



E-Newsletter

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Coming Up...

15th June 2019

10:00 – 16:30

Introduction to Advanced Driving Seminar

Open to members & public

29-30 June 2019

All Day

Gloucestershire Motor Show

tickets available:

<https://www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk/shop/>

18th July 2019

19:30

Observers Meeting

Membership

Members:	133
Fellows:	04
Associates:	42
Friends:	02
Honorary members:	05
PCC Applications:	01

Total Membership: 187

National Observers:	14
Local Observers:	03
Trainee Observers:	01

Total Observers: 18

New Associates this year:	20
Test Passes this year:	06
F1RST passes this year:	02

Welcome New Members

Wendy Cook
Aaron Price
Lucy Smith
Charlotte Green
Graeme Kerr
Mark Stanbury
Samuel Gilchrist
Keanu Morgan
Nicole Parker
Luke Tranter

Correction from April newsletter:

Amanda Burgess
Braydon Roberts

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Next Group Meeting: Alfa Romeo Cars

Join us at our next group meeting on the 12th September 2019 at 19:30. We will be joined Paul Doick of Johnsons Cars in Swindon. The Alfa Romeo agent will come along to talk about the latest range of Alfas.

Paul will be bringing at least one of the latest Alfa Romeos too!

Group Meeting: Electric Cars

At the May meeting we welcomed our new Police Liaison Officer, Inspector Dan Wakeford, to the meeting. Dan gave an overview of his position and the ways in which he intended to assist the Group.

The Chairman and he have had a series of meetings on the subject.



Matt and David Cleevely of Cleevely Electric Vehicles were our speakers for the evening and gave us an excellent presentation about the state of the Electric vehicle market, the types of vehicle available and the applications for each. Many questions were answered on battery life expectancy, running costs and charging options to name but a few. Matt and David arrived in a Tesla and a Nissan Leaf and were keen to show them to the members present.

Cleevely Motors is a long-established family business that has been around for 57 years and is a well-respected local garage. Matt and David have formed the Electric Vehicle division which will be well worth a visit for anyone interested in moving over to electric power. The company can be found online at: www.cleevelyev.co.uk. Why not visit them at: Cleevely Electric Vehicles, Unit 41a, Lansdown Industrial Estate, Cheltenham GL51 8PS

Chairman's Chat

Greetings everyone to our June Newsletter.

I have recently spent some time developing contacts with Gloucestershire Police. Inspector Dan Wakeford was recently appointed as a liaison link with us by the Assistant Chief Constable. Dan is Head of Patrols, based at the Bamfurlong Operations centre. He has already attended our last Group meeting where some of you will have met him. He has also introduced me to Head of Driver Training, Byron Chandler and we have explored where we could find mutual benefit. At present we have agreed ways in which police officers can encourage young offenders to consider IAM RoadSmart for post licence training, and Dan is launching an initiative to encourage police drivers to consider joining IAM RoadSmart. There may also be an opportunity for our Observers to gain experience in a police training drive.

I have also spent some time smartening up our website and expanding our social media activities. It is all up to date so please keep an eye on our events and news. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, please give us a Follow or a Like @GlosIAM.

A big thank you to the crew who helped me at the Prescott Classic Show at Prescott Hill Climb on Sunday 12th May; Richard Lee, Robert Pepper, Eve Gyll and her friend Josh. We had a perfect day in terms of weather and enjoyment.

I would also like to thank our Group executives and Observers who work away in the background whether it is coaching Associates, responding to contacts, working on the accounts, answering membership queries and especially coordinating the Associates and Observers. Because of you, the Group functions as a well-oiled machine. Finally, a thank you to Mel, our Editor, who produces this excellent newsletter.

***Enjoy your summer wherever
you go, but above all,
drive safely***

Rod Harrison



Contact the Editor

Do you have any comments, suggestions, general feedback about this newsletter?

Would you like to submit content to be considered for the newsletter?

Please send your messages to Mel, our Editor, at: [**editor@glosiam.org.uk**](mailto:editor@glosiam.org.uk)

From the Secretary

Disk Brakes, we all have them. There probably isn't a car in the last 30 years that hasn't had at least front disk brakes. The origins of what we take for granted is a little more interesting. In 1890, Fredrick Lanchester patented a disk brake system, the issue with it at the time was that the materials available were limited so the disk had to be made out of copper. Combined with the poor roads of the era made the disk life poor & the concept just didn't work in practice. Whilst disk brake development continued for aircraft, it wasn't until World War 2 when the German Tiger tank utilised Argos Motoren disk brakes which made a serious appearance for motor vehicles once more. The first production road car which is credited with disk brakes is an American Crosley Hot Shot. These were only fitted for about six months before being retrofitted with drum brakes due to reliability issues. It wasn't until 1951 that Britain got back in on the action when the BRM Formula 1 cars were fitted with a Girling disk setup, however like all the earlier road-going versions these were not reliable.

In 1948 Jaguar launched its first post war model, the XK120 – probably the only “all new” Jaguar produced between 1948 & 1986 when the XK engine was replaced with the AJ6 engine & the IRS (Independent Rear Suspension) unit were superseded in the XJ40. The problem with the XK120 was that the brakes were marginal, so Jaguar started working with Dunlop who happened to have a factory just over the road from the Browns Lane site. This partnership produced the first reliable disk brake system used in racing, & is credited for Jaguar's win the 1953 Le Mans 24 hour race with the XK120C (or C-Type). Whilst Citroen were the first to mass produce a disk brake system on the DS & Jenson also introduced them on the 541 model, Jaguar continued their development & begun fitting them to the MK2 models, initially front disk & rear drums, but by the early 1960s Jaguar had taken that early Le Mans race system & developed with Dunlop to produce a reliable system for road cars.

So where is all this going you ask? Well, as my XJ6 is off at the bodywork hospital, I decided to get the old S-Type out & see what can be started with the restoration. It didn't start well, as when trying to get it out the garage the brake pedal would slowly sink to the floor. With no sign of leaks, it had to be a seal failure in either the master or slave cylinders. The master cylinder is not really a problem as it's just above the pedal under the bonnet. The slave cylinder on the other hand is a complete nightmare. It's part of the brake servo & took about a day & a half to remove. Between rusty bolts & rusty metal work it ended up being a nasty job that took some fabrication to refit the new parts. If I'm being honest having worked on it since 13:00 on the Saturday, at about 18:00 on the Sunday evening I had a serious sense of humour failure. Luckily it was a bank holiday so there was the Monday to finish off & get it all sorted out, but it did put up a pretty reasonable fight!

Matt Budrey



Notes from the Chief Observer

The British love dogs. Around a quarter of UK households have at least one canine, or K9 if you're a Dr. Who fan. That's a lot of dogs. So it's probably no surprise that there are over 20 pieces of legislation that apply to dog ownership in Britain.

I raise this because driving through Tewkesbury the other day I saw a dog crossing the road. It had reached the centre of the road as I came along. I checked my mirror as I slowed my vehicle in case I had to stop. It was only then I realised its owner had already reached the pavement to my right and the dog was attached by one of those extending leads! The owner had no idea where her pet was apart from on the lead but it certainly was not under control. I drove on through the busy street but thought I would look up the law when I got home.

First stop the Highway Code. Rule 56. "Do not let a dog out on the road on its own. Keep it on a short lead when walking on the pavement, road or path shared with cyclists and horse riders.

Your local authority has the power to ask you to keep your dog on a lead when walking along designated roads and in some cases will put up a sign indicating this. While there is no countrywide blanket ban on walking a dog off-lead along roads, it is recommended keeping your dog on a lead or under very close control when walking by any road to prevent accidents. Law: Road Traffic Act 1988, section 27.

Drivers who injure dogs with their car, m/bike or other vehicle must give their name and address to the owner, or person in charge of the dog. If there is no person with the dog at the time, the driver should report the incident to the police within 24 hours. Law: Road Traffic Act 1988, section 170.

Claims can be brought against dog owners who are proven liable if their dog causes a road incident that causes injury, illness or death. Dog charities strongly recommend that dog owners take out third party liability insurance to protect against any costs or compensation you may need to pay if your dog does cause an accident. Legal costs are expensive and can run into tens of thousands of pounds without insurance. Law: Animals Act 1971, section 2

The Highway Code requires dogs (and other animals) to be "suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving, or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly" (Rule 57). While breaking the Highway Code is not an offence in itself, allowing a dog to distract you could be taken into account in the event of an accident. Bear in mind that in a crash, an unrestrained dog will be thrown forward with significant force. This could result in your pet's death, and depending on the size of your dog, could also injure or kill the driver or passengers.

***Robert Pepper
Chief Observer***



News From The Kids

Young. Driver. Ambassador. What is one of those, exactly? Group members will know what a 'driver' is, and according to the Oxford English Dictionary, one definition of 'ambassador' is "A representative or promoter of a specified activity". How about 'young'? Well, I think you are only as old as you feel! Any the wiser?

Fortunately, IAM RoadSmart has an answer. It has sought to develop representatives for younger drivers within its Group network, spearheaded by Eloise Peabody-Rolf and David Gallagher, recent IAM RoadSmart Younger Driver Ambassadors. The accident statistics are well known, but working with younger drivers, rather than alienating them as has happened in the past, has been recognised as being key to positive driving outcomes for this 'at-risk' group. With this in mind, I was delighted to be asked to support the Group with younger drivers' initiatives locally, having passed my Advanced Test just over a year ago.

What does this mean for our Group? In short, the idea is to broaden our appeal to younger motorists, encouraging them towards further training and a lifetime of safe and skilful driving. I think we are already doing fantastic work in attending school safety presentations and supporting younger drivers through their Advanced Tests, particularly with the invaluable support we receive from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. However, we are ambitious to try new initiatives to be announced shortly, the aim being to recruit and retain a younger demographic and ensure that the Group offers something for everyone. An open offer to you all: we have already developed some ideas, but I will always welcome any suggestions – please feel free to email me at youngdriver@glosiam.org.uk.

In the meantime, here's a little challenge, for both the 'young' and the 'young at heart': let's all continue to be ambassadors, promoting our 'specified activity' to the best of our ability, by driving skilfully and smoothly and making the roads a safer and more fun place to be. The sun is out, and long may our driving pleasure continue.

Michael Bennett
Young Driver Ambassador



Skill Fade

Cornmarket Insurance, the IAM RoadSmart Insurance agency, carried out a study that demonstrated a link between how long-ago members took the Advanced Test & whether they made any insurance claims. The results showed the longer it had been since the Test, the more likely it was that the member had made a claim.

This factor had an overall effect on the risk category applied to member's insurance. As a result, IAM RoadSmart introduced the 'Fellow' category of membership that promised a lower insurance premium in exchange for taking an Advanced Test every 3 years.

RoSPA members re-test every 3 years in order to retain their Advanced category & insurance benefits. IAM RoadSmart have kept it as a voluntary activity.

It is clear that our skills tend to fade with time; bad habits creep in and we forget certain aspects of Advanced driving. I would like to encourage all of our members to consider this subject and how you might rectify the possibility that you might not be as sharp as the day that you passed the Advanced Test.

Here's a few of your options to keep your skills up to date:

Attend one of our Introduction to Advanced Driving Seminars. They are a very useful reminder of the core principles. I attend almost everyone and am very often reminded of one aspect or another. Mike Addis updates his presentation constantly. Details are on our website.

Group Members Check drive. We are more than happy to offer a free Member's check drive with an Observer. We would also assist you in preparation for a retest. Contact the Membership Secretary or Chief Observer.

Purchase a Members Assessment from IAM RoadSmart. A Member's Assessment costs £39.00 and can be purchased from the IAM RoadSmart website. This is a drive with an IAM RoadSmart examiner to assess whether you are still at Advanced standard.

Become a Fellow. Fellow membership involves a £13 increase in Membership per year to pay for that 3-yearly re-test. The benefit to you is a lower risk category if you use IAM Surety for your Insurance needs.

Test Ready Associates

Fiona White

Susan McClung



Gloucestershire Advanced Motorists Go Back to School!

By Jean Sheraton

On Tuesday 23rd April, 2019, Andrew Cook, Michael Bennett and I participated in the Road Safety Day for Year 12 students at Newent School. There were others from the Police, Fire Brigade, Kwik Fit Tyres and other road safety organisations. Some demonstrations were outside and others in various class rooms of this relatively new building for Sixth Form students.

We were given a warm welcome and taken to our venue by students. Michael Bennett, our Young Driver Ambassador, had prepared a Power Point presentation.

One of the other activities involved riding go-karts with special goggles to simulate being a drunk driver. Because of the number of go-karts, groups had to be divided into two. Therefore, Michael's 40-minute presentation had to be condensed into a 20-minute presentation and given twice for each group! Michael handled this change well and managed to cover the most relevant points in the shortened time.

However, there was no time for the interactive quiz he had prepared. Some of the students were L-plate drivers preparing for their initial driving test, while the majority planned to become drivers in the future.

Michael covered IAM - what it is and it's aims, advantages and disadvantages of driving, the four main potential causes of accidents, attitudes on the road, the system of driving as taught by IAM, planning your driving, hazard perception, the importance of being aware of things others drivers may do and the importance of keeping safety the priority whilst driving.

Students hesitatingly answered questions put to them but soon warmed to Michael's easy-going attitude and honesty about his driving career. They were surprised to learn that learner drivers are statistically the safest drivers on the roads. It was sobering to learn that within the first year of passing their test, however, they would statistically have the highest accident rate.

They were encouraged to take any form of further training to improve their driving skills. IAM had the advantage of offering free courses, to those under 26 years of age, which had been funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

During a gap in presentations we could attend some of the others. Andrew went to hear the police on the effects of drink and drugs when driving. Michael and I went to hear about 'our eyes and sight'. This was an extremely interesting presentation and showed how even with the best of intentions our eyes do sometimes deceive us. The students were told much which would be of benefit to all drivers. I am sure many IAM members would find this talk fascinating and beneficial.

Everyone was well looked after by the school and catering staff and the students looked interested in the information they were being given. It was agreed that it had been a worthwhile day and of importance to this age group of students who will soon be joining those using our roads and motorways.

FOR SALE: PROJECTOR



We are selling the group's old Group Projector: Epson SVGA, 2000 Lumens. Comes with case and power lead. Model EMP-54. Offers welcome.

We Have to Praise You, Like We Should!

Send us in your photos of your test pass!

Test Passes This Month Are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Observer</u>
15/04	Elizabeth Hossack	Rod Harrison
03/05	Tony Michael	Klim Seabright F1RST
06/05	Philip Smart	Mark Davies F1RST
09/05	Oliver Gaffney	Richard Lee
11/05	Braydon Roberts	Klim Seabright

Classics at Prescott Hill Climb

Rod Harrison, Richard Lee, Robert Pepper and Associate Eve Guyl and her friend Josh manned our stand at the 16th Classics at Prescott on Sunday 12th May at the Prescott Hill Climb.

Thank you for your help guys!



Job Advert: PCC

Do you know a social sciences student or graduate who is looking for a placement / job?

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Gloucestershire is offering an exciting opportunity for the right candidate. The chosen candidate will be able to develop their skills whilst supporting the Office of the PCC in delivering the Police and Crime Plan. They will be based at the Police Headquarters in Quedgeley, Gloucestershire. The application closing date is **Friday 7th June 2019**.

To view a copy of the role profile and obtain an application form, please visit: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/more-on-us/recruitment/police-staff/>

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