

Dates for Your Diary

The York Group Christmas social meeting will be on Tuesday 15th December at the Reading Rooms in Dunnington, 7pm. There will be a talk and music from the Salvation Army.

The annual York Group quiz will also be hotly contested!



All members and guests are welcome. Refreshments and mince pies will be provided.



We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Contacting the York Group

Please email yorkgroupsecretary@hotmail.co.uk

Test Successes:

Congratulations to Matthew Taylor, Jo Clarke and Philip Steel (F1RST) on passing their Advanced Driving Tests with the York Group.

New Associates:

Welcome to Elizabeth Bell, Richard Bingham, Hala Bakhari, Lauren Simpson, Tim Waistell, Steven Wood and Martin Leach. Good luck with the preparation for your tests.



Diary of Events 2015/16

Date	Time	Location	Event
Dec			
Sat 5 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 10 th	7.00pm	S&N	Committee Meeting
Tues 15 th	7.30pm	Dunnington	XMAS SOCIAL
Sun 20 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Jan			
Sat 2 nd	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 14 th	7.00pm	S&N	Committee Meeting
Tues 19 th	7.30pm	Dunnington	Observer Meeting
Wed 20 th	7.00pm	Low Catton	LATE XMAS MEAL
Sun 17 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Feb			
Sat 6 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 11 th	7.00pm	S&N	Committee Meeting
Tues 16 th	7.30pm	Dunnington	Observer Meeting
Sun 21 st	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Mar			
Sat 5 th	9.30am	Monks Cross	Associate Drives
Thurs 10 th	7.00pm	S&N	Committee Meeting
Tues 15 th	7.30pm	Dunnington	YORK AGM

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December
2015

York Group of Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity Number 1053044

- Christmas Social Evening
- The Late Christmas January Meal
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Achieving True mpg
- Dates for the Diary



Certificate Presentations

The Group congratulated Allen Guildford and his observer, Andy Dougall. Allen achieved a F1RST with Andy's help. The certificate was presented by Group Chairman, John Buffoni.



York Meets the Commissioner

Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, saw at first hand the work done by the York Group of Advanced Motorists to improve road safety.

She is pictured, centre, with IAM members Andy Dougall (Senior Observer), John Wilkinson (Vice President), Gordon Smith (Observer Coordinator) and John Farley (Publicity Officer).



More information about the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire is available at the organisation's website www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

Julia Mulligan said: "Road safety is a major concern for residents across North Yorkshire and I have been hugely impressed by the time and effort IAM volunteers put in to make our roads safer and to reduce accidents."

Christmas Party Menu

The annual 'late' Christmas meal will once again be held at the Gold Cup Inn in Low Catton on Wednesday 20th January, meeting at 7pm. If you would like to attend please let Peter have your menu choices and names of those attending by 13th January. This has been a great venue for us and will surely fill up quickly.



Menu

£15.50 for 2 courses/£18.50 for 3 courses

Tomato and basil soup

Battered mushrooms with garlic mayonnaise

Deep fried breaded prawns with a chilli dip

Warm goat's cheese with pear & apple chutney

Roast leg of lamb with mint & redcurrant gravy

Grilled salmon with crayfish tails and herb butter

Pork belly on apple mash with cider & mustard sauce

Leek & Wensleydale potato cakes with mushroom sauce

All served with vegetables and potatoes

Vanilla panna cotta with rhubarb

Lemon posset with lemon sorbet & shortbread

Warm chocolate brownie with vanilla ice-cream

Coffee and cream £1.95

Please email (or phone) your choices to Peter West by 13th January.

Name/Starter/Main/Dessert

True mpg

Often when you read motoring magazines or visit company websites when you are researching your next car, we read about miles per gallon (mpg) with interest. Despite falling petrol and diesel prices, nobody likes filling up too often. New cars nowadays promise figures of 50, 60 or even 70mpg. Some hybrids or electric vehicles claim significantly more. However, it's worth remembering that these figures are generated under laboratory conditions and rarely resemble true mpg.

A steady journey on the motorway will always return a better mpg than driving through traffic in a town centre. In reality we all use our cars for a mixture of road and traffic conditions so our true mpg is a complicated combination of driving. But which cars return closest to the advertised fuel consumption? In fact, on average cars achieve only 85% of the official fuel efficiency figure.

Here are few examples taken from the motoring press:

(Claimed mpg/Actual mpg)

Ford Focus 1.5 TDCi (74.3 mpg/56.2 mpg)

Mercedes C220 BlueTec (68.9 mpg/58.9mpg)

Volvo S60 2.0 D4 (74.3 mpg/50.1 mpg)

