



# RoSPA Riders LIGHT

[The Newsletter of the ESSEX Rospa Advanced Motorcyclists](#)

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## **EDITOR'S COMMENTS. (Roger Wardley)**

Dear Members

The Annual General Meeting of the group was held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015, and we had a reasonable attendance of 32 persons 3 of which were new members. Most of the positions on the committee were eventually filled and a complete list appears later in this newsletter. Many thanks for voting myself in as Secretary for the ensuing year. There are a few roles still needing filling so if you think you could be a committed Committee member, then we need to know. Last year Smurf was not only Chairman of the Group but also Membership Secretary, Secretary, and along with Keith ran our Group Publicity at several events which is to put it mildly "A LOT OF WORK." In addition, our hard working Editor of our magazine has had to stand down due to pressure of work so in the short term we do not have a Magazine. Hence Ladies and Gentlemen it is hoped that this newsletter will fill in for the short term. If you have any snippets or articles for the Newsletter please email them to me at

**[secretary@rospariders.co.uk](mailto:secretary@rospariders.co.uk)**.

Apart from my role as Secretary, I will assist as editor of this newsletter until one comes forward for the magazine. The newsletter will be short "ish" and will be downloaded as a pdf file to the usual circulation list. We will try to advise on events, ride outs general club news and if we are lucky a few photographs.

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER (Sandra Murphy)**

Thank you all for your continued support of ERAM. I trust that this light version of RoSPA Riders will keep you all posted on what's happening within the group. It is only intended to give you the most important information, so I'll keep this very brief. Don't forget we have a social ride this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April led by Jaques. See the website forum for full details, but the ride will start and end at Birchanger Services (M11 Junction 8 for Bishops Stortford). The ride will be visiting the Gaydon Motor Museum. £8-£12 entry fee depending on numbers. In order to get the most from the day, and to enable you all to have time to explore this great destination; please meet at 08:00 for a prompt 08:30 start, this will give us all a relaxing day with reasonable return time.

We were recently offered some Hein Gericke Motorcycle Gloves at reduced prices. A couple of members visited the Essex Police Social Association (EPSA) shop and came away with some bargains (more than just gloves). If you are interested let me know and I will pass on the shop opening times.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Smurf)**

Membership renewals for 2015 have now closed, and we had 74% of members renewing. Associates who were allocated a Tutor but hadn't renewed have been de-

allocated to free up space for new members, but we still have a waiting list.

Membership figures as at 13/04/2015:

Associates	Full	Social	Total
28	54	1	83

We have already had 9 new members this year!

**Welcome to the following new members:**

Neil Charnock	Richard Martin
Adrian Sheridan	John Rivett
Duncan McGoldrick	Dave Crossley
Adrian Sampson	Martyn Russell
Nigel John	Alan Rockliffe

**Congratulations to the following on their test passes:**

Name	Grade	Tutor	Examiner
Steven Minchin	Silver	Stephanie Evans	Paul Mostyn
John Tullett	Gold*	N/A	Mark Anderson
Vernon Gaiger	Gold	Mark Jenkins	Simon Burgin

\*Denotes Retest



Vernon Gaiger



Ian French (left) receiving his ERAM full member certificate. Ian's Tutor was Eddy Brazier.



Dean Thornton receiving his ERAM full member certificate. Dean's Tutor was Liam Hanson.



Steve Minchin with Tutor Stephanie Evens (left) receiving his ERAM full member certificate from Chair Person Sandra "Smurf" Murphy (Right)

**MEETINGS**

You are all aware of the problem we faced in the last few months concerning our meeting venue. Whilst a minor hiccup, it did cause a few problems. I am happy to advise that Smurf, as usual has resolved it all and we are now booked through till the end of 2016. Below is a list of where we are but **PLEASE keep a look out on the forum for any very late possible changes.**

**2015 Group Nights**

April. **Re decorating Taking Place so meeting is cancelled.**

May. Evening Ride out. Departs 19:00 from Essex Police Sports Pavilion, St Margaret's Road, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6DS

June Ground Floor

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Aug. Ground Floor

Sept Ground Floor

Oct. First Floor

Nov. Ground Floor

Dec. TBA

**2016 Group Nights** Ground floor usual place all months.

**EVENTS.**

Apart from the normal ride outs on the third Sunday each month there will be some evening ride outs starting in May so keep your eyes on the website for more info.

Sue Whitford is, as you will have seen from the email, is planning some excursions for Ten pin Bowling at Chelmsford bowl which is always a great night and has that little touch of friendly rivalry which enhances the evening - see details on the website or the email that was sent out. In addition there are a number of events including the trip to the top of The Shard, Buckingham Palace, and The trip up the Thames from Southend to London Bridge and back on the paddle steamer Waverley. Sue does work hard on these things and it is great when we get a good turn out so let Sue know ASAP so she can plan the days and get you good group prices.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2015/2016**

**2015/6 Committee**

Chairperson	Sandra Murphy <a href="mailto:chairman@rospariders.co.uk">chairman@rospariders.co.uk</a>
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General Members	Phil Reader Kevin Stranks Mervyn Whitney
Regalia	Dimitar Kehayov
Life Member	Ashley John

**Well that's it for this month "Happy Riding".**