

# View from the East

## December 2019



### This month in the news.

It's that time of year again where we find ourselves at the mercy of the weather and Christmas Party season. We will see many people doing the right thing and staying away from their car when they have consumed alcohol, but sadly we will see too many being arrested at the road side, or worst still at collision scenes, for excess alcohol or drug driving offences, I will update you all with numbers in New Year.

#### London calling Part II

Having been to London for the "Trump" visit in the summer, I returned for the NATO summit on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November for a week.

We were allocated our principle, the NATO Secretary General who had meetings all over central London as well as the main event at "The Grove" in Watford.

There are very different rules of engagement when riding in London. Your observations and planning have to be pin sharp as you have little room for error at high speeds, in an effort to keep the road ahead clear and the principles vehicle moving.

There was no down time and the days were long. The weather was kind and it remained dry all week, however we never saw the motorcycles external temperature gauge rise above 4°, and escorting our "principle" out of London after midnight on Tuesday it was -3°.

We were joined by colleagues from across the UK which was quite a spectacle when we parked uniformly around the "Wedding Cake" at the front of Buckingham Palace. (pictures below)





## Reflection

It has been a very busy year. I have tested more drivers and riders than ever before, some familiar faces and many new ones, which is fantastic.

I have been able to get across most of the eastern region and meet many of you and the groups you support with more to do in 2020.

This will be my first Christmas and Boxing Day where I will not be working so I am looking forward to some quality family time.

## Resources

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A very happy Christmas to you all, have a safe and enjoyable time over the festive period.

Catch up with some of you soon.

Simon.

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