

Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists Newsletter



ARE WE THERE YET

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FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Sunday 3rd April 9.30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 4th April 8pm	MYAM Social evening. The White knights are visiting us. They do fantastic voluntary work assisting in the transportation of urgent supplies to our hospitals by bike and now using cars. (See page 10 for details).	The Manor Golf Club. Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB (See page 14for directions)
Sunday 17th April 10am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Free tea or coffee.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Sunday 24th April	MYAM attending the Classic & American car show	Silcoates school see page 12 for details)
Sunday 8th May 9.30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 9th May 8pm	MYAM Annual General Meeting	The Manor Golf Club

Everyone is welcome at these events and they are an ideal opportunity to meet new people socially, find out about what is going on within the Group and listen to an interesting talk on a variety of topics, sharing our skills with other serious drivers and keeping up-to-date on club and driving matters. Will any Member wishing to have an item, article or picture included in the newsletter please submit it to the editor no later than the 15th of the month, these may be edited to save space. Thank you.

ISSUES OF 'ARE WE THERE YET' ARE ON THE GROUP WEB SITE

Welcome to the Group

Tina Gallichan

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test
and gaining a F1rst Pass

Richard Brooke Observed by Roger Illingworth

Happy Birthday this month goes to

Peter Rowley, Sheila Hemingway, Andrew Wright,
Jeremy Bauer, David Brompton, Cyndy Walker-Firth,
Kimberley Ellis, Paul Denton, Janine Clarke,
David Wilford, Martin Webster, Susan Appleson,
Philip Beaumont, David Bortlik, John Chadwick
Pareesh Gajjar, Guy Harris, Richard Kilminster,
Gill Knowles, Alistair Mann, Peter Mirfin, Jonathan
Senior, Ray Simpson, Andrew Simpson-Laing,
Andrew Sudron, Andy Twaites, Michael Beardsall,
Lorna Brady, Keith Burton, Mike Holroyde, Nicola Young
Mick McMahon, Jean Muir, Emily Rockliff,
Leanne Shepherd, Lindsay Tanner, Richard Toole,
Ghazanfer Ali & Christopher Buckingham

Certificate Presentation



Here we see
Stephen Dent, on the left, at the last meeting proudly displaying his F1rst certificate with his Observer
Robert Blackshaw.

The Committee has recently welcomed **David Rockliff** onto the team. David was heavily involved in the former Harrogate Group, he is has just retired from his work and agreed to take on more responsibilities within our Group. Thanks David and we hope you have a long and happy retirement.



OBITUARY FOR GRAHAM JAMES

Former Chief Observer Wakefield Group

By David Rushfirth



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing away of Graham James On Saturday 5th March, after a short battle with lung cancer.

Graham spent all but 10 years of his working life in the Motor Trade, latterly as a Fleet sales manager specialising in sales to businesses. His passion for all things motoring was infectious, something noticed by one of the founder members of the Wakefield Group.

Although a Barnsley lad, Graham worked in Wakefield and lived there for a short time so joined the Wakefield Group back in 1992, and latterly became the Chief Observer. He joined the training team in MYAM when the Groups merged, but stepped down after a short time. He wanted to spend more of his spare time with his number one passion of historic rallying and some of you may remember the talks he would give on the subject.

He will be sadly missed.

His funeral was on Monday 21st March at the Barnsley Crematorium friends from MYAM attended.

OBITUARY FOR BORIS DURHAM

Former Observer Leeds Group

By Bob Farish

It is with great sadness that we learned that one of our members, Boris Durham, passed away recently.

Boris joined the then Leeds group in 2005, passed his ADT and then soon became an Observer. Though Boris was well into his 70's then, his wit was as sharp as a pin. He helped many people pass the test, and was also on the group committee for many years. To say he'd lead an interesting life would be an understatement. He was a real character and a thorough gentleman, and always had hilarious tales to tell of when he'd been a train driver, or a bus driver, amongst many others.

In recent years, he'd become less active with the group as his wife Ollie was not well, but he would still turn up at Sunday sessions in Leeds for a chat when he was able.

We extend our condolences to his family.

ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE HARROGATE AREA PLEASE REMEMBER

It is very important to the Committee and to your former Chairman that you can get to social meetings at the Manor.

Lesley has said that she is happy to co-ordinate lifts for Harrogate Area Members to get to Group meetings.

Just let her know either by –

Email: lesley.pollard173@gmail.com

Mobile: 07752 881555

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9th May 2015

We are giving notice that our AGM will take place at 8pm on Monday 9th May. We can confirm that the current Chairman and Treasurer are willing to stand again. However we need someone to stand for the post of Group Secretary.

If any full member has something to offer the Group and wishes to be nominated for any position they can do so using the Committee nomination form. **Please note all Committee nomination forms must have reached the Group Secretary by the 1st May (rule 3.5)**

Members who receive the newsletter via the post.

You will have been sent a Committee nomination form with this newsletter. Your membership renewal forms will be posted out to you separately when your membership renewal is due.

Members who receive the newsletter via email

Attached to the email containing your newsletter will be a Committee nomination form. Please print off and fill in.

If you have not received your Committee nomination form please inform Kim Clark by email or phone.

We are keen to see additional members on the Committee to support the on-going development of the Group, so even if one of the positions does not seem appropriate to you, we would welcome your contribution to the Group by you joining the Committee.

Please will YOU attend the AGM and show your support, you will not be bullied into coming onto the Committee, we just need to know you support us and if not, you can make your views known.

Only Fully Paid up Members of the IAM and of the Group may either nominate Committee Members, be nominated to Committee, as an Officer, or vote at the AGM. **You may not stand if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.**

The current details of the Committee are as follows: -

Position	CURRENTLY HELD BY	STATUS
Chairman	Martin Fillingham	Offering to stand again for re-election
Secretary	Kim Clark	Retiring
Treasurer	Rosie Bricis	Offering to stand again for re-election
Vice Chairman	Leslie Pollard	Due to stand again for re-election 2018
Assistant Secretary	Francis Lintott	Retiring
Membership Secretary	Bob Farish	Retiring
web site editor	David Rushfirth	Due to stand again for re-election 2017
Youth liaison	Vicky Croft	Due to stand again for re-election 2017
Newsletter	Kim Clark	Retiring
Committee	Bob McDermott	Offering to stand for election
	Alan Jones	Due to stand again for re-election 2017
	Andrew Simpson-Laing	Due to stand again for re-election 2018
	Steve Duree	Offering to stand for election
	David Rockliff	Offering to stand for election

LETTERS PAGES

Dear Member



We have received a request from 'Whiteknights' in Yorkshire, who provide a volunteer service which you may know as 'Blood Bikes'.

They now have a need for 'Blood Cars', and have asked us if any of our members would like to volunteer.

They're looking for volunteers (initially) to do a daily run from Pinderfields to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and then back to Pinderfields in one of their cars, between 1900 - 2200 7-days per week. It's preferable if these first volunteers live within 10 miles of Pinderfields.

It is expected that they would have a 2 rota duties per week, one 3-day and one 4-day and that only one of these would be needed per month if they can get around 10 volunteers.

They would then start adding cover for other emergency jobs between the mid Yorkshire hospitals, which might require shifts of 1900 - 0700 Mon-Thur, and Fri 1900 - Mon 0700, as well as 24hrs on bank holidays and weekends.

All drivers need to be over 30 years of age, with less than 6 points on their licence, and IAM passed (or Rospa). This would at times involve driving under blue lights. Volunteers would also have to undergo a mandatory DBS check, and some minor training.

If you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact them as below in the first instance, telling them you're from MYAM:

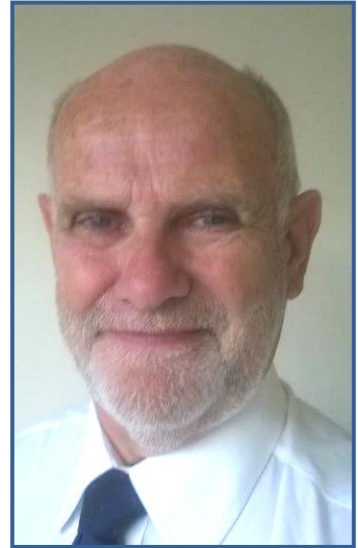
Whiteknights EVS

07970 224420

www.whiteknights.org.uk

THE CHIEF OBSERVER'S OBSERVING PROBLEM

For some time now the IAM has been changing. It has changed from part time and volunteer staff to paid full time staff. It has changed the Observer qualifications. The IAM Groups are changing by integrating, of which MYAM was the second such Group to be formed. Now the IAM brand is changing, with a single new identity and logo to cover all the charitable and commercial activities. Finally, as a result of market research into the driving help that people want, the range of opportunities and products it offers to provide that assistance is changing. It all takes flight on April 4th, so you can expect to see the new look very soon. Visit the new IAM website at www.iamroadsmart.com to see what I mean.



One of the problems I was discussing at Chiswick some three years ago is that there is a substantial body of people who want help with their driving skills, but do not want a driving test as the final goal. It is something Groups have long been aware of and, in fact, 40% of people who buy Skill for Life, henceforth to be known as 'Advanced Driver', never take the test that comes with the package and never become IAM members. I suggested one solution, but the IAM is now to introduce a different solution, rather more radical than mine, to make membership less daunting to achieve than through the final Advanced Driving Test we are all familiar with. Within certain quite stringent conditions, Groups are to be authorised to recommend Associates to full membership without the formal test. MYAM already met all but one of the conditions when the initiative was announced, and by the time you read this I am hopeful that we shall have satisfied the final one and that the Group will have applied to pass Associates to full IAM membership in this way. We may even be the first in the country. If the IAM is right in its judgement, we shall probably start to attract more Associates because we can offer the 'user friendly' access to membership.

Unfortunately, this follows on the heels of the Group integration, and the introduction of the IMI verified Observer qualifications, both of which appear to have been the trigger for retirement by a significant number of Observers. From just over 40 Observers in the four former Groups that comprise MYAM, only 23 remain active, although there are a few more 'resting'. It is precisely what we do not want if the Associates numbers rise, and so far 2016 has been strangely busy anyway, before we see any further increase.

You can probably see now the Chief Observers Observing Problem. We do not have as many Observers as we really need, and the team are working flat out to cope. Couple everyday observing with Observer training and assessments, the Deputy Chief Observer, David Rushfirth and myself have much to do! We are fortunate that the entire team is so supportive of the Group effort that we are just about holding it together.

We need more Observers active in a Group of this size and so this is a simple appeal to come and help us if you can. It is not that demanding on your time, as most of the team handle only one Associate at once, and it doesn't take much more than a couple of hours a week at most. The timing is at the mutual convenience of the Observer and the Associate. For those who can do more, and we are very fortunate that many do, the opportunity is there. The Group will train you and mentor you through the early stages until you qualify as an IAM Local Observer.

Equally, if there are any former Observers out there who miss it, and would like to re-join the team, even if only temporarily until the situation stabilises somewhat, we really would like to hear from you.

We all know what it was like during our training, and many of the active Observers enjoy giving back that which someone voluntarily gave for them. It is very satisfying work, you often make new long term friends because the training environment is so easy and relaxed, and there is absolutely nothing to beat the telephone call with the magic words 'I passed'.

Please think about it, and get in touch with me, or David Rushfirth, if you would like to know more.

David Stringer

GROUP NOTICES

SILCOATES SCHOOL CLASSIC & AMERICAN CAR SHOW SUNDAY 24TH APRIL STARTS 10AM



MYAM are again attending this show and the Group hopes to be in a better location able to interact with more attendees.

Please come along and catch up with the MYAM team who will answer any of your questions about the Group and the IAM. If we can offer some time whilst there to help out that would be greatly appreciated.

Silcoates School, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield. WF2 0PD.

For up to date information visit the Group's web site.

MYAM Online

FORUM is open up to all MYAM members at myam.icyboards.net. Just register, answering a few easy questions and David Rushfirth will get you up and running in no time. Soon you can be exchanging comments and ideas with other members and keeping up to date with what's going on.

FACEBOOK provides details of events and local news. Go and visit www.facebook.com/midyorkshireiam and like our page.

How about inviting a few of your friends to like our page too. It our name out



Facebook helps getting there.

WEB SITE for all your information go to www.iamGroup's.org.uk/midyorkshire

GROUP NOTICES

Directions to the Manor Golf Club,

Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB

The carpark is well lit and for those who find walking difficult please park to the right hand side of the entrance where there is a ramp up to the doors.

Directions.

The Manor Golf Club is situated on the B6135, half a mile off the A650. If travelling from M62, M621 exit at Junction 27 onto the A650 to Bradford. At the second roundabout take the third exit onto the B6135, the entrance is on the left, immediately after the change in speed limit to 40.

From the A58 Leeds turn right at the traffic lights in Drighlington towards Bradford and the entrance is on the right immediately before the national speed limit sign.

From A58 Halifax turn left at the traffic lights in Drighlington towards Bradford and the entrance is on the right immediately before the national speed limit sign.

Disclaimer

The items contained in this newsletter are the views of the Members who contribute and not necessarily the views of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (I.A.M) or MYAM.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

MYAM holds Membership detail records on computer, these are confidential and for club use ONLY.

The information is used to run the Group and consists of various details such as class of Membership, date of joining & subscription expiry dates. It is also used for the production of address labels for the distribution of the newsletter and recording training for Observers.

YOU RAISED £28.31

Geffrey Long MBE gave me a receipt at the last meeting showing that you have raised £28.31 from donations taken at the social meetings. This will go to the Royal British Legion Battle Back Appeal. Thank you.

THIS EVENT IS AIMED AT YOU! YES YOU!!

IAM Driver Skills Days Croft Circuit

3rd May & 28th September 2016

Croft Circuit in North Yorkshire is by far the longest circuit used for IAM Driver Skills Days. Set in beautiful countryside a few miles south of Darlington this 2.1 mile track has some challenging corners and extensive straights which give a really broad spectrum of experiences to help drivers develop their skills.



You have the choice of a morning or afternoon session. Both offer seven 15 minute outings on the circuit with your dedicated IAM instructor who will develop your observations and your techniques of car control so that you are able to make rapid and smooth laps of the circuit. You will work on positioning, braking, gear choice and acceleration technique. Repeated laps of the same circuit allow you to experiment with different variations of approach, and demonstrate how critical the right choice is to making the drive feel absolutely right. It doesn't have to be done at fearsome speeds. You can enjoy the Skills Day at your own pace and your instructor will work with you in whatever way suits you best. The circuit environment allows you to experience the subtleties of your car's handling. You are in a controlled space. The usual hazards Associated with the public roads are entirely absent. The setting for Skills Day training is unique.

This fun experience is invaluable for Only £135

Bookings are made through Chiswick. Speak to the support team
For telephone bookings 0300 303 1134

<http://www.iam.org.uk/drivers/motorists-courses/driving-assessment/skills-days>

IAM News releases

Top speeders exceeding 100mph in 30mph zones 3.3.16

Five drivers have been caught travelling at more than 100mph on 30 and 40mph limit roads in England, according to the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM). A further two were caught travelling at over 70mph in these areas, which tend to be largely residential.

The statistics were part of a Freedom of Information request by the IAM to every police force in Britain, asking for the location and speed of their top five highest recorded cases captured on safety cameras in their areas from 1 January 2015 to 30 January 2016.

Thirty-eight of 44 forces provided data. Of those, there were 11 cases where one of their top five fell in a residential 30 or 40mph area, covering five police force areas.

Sarah Sillars, IAM chief executive officer, said: “These are the roads we all use on a day-to-day basis and as a result are rife with hazards for any driver. Schoolchildren, shoppers, the elderly – they are all using the same space and won’t be prepared for anybody travelling at this speed.”

Sarah explained that at 30 mph a vehicle would travel 13 metres a second. The overall stopping distance at 30mph is 22 metres. At 100mph a vehicle would travel 45 metres every second.

Seeing someone step out into the road, a driver would cover 30 metres in the time it takes to lift his foot from the accelerator and depress the brake pedal. That is if they have a reaction time of 0.6 of a second. The average driver would be much slower than that to react.

At 100mph the stopping distance is 182 metres – and in a busy urban street a lot can happen in 182 metres.

Sarah continued: “Exceeding the limit to such a degree is potentially suicidal in such conditions, not to mention incredibly dangerous for other road users. Clearly these drivers do not see the potential consequences of what they are doing. We believe if we are going to change this mind set, there needs to be personalised sentencing options made available to challenge this behaviour fully.

“The IAM would support further research on which types of courses would be most effective in changing entrenched speeding attitudes so that we can start to offer them alongside the well-established speed awareness courses for those just over the limit.”

Derek McMullan takes key role at IAM 11.03.16

Highly respected engineer, designer and manager Derek McMullan has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) with immediate effect.

This is the first appointment made by the IAM's new chairman Ken Keir OBE, who took over from the retiring chairman Alistair Cheyne OBE last November.

Derek is no stranger to the IAM, having joined the IAM Council in 2009. His career started in the 1970's when he joined Westland Helicopters. He progressed up the ranks to become chief designer for the Lynx helicopter. He then went into finance and strategic business management, qualifying as an accountant. Derek joined Eagle Star Insurance to run its engineering section and then worked in a variety of departments before retiring in 2008.

Derek said: "Poised for its 60th anniversary, the IAM is about to embark on its greatest challenge yet. We want to support all road users in enjoying their driving and riding more, helping them to become more confident on the road. "To maximise our road safety influence we simply must achieve that broad appeal to the motoring public. Whilst protecting the advanced driving and riding standard, we will introduce new courses and products which appeal to those who want to focus on specific elements of their driving, without wanting to do a test.

He added: "As Vice-Chairman I will strive for unity of purpose and preservation of standards in all aspects of IAM's activity."

Sarah Sillars, IAM Chief Executive Officer, said: "We are delighted to appoint Derek our Vice-Chairman. He brings a keen understanding of the sector, as well as what's needed to take us into the future."

Away from the office, qualified pilot Derek enjoys flying light aeroplanes, helicopters and gliders. He's also a keen traveller and particularly enjoys riding mountain roads.

A Masters mentor and member of the National Training Team for Motorcycles Derek is the founding chairman of Worcestershire and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists, where he is still active as a training team member and Observer.

IAM and under 17 Car Club form partnership 18.3.16

Driving charities the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) and the Under 17 Car Club (U17CC) have combined efforts, allowing young drivers a unique pathway to safe and enjoyable driving before even passing their test.

The partnership, which was launched this week, will make the Under 17 Car Club Charitable Trust an IAM approved training organisation.

The U17CC celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. It is dedicated to ensuring young people get the best grounding in driving skills before they reach their 17th birthday. Its members meet most Sundays at a variety of locations around the UK including Bovington Camp, Dorset; Castle Combe circuit; Caerwent in Monmouthshire; Devon Drivers' Centre in Clyst-St-Mary; Long Marston Airfield, Warwickshire; Moreton-in-March, Worcestershire and Throckmorton Airfield, Warwickshire, where they learn to drive in a safe off-road environment from the age of 11.

Paul Silverwood, president of the Under 17 Car Club, said: "This is a remarkable opportunity for the leading young driver charity to work alongside the leading charity for experienced advanced motorists.

"We will offer the IAM the very best of a younger generation of enthusiastic advanced drivers. We will provide opportunities for existing IAM members and their families to get involved in driving in a safe environment. "And we will share the experience of the best specialist instructors and proven learning methods developed over decades."

Shaun Cronin, IAM regional quality manager, said: "For a young person getting behind the wheel years before they can legally take to the road is a one-off opportunity. But this is about having fun too – our members get the opportunity to spend their Sundays driving a wide variety of cars, lorries and buses – and even learning advanced skills on a race track. "The bottom line is this: working together with the IAM, the Under 17 Car Club can prevent a lot of crashes and, hopefully, we can save young lives."

The IAM has long campaigned for greater resources to be put into initiatives targeting younger drivers, who are the most at-risk Group on our roads. Road accidents remain the biggest killer of young people in the UK. In 2013 there were 191 people under 24 killed and 20,003 injured as drivers and riders of cars and motorbike. In the past five years (2009-13) there were 1,037 people under 24 killed and 120,958 injured on UK roads as drivers and riders (1).

For more information about the Under 17 Car Club and its Pathfinder project visit the following websites: www.under17-carclub.co.uk and www.under17driver.co.uk

This month's tips from the IAM

Driving on Urban roads 02.03.16

This week's tips are about driving safely on urban roads to minimise the risk of a road incident.

1. Changes in the weather will obviously impact on road surfaces, so your driving should reflect this. For example on wet roads, you should increase your stopping distance, and keep an eye on any pedestrians – splashing someone when driving is an offence.
2. If you're driving behind a bus or school coach increase your stopping distance to allow for passengers getting off. In busy conditions avoid overtaking as there may be people crossing in front or behind the bus.
3. Delivery vans may stop and park in tight spots so make sure you give them a wide berth – you never know when someone might suddenly get out in front of the vehicle without looking.
4. At light-controlled crossings avoid moving forwards on the flashing amber or green signals – wait until all pedestrians have cleared it.

Mark said: "Many accidents occur near junctions and road crossings so make sure you keep your eyes peeled at all times – look out for elderly pedestrians and anyone wearing headphones or using their mobile phones.

"So long as you drive at a steady speed and be mindful of everything around you, your journey will be a smooth one."

Driving when you're feeling unwell 24.2.16

This week's tips from the IAM's director of standards, Mark Lewis, are looking at the challenges motorists face when they're unwell. With over 200 common cold viruses, the chances of us getting a cold are pretty high. Don't just ignore the symptoms and be sure to read these essential tips.

1. Driving or riding with a heavy cold will severely impact your concentration and can slow down your reaction time by up to 50 per cent – avoid making the journey if you're feeling unwell.

2. Some over-the-counter medicines contain codeine which can make you feel extremely drowsy and blur your vision – check the instructions beforehand. It's also best to check with your GP about any prescription drugs and their side-effects.

3. At 30mph you travel 13 metres every second. If you sneeze therefore that means you're travelling with your eyes closed – this could result in temporary loss of control of your vehicle.

Mark said: "We know winter driving is challenging enough as it is, so try not to add more stress to it by compromising yours and others' safety when you are ill. Taking plenty of rest away from the road is the ideal route to recovery."

How to cope with a motorway breakdown

This week's tips, from the IAM's director of policy and research, Neil Greig, are advising drivers on how to cope with a breakdown on the motorway. Read our essential tips to find out more.

- Ensure the coolant and washer fluids are topped up, the oil level is correct and the tyres are in good working condition – they all help the vehicle maintain the higher speeds usually experienced on motorways.
- Keep a high visibility jacket, waterproof clothing and a charged mobile phone in your vehicle – you never know when you will need these.
- If your journey is not going as smoothly as expected, stop at the nearest service station or pull over onto the hard shoulder (only in an emergency), parking as far left as possible to avoid slowing down traffic.
- Once you have pulled over, switch on your hazard warning lights so other road users are aware that you have stopped.
- Use the emergency roadside telephone when you need to call for help. The distance to the nearest phone will be marked on the white posts on the hard shoulder – the operator will know where you are if you use this phone.
- Make sure you and any passengers leave your vehicle by the left-hand side. Stay behind a barrier or up the embankment. If you feel threatened, get back in, lock the doors and call 999 for the police.

Neil said: "On smart motorways the hard shoulder is used as an extra lane. If your car develops a problem on this type of motorway then leave at the next exit, or pull into a motorway service area.

"So long as you prepare for unexpected breakdowns you can avoid the experience becoming too inconvenient and be on your way."

And Finally.....

CANADIAN POLICE ARE AT IT AGAIN



For those who have not seen this it is reported that this is a very effective way to slow down Canadian drivers, well would you take the risk?

Yorkshire Obituary in the Yorkshire Post following the death of his wife.

Thanks to David Robinson for this one.

The couple had been happily married for 50 years.

The husband contacted the newspaper regarding an obituary.

When informed of the cost, the man uttered, in true Yorkshire fashion, "How Much?" He reluctantly produced his wallet. "I want summat simple" he explained, "my Gladys was a good-hearted and hard-working Yorkshire lass but she wunt ave wanted owt swanky."

"Perhaps a small poem", suggested the woman at the desk.

"Nay", he said, "she wunt ave wanted anything la-di-da, just put;

'Gladys Braithwaite died'".

"You need to say when", he was told by the receptionist.

"Do I? Well, put died **17th Jan 2016**. That'll do".

"It is usual for the bereaved to add some meaningful phrase about the dearly departed".

The man considered for a moment. "Well, put in, **'Sadly missed'**. That'll do", he said.

"You can have another four words", the woman explained.

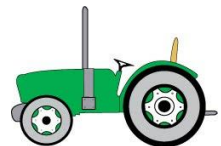
"No, no", he cried, "she wouldn' ave wanted me to splash out"

"The words are included in the price", the woman informed him.

"Are they? You mean I've paid for 'em?" "Yes, indeed".

"Well, if I've paid for 'em, I'm 'avin them".

The obituary was duly printed as follows:



'Gladys Braithwaite died, 17th January 2016. Sadly missed. Also Tractor for sale.'

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