

u3a Motorbike group proposal, April, 2025

A motorbike's thought - *Cyclists believe they Own the road's; Motorcyclists believe every driver on the road is out to kill them!*

Tony, a member of Droitwich Spa and District u3a has proposed an informal Group of fellow motorbike enthusiasts under the banner of the Cotswold Link.

Tony writes:

Bikers are a much-maligned social bunch though Prince's William & Harry are bikers! There are many biker groups nationally, inc West Midlands, all with very full calendars of biker's evenings /events and these include Fetes, Charity events, classic car days & festivals, they meet on a regular basis for a beer, ogle one another's machines, have a natter, have a club update, listen to a guest speaker etc, as well as have a fabulous countryside ride out but do not solely cater for the u3a age profile.

Other meetings/Rideout's are regularly organised during the better summer months and younger tougher bikers can and do ride throughout the year, courageous souls. Trips start at all times of the day, from 6-7 am, depending on destination for example the coast, early to mid-morning times for lunch, afternoons for afternoon tea/early evening trips to pubs, as well as late evening runs, again through long summer nights to rivers/lakes/watersides, pub destinations are favourite, places, they all determine start times etc and I do not see why a u3a get togethers should not be the same.

Ordinarily an "organiser" would compile a list of events, as would be the case with a u3a Group for the get togethers, sending an email to members listing the runs & details for the day, it can never pre-determined how many turn up, even agreed participates don't turn up and excuses will include -
(A) The weather, (its worst thing ever riding in poor weather & it can take days to clean the bike)
(B) If the bike starts/runs?
(C) One's partner & the gods!

If members of u3as affiliated to the Cotswold Link are interested in such a Group then it would be run in accordance with u3a principles, with a member oversee the Group calendar, compile a list of dates / events, then notifying members via email of the plans.

If you are interested in participating in such a Group under the u3a Cotswold Link banner, please email chair@droitwichu3a.co.uk for further information.

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