



# From your Events Coordinator

## *Dear Members & Associate Members*

When 35 of us gathered at the *Lion and Lamb* for our club Christmas dinner, little did we know that three months later our lives would take a very strange turn. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, David Hyman gave a talk on autonomous vehicles to a captivated audience in Hauxton Village Hall - this proved to be our last public event. On March 15<sup>th</sup> I led 25 riders for a Sunday ride through the Norfolk countryside - our last full group ride. Less than two weeks later we were in lockdown. No more meetups from Milton, Royston or Fourwentways, where some of us would arrive early for a good chinwag before the briefing. Bikes stayed spotlessly clean in garages, ready for when we could be let out again

Following Government guidelines at the end of lockdown in June, IAM imposed a limit of 6 riders within a group. At first we could not plan breakfast breaks, and leaders had to rethink the mileage for their rides. Instead of simply turning up, members were asked to book in advance and we introduced a first-come, first-served system. Sunday rides resumed on 7<sup>th</sup> June, but with strict observance of social distancing rules. That day we offered *four* rides thanks to our devoted leaders & tail-enders

We were able to offer a total of 24 rideouts between the two lockdowns, often to new destinations, and 4 all-day rides. It was pleasing to welcome new Associates, who perhaps found smaller groups an easier introduction to group riding

There has been no *Meet the Examiner Evening*, no *Theory Evenings* for our Associates. Motorcycle festivals in Meldreth and St Ives were cancelled. The *i2i* training course took place in York at the end of August after much rearranging. The visit to the Triumph Factory was postponed to 2021. What a year it's been!

However, we are planning for 2021. The schedule for Sunday & All-day rides is on the website. Four members have joined the ranks of our ever-reliable leaders & tail-enders. I would like to take here the opportunity to thank them most sincerely for their invaluable contribution to CAM. They make our Club the envy of many biking groups for their well-planned, challenging, varied, scenic and last but not least safe rideouts

We are working again with *i2i academy* to provide a 2-day training course in June at the former RAF airfield in Coltishall, Norfolk

The highly anticipated vaccine has given a boost of confidence that an end to the pandemic is close, and has brought the hope that life could return to normal by next winter. We cannot hope for more than that

Have a peaceful and safe Christmas and bring on the New Year!

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