



# Cambridge Advanced Motorcyclists

## Minutes of AGM

### Call to order

The AGM of Cambridge Advanced Motorcyclists was called to order by [Ian Beeby](#) at The Lord Byron Inn, Trumpington on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 07:30pm

### Attendees

In addition to both members and associates, the following committee members were present:  
*[Ian Beeby](#), [Richard Leney](#), [Janet Pinion](#), [Martin Pinion](#), [Catherine Ryan](#), [Patrick Ryan](#)*

### Apologies

Apologies from committee members not in attendance:

*[Chris Curryer](#), [Julie D'Alessandro](#), [Terry Jacobs](#), [Paul Lester](#), [Mark Pawson](#)*

### Minutes of 2017 AGM

No objections: *[2017 AGM minutes were accepted](#)*

### Review of the year

*Chairman - [Ian Beeby](#)*

- It was noted that while rideouts have been well run and attended, the club has been light on social events this year
- Some events which the club has previously offered annually disappeared from this year's calendar as it is apparent that they are better run bi-annually
- Gratitude was expressed for work by [Mark Pawson](#) overseeing the development of the club's new website which went live this year. This is a great asset to the club
- [Steve Bradshaw](#), former Chairman, chief observer and active member of the club passed away this year. His very considerable contribution to Cambridge Advanced Motorcyclists was noted: current club friends of Mr Bradshaw accompanied the funeral cortège on motorcycles
- Observer Co-ordinator [Chris Curryer](#) and Events Co-ordinator [Julie D'Alessandro](#) have indicated that they wish to stand down from these committee roles. The work of both was gratefully acknowledged, as was the need to find members to replace them

## Treasurer - Richard Leney

- Opening balance £8300
- Closing balance £7150
- Income £2332.25
- The year ends with the club's accounts in good health
- The development cost of the website was an unusual and large expense this year, but it was agreed this is money well spent and is non-recurrent
- Current membership: 90 members and associates
- 17 new members enrolled this year through the Skills for Life program via the IAM website
- Camera purchased this year
- Club has produced a video for promotional purposes
- Club will be represented at Meldreth Motorcycle Show, with attendant cost
- Hospitality: Simon Burgin's meal at the annual Christmas dinner was paid for by the club
- No bike skills this year, but the club offered a £15 subsidy per person to the i2i Machine Control course in July

## Open Forum

Invitation for comments, concerns and questions from all present

- **Nürburgring:** Martin Pinion floated the idea of a visit in 2019 to the Nürburgring motorsports complex in Germany - this suggestion was welcomed, although it was noted that any attending should be warned of the need for additional insurance. Martin may propose leading such a visit when he has selected a suitable weekend
- **Training for a first:** Question raised if there is a scheme to 'train' for an IAM first. Ian Beeby indicated that the general route would be to contact the club's senior observer to request training sessions, but with **Chris Curryer** standing down from this role this training route is currently unavailable. Perhaps training to become an observer oneself might be a useful stand-in strategy at present  
The Masters course was mentioned as an extremely demanding training scheme, but it was noted that this is no longer subsidized by IAM which has just engaged its first non-police trainers
- **Senior observers:** concern was expressed that we no longer have two senior observers. A search for replacements must begin
- **Use of radios:** discussion of the use and value of radios. The club owns radios which can be used by observers and other members for navigational purposes and for ride commentary, but should not be used for giving instructions. These could be used for communication between the lead and tail riders during Sunday rides, but their limited range might mean they are impractical in large groups or when the group becomes separated
- **Off-siding:** a general discussion took place. Is this practiced safely? Is this practiced sensibly? Does IAM allow/encourage/promote off-siding? Some members strongly feel that off-siding is an advanced technique which is poorly and dangerously put into practice by less experienced riders

- *Working the traffic:* are we teaching members to ‘work the traffic’ to ensure maximum progress?
- *Age of members:* what is the average age of new members? Does the IAM ethos appeal to younger motorcyclists? Are Sunday rideouts exciting enough to appeal to younger riders?
- *Bikers Retreat:* there was a reminder that four places are still available for this event in North Wales, 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August
- *Meldreth Motorcycle Show volunteer:* a further volunteer to help with the Club’s stand at this event was sought (thanks for Roger Chatterton for putting himself forward)

## Committee members approved

*The following individuals were approved in committee roles:*

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| Chair                | <i>Mark Pawson</i>    |
| Vice-Chair           | <i>Ian Beeby</i>      |
| Secretary            | <i>Paul Lester</i>    |
| Treasurer            | <i>Richard Leney</i>  |
| Events Coordinator   | <i>Catherine Ryan</i> |
| Observer Coordinator | <i>vacant</i>         |
| Website maintenance  | <i>Patrick Ryan</i>   |
| Member               | <i>Janet Pinion</i>   |
| Member               | <i>Martin Pinion</i>  |
| Member               | <i>Terry Jacobs</i>   |