

# ARE WE THERE YET?



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## **Cover Photo - Fountains Abbey**



Inspired by the June social meeting we recently visited Fountains Abbey near Ripon. Never having been there before I didn't realise how big the site is, you could easily spend a whole day there and not see everything. In addition to the abbey buildings there is the Studley Royal Water Garden, which we visited, and the Studley Royal Deer Park, which we didn't have time to see.

Dogs, on a lead and under control, are also welcome but are not allowed inside the buildings so rather than leave her at home our dog had an enjoyable day out with us.

## **FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd July 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 3rd July 8 pm</b>	<b>MYAM Social evening</b> <b>John Gregory aka Reg Local</b> "What is Advanced Driving?"	The Manor Golf Club. Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB (See page 7 for directions)
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	<b>Thornes Park Car Show</b>	Thornes Park, Wakefield
<b>Sunday 9th July</b>	<b>Heath Common Bus Rally</b>	Heath Common, Wakefield
<b>Sunday 16th July 10 am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members. Look for the caravan.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Harrogate MG Show</b>	Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5BD
<b>Monday 7th August 8 pm</b>	<b>MYAM Social evening</b> Yorkshire Air Ambulance	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**

## FROM THE EDITOR

Have you ever done something on the spur of the moment? Something you hadn't considered doing or had been in the back of your mind for some time then suddenly you decided to do it.

Well with the newsletter more or less sorted out we decided, on the spur of the moment and inspired by the June meeting, to visit Fountains Abbey. I thought I could take a few photos and use one for the cover of this issue replacing the cover I'd already chosen. As you can see I succeeded so the "old" cover will be used for a future issue.

The trip also provided an opportunity to try out the built in satnav in the car. Now I'm not one for blindly following the satnav, and it's another test of the system to see how it copes when I deviate from its chosen route. I'd also checked the route on Google maps so had a fairly good idea of where I was going. So we set off on my preferred route, which was not the one chosen by the satnav, and found the system was able to quickly recalculate but was trying to get us back onto its route until we reached the point at which it gave up and sent us on my route. I've always thought that I can get to the general area without any computer aids and rely on the satnav for the final few miles. That was certainly the case last year when I had to drive to an address in Leeds to collect some parts, without the satnav I'd still be trying to find the place!

For the return journey I followed the satnav which took us on a longer but I assume faster route along the motorways, not a route I'd necessarily have chosen. I think I'll need to check the satnav settings as it can offer three alternative routes. Another test is to compare the built in satnav with the Tom Tom unit I've been using for the last few years. It's also worth remembering that satnav will take you to the postcode you enter as it's easy to get two characters transposed or select an adjacent character especially on a small touch screen. Then it's a case of realising that you are not where you should be and working out what went wrong!



**Part of Studley Royal Water Garden**

Do you have any amusing or interesting satnav experiences. If so you know what to do!

**Keith**

## GROUP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Welcome to the Group

### New Associates

Thomas Clayton  
Pauline Coburn

Maura Healy  
Roy Readings

# Congratulations

### On passing the Advanced Test

Clive Nunnington - Observer Alan Jones

(Clive had a car breakdown so took the test in a hire car !!!)

Rachel Temple - Observer Francis Lintott

### And a pass from March

Jodie Evans - Observer David Moon

# Happy Birthday this month goes to

Chris Antcliffe, Derrick Attack, Roy Bradley, Martin Brock,  
John Burgess, Richard Campbell, Ron Collard, John Convery,  
Peter Cresswell, Terence Doolan, Rhian Ebrey, Simon Gartside,  
Hannah Gooch, Spencer Greenwood, Barry Halliley, Terry Harrison,  
Mike Heap, William Jackson, Sally Lawrence, Francis Lintott,  
Frank Marsh, Edward Nash, Keith Norton, Anthea Parkin-Coates,  
Fiona Ratcliffe, Dorothy Rowson, Andrew Smith, Martin Speed,  
Keith Sutcliffe, Keith Tovey, Max Wigley

# ***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 as a true record by the Committee. So please feel free to check them out. They can be found on the Committee Members page under Our Team. The minutes are located at the bottom of the page.



**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 website address. If you use the old address you will be redirected 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)

The new site is taking shape nicely but we still have plenty to do.



**TWITTER** We now have our own Twitter account which can be found at [twitter.com/MYAM4178](https://twitter.com/MYAM4178).

**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.

## **Dog Friendly Pubs**

With summer here I'm sure many of us who own dogs like to take our canine friends with us when we go out for the day and would like to take them with us when we stop to eat. It can be difficult to know if a pub or café is dog friendly but a little googling has found this website detailing dog friendly pubs in the UK.

[http://www.doggiepubs.org.uk/the\\_pubs.php](http://www.doggiepubs.org.uk/the_pubs.php)

We've taken our dog with us to several of the pubs on the website, with one local pub having a doggie menu. Most will not allow dogs in their restaurant areas but instead have areas where dogs are welcome. Our dog certainly enjoys going out with us and having a dog friendly pub to eat in means we can take her with us rather than leave her shut in the utility room at home.

**Ed**



# June Meeting - Fountains Abbey

Our June social meeting saw Mike Bevington from the National Trust talk about Fountains Abbey near Ripon in North Yorkshire.

Mike described the founding of the monastery in 1132 by 13 Benedictine monks from St Mary's in York and their admission to the austere Cistercian order. The Cistercians had a system of lay brothers, in addition to the monks, who provided the routine jobs in the abbey allowing the monks more time to dedicate themselves to God. Because of this system the abbey became very wealthy through farming, mining and stone quarrying. Over the years following its founding the abbey building grew from its initial timber structure to a more permanent stone building, the site chosen providing all the needs for the monastery, shelter, stone and timber and a source of running water.

Mike described the life of the monks and the lay brothers and showed pictures of the facilities available to them.

Following the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII the abbey was surrendered to the crown in 1539. The site was sold off in 1540 passing through several owners until 1966 when the abbey was placed in the guardianship of the Department of the Environment. The surrounding estate was purchased by West Riding Council and subsequently transferred to North Yorkshire County Council in 1974. In 1983 the National Trust bought the estate and the abbey.

In 1986 the park land and the abbey were designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO and the abbey was designated a Grade 1 Listed Building.



Mike was to be visiting us again in August to talk about the Yorkshire Air Ambulance but he is from the North Yorkshire area and we are in West Yorkshire so rather than seeing Mike again we'll have a different speaker in August!



## Ride Safe Programme

We have received the following from Allan Davey the group secretary of the West Yorkshire Advanced Motorcyclists.

I hope the following may be of some interest to you and your members.

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (WYF&RS) is running a Ride Safe Programme. While this is aimed primarily at the biking fraternity, important elements of that programme would be particularly beneficial to other sections of the motoring community, such as car drivers, as they are often likely to be the first on scene at a motorcycle mishap and in a prime position to offer that vital assistance.

With this in mind an invitation is being extended to all local IAM RoadSmart car group members to attend the Biker Down course. These courses, which last for approximately 3 hours, are being run in West Yorkshire by WYF&RS and are offered completely free of charge. Quite a few WYAMs members have already taken up the offer.

The topics covered are:

- Scene Management.
- Casualty Care.
- The Science of Being Seen.

To find out more please contact Station Commander, Aldene Woodward, by email [Aldene.Woodward01@westyorkshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:Aldene.Woodward01@westyorkshirefire.gov.uk) or telephone 07552 283481.

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## Unexploded Bomb in Queensbury!

Residents of Queensbury appeared to be unconcerned about an unexploded bomb that appeared on Chapel Road on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Perhaps the presence of a fireman with his gas mask re-assured them or was it just the fact that it was the 1940s day?



## **Driving in the 21st century**

If you didn't know the Practical Driving test is changing on December 4th 2017.

The intention is to make the driving test similar to “real life”. I am sure most of you have heard people say: “you learn to drive after passing your test”. These changes will make the test more realistic to the candidate demonstrating that they are ready to face driving in today's modern driving conditions.

So what's changing?

### **In comes.....**

- 20 minutes of independent driving following a Sat Nav

- Driving in and reversing out of a parking bay

- Parking on the right

Candidates will need to show the examiner that they can perform certain “show me” questions while driving i.e. using the windscreen wipers, opening the windows

Increasing the independent driving element will allow examiners to assess the candidate's ability to manage distractions and drive safely on higher-risk roads where statistically, new drivers have the most crashes.

### **Out goes.....**

- Reversing around the corner

- Turn in the road (three point turn to some of you)

Sat Navs are now used by the majority of drivers and whilst useful. If you have used one I am sure you agree that they can be a massive distraction –“turn left now” I have sometimes thought *do you really mean now?* And In 300 yards turn... some people would struggle to judge this.

Introducing using these in the driving test all helps the examiner to assess if the candidate has the ability to manage this distraction safely.

The ability to use certain controls while driving can potentially take your eyes off the road – so all a positive step to ensure drivers can manage distractions i.e. fumbling for fog lights or opening the window whilst driving.

Parking on the right on a busy road can have some challenges with oncoming traffic including then moving away.

The new driving test means there will be less time driving around the back streets during driving tests looking for a suitable place to carry out a manoeuvre.

I can only speak for the Cardiff area, but currently many driving tests in Cardiff do not allow the candidate to go above 30 mph. The new test will allow time to get onto open and rural roads meaning that examiners can test a more realistic drive in situations where new drivers are more likely to crash.

As an experienced driving instructor, I have spent several hours with some learner drivers practicing reversing around a corner, all taking time away from developing the forward drive. If people are going to drive into the supermarket bay frontwards so they can get their shopping in the boot and reverse out it makes sense that people are taught this skill, so that they are aware of how to carry out the manoeuvre safely.

The new driving test will encourage driving instructors to teach certain skills, rather than just practice certain manoeuvres and test routes, all helping to better prepare the new driver to manage distractions and drive independently.

These changes will help to make the driving test more realistic to the challenges of modern driving. This all assists to better prepare the learner driver to be able to drive on their own in that critical period after passing their test. This is all in a concerted effort to help reduce the number of people killed or injured on our roads making our roads even safer.

Some residents should be delighted as examiners won't be using residential areas for reversing around a corner and the turn in the roads, so consequently I am sure Driving Instructors will not be on these roads as much.

If you are a qualified driver or rider reading this - look out – as I am sure you will notice an increase in learner drivers in car parks and driving on faster roads.

I believe these changes are a positive move to raise standards and improve the chances of newly qualified drivers remaining safe once they pass their driving test.

To read the full details of the new test click [here](#).

**Sarah Fisk, IAM RoadSmart's DDR training and driver education manager**

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I'm sure that many of us who took our driving tests in the 70s and 80s in cars without modern driver aids could benefit from updating our skills to make best use of these features. I'm still trying out the many aids in my car but whether they do actually improve my "driving experience" is yet to be determined.

**Ed**

## Tour de Yorkshire – More Pictures

Following last month's item on the Tour de Yorkshire I've received more pictures of the race from Lesley Pollard. These were taken on day 2 (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April) close to the finish of the ladies race in Harrogate.



**Lizzie Deignan (nee Armitstead) ahead of the pelaton with 2km to go**



**One of the many police motorcyclists who rode ahead of the competitors to clear the route.**



**And what is wrong with this picture?  
According to the DVLA this van is grey!**

If you did go out to watch the race I hope you enjoyed it. It is a bit of an anti-climax having waited for several hours for the competitors to rush past in a few minutes but the atmosphere and enthusiasm of the spectators was phenomenal. It also helped that the weather was good over the three days of the event.

## Registration Numbers

Many of our members will have personal registration numbers and many may want to get one but how do you go about purchasing one and transferring it to another vehicle. Both the purchase and transfer procedures have changed over the last few years.

I bought my number back in 2002 when I bought a new car. At the time it was just a matter of a phone call to DVLA quoting two numbers, the registration number you wanted and your credit card number. A V750 certificate was then sent which you took to the dealer who used it to register your car.

A couple of years later Caroline had a personal number, again the procedure was the same but this number was to go on an existing car. This time I had to get number plates made up then send off the form to DVLA with details of the car along with the MOT certificate. The MOT was returned with the registration number details amended along with a new tax disc, the old disc being returned to DVLA.

In 2009 we both bought new cars (unfortunately it wasn't a Buy One Get One Free deal) so needed to transfer the numbers. I visited the local DVLA office in Leeds, spending 20 minutes waiting in the queue then five minutes and £105 per number to put them on retention. Details of the new numbers were sent within a few days, allowing us to get number plates made up and fitted to the old cars but the V778 retention certificate and more importantly the amended V5 registration document took nearly 6 weeks to arrive. They actually arrived on the day we picked up the cars.

Next time I changed my car I thought I'll get the retention done early expecting all the documentation to take several weeks. However it all arrived within about 3 weeks so something had improved.

Then our daughter said she wanted a personal number but the phone method was not available so I had to do it online meaning creating an account with DVLA with yet another user name and password to remember. However it all went smoothly resulting in a happy daughter.

Roll on to this year and we decided to change our cars. This time the retention process is all online so I first put Caroline's number on retention. I was pleased how smoothly the process was with the new registration number being sent immediately by email and the new V5 registration certificate and the V778 retention certificate being sent within 5 days. A week later I repeated the process with my number and again all the documentation was sent within 5 working days.

The eV948 certificate you receive by email is only valid for three days so you have to get the new number plates made up fairly quickly. However if the number is coming off a car which has

previously had a registration number you will be reallocated this number so if you've kept the old plates it's a simple matter of refitting them.

Of course whenever you change the registration number of your car you must inform your insurance company who will issue a new insurance certificate. Usually there is no charge for this but check first as insurance companies do differ in what they charge extra for.

It's also worth remembering when you either buy a registration number or have one allocated by a dealer when you buy a new car you do not actually own the number, that privilege belongs to the government through DVLA. You only own the right to assign the number to a vehicle and that right can be taken away if you misrepresent the number by, for example, using the wrong font or having the incorrect character spacing. It's also an MOT failure if the number plate does not comply with the regulations.

You should also note that you cannot assign a number to an older vehicle to make it look younger than it is.

Here are a couple of DVLA websites, the first is for purchasing a number. The cost ranges from £250 for old style numbers from "H" registration to "Y" registration to £399 for new style numbers and old style numbers from "A" to "G" registration. Some numbers command a premium and some are held back to be sold at auction.

The second is for putting an existing number on retention. This costs £80 and includes the assignment of the number to the new vehicle.

<http://dvlaregistrations.direct.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/keep-registration-number>

If you are buying a new car from a garage and want to transfer the registration number but don't want the hassle of doing it yourself then the garage should be able to do it for you but they may charge for their services.

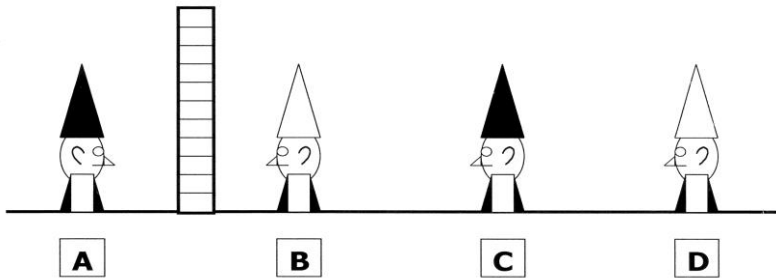


Here I am picking up my new car. Not often you see two cars with the same registration number side by side.

# And Finally.....

Listening to the radio it appears that Renault have resurrected their “What’s yours called” campaign from the 1980s. In the village where I lived at the time there was a wreck of a Renault 5 with “Load of Bo\*\*\*cks, what’s yours called” scrawled on the back!

## This Month’s Teaser



Shown above are 4 men buried up to their necks in the ground. They cannot move so can only look forward. Between A and B is a brick wall which cannot be seen through. They know that between them are 4 hats, 2 x black and 2 x white, but they do not know which colour they are wearing. In order to avoid being shot one of them must call out to the executioner the colour of their hat. If they get it wrong, everyone will be shot. They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 10 minutes to fathom it out.

After 1 minute:

Q Which one of them calls out ?

Q. Why is he 100% certain of the colour of his hat?

This is not a trick question.

There are no outside influences nor other ways of communicating. They cannot move and are buried in a straight line. So A & B can only see their respective sides of the brick wall, C can see B and D can see B & C.

## Last Month’s Teaser

Did you notice I’ve added a question mark to the newsletter title to make it grammatically correct.



## Your Committee

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## URGENT REQUEST

We now have a Group Secretary however we also need a Speaker Secretary to organise the social meetings at the Manor Golf Club. To find out more contact the Secretary.