan Biker Down, Suffolk F&R
- TBA Adv Machine Handling, Essex Fire Bike
- Competitions
  - 28 July Treasure Hunt, David & Linda
  - Watch this space for another national
  - challenge by Tony!!

#### Shows

Stonham Barns; St George's Day;Copdock Show; Others?





## Biker Down Course – 25 January

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service have kindly offered to hold a Biker Down Course (see below) exclusively for Suffolk Riders at Stowmarket Fire Station.

Some of us have been on one (or more!) of these courses in the past and found them very useful. Even if you have been on one, a refresher is always useful.

The course will be held on Saturday 25 January 2025 from 10.00 - 13.30. If interested contact Phil S

#### The course covers:

Incident scene management Casualty care
The thinking biker





## **Mates' Trips**

#### UK Trips

- Easter? April 18 21
- Autumn ? Scotland/Borders

#### European Trips

- Spain and MotoGP?
- Any interest in a short trip to France?
- Other Euro trips?

#### Other ideas? / Plans?

Talk to Committee or Events Team
 Member – GS not essential!







## Members - Over to you

#### Check our website Events Calendar for latest information

So, what do you think?

Any Group Night speaker suggestions?

Ideas for social rides?

Suggestions for venues of interest to visit?

Do you have your own trip planned?

Could it be opened to the group?

Would you like to join events team?

Suggestions?





## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

