

"I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of Pro Bike News! As more and more of you sign up with Pro Bike to enjoy life on two wheels, we remain committed to offering a first class, safe and patient training programme tailored to individual needs. With 22% of all road traffic fatalities involving bikers it appears safety is on everyones mind – read about the new saferider system below. Also, don't miss our review on the new HD Sportster Iron and make sure you email us your motorcycle items for sale and we will advertise them for you in Pro Bike *News*. We'd love your feedback on the newsletter and look forward to your stories, reviews, opinions and pictures.

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A Step Forward in Safety

Safety is very important to us at Pro Bike and we were interested to hear about an ambitious project instigated by Yamaha, Porsche and Fema who are looking at safety features for bikes which are already taken for granted on cars. This 'Saferider' system aims to use a tactile feedback system to get the riders attention using laser scanners, haptic handles and gloves, vibrating seat and helmet cameras. The system can tell if the rider is travelling too fast to negotiate a bend and gives warnings of oncoming vehicles via vibrating helmet cheek pads. These innovative features could be available in as little as 18 months time and it is hoped that Saferider will be especially effective for less experienced riders.



TIME TO DITCH THE L PLATES?

You've completed your CBT, what now? You can ride up to a 125cc with a max power output of 14.6bhp. You can't ride on motorways, carry a pillion passenger or ride without L plates. Consider moving up to a bigger bike and book in for a lesson on one of the 500cc fleet. Call Alan or Sandra on 01294 311377 to book. Remember, safety gear is **INCLUDED** in the price!



The newly launched blacked out Harley Sportster Iron 883 is a raw, mean looking bike. Although the smallest of the Harley family, the stage one tuning is delightfully deafening and the matt black effect makes it sought out first by onlookers in a Harley line up. It's stripped down in design, doesn't feature complicated extras and the lack of chrome is rather refreshing. The low centre of gravity gives for easy handling but comfort would definitely be improved if the foot pegs were further forward.

This beast is the Bentley demon of Motorcycles – tall in the front and low in the back giving it an imposing and moody demeanour. Just don't plan to ride too long without some petrol stops though as the tank only holds 3.3 gallons of fuel!

Verdict: A great, highly performing bad boy bike especially ideal for new riders.

Score: 4 Pro Bike helmets (out of 5). Loses 1 helmet for the small tank



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Readers Bikes

David Fry from Ardrossan got into biking through mates and loves every minute spent on his Yamaha Fazer FZS600. His most recent trip was the Yorkhill Hospital Easter Egg run which raises vital funds for the children's hospital. As much as he enjoys his Fazer, David has his sights set on a new bike but can't decide between a cruiser or a tourer. He currently has his eye on a Triumph Rocket and the new Fazer 8 but remains undecided! He would welcome Pro Bike readers advice and opinions!



David on his Fazer FZS600 with Grandson Ciaran

Top 3 Biking films

1. Easy Rider
2. Wild Hogs
3. On Any Sunday



Big Hearted Bikers

Jim Humphreys, John and Brigid Rynne and John Plumb are setting off on an epic round trip charity motorcycle ride from Moscow, Ayrshire to Moscow in Russia! The 6,500 mile journey is in aid of the Poppa Guttman Trust and the aim is to raise £15,000 which will support the Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The riders will depart from the usually sleepy Ayrshire Hamlet, Moscow, on the 12th June and will be sent off by an abundance of well wishers and the media. Why not come along and join in the motorcycle themed family day. Don't forget to donate to this good cause!

Visit www.offonaweeride.com to find out more and make a donation.



Jim at Stoke Mandeville Hospital

2 minutes...
...with Alan Frew



PBN: How did you get into motorcycle training?

AF: I started out as a volunteer motorcycle trainer many years ago - don't ask how many, and enjoyed it so carried on and set up Pro Bike Irvine.

PBN: What is most enjoyable about the job?

AF: Seeing people improve, gain confidence and pass their test!

PBN: Best advice for someone thinking about learning to ride?

AF: Do your CBT first and see how you feel on 2 wheels. Pro Bike CBTs are only £100 and this includes everything you need to get started - bike hire, safety gear and excellent instruction plus a second days training if required. Some training schools charge extra for all of these things so do check first when booking.



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Introduce a loved one to biking with a Pro Bike Irvine CBT Gift Voucher. For £100, everything is included to get ready for the road safely including bike and safety gear hire, top notch instruction (with an extra day if required) and expert advice. Call 01294 311377 or email probikeirvine@gmail.com

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