Club Torque Magazine

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Newsletter of the Royston & District Motor Cycle Club.

Included in this issue.

Remembrance day.

An evening with Scott Redding.

Riding on different roads.

Parade laps at Brands Hatch with Randy Mamola.

Lewis Smart is our guest speaker on 24th March 2027.

MAG & Hertfordshire County Council



Royston & District Motorcycle are proud to lay a wreath at the Royston Memorial on 8th November.

Are you able to contribute to the website?

If so, please contact or just write an article to John Gordon the website manager.

Safe Riding.

Alan Evans.

Chairman Royston & District Motorcycle Club.

Ducati Vindas welcomed quests at an evening which featured on stage Grace Webb interviewing Scott Redding.



Scott arrived direct from Brands Hatch driven by a PBM mechanic in the PBM van. Club members had a chat with the mechanic who informed us Scott was a top bloke and very popular with the PBM team. The mechanic is a lorry driver with PBM spending the weekend just hanging around waiting to drive the lorry home which is in Preston.





Scott was in good form answering all the question honestly along with posing for photographs.



Do you have your heads round different roads?

Off the motorway after an hour of cruising and straight onto a narrow, hedge-lined B road. **The bike changes pace in seconds, but does your head change with it?**
Every type of road asks something different of us. A roads have a rhythm: junctions, roundabouts, overtakes and changing limits, and they call for alert, flowing focus.



B roads and rural lanes need us at our sharpest, reading the limit point, watching for gravel and diesel, and expecting a tractor round the next blind bend.



Motorways are a different kind of hazard. When it gets monotonous, we can drift onto autopilot and our reactions slow down without us noticing.
Matching our mindset to the road protects our margin for error. That's often hardest on the transitions when the road changes faster than we do.

Two Laps of Brands Hatch GP Circuit with Randy Mamola.

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As an ambassador for Two Wheels for Life, Randy attends events such as MotoGP at Silverstone. He rides a Honda Fireblade supplied free of charge for the event.

I paid the Brands Hatch entrance fee and donated an extra £20 to Two Wheels for Life to ride two laps with Randy Mamola. We parked in a designated pit area above the tunnel. I was disappointed that only 20 bikes turned up for the chance to ride the Brands Hatch GP circuit.

Parking in a safe restricted area was worth the £20.

Chris Denning gives the briefing.

Chris tells us we will be doing 2 laps of the GP circuit no more than 60 mph. (I was doing 105 mph on Pilgrams under the bridge, but don't tell).

- Chris was driving a V8 BMW and is an ex-car racer.
- He is the Safety Car Driver for BSB.
- I had the pleasure of a drive round Brands with him. I thought we going to roll it round Paddock Hill Bend but Chris was just chatting away. Do not turn away the opportunity to drive with Chris. Make sure you strap yourself in because he is fast and I mean fast.



Guest speaker Lewis Smart on 24th March 2027 at Whaddon Village Hall.



MAG (Motorcycle Action Group) & Hertfordshire County Council.

MAG, to which the Royston & District Motorcycle Club are affiliated, made representations to Hertfordshire County Council on behalf of motorcyclists in the county.



Colin Brown

MAG Director of Campaigns and Political Engagement.

Hertfordshire County Council rewrote its Road Safety Strategy this summer. Rory McMullen names MAG as a partner and reiterates that motorcyclists are highly vocal, with MAG becoming a partner. This shows that the council is reading the response.

Read MAG on their Facebook page or website.