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31st	Social Evening	Bowburn Hall	start 7.30pm
February			
21st	Committee Meeting	Cancelled	7.00pm
28th	Social Evening	Bowburn Hall	start 7.30pm
March			
5th	Ride-out	Iain Thompson	07746482795
19th	Ride - out	TBA	
21st	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
28th	Social Evening	TBA	start 7.30pm
April			
2nd	Ride-out	Richard Watson	07766735961
11th	Evening Ride-out	Dale Robertson	07963525422
16th	Ride-out	Brian Walls	07468573371
25th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
May			
7th	Ride-out	James Finlinson	07813797939
16th	TBA		
21st	Ride-out	Dave Cowton	07712005508
30th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm

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WhatsApp Group Ride Outs arranged by individual Group Leaders

June			
4th	Ride-out	David Badcock	07801920987
13th	Evening Ride-out	Nev Carr	07961172935
18th	Ride-out	Rob Reynolds	07512412807
27th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
July			
2nd	Ride-out	Keith Brain	07714711701
11th	Evening Ride-out	Jo Turner	07867782473
16th	Ride-out	Richard Watson	07766735961
25th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
August			
6th	Ride-out	Les Brown	07873538707
15th	Evening Ride-out	Al Narin	07540767680
20th	Ride-out	Gary Stockill	07989302940
September			
3rd	Ride-out	Iain Thompson	07746482795
12th	Evening Ride-out	Dave Cowton	07712005508
17th	Ride-out	Darren Turner	N/A
19th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm

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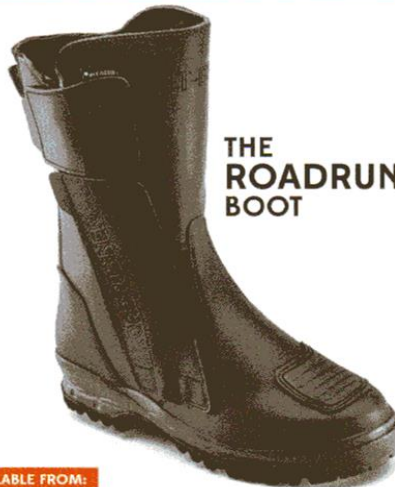
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26th	Social Evening	Bowburn Hall	start 7.30pm
October			
24th	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
31st	Social Evening	Bowburn Hall	start 7.30pm
November			
21st	Committee Meeting	TBA	7.00pm
28th	AGM	Bowburn Hall	start 7.30pm

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Associate, now full, members who passed the test in 2022

Angela Coleman	Pass
David Catleugh	Pass
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Ian Smith	Pass
Brian Jewitt	F1rst
Mike Perry	F1rst
Geoffrey Simpson	Pass
Adam Tamea	F1rst
Nick Smith	Pass
Paul Fahey	Pass
Christopher Mayes	F1rst
Stephen Spark	F1rst
Daniel Kluvanec	Pass
Gary Dale Humberstone	Pass
Paul Raine	F1rst
Stephen Laydon	Pass
Ian Maclennan	Pass

PASSED YOUR TEST? WHAT'S NEXT?

Passing your advanced test is a great achievement – well done by the way. But what next? Time on the bike is the best way to maintain those skills you've acquired but that's not where it stops. Consider:

A TUNE UP RIDE WITH AN OBSERVER

If it's been a while since you passed your test, how about a tune up ride or two with an observer? Over time you may have felt that you've let some of the lessons you learned fall by the roadside, or perhaps you just feel a bit rusty.

If you feel that a tune up ride would benefit you, contact James Finlinson on ☎**07813797939**. Under normal circumstances there is no charge to the group for a tune up ride. The only cost would be petrol money to the observer – after many years at the same rate this amount was increased in 2022.

IAM MASTERS

The Masters qualification is the ultimate recognition for a civilian rider to attain with IAM RoadSmart, taking the approach to riding to a higher level, with active planning and continuous concentration. Masters is open to all IAM RoadSmart members.

[**IAM ROADSMART MASTERS OVERVIEW**](#) **click here**

BIKERDOWN

Biker Down is a free workshop that gives training on the actions to take in the event of a motorcycle accident.

Whatever your level of riding experience, you can benefit from extra training.

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- The science of being seen.

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