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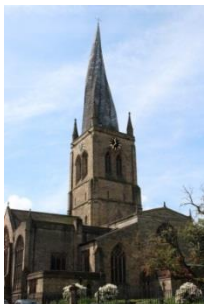




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Cover Photo – Chesterfield Parish Church

Dating from the 14th century, the church of St Mary and All Saints in Chesterfield is best known for its twisted and leaning spire.

It is believed that the twisting was caused by a combination of the unequal expansion and contraction of the 33 tonnes of lead on the spire and the use of unseasoned wood in its construction.

FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Sunday 1st July 9:30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 2nd July 8 pm	MYAM Social Evening David Rushfirth's Highway Code Quiz – The Sequel to his 2016 Quiz	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
Friday 6th July 4 pm to 9 pm	Fleur de Lys Classic Car Show	Thornes Park, Wakefield WF2 8QZ
Sunday 8th July 9:30 am	Heath Common Bus Rally	Heath Common, Wakefield
Saturday 14th July	Ossett Gala	Ossett Town Hall
Sunday 15th July 8 pm	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Sunday 22nd July 10 am to 4 pm	Walton Classic Car Show	Walton Club Shay Lane, Walton WF2 6LA
Monday 6th August 8 pm	MYAM Social Evening Director of Safety British Horse Society	Carlton Social Club See page 7

Everyone is welcome at these events, this includes partners, other family members and friends, 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

We've just had the experience of getting up at some unearthly hour of the morning, long queues, screaming kids, cramped seating, waiting around for ages, passport control and hoping that your luggage makes it to the same place as you. No we weren't crossing the border into Lancashire but flying out for a week's holiday visiting areas of Classical Spain!

Landing at Malaga airport, we spent one night in a hotel just outside the town, waiting for the rest of the party to arrive then travelling by coach to spend three nights in Seville, followed by two nights in Granada before returning to Malaga for our flight back to Leeds Bradford airport.

A couple of things struck me when we were walking round the towns, one was the traffic lights where the light sequence was different to those in the UK with part of the sequence involving flashing lights. Also, when crossing roads at crossing points, drivers seemed to stop to allow pedestrians to cross. Not quite the same as in the UK! Some pedestrian crossings had a countdown displaying how many seconds you had left to cross the road.

One thing to beware of which caused us a problem is pickpockets as Caroline's purse went missing in Seville. We assumed it was stolen but then had the problem of contacting banks to cancel the cards that were in the purse. I had the phone number for one card supplier but had to call home to get the number for another card and the tour guide helped with the third number. We then spent about an hour on the phone cancelling all the cards. Fortunately we had taken the precaution of leaving most of the cards at home. Isn't it incredible how many cards you accumulate? I must have about twenty in my wallet but only take the minimum number of cards on holiday. We are now in the process of making a claim on the holiday insurance but won't get back anything like the amount stolen due to the excess but, as they say, every little helps.

It's worth making a note of the contact numbers for any cards you take with you on holiday and keeping them separate from the cards just in case they do get lost or stolen. We were asked by the tour guide if Caroline's passport was in the purse as that would need to be reported to the police and arrangements made to allow her to return. Fortunately our passports were in the hotel safe. It's also worth taking a photocopy of your passport and your EHIC card.

This newsletter will be the first to be sent from the new MYAM newsletter email address so it may have arrived late if I've encountered any problems with sending out the 300 or so emails.

Keith

Welcome to the Group

New Associates

**Brian Davison, Paul Franks, Simon Harwood, Gyda Heia,
Simon Holt, Sue West**

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Karl Watson - Observer Christian Pithers

Data Protection – Privacy Notice (GDPR)

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.

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 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

or use the QR code.

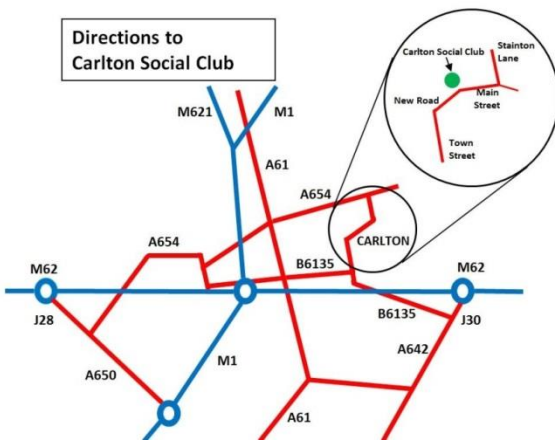


On the website you'll find details of our events, courses, the latest news from the group and copies of previous newsletters.

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

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.

June Meeting - Pathfinders under 17 Club

The Under 17s Car Club was formed in 1976 and was, and still is, the only 'not for profit' young drivers charity. They meet 30 times a year usually on a Sunday. It was Barrie Wizzo Williams and his good friend Sandy Barrie who realised there were no opportunities for under 17s to experience their interest in driving and motor sport in a safe environment. 42 years later and having had 4000 young drivers through the course it can be said that is still going strong. In 2008 it was decided to see if it would be possible to pass on in 1 week (5 constant days) the necessary skills and basic knowledge to the young people, therefore reducing the potential number of K.S.I.s on our roads.

The survey carried out in 2012 proved that those young drivers who do not take part in this course were 20% more likely to have a serious accident in their first year after passing their test, whereas those had been on the course were 5% and the accidents that they had were of a lesser nature. As with any form of education, if delivered at the earliest opportunity, will stand the trainee/student the best chance of longevity in their driving career.



This course had been running in the Midlands and the southern part of the country and having seen the results at a presentation at the IAM conference in 2015 I was desperate to bring it to Yorkshire and give our young drivers the same opportunities. It was a struggle, finding a venue being the first hill to climb and searching for potential sponsors/partners almost proved impossible. But with typical Yorkshire

Percy (perseverance) I found a venue at Kelleythorpe near Driffild and Easter week was decided to be the time to provide the first course. Despite all the hiccups the week went well. The benefits to the students is enormous, they are being instructed in the basic elements of safe driving using the basic advanced driving techniques with which

we guide our older associates and they quickly absorb much information, given the intensive nature of the week their progress is remarkable.

One of the many advantages this course has is that, as the parent (or family member providing the car) is in the car when the instructor gets in, they listen to what is being taught they then act as the second instructor to help the student maintain the standard that has been set through the following sessions. Now to me that is brilliant. The parent (or family member) is also learning about safe driving as well as developing a better and closer relationship with the student. This had the knock on effect of them being able to help the student in between the driving lessons that they have prior to their DSA test.

I believe that his course should even be included in the curriculum for sixth form students, that way we have done our best to show our young drivers the safe way to drive and in the long term reduce the numbers of K.S.I.s on our roads as well as saving so much money spent in sorting out the results of those collisions.

Please do contact me should you require any further information.

Ian Goring
Yorkshire 'Pathfinder' Coordinator



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Pathfinder Project Yorkshire



The next Pathfinder Yorkshire Course will be held

29th October – 2nd November 2018 at

Driffild Camp, East Yorkshire, YO25 9LH

Aimed at 15-17 year olds to develop safe driving, learning to manage and control risk on the roads.

5 day course costs £170

For more information see www.under17driver.co.uk

The Highway Code: Rule Change for Motorways



The Highway Code section about motorways will change from 4 June 2018.

This is because the law is being changed to allow learner drivers to have motorway lessons with an approved driving instructor. This will help to make sure more drivers know how to use motorways safely.

What's changing

The change is to [rule 253](#), which covers who can use motorways.

The rule will have this wording added to it:

'From 4 June 2018 provisional licence holders may drive on the motorway if they are accompanied by an approved driving instructor and are driving a car displaying red L plates (D plates in Wales), that's fitted with dual controls.'

[Find out more about learner drivers taking motorway lessons](#)

[Read The Highway Code rules about motorways](#)



Central Reservation as seen on a Spanish Motorway

Would having bushes down the central reservation help to reduce “rubbernecking” on our motorways?

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Computer Problems?



At the last committee meeting our chairman Janice reported she was having problems with her printer.

Now I’m not suggesting she follows the solution shown but it does give some form of satisfaction when dealing with these inanimate objects which, at times, are the cause of much frustration.

Six tips to managing roadworks

Now that the snow and ice is behind us (fingers crossed) the roadworks have started and repairs are being made. This could affect our daily commute to work, or even prolong the school run.

Narrower lanes, slow traffic and fraying tempers all add to the challenge of reaching to our destination in time. But as long as you drive carefully and plan your journey, it needn't be stressful. Here's some advice from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman, to ensure your motorway journey through roadworks is as safe and stress-free as possible.

Ideally, you should check the status of any roads you plan to use beforehand. If there are significant amounts of repair works and you think you might get caught up in traffic consider taking a different route, even if it means covering a few more miles. Google Maps is always a good one to check before you leave the house as it often shows the roadworks and will suggest alternative routes.

If there's no alternative route, give yourself more time to travel and ensure you have plenty of fuel. Running out of fuel is one of the most common reasons for a breakdown on the motorway, so don't risk running on a low tank.

Maintain a safe following distance of at least two seconds in the dry and at least four seconds in wet weather, and if other traffic moves into your gap adjust it by slowing very slightly. You won't add more than a couple of seconds to your journey.

Try and look as far ahead as possible (this is where the following distance can help too). There may be a lane that's restricted and marked off by cones. If it is safe to do so, merge in turn if vehicles are travelling at low speed.

Keep an eye out for any roadwork signs that give you particular instructions. There may also be a temporary maximum speed limit that you will need to adhere to.

Average speed cameras are also common where long term roadworks are in force – be prepared to slow down throughout. They are there for your safety and the safety of the workforce.

Technology. If you are going to use cruise control make sure you know how to cancel it safely. A better option will be a speed limiter which will allow you to slow in response to the traffic, but help to prevent any momentary lapse in speed control if the road clears.

Richard said: "If you can see traffic building up then avoid switching lanes too often. Changing lanes on extremely busy roads will increase your chances of being involved in a collision and also slows down traffic flow.

"So long as you stay alert and plan ahead, your journey should be a safe and stress free one."

MYAM on the Road

We've just had a busy but enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend out and about attending a couple of car shows to raise awareness of IAM RoadSmart and MYAM.

Friday evening (25th May) was spent getting new information leaflets together and loading up the car with everything but the kitchen sink. The MYAM caravan already has one of those so saved a bit of time and space.



I collected the caravan early Saturday morning then off to meet with Janice, Alan and Hanni at Wetherby services so we could convoy in to the showground at Starbeck. We were soon shown where we would be located and an hour later we were set up and ready for the day.

It was a reasonable turn-out considering this was only the second year the show has been held at this location. We had a few good enquiries with one new sign-up for the Advanced Drivers course.

Sunday we were off again, this time to the Heath Common car show in Wakefield. This is the 5th year we have attended this show and usually had a good turnout and this was no exception. The sun was out all day so attracted a larger than usual crowd. We were talking to our first customer while we were still setting up with plenty of visitors throughout the day.

We handed out quite a few free taster and Advanced Driver course leaflets during the day, so we could be busy if they take up the challenge.



The show cars started to leave at about 3:30 so we packed everything up ready for the next shows.

We'll be doing it all again on the first weekend in July where we will be attending the Fleur-De-Lys Classic Car Show on Friday 6th July and the Heath Common Classic Bus and Car Rally on Sunday 8th June. Let's hope we have good weather again.

If you're visiting any of these events please come along and say hello.

David Rushfirth

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Possible Treasure Hunt – Anyone Interested?

The committee is always looking for new ideas for our social events and one suggestion that came up at the last meeting was to organise a Treasure Hunt. In case you are not familiar with these, teams in cars drive round visiting various locations, answering a set of questions and finally ending up at a location where answer sheets are marked and food is available.



Having participated in several treasure hunts while at university and the Leicester IAM group, both participating in and organising them, they can be fun but do need to be carefully organised.

One major issue is how to direct the teams to the various clues. Maps and map references are one way but not everyone has the appropriate map, usually an Ordnance Survey map, especially these days where sat navs have taken over from maps.

At university our treasure hunts tended to be up to 60 miles and last most of a Sunday afternoon but petrol was cheaper then. Most of the later events were shorter and lasted no more than a couple of hours but most people seemed to enjoy themselves. A prize was given to the team with the highest number of correct answers and, in case of a tie, the lowest mileage.

There are obviously rules to be observed meaning no more than 12 cars can be involved and no element of timing can be used but an end time can be given provided it allows sufficient time for the route to be completed without breaking any speed limits.

So would you be interested in participating if we organised a treasure hunt? A date in September has been suggested over a route of around 30 miles. Let me know what you think.

And Finally.....

Here's a touching story about teamwork from an unknown contributor.

"I used to work for an aircraft parts manufacturer and our plant manager, who was a graduate of the infamous West Point Military Academy, thought we needed to learn the value of teamwork. His bright idea was to take us out for paintball, the popular sport of shooting one another with small gelatin balls filled with paint. He promptly took charge of the entire event, dividing up team members to be either on the red team or the blue team.

The lesson of teamwork was a success... sort of. Both the red team AND the blue team looked at one another, then looked at our overbearing, pompous plant manager, and as a team, all 200 members of red team AND blue team began to release their aggressions by pelting the plant manager with those little balls of paint. After his recovery from the welts and bruises from over a thousand paintballs, our manager failed to view our combined efforts as a demonstration of teamwork."

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This Month's Teaser

In 1966 British cars, three Minis and a Lotus Cortina, took the first four places in the Monte Carlo rally. However the declared winner was a French car.

Why were those four, and six other, British cars disqualified?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked "What age of vehicle did the MOT apply to when it was first introduced. It was originally introduced in 1960 and applied to vehicle ten years old. Because of the high failure rate this was reduced to seven years at the end of 1961 and in 1967 it was further reduced to the current three years.

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