



RoSPA Riders LIGHT

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CHAIRMANS PITCH. (Smurf)

We had a really good turnout for the May ride down to Rye, which was led by Merv. Photos have been posted in the gallery on our website if you haven't already seen them.

Unfortunately not many turned up for the ride on the May group night – could this be because it's difficult to get there for the 19:15 start? Let us know, because we have another ride out planned for the July group night, and we would like more to attend if possible.

We are currently working on getting a better regalia company, where you will be able to order directly and even get our logo printed on your own garments. As soon as I have the details I will let you know.

EDITORS COMMENTS. (Roger Wardley)

When I started this Newsletter, I promised you something brief, informative, and quick to read, well this month's is just that, and I hope you enjoy it. Your new committee has started work in earnest and we have a membership after five months that is not far short of last year's total so perhaps we can look forward to another good year?

We had some good weather in April and in came May with well, my lawn has never been so wet, but it's been a good excuse not to be out there and getting covered in mud.

Another casualty of the weather was the Essex Bike Show and the Herts and Essex bike

run from Welwyn Garden City, both to raise funds for the Herts and Essex air Ambulance Trust. Last year, a large contingent of bikes did the run and there was no catering at the beginning of the event in WGC. THIS year, there were four burger vans and a few riders to take part. Comes to something when the Goldwing Marshalls almost outnumber the riders taking part.

For those at the North Weald end of the event, the ESSEX Bike Show, well when do you least want rain- not when you are putting a tent up. This of course meant that it did seem that there were not the number of stands this year, and visitors did not start to really arrive till midday.

Some good home news and a new name for you, MARK JENKINS.

Mark has joined Paul Collins our Group Training Officer as Assistant Training Officer, and between them, are planning some good training sessions for the Tutors, to enable them to keep up to speed and maintain the high level of training given. More from these two soon.

One final point, you may have seen that Andy Nixon Was appointed Chief examiner at RoSPA a few weeks ago, well Andy has resigned and cited the pressures of being in an Office environment, which he has found it difficult to adjust. This follows the short tenure of his predecessor, so we have had two new Chief examiners start and resign in something like four months which by RoSPA

Standards is almost unprecedented so we must see what happens next.

Well May is here so let's look forward to some good rides and good fun as a group, you know it makes sense.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership figures as at 27/05/2015:

Associates	Full	Social	Total
34	55	1	90

12 new members since January 2015!

Welcome to the following new members:

Tony Knox

Marvin Paul

Stuart Scott

And congratulation to the following on their test passes:

Name	Grade	Tutor	Examiner
Roger Wardley	Silver*	N/A	Mick Jones

*Denotes Retest

MEETINGS

JUNE Group Night Will be at Police HQ and in our normal ground floor location, so let's get some certificate presented and support Smurf with all of the hard work she has put in for our benefit.

JULY Group night will be a ride out at what is traditionally a good weather month so let's go and enjoy it.

Make sure you check the events section of the website for the latest updates as we are arranging speakers.

Don't forget the 3rd Sunday of every month is the group social ride.

2015

18 June Group Night will be in the Police HQ in the Ground floor room we usually use so again watch out for details.

16 July Evening Ride Out

20 Aug Ground Floor

17 Sept Ground Floor

15 Oct Upstairs

19 Nov Ground Floor

17 Dec Ground Floor

2016. Ground floor usual place all months

EVENTS.

What a night! As usual the bowling night at Chelmsford Bowl organised by Sue Whitford was a great success, and although I failed to get back in time for this one, the comments I have heard since, suggested it had all of the friendly rivalry and competitive spirit that makes these event so worthwhile. Keep an eye out for the rest of the events from Sue and give her your full support. You will not regret it.



Group shot from the May Social Ride

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