

Important – Subscriptions 2017



All local subscriptions are due on 31st March, 2017. All members are welcome to renew now, or at the AGM. You are invited to renew your membership (maintained at £6) for another year.

Please post a cheque (payable to **The York Group of Advanced Motorists**) and send this, along with your address and email details (if applicable) to:

Nicola Macauley, Membership Secretary, Bramley House, 14a Swarthdale, Haxby, YORK, YO32 3NZ. Thank you.

Your continued support is much appreciated. We would kindly ask that all cheques are payable to The York Group of Advanced Motorists only.

Associates do not need to pay local subs until they have passed their test with the Group.

There is a new way to pay via BACS, please see elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Contacting the York Group

Please email yorkgroupsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or contact any member of the committee with your query or suggestion.

Test Successes:

Congratulations to Gary Hope, Claire Kenworthy, Aidan Shaw and David Laverack on passing their Advanced Driving Tests with the York Group.

New Associates:

Welcome to Peter Cowling, Emma Brassington, Ingrid Haywood, Tom Foley, Neil Hepplewhite and Joseph Simpson - good luck with the preparation for your advanced tests with IAM Roadsmart.



Diary of Events 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
Jan			
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Wed 25 th	7.00pm	Low Catton	LATE XMAS MEAL
Feb			
Sat 4 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 9 th	7.00pm	Dunnington	Committee Meeting
Sun 19 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Tues 21 st	7.30pm	Dunnington	Observer Meeting
Mar			
Sat 4 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 9 th	7.00pm	Dunnington	Committee Meeting
Sun 19 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Tues 21 st	7.30pm	Dunnington	YORK AGM
Apr			
Sat 1 st	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 16 th	7.00pm	Dunnington	Committee Meeting
Tues 21 st	7.30pm	Dunnington	Observer Meeting
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives

Please note there will be no observed drives over Easter weekend, the next planned meeting will be on the following Sunday, 23rd April.

Please contact the training team with any questions.

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The newsletter is also available in electronic form, sent to your email address. To subscribe send an email to yorkdrivers@hotmail.com with the subject title "Drive on by email".

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Jan/Feb 2017

York Group of Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity Number 1053044

- **AGM for York Group**
- **Vacancies on committee**
- **Call for subs, new way to pay**

AGM Tuesday 21st March, 2017

Please support the Group by attending the AGM at the Reading Rooms in Dunnington on Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm. This will include an election of officers and committee members. All members, associates and friends are invited to attend the AGM but only fully paid up members of IAM Roadsmart and of the local Group may vote.

CURRENT OFFICERS

All officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election (Group Rule 3.3).

John Buffon (Chairman)

Willing to stand for re-election

Neil Harrison (Secretary)

Willing to stand for re-election

Peter Williamson (Treasurer)

Willing to stand for re-election

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One third of the committee (excluding officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election (Group Rule 3.3).

A. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND STANDING AGAIN FOR RE-ELECTION

Nicola Macauley	3 years on committee
John Farley	3 years on committee
Valerie Waller	2 years on committee
Mike Ward	2 years on committee

B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

Peter West	2 years on committee
Graeme Gammack	1 year on committee
Jo Williamson	1 year on committee
John Wilkinson	1 year on committee
Reg Melton	1 year on committee
Clive Hodsdon	1 year on committee

(years on committee since (re-)election.)

Vacancies on Committee

This year at the AGM we will be holding an election for officers and committee members. We have members willing to stand for re-election but if any members would like more details about how to get involved with the York Group then please contact any member of the committee. You are of course entitled to stand for election if you wish!



There will be a vacancy for Membership Secretary in 2017 so we need to fill this important role.

New Way to Pay

To bring the local Group into the 21st century a little more, we now have the facility to pay our local £6.00 subscription via BACS. If you would like to take advantage of this quick and simple method of payment, here are the details.

The York Group of Advanced Motorists
Sort Code: 77 71 01
Account No: 35827268



If anyone is paying by BACS, please use your initials and surname as the reference and send a confirmation email to the Group Treasurer at this email address: yorkgams@btinternet.com

You can still pay by cash at the AGM or send a cheque but please ensure that all cheques are only made payable to **The York Group of Advanced Motorists**. The same applies to postal orders, they must be made payable to **The York Group of Advanced Motorists**.

The committee is grateful for your continued support of the York Group and helping us to achieve our aim of promoting safer driving.

Sgt. Billings' Talk

Over 40 members and guests were fortunate to hear Dr Sgt Zoe Billings at the Reading Rooms in Dunnington on the 17th January deliver a talk about the investigatory issues surrounding deaths on the road. She illustrated her talk with previous case studies and used humour and audience participation to deliver a very serious message about the implications of bad driving on the road.

In addition we had (as usual) one of our founder members (there aren't many left!) in the audience - Doug Petty who as a result of his aircrew activities in the RAF in the second world war, has been recently awarded the Légion d'Honneur by the French which he brought along to show us.

Did You Know?

It might surprise you to know that most car companies are in fact owned by much larger organisations. Some are not what you expect! Did you realise that Volvo is not Swedish and Jaguar is owned by an Indian company?

Volvo is owned by Geely (China).
Vauxhall is owned by General Motors.
Skoda, Seat, Audi, Bentley, Lamborghini and Porsche are all owned by VW.
Rolls Royce and Mini are owned by BMW.
Mitsubishi are owned by Renault-Nissan.
Mercedes and Smart are owned by Daimler
Abarth, Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Jeep and Maserati are owned by Fiat Chrysler.
Lexus is part of Toyota.
Jaguar Land Rover is now part of Tata.
Kia is owned by Hyundai.
Citroen is owned by Peugeot.