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SERV Suffolk & Cambridge

Help us today, you may need us tomorrow!

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Welcome to the first Newsletter for Serv Suffolk and Cambridge.

As a volunteer member, you will receive a quarterly Newsletter to keep you updated with information such as changes in legislation, training updates, fundraising activities, social events, new members, call out figures and anything else we feel our members may find of interest.

If you have a story to tell relating to any Serv activity that you have been involved with, please let us know. Likewise, if there's anything specific you would like included in the Newsletter, be sure to tell us.

Email publicity.suffolkandcams@serv.org.uk

SERV Suffolk and Cambridge as chosen Charity for 2011

Peter Johnson and friends of the Houghton & Wyton Gardening Club held an Open Garden on 18th June, choosing Serv Suffolk and Cambridge as one of 3 charities to receive a donation from money raised. A cheque for **£350.00** has been gratefully received.

Our thanks also to Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club & The Broadland Wings East Anglia Region for selecting Serv Suffolk and Cambridge as their chosen charity for 2011.

Why do we do it?

PC1156 Barry Humm is a Traffic Officer with Suffolk Constabulary. "Over the years, I have been to far too many Road Traffic Collisions, and have had to deal with seriously injured casualties.

The need for a constant supply of blood and other products is clear as I deal with these incidents. I am a regular blood donor, but decided I had 'more' to give back to society, which is the reason I joined SERV".



Who's Who? Committee Members

Regional Co-ordinator/ Hospital Liaison / Publicity	-	Bev Lambert 078415 73052
Lead Controller/ Route Trainer	-	Mitch Paris 077409 34069
Treasurer	-	John Langley
GMP Trainer	-	Tom Coomber
Barry Humm	-	Route Trainer
Steph Ruddy	-	Secretary
Andy Jaques	-	Events Officer

**St John
Ambulance**



Our thanks to St John Ambulance, Priory House, Duckamere, Bramford for allowing us to use their premises for meetings and training sessions.

Project anyone?

Our thanks to *Serv Herts & Beds* who kindly donated a mini-moto to us to assist with our fundraising activities.

Before we can start using the bike to draw in the crowds, it needs some work doing to it. A replacement screen is required, just £6.15 from funbikes.co.uk. In addition, the bike requires a professional re-spray in white and then liveried.

If anyone would like to take on this project, please let me know asap.

Funds are available for any replacement parts required.

Contact Bev if interested.



We need money!

Anyone with any fundraising ideas, please let me know. We urgently need to start getting funds into our bank account. With the holiday season almost behind us, I will be writing to a number of local businesses in the hope they will offer either a donation or corporate sponsorship.

We have various packages available for businesses keen to offer corporate sponsorship.

Letter is drafted and so far I have a list of around 100 businesses to whom I will be writing. If you know of any business that may like to assist us, please let me know asap.

Christmas get-together evening

How many members within our group do you know? Not many probably, how would you?

How about a Christmas get-together? Andy Jaques our Events Officer will be contacting everyone in due course. Date for your diary will be **Saturday 3rd December** – location, Bury St Edmunds – Chinese perhaps?

Suffolk & Cambridge Advanced Motorcyclists

Our members are encouraged to improve their riding skills by taking the Skills for Life advanced riding test. Why do we encourage this? The first reason is that it's fantastic fun! The more serious reason is that every year thousands of people are killed or seriously injured in road accidents as a result of human error. A lot of accidents involving motorcyclists are not the fault of the rider, who usually comes off worst. While not the motorcyclists fault, many could have been avoided by adopting a progressive and defensive riding style which you can learn with us.

The IAM Surety Insurance scheme has very competitive rates once you have passed the IAM test, or your existing insurer may give you a discount at renewal time.

Contact your local branch for more info:

Suffolk branch: 01473 327555
Cambridge Branch: 07802 497187

Upcoming Fundraising Events

East Anglia Motorcycle Run- Sunday 4th Sept
Orwell Crossing Lorry Park - Ipswich

Copdock Motorcycle Show – Sunday 2nd Oct
Trinity Park – Ipswich

We need some of our own members to assist with these fundraising events. Other SERV groups are attending with blood bikes..... embarrassing if some of our own members are not present!

More details available from Bev

It's all about Numbers!

At the time of writing, we have **33** members within Serv Suffolk & Cambridge, and **14** interested in joining.

We have carried out **41** Ipswich Hospital runs and **10** WSH runs

Want to do more to help? We are looking to fill the following positions:

Fundraising Officer – Hospital Liaison Officer – Membership Secretary
2nd GMP Trainer – Controllers x 3 – 2nd Events Officer

