

ARE WE THERE YET?



Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists Newsletter

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Cover Photo – Beatrix Potter Attraction

Beatrix Potter is best known for her children's stories about many of the animals she had as pets. The best known is probably Peter Rabbit who features at the Beatrix Potter Attraction at Bowness on Windermere in the Lake District. She lived at nearby Hill Top farm at Near Sawrey leaving most of her property to The National Trust when she died in 1943.

FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Monday 1st April 8pm	MYAM Social Evening Keith Wevill Ratby 2000, A Pictorial History of a Leicestershire Village	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
Sunday 7th April 9:30am – 12am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	Sigma Ltd Alpine Court, Castleford, WF10 4TL
Sunday 27th April 10 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Sunday 12th May 9:30am – 12am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	Sigma Ltd Alpine Court, Castleford, WF10 4TL
Monday 13th May 8pm	MYAM AGM	Carlton Social 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.

FROM THE EDITOR

It was pointed out to me just after the March newsletter went out that the email address for our membership secretary, David Rockliff, is wrong and has been for several months. This has now been corrected and the new, correct, address is on the committee page.

I made a small error in the visit report for the February meeting. Philip North has only been working at the William Merritt centre since 2003, not 1981. The centre itself has been in Leeds since 1981.

On the subject of the social meetings we were to have a talk on Smart motorways for the April meeting but the speaker had to cancel at short notice due to other commitments. Plan B was a talk on a similar subject but the speaker suggested was also unavailable for the meeting so we are on plan C. The speaker, as you will see from the previous page, is yours truly talking about a photo project I was involved in when we lived in Leicestershire. We hope to reschedule the Smart motorway talk at a later date.

In this newsletter is the notice for the AGM on May 13th and accompanying it is a committee nomination form. For the past few months we have been without a Group secretary and Janice has been taking on the role at committee meetings in addition to her duties as chairman. If you feel you can offer your services as secretary or even as minutes secretary at committee meeting please fill in the nomination form and send it to Janice. Being a committee member is not as difficult as you may think and does not take up much of your spare time. Several committee members manage to fit their MYAM duties in with their day jobs.

I'll be including the minutes and accounts from last year's AGM in the next newsletter but they will also be available at the AGM.

Keith

MYAM Regalia

Last year we offered MYAM regalia to our members, however we were not able to get sufficient orders to meet the minimum order value. While we were waiting for additional member orders there were further changes from our suppliers. We are working to resolve the situation so if you have ordered regalia please be patient.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the Group

New Associates

Artur Gintrowski, Lauren Gough, Peter McDonald, Kornelia Warkocz

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Simon Hall - Observer David Rockliff
Joel Richardson - Observer Les Horsman



We are on the lookout for volunteers in all areas in the group catchment area to join our Observer team.

Our observers will tell you that the pleasure and satisfaction of hearing that your latest associate has passed their advanced test is a wonderful feeling and the gratitude and thanks you'll receive will make you feel ten feet tall.

By becoming a 'Local Observer', you will learn a lot more, not just about helping other drivers reach the standard you have achieved, but through a greater understanding of the principles and application of advanced driving techniques. This will also help you improve your own standard of driving and maintain those skills.

Interested? Contact our Chief Observer, David Rushfirth who will provide all the details you need.

MYAM Online



WEB SITE Our website is packed full of information and is the go to place for everything you need to know about our events, courses, meetings and news about us as a Group. How about copies of the newsletter going back a few years.

Need to know who the Committee are or see our Observer team? We are all on there.

See us at www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire

We are adding to the content all the time so keep dropping in to see what we are doing.



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 Facebook friends to like our page too. It helps getting our name out there.

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

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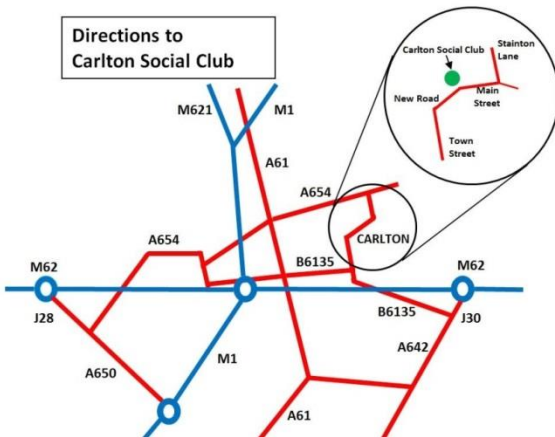
Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists (MYAM) is committed to looking after the information that it holds on behalf of its members in a way that complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

MYAM has a legitimate interest in keeping sufficient personal information to communicate with its members and other local people with an interest in road safety, and to permit the renewal of subscriptions. A member can ask to see a copy of their personal information, correct any errors and ask for all or part of it to be deleted.

MYAM is affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) and will use a member's information to support them if and when they are assessed by IAM. MYAM will also ensure that any data shared with IAM is accurate. We will not share your details with anybody else.

Directions to the Carlton Social Club

Main Street, Carlton, Wakefield WF3 3RW



From the M62 West leave at Junction 28 and take the A650 towards Wakefield. At the next set of traffic lights turn left onto the A654 toward Rothwell. Follow the A654, turning left in Thorpe on the Hill. Cross the A61 and continue into Carlton. Turn right into Stainton Lane then turn right into Main Street. The Social Club is on the right immediately after the Unicorn pub.

From the M62 East leave at junction 30 and take the A642 towards Wakefield.

Take the next right, B6135, towards Lofthouse. Follow the B6135 under the M62 onto Ouzlewell Green towards Carlton and Rothwell. Follow the road past Carlton Primary School and the Social Club is on the left just before the Unicorn pub.

There is a car park with overspill parking available on the grass area opposite the club.

March Meeting - The Wright Will Company

It may be a bit morbid but have you made a will? If you die without a will you will be declared intestate and your estate will be distributed according to set of laws dating from 1925 which may not be how you wanted it to be distributed. At the March social meeting Alison Wright, of the Wright Will Company, guided us through many of the myths associated with wills and inheritance. For example a joint account is only active if all the account holders are alive, if any die the account will be frozen.

Alison presented us with a set of notes covering not only making a will but also Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA) and why you should set one up to cover both financial and health matters should you become incapable of making decisions on your finances and health. Also planning for any care home fees as these can have a significant effect on your finances. Giving your home, usually your major asset, away to your children could be deemed a deliberate act to avoid having them included in an assessment should you have to go into a care home. As an alternative to giving your home away, Alison said that a Discretionary Trust could be set up which could restrict the value of assets taken into account when your share of care home fees are calculated.



When making a will you need to appoint executors to deal with your estate. These can be beneficiaries but Alison warned against appointing solicitors as executors as they will charge for their services, a figure of £300 per hour plus 3% of the value of the estate was mentioned.

Speaking from personal experience as an executor, along with my brother, of my mother's estate we managed the probate without the aid of a solicitor. My mother had been a probate clerk when she worked at a firm of solicitors and had not only written her own will but also a set of notes on how to go about the probate. We followed her instructions and found most of the people we dealt with were very helpful and guided us through the process. The only thing she didn't tell us was how to transfer her house into our names but a call to the Land Registry resulted in filling out the correct forms which we took to the appropriate Land Registry office, paid the £60 fee, resulting in us owning her house. We reckon we saved ourselves around £5,000 by doing it all ourselves.

Alison suggested shopping around when getting your will written and including Powers of Attorney in the deal as there can be a wide variation in fees charged.

I'm off now to revisit my will.

Keith



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Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the
 Annual General Meeting
 of
 Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists
 will be held on
 Monday, 13th May, 2019, at 20:00 hrs.
 at the
 Carlton Social Club, Main Street, Carlton,
 Wakefield WF3 3RW

The Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1053843) will present the Annual Report and
 Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2019,
 for approval by the Group Full Members and to conduct an election.

All Group Full Members, Associates, and Friends are invited to attend,
 but only Group Full Members may vote.

A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his/her stead. A
 proxy need not be a Group Full Member.

Current Officers:

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. The current Officers are:

Chairman	Janice N. Haigh	Will stand
Secretary	Position vacant	
Treasurer	Rosemary Bricis	Will stand

Please do come along to the AGM, show your support to your Committee, and let us know your views.

We are always keen to welcome additional Members to the Committee to support the Group. If you are interested and wish to be nominated for the Committee or any position, please use the Committee Nomination Form.

N.B. All Committee Nomination Forms must reach the Group Chairman by the 30th April, 2019. (Rule 3.5)

Please remember you can also offer yourself to join the Committee at the AGM.

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

Members who receive the newsletter via the post: –

You will have been sent a Committee Nomination Form with the newsletter. Please complete and return to the Group Chairman.

Members who receive the newsletter via e-mail: –

Attached to the e-mail containing your newsletter will be a Committee Nomination Form. Please print, fill in, complete, and return to the Group Chairman.

Address details for the Group Chairman are on the Nomination Form.

If you have not received your Committee Nomination Form, please inform the Group Chairman, Janice N. Haigh

E-mail: See page 16

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Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists

The current details of the Committee are as follows: -

Position	Currently held by	Status
Chairman	Janice N. Haigh	Offering to stand for re-election
Secretary	Position vacant	
Treasurer	Rosemary Bricis	Offering to stand for re-election
Membership Secretary	David Rockliff	Resigning as Membership Secretary. Offering to stand for re-election to Committee
Web Site Editor	David Rushfirth	Due to stand for re-election 2020
Youth Liaison	Position vacant	Position vacant
Newsletter Editor	Keith Wevill	Offering to stand for re-election
Events Co-ordinator	Alan Jones	Due to stand for re-election 2021
Committee	Paul Macro	To be elected to the committee
	David Speight	To be elected to the committee

N.B. In addition to the Officers, at least one third of the remaining Committee must be offered for re-election even if they were for re-election the following year.

Copies of the minutes from the previous year's AGM and the Group accounts will be available at the meeting.

After the AGM, a light buffet will be provided. Everyone is invited to stay.

March Certificate Presentations



John Latham, David Dawson and Phillip Jagger receiving their certificates from Janice

The Technology in Your Car - 2 Antilock Brakes

Put your foot on the brake pedal, hydraulic fluid is forced through the brake pipes pushing the brake pads or shoes onto the brake discs or drums, slowing down the wheels and hence the car. The cars kinetic energy is then converted into heat in the brake discs or drums assuming the tyres have sufficient grip to the road. If a tyre loses grip, the wheel will lock and any braking effect will be lost possibly resulting in the car skidding out of control.



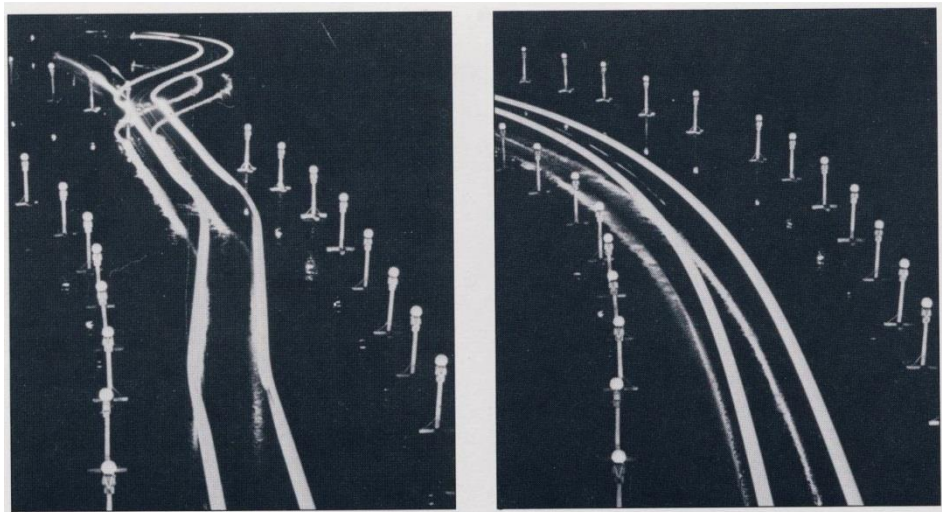
An antilock braking system uses sensors on each wheel to detect when a wheel is slowing down faster than the other wheels. The system then releases the hydraulic pressure to that wheel just before it locks allowing the wheel to speed up. The hydraulic pressure is then reapplied slowing the wheel down. If the wheel again slows down faster than the others, the pressure is released then reapplied and the cycle

repeats until the wheel regains enough grip to slow down at the same rate as the other wheels. The repeated slowing and speeding up of the wheel also removes kinetic energy from the car as energy is required to bring the wheel back up to speed. By preventing the wheels from locking you have more control of the car and can steer while the system is operating.

Before ABS systems were available it was possible to achieve a similar effect manually by pumping the brakes or cadence braking but one problem was to actually realise that the wheel was locking. ABS does all this automatically and can “pump” the brakes faster than can be done manually. When the system is working you can hear a “rattling” sound as the brake pressure is removed and reapplied up ten times a second. You can also feel the brake pedal pulsing in sympathy with the “rattle”. If you’ve never experienced ABS before, it may be tempting to lift your foot off the pedal but it is important to keep the pressure on the pedal to allow the system to do its job.

ABS was initially fitted to high end cars with the 1985 Ford Granada being one of the first cars to have it fitted as standard. It became an option on many cars but was made compulsory in 2004. It is also part of the MOT. When the ignition is turned on the ABS warning light should come on then go out after a short while. If it stays on there is a fault in the system and the car will fail its MOT.

ABS won’t necessarily prevent you having an accident but by retaining some form of control it can help to minimise the cost of an accident.



Emergency braking without ABS (left) and with ABS (right)

IAM News Releases and Tips



Rain, Rain Go Away

With Storm Gareth on its way, IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman, has put together some crucial advice to help you drive safely in the rain.

Heavy rain

- Heavy rain will affect your visibility, so take it slow. Rule 126 of the Highway Code states that the braking distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you should be two seconds when driving on a dry road, and at least four seconds in the wet. It is even longer on icy surfaces. IAM RoadSmart recommend up to 10 times the braking distance when driving on ice.
- Your windscreen should be clean, wipers effective and the jets positioned correctly and aimed at the screen. It is sensible to clean the windscreen, make any necessary adjustments and remove anything from the main area before you start your journey.
- A good rule of thumb is that if you need windscreen wipers, then you need your headlights. Automatic light settings will not always activate in bad weather conditions, so it is up to you to make a sensible decision as to whether these need to be turned on.

Aquaplaning

- If the water is standing in puddles on the road surface, your car is at risk of aquaplaning. Aquaplaning is where a wedge of water forms in front of the tyre and lifts it up off the road surface. This is caused by the tread not being able to displace the amount of water present. To recover from aquaplaning, ease gently off your accelerator, have a firm grip of the steering wheel and be sure not to make any sudden steering actions. The car will eventually regain its grip as the water clears.

Floods

- First ask yourself - can you take another route? If not, then you need to identify how deep the flood is. If the standing water is more than six inches deep, avoid driving through it. If you are familiar with the road, you can judge the flood in relation to the kerb.

- If heavy rain was not the cause of the flood, then what was? And what impact on the road does it have? For example, if it is a burst water main, the standing water may look like a normal flood but the road surface beneath the water may be completely broken up. If you are unsure how the flood has formed, then avoid it altogether.
- Are there other vehicles similar to yours that are safely driving through? From this, make a judgement call as to whether it is safe to travel through or not.
- If the water is fast flowing, do not attempt to drive through it, as there is a real danger of your car being swept off the road.
- If you have taken everything into consideration and decide to drive through the flood, be sure to do so slowly. The best approach is to press lightly on your clutch and add gentle pressure on your accelerator to increase your engine revs. Do so without increasing your speed, in a similar way to how you would undertake a hill start. This will prevent water from entering your exhaust. If you are in an automatic car, accelerate slightly but control the speed with your brakes. When you have passed the flood, test your brakes to make sure they are dry and working properly.
- If you are in the slightest doubt, then turn around and don't go through the flood. Often modern saloon cars have the air intake in the wheel arch, which may be below the water level. If your engine should take in water, it will immediately hydro lock and the engine will stop.
- Remember to stay alert and avoid splashing pedestrians. If this is done accidentally - even when causing splashes when driving through puddles at the side of the road - you could receive a fixed penalty and three points on your license for driving without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other road users. If deliberately done, it could be a public order offence, a court appearance and a fine.

Richard Gladman, head of driver and rider standards, said: "With the British weather the way it is, we should all be well practised at driving in the rain. Keeping your car maintained and the rubber (wipers and tyres) in good condition will help you stay safe. In the recent extremes, we have seen that standing water and floods are becoming more commonplace, so take extra care and if possible avoid driving through standing water. If you're in any doubt about the depth or surface underneath a flood, then it's best not to take any chances."

And Finally.....

Two men are walking through the desert. It's been two weeks since their water rations ran out, and the sun is beating down mercilessly. All of a sudden, one of them spots a few market stalls by a sand dune.

"It can't be real. It's a mirage, let's ignore it," he says.

But as they got closer, they could hear the sound of voices. The market was real! They ran up to the first stall holder.

"Have you got some water we could buy?" asks one of the men.

"No. I'm sorry sir, but all I sell is jelly and custard with hundreds and thousands on top."

So they go up the next stall.

"Have you got any water we could buy. We're on the verge of certain death," but again the same answer.

"No. I'm sorry sir, but all I sell is jelly and custard with hundreds and thousands on top."

The men, desperate by this point, go up to every stall holder, asking the same question and getting the same answer.

Defeated, they walk off into the desert to face their miserable fate.

"I say, that was a bit odd," said one of the men.

"Yes," said the other, "It was a trifle bazaar."

This Month's Teaser

Before railways arrived canals were the main means of transporting goods but how many miles of canals and navigable rivers are there in the UK?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked what feature did Alec Issigonis omit from the original Mini because he didn't like it. Issigonis didn't like radios so the Mini never had a specific mounting for one.

Your Committee

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Speaker Secretary	Position Vacant		
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Due to computer hacking and high levels of spamming we have had to remove the hyperlinks to our e-mail addresses and have replaced the @ symbol with (at) so you will need to retype the address in the correct e-mail format, i.e. replace (at) with @, with no spaces.

URGENT REQUEST

We are in need of a Group Secretary and Speaker Secretary for the committee. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested either of these positions.