

HBAM General News

August has given us a moment to breath, after the busy last few months with the various tours and the Summer BBQ.

We had the usual two club night ride ins from Baldock and Bourne End at the beginning of the month, going to the Bennet's Club in Harpenden.

Although not ideal for all HBAM members, the Bennett's Club do generously allow us to use their facilities free of charge, which compared with our old venue at the View in Welwyn, is a big help. When you consider the View want to charge us £150/evening, you can see why we've had to look for alternate venues.

For this coming winter season club nights, we are looking to alternate between the Bennett's Club, Moggerhanger Village Hall and Station Tavern in Woburn Sands, to hopefully allow more members to join in.

We also had three other Sunday rideouts.

One All Members ride went to the Museum of Power, which gave several members the

opportunity to grab some HBAM Challenge points.



The event combined a visit to the museum and an annual Bikemeet, which brought out quite a few bikes in the good weather. Not sure we should have been in the main 'Exhibitors' field, but the rule of going where the ride leader goes must be obeyed, so we did!!! Even if it did require some off roading and loose gravel skills!



The Lilleshall Steam Pump was working on the day and earned several the extra HBAM Challenge bonus points!!



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An Associates Only ride to Finchingfield was well supported, which was great to see after the limited interest from Associates last year







The third rideout in August was a GBH only ride to 'Sunny Hunny' Hunstanton. A longer ride, but well supported and a great day out











HBAM September 2024 Rideouts and Events

<u>Tuesday 3rd September – HBAM Club Night AMR ride – The View,</u> Pegsdon

For more details and to register please follow one of the links below: Welwyn Garden City Start: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts/1352155
Bourne End Start: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts/1352156

Sunday 8th September - HBAM/Veloce Taster Ride Event - Hitchin

HBAM and The Veloce Club in Hitchin are sponsoring a 'Taster Ride' session, where interested riders come along and spend some time out riding with an HBAM Observer. They will receive feedback on their riding and information about the IAM ARC and HBAM in general. Whilst this is an event aimed at future prospective members, why not come along and help spread the word!!

Sunday 15th September - HBAM AMR "In & Around the Chiltern Hills"

This ride will loop around picking out some of the best roads the Chilterns have to offer. There's a brunch stop at Halton Tennis Club Cafe for around 1hr 15 mins, before completing the loop back to Bourne End Services.

For more details and to register please follow this link: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts/1346704

Sunday 22nd September – HBAM GBH ride – Walton on Naze.

This ride will go to Walton on the Naze, using a route from Simon Weirs biking books doing a route called "Best of Essex".

For more details and to register please follow this link: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts/1136444

Saturday 28th September - HBAM AMR to the Hideout Leathers Factory

Following the Hideout Leather Club night event last winter, they have invited us to visit their factory in Ashdon in Essex.

For more details and to register please follow this link: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts/1324291



HBAM Associate Advanced Rider Test Passes in August.

Congratulations to the following HBAM Members, who passed their Advanced Rider test in August, with a thanks also going to their Observers.

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HBAM New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined in August:

Tim Mann David Winstanley David Johnson Martin Taylor-Dixon Nichoals Audley Christian Atton

HBAM Upcoming Courses

Biker Down and Bike Safe events.

HBAM are now also supporting the Beds Fire & Rescue and Herts Fire & Rescue Biker Down and Bike Safe events throughout 2024, so keep a look out for us!

Beds Fire Biker Down Booking link / Herts Fire Biker Down Booking link Beds BikeSafe Booking link / Herts BikeSafe Booking link

Look Lean Roll courses

We still have a couple of places left on the next and last course of 2024, planned for 22nd September. The course will still be going ahead at North Weald airfield, despite the ongoing negotiations on the costs of using that airfield sight with Epping Council. For more details and to register please follow this link:

https://buytickets.at/hbamtraining/810292

Slow Riding courses

The next Slow Riding course is planned for the 19th October and registration is open. For more details and to register please follow this link:

https://buytickets.at/hbamtraining/817802

Monthly GBH, AMR and Associates Only Rideouts

For all future ride dates please follow the link below to the HBAM Ticket Tailor Box Office: https://buytickets.at/hbamrideouts

Training Courses and other Events

HBAM THEORY COURSE SLIDES – With a successful year of practical courses complete all members can still access the theory course. Whether an associate or GBH member you will find it full of useful information.

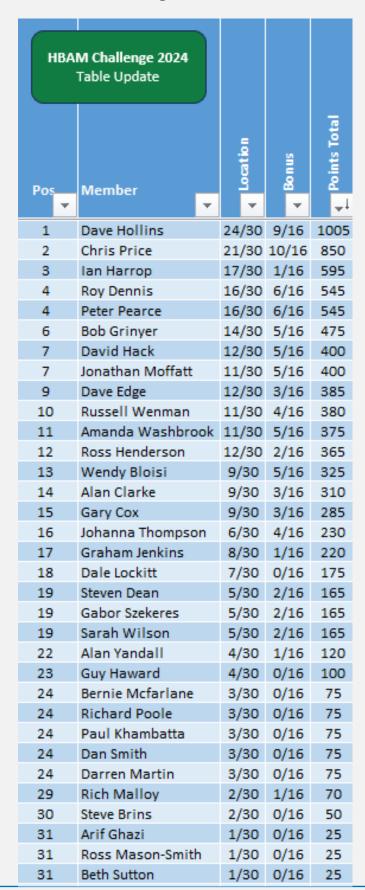
Click the link to view: Theory Course

Advanced notice of the HBAM 2024 Annual General Meeting

The HBAM 2024 AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th October, at the Bennet's Club in Harpenden. Further details will be sent via email.



HBAM Challenge 2024



The HBAM Challenge now has just 1 months to go. The registration link is still open though, so you can still register and join in.

There are more good pics coming in, including several from organised HBAM rideouts. (see next page). Ross even manage to get some Scottish points!!

Register for the HBAM Challenge here>>

As of the end of August 24, the challenge points table looks like this: (Note: If you think there are any points missing, please let me know at: challenge@hbam.org.uk)









HBAM Member External Benefits

Veloce Club Discount for HBAM Members

We are really pleased to let you know that Veloce Club are supporting HBAM members with a discount of 15%. This is available to members instore, or online with the code 'HBAM'.

https://www.veloceclub.co.uk

BikeStop Discount for HBAM Members

Those nice guys at Bikestop will give us 15% off most things. Just flash your IAM membership card.

Motorcycle Clothing, Helmets, Boots & Gear | Bike Stop UK

Biketrac 3-Month Extended Cover for IAM Members

We are really pleased to let you know that Biketrac are supporting IAM members with a free 3-month extension on your Biketrac tracker subscription. This is available to IAM members by contacting Biketrac on the email below.

You will need to provide you Biketrac tracker serial number and your IAM membership number, in order to have the 3-month extension added to your account. julie@biketrac.co.uk



Nice bike mate! - The Wild Spirit of the Steppes or Chaos in Mongolia by Wendy Bloisi.

I like adventures! With that in mind I had been following a company called Vintage Rides since pre-lockdown and once they were back up and running, I booked a 10 day trip to Mongolia.

Why Mongolia? – it's different, I only know one other person who has been there and that was on a horse and the wildness of the country appealed to me, plus I would be riding a Royal Enfield Himalayan. The ride was advertised as 10 days with 8 days riding of approximately 684 miles. It was about 80% of off road and labelled demanding with accommodation in Yurts.





After being met at the airport after a long flight via Istanbul I was transferred to a hotel in Ulaanbaatar and met the group that I would be riding with. There were 10 of us in total from around the world, America, Australia, France, Spain and the UK and with various levels of off road riding experience. We were to be led by our tour guide Tuk, who was Mongolian but also had French nationality after serving in the French Foreign Legion.





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The next day we picked up our bikes and set off to our first stop a village guest house. This was a fairly gentle ride and enabled Tuk to assess our capabilities or incapabilities, with a mix of on road and off road. The next day we set off to Ogii Nur lake where we had to cope with sand and a thunderstorm. This followed with a stay at some hot springs, after which we moved on to stay with Nomads. This gave us the opportunity to learn about their culture and participate in archery, yak milking and drinking the local fermented mare's milk.



Riding across the Steppes was amazing, we would come across wild horses, yaks, goats and sheep roaming free and eagles and hawks flying above us. We also had the opportunity to ride horses to a river for a swim (a bit bracing) and camels in the mini Gobi desert. Out of the towns the Mongolians are able to live where they want and the country is so vast that you wouldn't come across other people for miles. To put it in to perspective there are 2 Mongolians per km2 compared to 286 people per km2 in the UK.

The riding was fabulous and the Himalayan is such a versatile bike and really suited to the terrain. The experience of riding across the open Steppes was inspiring along with the mix of culture and it was a real come down when we had to return to the capital. This was more than just a riding holiday, it was an experience.

If you want an adventure do it while you can, I am now planning my next one.

