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Newsletter**



**ARE WE THERE YET**

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## FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 7.30pm</b>	<b>MYAM Social evening. An Evening with the Chief Observer. See page 8 for more details</b>	The Manor Golf Club. Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB (See page 7 for directions)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Harrogate MG Show</b>	Contact Alan Jones for more information
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Free tea or coffee.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>MYAM Social evening.</b>	The Manor Golf Club.

**Note that the August meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> August NOT 8<sup>th</sup> August as advertised in the last newsletter. Apologies for any confusion. Also note the earlier start time.**

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**

## **FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Welcome to the August newsletter. It's a bumper photo issue including a report on the IAM RoadSmart 60<sup>th</sup> car party line up at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. Did anyone else from the MYAM group attend? If so we'd love to hear what you thought of it.

We're also introducing an impressive looking group trophy to be presented to the member 'who has gone above and beyond' for their commitment to our group. Do you know anyone who would qualify? If so go to page 12 to see how to nominate them.

At the AGM a number of committee posts changed hands, since then our new membership secretary has been sorting out the group database. It's not an easy job as anyone who has had to solve an IT issue can vouch for. And most of the committee have other jobs and run the group in their spare time. So be patient while we sort it out. We'll get there eventually.

As I mentioned last time I recently started work again almost a year to the day since I left the company. Am I enjoying my return to work? I'm getting used to getting up at 6.30am, driving to and from work in the rush hour traffic again. I didn't miss that over the last year but I have to admit the extra money coming in is a nice bonus. Only a couple of months to go then it's back the retirement routine.

**Keith**

## **A Message from the Membership Secretary:**

As you may know, I took over from Bob at the recent AGM. There has been a lot to learn and a complex computer database to get used to. Despite what was written in a recent newsletter, I have only retired from a part-time university post. I still have a busy freelance business to run, and this takes me away from home from time to time.

Welcoming new Associates has been my priority. Unfortunately, the one thing that has still not been sorted out is membership subscriptions. Please be patient - I will get on top of it soon.

Thank you,

**David Rockliff**

# **Welcome to the Group**

**David Goodman  
Niall Gunn  
Lee Jones  
Anne Marsh**

# **Congratulations**

**On passing the Advanced Test**

**Philip Thompson**

# **Happy Birthday this month goes to**

**I'm still unable to bring you this month's birthdays but we're working on it. So if it's your birthday in August have happy birthday.**

**Hopefully normal service will be resumed soon. (Crosses fingers and touches wood)**

# ***MYAM Online***

## **MYAM COMMITTEE MINUTES NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS**

The Committee has now agreed that in the interests of transparency the minutes from the MYAM Committee meetings will now be available to Members on the Group website once they have been accepted by the Committee. So please feel free to check them out. They can be found in the 'about us' Committee section on the right hand side.

**FORUM** is open up to all MYAM members at [myam.icyboards.net](http://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](http://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.

**WEB SITE** As part of the changes at IAM to introduce the new IAM RoadSmart branding, we now have an all new look website and a new address. If you use the old address you will be taken to the Local Groups page on the new IAM RoadSmart website. To go to our new page enter :-

[www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/midyorkshire)

We are still working on transferring everything from our old website to the new one so please bear with us.

**The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969**

## 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.



At the July meeting Diane Russell was to have received her certificate. Due to an administrative error her certificate was not brought to the meeting.

However as is traditional, here is Diane being congratulated by our chairman Martin.

(Apologies for the quality of the photo. My excuse is it's a new camera and I'm still getting used to it)

# MYAM SHOP

You may have noticed the MYAM shop on the signing in table at our monthly meetings. Due to the IAM rebranding our shop manager, Andrew Simpson-Laing, has a number of items available at reduced prices.

I have in stock **21 polo shirts plus 1 white male shirt size XXL**. I would like to advertise to the membership that I wish to get this old stock sold. There are benefits,

these being that the cost of each polo shirt is **now only £5**. The new logo can be added in the form of a sew on patch at an additional cost of £3.00, so making all this old stock compliant like new, in line with the latest IAM Road Smart marketing. Members names are not offered as an option. This is still cheaper than going and buying new from IAM HQ. A bargain.

So, a rallying call to everyone in MYAM to buy these items. There are a range of male/female polo shirts in various sizes. First come first served.



## AN EVENING WITH THE CHIEF OBSERVER

We are going to try something a little different for the social meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August at the Manor. We are holding "An Evening with the Chief Observer" David Stringer.

Between 7.30 and 8.30 David will be giving a presentation covering many aspects of advanced driving. It is a draft of a new associate theory presentation we are developing, parts of which will be available on the group website eventually, and it will appeal and be useful to members and associates alike.

Also between 7.30 and 8.30 David Rushfirth will be organising training drives for the observers who will critique their own driving and observing. This will appeal to current and trainee observers **but also potential observers** who will have the chance to find out what is involved.

Between 8.30 and 9.30 the observers will be available to provide check drives and observed drives for anyone who has been at the presentation and would like to refresh on any aspect of driving.

**In order to accommodate the extra activities we will be starting at 7:30pm rather than the usual 8:00pm.**



# July Social Meeting

Sergeant James Farrar from West Yorkshire Police visited to give his emotive presentation he takes round to schools, his 'One Life Lost is One Too Many' campaign which is aimed at 16-18 year olds.

As James started to speak it became obvious how passionate he is to get his message out to young teenagers. It was after attending tragic accidents in the Wakefield district, that James created the campaign to send a powerful message to youngsters to 'think' when getting in a car, either as a passenger or driver and what the consequences of their actions could be.

James delivery concentrates on the 'Fatal 4' – speeding, drink/drug driving, no seatbelt and use of a mobile device and how they can impact on their lives, their future, those around them if involved in an RTA.

James backed his words up with pictures of the aftermath of crashes he had attended. It's not just the damage to the vehicle, higher insurance premiums, maybe loss of license, possibly a criminal record and poor career prospects. It's the loss of life which is the hardest to deal with, when James gets to this point when delivering in schools; he gets a body bag out and reads a victim statement from a Mum who lost her son.

We were all silent listening to the crushing words this brave Mum had delivered in court on the devastation and how it had affected her, family, friends. Powerful words that James admitted still chokes him every time he reads it out on his talks.



James' admits they will never know just how well the campaign has been and even if it's only ever saved one person it will have been worth it. One Life Lost is One Too Many has been very well received and is now being pushed out throughout the district.

On a lighter note - look out for a new Traffic Cops series airing in the autumn, North and West Yorkshire Traffic Police feature. For twitter users have a look/follow at @WYP\_RPU.

## Do you recognise this man?

Just to prove that MYAM members do 'scrub up well' from time to time, here are photographs taken at my daughter's wedding at Kirk Deighton in April.

Emily is a MYAM member who joined the Group when it merged with Harrogate. The groom - Kev Grange - is the son of Keith Grange, who many Harrogate members will remember from social meetings. MYAM member Ben Cowell (Emily's HGAM Observer) also attended the happy day.

The loan of the car for the day (and a very experienced driver/mechanic) was a wedding present from Kev's employer. It is the only time it has been used for a wedding outside the immediate family.



In case you don't recognise him in his "scrubbed up" state it's none other than our membership secretary David Rockliff.

Do you recognise the car? Just the make will do. Answer next month.

Our very own David Rushfirth received an invite to put his MG into the IAM RoadSmart 60<sup>th</sup> car party line up at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. This is what he had to say about the day.

It did come as a bit of a surprise when I received the e-mail from Chiswick saying that they would like to see my car on the line-up outside the museum, especially when they said that the 2004 slot had been taken so I would be with a few “Specials” at the entrance to the Museum. Well of course I was not going to decline. My daughter Hanni wanted to come along too (I’m not the only petrol head in the family).

Car polished and ready for the day we set off just before the weather turned so Sheffield to Gaydon was driven in the rain. We were greeted by a marshal who pointed us towards our parking place for the day alongside a Tesla S, a Land Rover Discovery Autobiography and an Aston Martin DB4. We were right beside the entrance. Fantastic!!



After giving the car a quick polish to get rid of the rain we were off into the museum. What a great place, especially the time line covering

1890-1990, which Hanni found particularly interesting.



We went to sit in one of the ‘Stars on Stage’ discussion sessions with 1964 Monte Carlo Rally winner and all-round Mini legend Paddy Hopkirk and former Top Gear presenters Sue Baker and Chris Goffey. As you can imagine they all had interesting stories to tell.

By the time we came out most of the heavy clouds had cleared so we could get rid of the coats and have a good look around.

Outside there was the Under 17 Car Club who were there to let under 17’s have a go at driving a one kilometre course in a road car under expert guidance in co-operation with the experts

from the club. A section of the car park was also fenced off for the golf buggy challenge, where the task was to negotiate a course while wearing 'beer goggles' – which simulate the effects of drink-driving. They also had a manoeuvring challenge set up to test skills for forward, reverse and parallel parking. That started giving me a few ideas!!!

The highlight of the day was the timeline display of 60 cars: one representing each year of the IAM's existence. There was a very wide range of cars, brought along by members, from the humble Fiat Panda 45CL right through to a Ford GT40.

Across in the other side of the car park the MG Car Club were having their 15<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Z series cars, a gathering I would have normally joined so we popped over to say hello to a few friends.

Some of the IAM RoadSmart staff were on hand throughout the day in the mobile display unit close to the entrance to the car park. I took the chance to pop over to meet with a few so I could put faces to names of those I speak to back in Chiswick.

All in all a great day and well put together by IAM RoadSmart.

## MYAM Group Trophy



Your committee has decided that it would be fitting to have a new Group Trophy for MYAM. Our member Bob McDermott very kindly offered to provide the trophy, which we think looks very smart and hopefully something you would be proud to keep on display for a year.

The trophy will be presented at our Christmas Social in December to the member 'who has gone above and beyond' for their commitment to our group.

Nominations are to be given to our Chairman Martin Fillingham, either in person at a meeting or by email - [myam.chairman@outlook.com](mailto:myam.chairman@outlook.com)

Committee members are excluded so please have a think and we'll give you a reminder later in the year.

## MYAM Caravan gets a 60 minute Makeover.



A big thank you from the Committee to Hanni Kaye (left) who could see that the storage of the many leaflets we use at the shows was in a bit of a mess. With a little effort, and a small budget

from the committee, she disposed of all the out of date and irrelevant leaflets and fixed some new holders to the inside of what was the wardrobe. All the giveaways were sorted, boxed up and stored away so now we can find everything we need. This has been great for the last two shows we've attended. It's also been much better at the Skill Check sessions. No more searching for run sheets or declaration forms.



**YOUR GROUP IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A SHORTAGE OF OBSERVERS.**

**WE URGENTLY NEED MORE OBSERVERS - DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?**

You must have the ability to pass on knowledge in a patient and professional manner and have a real interest in raising the standard of driving in others.

The post of observer is a very rewarding one. All it requires is a few hours of your time. It is also a very good way of maintaining your standard, because whilst advising, you are constantly aware of both your own driving techniques and those in others. There is no financial cost to observers, but it enables you to give something back to your group in return for what has been done for you.

**Becoming an Observer is not for the faint-hearted.** It is not something that everyone is able to do, but, if you are at all interested, contact our chief observer David Stringer.

## IAM News Releases and Tips

### Road rage – don't be a victim

In this week's driving tips IAM RoadSmart head of standards Richard Gladman talks about how to avoid becoming a road rage victim, and what to do if it does escalate.



If someone is being confrontational or aggressive, don't make eye contact and don't react visibly.

Let the other driver go on ahead. You might feel wronged, but letting the other party go will make no difference to the rest of your day.

Name and shame! If you or better, your passengers, can film any behaviour on your mobile phone it will help in terms of evidence, including the registration number of the other vehicle involved.

If the conflict is more serious and other processes aren't working; call the police, especially if you feel there is a threat or possibility of violence against you.

Sorry helps. If you were at fault, admit it and apologise. If you feel upset or emotional pull over and get some fresh air or walk around if you need to before resuming your journey.

Again find some distraction, like listening to the radio - move your mind deliberately onto something else – deliberately driving well would be a good example – but don't dwell on the incident.

Richard said: "Road rage does not affect everyone every day. If you're finding it is happening very often, you might want to think about how you engage with other road users."

He concluded: "No-one need experience road rage, but it us up to each of us to ensure it stays that way."

# And Finally.....

## Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour.

Here're some actual logged maintenance complaints by Qantas airline pilots and the corrective action then recorded by Qantas mechanics. "P" stands for the problem the pilots entered in the log. "S" stands for the corrective action taken by the mechanics:

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except autoland very rough.

S: Autoland not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200-fpm descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windscreen.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing. (Note: this was for a piston-engineered airplane. The pilot meant the engine was not running smoothly).

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed radar with words.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

Answers to last months teasers.

**The car** – A Gilbern Invader MkIII. Between 1972 and 1974 around 212 were built using mainly Ford components. Compare this with the 129,529 Anglia estates built between 1961 and 1967.

**My childrens birthdays?** 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. My daughter was born in a leap year.

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## **URGENT REQUEST**

We still need someone suitable to stand for the post of Group Secretary, if you would like to find out more please ask the Chairman or Vice Chairman at the meeting. The Group will be in unusual position of not having a Group Secretary and the Committee and the Group needs someone competent to take on that role as soon as possible. All of the Group's integrated processes are now in place and a full guide is available. Everything these days is electronic which helps with the time management side.