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OUR AIMS

Chelmsford and District Advanced Motorcyclists (CADAM) is one of many groups across the country whose aim is to improve motorcycling road safety by helping people prepare for, and pass, the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) Advanced Motorcycling Test.

Our group is affiliated to, but not subservient to, the IAM. However, because we share the same aims, we often seem to speak with one voice.

CADAM is run by volunteers and serves the districts of Essex in and around Chelmsford. As well as helping people to pass the Advanced Test, we run the group as a club, so that once you have passed, you will still want to stay on and take part in our other activities. We provide:

Structured instruction to prepare for the IAM Advanced Motorcycling Test. You can choose a course that runs on Saturdays or one that runs on Sundays. These courses are designed to take even relatively inexperienced riders and raise their riding to IAM test standards.

Ad-hoc instruction for those who cannot attend training at weekends or for those who wish to have additional, top-up training prior to their tests.

Machine control days to increase your machine handling skills. These sessions are held off the public road, so we can explore your capabilities and those of your machine in safety.

Social runs over challenging routes (no motor-ways, thanks!) to interesting places.

Weekends away to ride some new roads, normally out of Essex.

Monthly group meetings, often with a talk from a speaker on an interesting topic to do with motorcycling.

On 2 Wheels This newsletter, keeping you up to date with what's happening.

Want to know more? Call our general enquiries number 07790 656 687 – or just turn up at a meeting and introduce yourself to a committee member!

Future events listings and directions can be found on the inside back cover.

When on a club run, be it an evening or a weekend event, speed limits must be observed. We have no exemption and advanced riding does not need to involve higher speeds. When approaching hazards appropriate care must be taken. On club runs you are running as CADAM and under the IAM banner. **Do not bring this into disrepute.** Also the Marker system will be used. Anyone not familiar with this system please speak to one of the run organisers who will run through this for you. Thanks and Safe Riding **John Warren**, Chairman, CADAM

Chairman's chatter

Since my last offering for this publication, so much has been happening within CADAM. First the trip to St Omer which saw 23 people and 16 bikes enjoy a brilliant weekend. Then came the moto cross try out day, superbly organised by ex-British champion Geoff Mayes. There was nothing but praise for that day's event although many couldn't walk for a week!



Then with Gary Crane rides, JS ride and the Easter egg run all conducted in the wonderful spring weather that we are currently enjoying it has been a great start to the biking year.

There is so much more to come in the next couple of months. Our 4 day trip to Monschau & the Nurburgring completely booked with 16 guests on 12 bikes and five or six of us continuing on to Catalunya for the Moto GP. June will bring another group associate training ride, a midweek evening social ride, an open evening to Lind Motorrad in Norwich, our AGM and a gliding evening at Wormingford Airfield.

There is no let up in events for July either with Jane's memorial ride in conjunction with EAMG and Essex Rospa, a midweek fish & chip run, a VIP trip to Rye House speedway. Slow riding control for group night, the statutory GC ride and a four-day weekend trip to the Bourgogne region of France.

All of these events are publicised on the events diary of our website at www.cadam.org

By the time you receive this magazine I hope you will all be enjoying our highlight guest speaker for the year Austin Vince.

On the promotional side of the group we will have already attended the Burnham BikeSafe and are planning our own ride safe day to be held at Alpha motorcycles and we hope to attract some new members from these events.

Our observer corps goes from strength to strength with very welcome return of both Gary & Paul Reeve. It's good to have you both back.

The level of support from the membership for all our events has been brilliant this year, please keep it up! It really does make it all worthwhile for those organising it all.

Ride safe
John

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Passes



As yet no tests have taken place over this period, but many thanks to our all our devoted Observers.

Please give a warm welcome to our new Associate members:

Steven Hope, Alan Mackrill and Michael Buchanan

Getting to know you

Things you didn't know about a member?

Keith Jones

What was your first bike?

Yamaha YL1 100cc parallel twin

Favourite bike?

Kawasaki ZX10R

Favourite biking road?

A590 from M6 to Barrow-in-Furness

Best ever biking moment?

First bike and leaving the town I lived in

Favourite food? Indian

Favourite drink? Red wine

Biking hero? Valentino Rossi

Best holiday destination?

Canadian Rockies

Other interests? Tenpin

Bowling and Freemasonry

Favourite film? One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

Leathers or Goretex? Leather

summer, Gortex in Winter

Y-fronts, boxers or commando?

Boxers

Favourite celebrity? Cheryl Cole

Scariest biking moment?

Not been there yet!!

Worst bike ever owned?

Aprilia RSV mille

Best ever days training?

Please attach your favourite biking photo?

Don't have one but remember

Barry Sheen giving the crowd the V at Olivers Mount when they thought he had lost it and of course he hadn't.

Sorry Keith, couldn't find one without copyright infringements!!!

But I hope you like this at Olivers Mount

Ron Haslam Race School

Highlight of your biking career? Getting the wife

on one in Majorca

Biking must do before you expire? America

Favourite biking accessory

Warm weather



Its an early morning 0615 start for me, as I start the bike up and head a couple of miles up road to meet with my son Darren and his wife Georgina who are joining the group for the weekends experience. We soon loaded up my panniers and the rucksack and we're heading for the A12 southbound towards the Dartford Bridge, I was on my Suzuki GSX1250FA (not a Bandit ha ha) and Darren with Georgina as pillion on his Honda VFR800

Dennis Kitteridge



Monumental dash – the St Omer Weekend



Not long before we have passed the Dartford Bridge and heading for the M20 towards the Maidstone services where we are to meet with the rest of the group. En route I'm thinking to myself, it getting a bit chilly this morning, after all it was a pretty cold night, and where's my handlebar wind deflectors from the Honda Varadero? They did make a difference.

Soon we arrive at Maidstone having spotted a couple of bikes in front of us on the M20 and as they were making good progress tucked in behind for the last few miles to the services. It, indeed was a couple of our group heading for the meet.

At the services we refuelled and joined the others for a general chat while we waited for the rest of the group to arrive.

Bad news, Gary's had a clutch cable fail and he will be with us as soon as he can.

John and Liz rally us round and we get kitted up for the run down to catch the channel tunnel train, of we go, 14 bikes and 22 riders and pillions arriving at the tunnel in good time. At the tunnel entrance Liz was well organised with all the entry numbers and we all passed through as she typed our numbers in. On board the train, it was time to continue the chatting while keeping an eye on the bikes just in case, in case of what? Who knows but they do move a little. A catch up from Gary, he's arrived but they will not let him join our train but has to wait until the next one. Bad news!

Into France and it's of we go, John and Liz at the front and Mick Gowlett acting as tail end



Lunch in Arras



Menin Gate Ieper (Ypres)

Charlie (very posh in that orange hi Viz! Mick) heading for St Omer via Belgium on the A16, (ask John what junction we leave at, 31?) and D916, the tourist route, which takes in some very nice Belgium roads. On the way a couple bikes gain a few scratches where they tipped on their sides while nearly stationary due to uneven roads where we had stopped to regroup. A while later, after following the SAT NAV, well almost, into a wrong left hand turn, it was time to do a 'u' turn. At this point we hear that a BMW had turned a corner and died, poor Craig and Alexis, would it restart? No? So its time to say 'goodbye' while they wait for the recovery, see you at club night Craig for an update. Regroup (with Gary, didn't he do well!) and off again through lovely roads until we stop for lunch at Ypres.

Ypres is a great place to stop with good restaurants, a fairground on the square (for those who have time) and the Menin Gates, a memorial to British and Commonwealth soldiers that died in the war. Ypres is a place well worth a visit if you are in Belgium. After lunch, which was great, it's back on the bikes to follow John and Liz's route which would take us to Tyne-Cott memorial. Again you can't really believe when you see it and that nearly 500,000, yes 500,000 lives were lost in battle. After a short stay we leave to follow the roads back into France and onward to our hotel.

On the way we climb up this very big hill to the village of Cassel by way of cobble stones, the bikes don't like as the throttle on and off more than it likes.

Hooray! We are at the top, blimey!

No road surface (they've dug it up and its mud only). Oops, there's a police vehicle in front of me, it's stopped in front of me to talk to three very young children sitting on their 'dad's' quad bike. OK, he's gone the other way now and it's back to a good road surface and it looks like the 'alps' as it runs down the valley to the straight at the bottom.

But wait!!! My tyres!!! They are muddy. And the grip? So I take it very steady until I get to the bottom straight where I can 'clean' the tyres off a bit before returning to normal road speeds. What a waste!!!

As we arrive at the IBIS hotel, they have coned off a parking area for the bikes, off road and reasonably out of the way of the town area. Well done John.

As we all unload, its arranged to meet later

for a beer before going to the restaurant for our evening meal. The rooms, clean and tidy with TV but no tea or coffee. Well done Mick. I'm sharing a room with him and he's got the kettle and a great cup of tea is made.

Well, all changed and ready to eat, it's off to dinner, via the hotel bar, arranged by John and Liz at a local restaurant. Can you imagine getting the orders right for 23 people. Well they did. I believe a good time, and a good meal was had by all.

It's Sunday, down for breakfast at 0815hours, it's continental, and ready for the road at 0930hrs.

Off we go on another of John and Liz's routes which are to take us south to Arras. A good mixture of rural and country roads with minimal traffic makes another great start to the day.

On the way we stop at Vimy Ridge to gasp



Organ inside a church in St Omer



at the Canadian war memorial recently cleaned and refurbished and looking as good as new with fantastic views of the surrounding area.

A few hundred yards down the road are the trenches that have been preserved where the Canadians fought the Germans, a number of people visiting were taking the tour which takes in a look round the underground bunkers, alas we did not have the time on this occasion.

At Arras we stop for lunch in the main square, plenty of room and a number of fine looking places to eat, 'take your pick' quips John and 'meet back here in an hour or something' so we all head for different parts of the square for another fuel stop (for us, not the bikes).

Sitting outside the restaurant in the sunshine, having a beer with a meal and watching the world go by was heaven, what a great weekend to have picked.

After lunch it was a short trip onto the

motorway to make our way back to the channel tunnel. Once again John and Liz dealt with the tolls by stopping and collecting all the tickets as we rode through, reforming after everybody was through and onward towards the tunnel.

As we leave the toll roads John and Liz handle all the tickets and pay the bill. What organisation I'm thinking, but then having arrived on the train they caught up with us and we settled our debts.

As we approach good 'ole blighty it's time to say our goodbyes to all as the trip is formally ending and we are to make our own way home after leaving the train.

Thanks to all for the company, to all those involved in the organisation and with special thanks to John and Liz and Mick for playing tail end Charlie.

Dennis, Darren and Georgina.



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Remember how good the weather was on Easter Sunday?
If you were on the annual CADAM Easter Egg Run
you would remember it very well. Warm, dry and bright

This year CADAM nominated Mountnessing Court Hospital in
Billericay to receive chocolate eggs aplenty. This unit cares for
geriatric psychiatric patients and is where Jane Wilson worked.

Easter Egg Run

Destination: Mountnessing Court, Billericay

A large photo of Jane
was prominent
in the lobby and
her colleagues gave
us a warm welcome

Nineteen CADAM bikes assembled at Boreham McDonalds and each attendee contributed £5 for the pleasure – and it was indeed a pleasure – of participating in this event for a deserving cause. John W had already acquired thirty Easter eggs and somehow got them all into his huge GS luggage. There was a schedule to meet so the bikes departed at around 9:15 for a quick hop down the A12, getting off at Ingatestone for a few miles of more interesting roads, then to the destination.

A large photo of Jane was prominent in the lobby and her colleagues gave us a warm welcome. Eggs in hands, we were shown into the garden: a beautiful place, very thoughtfully designed, thanks in part to Jane's efforts. The eggs were placed in the shade and we were treated to tea, biscuits and hot cross buns. It was a delight to be joined by the occasional resident and we saw an egg or two enjoyed. Jane's sons also joined us and there was much chatting. The time flew.

Being a greedy bunch, bacon was calling, but not before a ride around the Hanningfields, Rettendon, Bicknacre, the Ulting bends, a rare Essex ford, Maldon... ending up at D's café in Hatfield Peverel. Our friends the ol' bill were having a break there too – one on a sly black FJR.

Grub and home. What a great morning for a ride.
What a great reason for a ride.

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Burnham BikeSafe

As always, CADAM attended this years Burnham BikeSafe on Sunday May 1st

So having loaded all the groups promotional gear on Saturday evening I set out early at 6.45am.

The ride to Burnham was as pleasant as it could be in a Transit pick truck the only break from the mundane was to move over to let Doug Prasser past on his GS to enjoy the bends.

On arrival Doug and I started to unload and were quickly joined by Alan Plant and Mick Gowlett. Erecting the marquee in a strong wind was interesting to say the least but the whole set up was carried out in record time. The star of the show was CADAM's new promotional banner which has been superbly designed by Steve Allen and produced in high quality at a very reasonable cost by a friend of his. Nice work guys!!!

In time honoured tradition the bacons rolls and tea were devoured. The majority of the promotional work was very well executed by Dean Scrivener, Doug Prasser and Mick Gowlett with many copies of O2W handed out along with IAM literature. Gary Crane was always in close attendance when not taking full advantage of the demonstrator rides with Essex police.

We had fleeting visits from many members during the day and an extended visit from Spiros and his bemusingly good looking girlfriend who both provided much enjoyed snacks for all of us.

It was particularly pleasing to have many hands to pack up at the end of the day which meant I returned home at a very respectable 5pm .

Many thanks to all of the helpers which made it a very enjoyable day.



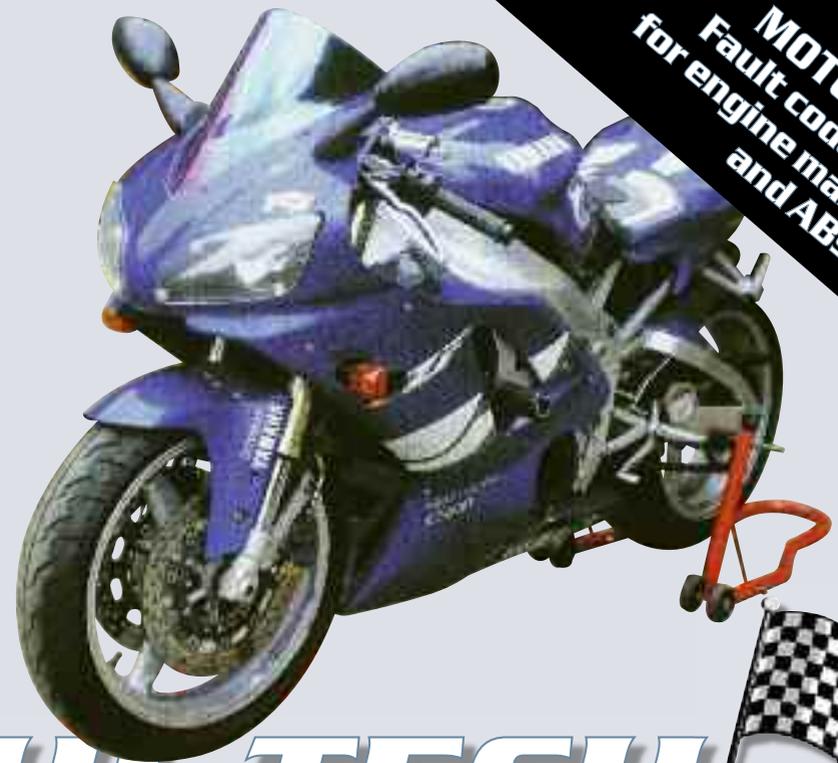
Bourgogne



WEEKEND

29th July to 1st August

3 nights B&B in a motorcycle friendly hotel
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A shared room is £150 per person.
This weekend is a progression from St Omer and
Monschau. It is high mileage weekend which will be
conducted at a progressive pace and take in some
brilliant but technically demanding roads.
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 Please refer to CADAM events panel for dates.
 Apologies, but we will need to collect £1.00
 subs from each member present on club
 nights to cover the cost of hiring the hall.
 Guest speakers and the occasional raffle are
 being planned for some of the evening
 meetings. For more details or suggestions
 for future events, including speakers, please
 contact any of the committee. Thank you
 and we look forward seeing you soon.

CADAM events 2011



Visit the Forum and Events Calendar on www.cadam.org for more details on all of the events listed. Check regularly as events are regularly added or amended. We look forward to seeing you on a ride out soon

May

- Wed 4th ATR (Associate training ride)
£10ea. Must be pre-booked.
Boreham McDonald's ..6:30p.m
- Tues 10th Group night
Austin Vince 7.30p.m
- Sun 15th Gary Crane Ride-out
Boreham McDonald's9a.m
- Mon 23rd Committee meeting ...7.30p.m
- Fri 27th – Mon 30th May Bank Holiday weekend
'Monschau' – Visit the Eiffel
Mountains and the Nurburgring
- Sun 29th Travis's Social ride
Boreham McDonald's9a.m

June

- Wed 1st ATR (Associate training ride)
£10 ea. must be pre booked
Boreham McDonald's ..6:30p.m
- Wed 8th Ride to Bentley
Boreham McDonald's ..6:30p.m
- Fri 10th Lind Motorrad Open evening
and BBQ tba
- Tues 14th AGM postponed from March
EPSA7.30p.m
- Sun 19th Gary Crane Ride-out
Boreham McDonald's9a.m

July

- Sun 3rd Jane's Memorial Ride £5 ea
Boreham McDonald's9a.m
- Mon 4th Committee meeting
EPSA7.30p.m
- Wed 6th Fish and Chip run- Dave Mac
Boreham McDonald's ..7.00p.m
- Sun 17th Gary Crane Ride-out
Boreham McDonald's9a.m
- Fri 29th Bourgogne weekend -
see page18 for details tba