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Newsletter**



**ARE WE THERE YET**

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## FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
<b>Sunday 1st May 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 8pm</b>	<b>MYAM Annual General Meeting.</b> Please come along to support the Group and the Committee. Light buffet will be provided.	The Manor Golf Club. Bradford Road, Drighlington, Bradford, BD11 1AB  (See page 13for directions)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 8pm</b>	<b>MYAM Social evening.</b> Doug Masterton from Harrogate Advanced Bikes is coming to talk. 'A Bikers Perspective' A bikers view of the road and what us car drivers could look out for	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

Martine Duthoit-Martin, Jane Levine,  
Richard Brankin, Ralph Waters,  
Lisa Aveyard & Joe Miller.

# Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Chris Beard Observed by George Tickle

Antea Hammond Observed by Roger Illingworth

Jaci Percy Observed by Lesley Pollard

# Get well soon

To Bill Jackson, Les Horsman  
& Alan Jones

# Happy Birthday this month goes to

Ralph Waters, John Goddard, Adrian Roebuck, Bob Farish  
Michael Bradshaw, Caroline Wevill, Pauline Marshall, Rob Cook  
Martin Fillingham, Roy Wilson, Barbara Murray, Nigel Rawlinson  
George Allsopp, J Atkinson, Colleen Baines, David Blackburn  
Malcolm Bryan, Mathew Chaddock, Hannelore Kaye, Alan Padgett,  
David Engley, Steve Gilks, Marjorie Hogg, Mark Kettlewell,  
John McMahon, Maureen Monteith, Barbara Murray, Pat Stork,  
Richard Sterry, Luke Thornton, Adam Lazenby, Colin Patterson,  
Denis Weighill, Chris Youhill, Juliet Bennett, Ian Goodair  
Lesley Pounds, Mark Hamblin, John Howden & Bryan Watts.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**8pm Monday 9th May 2015**

We have given notice that our AGM will take place at 8pm on Monday 9th May. Your support on the night would be very much appreciated and a light buffet will be provided.

## 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.

If any full member has something to offer the Group and wishes to be nominated for the Committee on the night, please make yourself known to Chairman, Vice Chairman or Group Secretary.

(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 debar you from being a Charity Trustee).

**PLEASE ATTEND THE AGM** and show your support, you will not be bullied into coming onto the Committee, however we would appreciate your support and you can enjoy the light buffet afterwards.

**Free Food**

**The current details of the Committee are as follows: -**

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

# Thank you

Several Committee members are retiring this year and the Committee would like to pass on to them a huge thank you for all their work.

Francis Lintott and Bob Farish came from the former Leeds Group. Francis was on the Leeds Committee and was part of the Steering Group for the integration. He took on the roles of Speaker Secretary & Assistant Group Secretary and he will be missed, both vital roles for the smooth running of the Group and both roles still need to be filled.

Bob Farish was the former Leeds Chairman and a key figure in the Steering Group. Bob worked tirelessly compiling the membership records and commented that he would be pleased when he got his hours down to a 40hr week. He was instrumental in setting up the Group Training Team. He is a winner of the prestigious IAM Fred Welch rose bowl award, an accolade that is well deserved for his development of the membership data base which at one time was used by most of the IAM Groups. Bob's depth of knowledge and professionalism will be missed.

Unfortunately we are also losing Steve Duree. He has resigned from the Committee for work reasons. He was co-opted on following the 2015 AGM and has been a regular attendee at meetings ever since.

Thank you goes to Vicky Croft for the sponsorship of the printing for all the AGM documentation and for printing and posting the newsletter.

# A fond farewell

## **Bob Farish Membership Secretary, Writes:-**

There are always changes in the IAM, which continue now, and during my time I have been: on the Committee, Secretary, and Chairman, firstly with the Leeds Group and latterly the Mid Yorks Group. I was a member of the very successful Training Team in this region, and of the MYAM Training Team, and in 2011 I won the prestigious Fred Welch award for services to the IAM. I was also heavily involved in the integration of our four local Groups.

I have recently resigned from Observing, and hence from the MYAM training team, and I'm now stepping down from Membership Secretary and Committee member. I've other volunteer work which I wish to pursue.

I'd like to thank the numerous Group members and Observers who have become friends over the years, and to wish them and the Group well for the future.

## **Francis Lintott. Assistant Group and Speaker Secretary. Writes:-**

I have decided, having been on the old Leeds Group Committee and then the MYAM Committee, not to stand for re-election onto the Committee in 2016 mainly due to my work commitments but also as I feel that a Group needs new blood. I have enjoyed my time as a Committee member with both Groups and am remaining as an Observer where I hope I can use my experience and knowledge. I would like to thank all those members who have been on the Committee as without their help it would not have been as easy. I would especially like to thank Kim Clark and Bob Farish for their support throughout my time on the Committee as without them it would not have been possible to get the things done that we did.

## **Kim Clark, Group Secretary and Newsletter Editor Writes:-**

My time has come to step down. I served on Committee with the Dewsbury and Batley Group in various roles for many years and have had your support as Secretary at Mid Yorks. During my time I have attended numerous workshops, forums and conferences on the Group's behalf and I am still the only person who, as a Group member, conducted a workshop at conference. I was also heavily involved in the integration of our four local Groups. I have really enjoyed my time as an Observer and was fortunate to have been part of the Regional Training Team which I undeniably enjoyed especially as I was, together with Bob, involved right at the beginning of the Skills Days events at Mallory Park and later Croft, Teesside



and Silverstone. I have always been very keen on keeping up my skills and was one of the first, if not the first, woman to get a Masters pass with Distinction. I had originally only decided to step down as an Officer at the AGM in 2015 but following recent events I have decided to retire from the IAM altogether. I want to say a big thank you to all of you that I have had the privilege to meet over the years. It has been an honour to get to know you and I have had the pleasure of spending some time in the passenger seat with a lot of you, I hope that you will continue to support the Group and the Committee. Safe driving.

## ***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 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** for all your Mid Yorkshire Group information go to

[www.IAMGroup's.org.uk/midYorkshire](http://www.IAMGroup's.org.uk/midYorkshire)

The Group Telephone number is 0113 314 9969

# Dead or Dead Slow?: New statistics reveal threat on Britain's roads for horse riders



Over 60% of incidents involving horses on the roads happen between 10am and 3pm, with accidents most commonly occurring in June, new statistics from The British Horse Society (BHS) reveal\*\*.

*(In this poster you can quite clearly see the horse and rider lying dead in the carriageway.)*

In the five years since the launch of its horse accidents website, over **2,000\*** reports of road incidents involving horses have been reported to the charity. Of these, **36** caused rider deaths, and **181** resulted in a horse dying from their injuries or being put to sleep.

**75%** of accidents happened because the vehicle passed the horse without allowing enough space, while **over a quarter** of respondents said that they also had to deal with driver road rage during the incident.

The majority of these incidents happened on a minor road and in a rural area. **Nearly half** of the horses involved were used to riding on the roads more than once a week.

The launch of the campaign, **Dead Slow**, follows a number of high profile petitions calling for greater protection for horse and rider on the roads following the injury of horse carriage master, Mark Evans and the death of his horse Wil, who was hit by a car in Wales last month as he pulled a funeral cortege.

Lee Hackett, BHS Director of Policy, said: “We are asking drivers to slow down to 15mph when they see a horse on the road. A lot of people aren’t sure how to

safely pass a horse when driving, and so we have produced a video showing exactly how it should be done.

It's worth remembering that these statistics are just the accidents reported to us, there will be countless others. Almost everyone who rides horses can recount a story about a time they had a near miss on the roads.

We are campaigning for legislative change, but that can take a long time. That is why we are asking for this instant change in behavior from drivers.”

BHS Video, pictures and infographic [available to download](#).

## **TOP TIPS from your Editor**

As some of you will know I have been a horse owner/ rider for 25years and I have had some harrowing experiences on the roads, so here are a few pointers to help you when you need to overtake horses.



1. When you see a horse, immediately slow down, wait patiently, making sure you can see tarmac and hooves, wait until the road is clear before you overtake.
2. Be patient. DON'T sound your horn or rev the engine. Be respectful. At times horses will be 2 a breast. This is probably because it's a young or inexperienced horse or rider on the inside
3. Pass wide and slow, maximum 15miles per hour, giving AT LEAST a car's width gap.
4. Accelerate away slowly.

Remember riders can often see or hear things you can't.

## **WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR, ASK “WHERE IS ITS HEAD?????????”**

If the horse has a long neck and looks to be calm then use the tips above to pass. However if the horse is 'jogging, head up and neck shortened, BEWARE.

An experienced rider should turn the horse's head towards the carriageway and you, this helps two fold; one the horse will jog away from you and its rear legs will be forced towards the curb. **DO NOT OVERTAKE** if the head of the horse is towards the hedgerow, as its rear legs can and will, if it feels threatened, kick out at you, into the carriageway. Trust me their legs can go a heck of a lot further than you would think. If you come across this situation, note that this could be a combination of novice horse and rider so back off.

At the end of the day we are talking about you being delayed by seconds. Riders do not choose to go on the carriageway but in order to access the ever decreasing bridleways this invariably necessitates a ride on our roads. Riders unfortunately cannot apply a hand brake and the partnership relies solely on trust. Riders usually will not use the grass verges as there are hidden dangers that can cause serious harm to their beloved mounts e.g. broken bottles, cans, plastic bags, not to forget rabbit and mole hills and this land is owned by someone so permission would be required first.



Remember it's not just the horse and rider that will suffer following an impact it will cause significant impact to your vehicle and those in it.

**Protect your car, Protect horse and riders.**

**RIDERS DON'T ALWAYS SAY  
THANK YOU SO I WILL SAY IT.**

***Thank you.** Kim Clark Editor.*

### **M62 NOW GIVING SHORTER JOURNEYS**

BBC Look North breakfast news 13<sup>th</sup> April

The BBC reported today that the M62 upgrade between Brighouse and Rothwell now saves drivers 30 minutes a week in travelling time. This is despite there being a 6% increase in traffic, according to Highways England. This was at a cost of £136 Million.

## **GROUP NOTICES**

### **ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE HARROGATE AREA PLEASE REMEMBER**

It is very important to the Committee and to your former Chairman Lesley that you can get to social meetings at the Manor. She 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](mailto:lesley.pollard173@gmail.com)  
Mobile: 07752 881555

### **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.

### IAM RoadSmart – IAM prepares for the next 60 years 27 April 2016



- The IAM and its commercial subsidiaries rebrands to IAM RoadSmart.
- We asked 7,000 road users what their greatest challenges were on the road.
- The results will allow IAM RoadSmart to be a champion for all road users.
- IAM RoadSmart will be launching a range of new training programmes for consumers and businesses.
- Please visit the new website: [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) and watch the video of the story behind the rebrand.

IAM RoadSmart is the new name for the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) as of today. The change will unify the charity with its subsidiaries IAM Drive & Survive, Professional Driver Services and Driver Retraining Academy. WATCH THE VIDEO

The rebrand is the result of extensive research<sup>1</sup> which highlighted a number of key findings. Firstly, drivers' biggest concern is actually other drivers. Safety and fuel efficiency came out as the biggest motivators for younger drivers to take further training while insurance continues to be the most effective incentive.

For forty per cent of mums and grandmothers, becoming more confident driving to unfamiliar places was described as a way they'd like to improve and while on-road training continues to be important for professional drivers, online courses are preferred by consumers. Time is also of the essence – the majority of consumers would rather training takes less than two hours.

#### Key facts:

- This change will be reflected by a brand new logo and image – visit [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) to get a glimpse of this new look.
- The rebranding coincides with the charity's 60th anniversary. Its 200 local Groups and 92,000 members continue to play a pivotal role in developing driving and riding standards across the country.
- Over the course of 2016 and 2017, IAM RoadSmart will be launching a number of new modular products, with proposed topics including: eco driving, motorways, risk management, driving in unfamiliar places and built-in vehicle technology.

IAM RoadSmart's chief executive officer, Sarah Sillars OBE said: "The most important thing for the majority of drivers and riders is getting from A to B with as little hassle as possible. The daily commute, travelling to a business meeting, or the drive to the shops, can be made so much more enjoyable with just a bit more awareness of the challenges on the road ahead. This is where IAM RoadSmart comes in.

"We've been around for 60 years and in that time roads, vehicles and distractions have changed, in some cases, beyond all recognition. To ensure we are in a position to support Britain's road users for the next 60 years, we've invested significantly into researching the needs of today's drivers and riders.

"We will be launching a suite of new products to support the needs of all road users. The advanced driving and riding tests will remain core to what we do and will continue to be seen as the ultimate achievement, but if you just want to get more confident driving in bad weather for instance, we can help with that too.

"We've helped create nearly half a million better drivers and riders already and as we become recognised as IAM RoadSmart we hope to be able to help many more."

Nigel Mansell, IAM President and Formula 1 World Champion, said: "To appeal to a new generation of drivers and riders it's essential to understand and reflect their needs and priorities. In becoming IAM RoadSmart the IAM is taking an essential step into an exciting future, with an approach which is more relevant than ever before.

"Everyone can enjoy their driving and riding more, whether they're a world champion or simply cover five miles a day commuting to the office. And the skills which help you with an easier journey are the same which will help to reduce the numbers of casualties on our roads. We've had a great 60 years; what an exciting future we all have."

## CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY 6.4.16

This week's tips are all about fitted car restraints and ensuring your child has a safe and comfortable car journey. If your child is 12 years old or younger they must be in an appropriate car seat. The IAM's Communications Manager, Caroline Holmes, has some advice on ensuring you choose the right one for your child.

1. Firstly, the seat must suit your child but also be compatible with your car. ISOFIX is the international standard for attachment and most modern vehicles have compatible mounts. If you already have a car seat and it moves around, it's probably not secured correctly. Contact the manufacturer for advice and if you have any doubts replace it.

2. There are legal conditions around the type of child seats you can use based on the age and height of your child. If you're unsure, seek professional advice from a child seat provider. You can also find out more via <http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/>.
3. Check the condition and attachment of the seat on a regular basis as they do suffer from wear and tear. Take a look at the manufacturers tag to check the expiration date.
4. Always install the restraint on the back seat of your car where possible. If the front is the only option, take the car to a garage to ensure the front passenger airbag controls are disabled.
5. Small children are more at risk of spinal cord injuries in a front facing seat, so make sure you place them in a rear facing one for as long as necessary.

Caroline said: "Toddlers in particular are very prone to wriggling their arms out of the harness. Double-check the harness is the correct height and pulled comfortably around your child. If your child is uncomfortable, check the harness isn't too tight by putting two flat fingers between your child's collar-bone and the harness.

"Unfortunately some tough love might be needed here. Lots of children aren't keen on being strapped in, but it really is essential to ensure a safe and secure journey for the whole family."

## IAM president Mansell takes Auto Express back to (driving School) 13.4.16

Former world Formula 1 champion Nigel Mansell and the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) teamed up with Britain's biggest motoring magazine Auto Express to take one of its reporters back to school with a set of driving challenges.

The test, which will be featured in the magazine and online from today (13 April) saw Nigel and the IAM find out if an F1 champion could teach safer driving and advanced techniques to a regular motorist.

Auto Express news editor Richard Ingram had the daunting task of being tested by the 1992 world champion, who is also IAM President. Nigel was backed up by the IAM's head of driving standards Richard Gladman.

Nigel said: "I made a living through driving on race circuits at often very high speeds – but being a winner is not just about being fast. Precision, control and knowing where to use speed were the most important aspects of being successful.

"The same applies to every road user. You can be a top class driver, enjoy a journey of any length and get real satisfaction from every mile. Advanced techniques, like those offered by the IAM, can help you become as good as me. Well, almost!



“And Richard Ingram did a great job under the pressure of having me as his examiner.”

Richard Ingram was taught how to slalom around cones, safer emergency braking, reversing into a parking space and cornering by Nigel and Richard Gladman.

Richard Gladman said: “We wanted to show that it’s possible to demonstrate skill and talent behind the wheel without the need for speed. Nigel’s insight proved that everyone can be a champion of the road – while driving more efficiently, more confidently and having fun.”

Richard Ingram added: “The thought of having Nigel Mansell as my driving examiner felt just a little intimidating at first. But it was clear straight away how advanced driving made me a more thoughtful driver, and as a result could reduce stress on increasingly busy roads.”

The tests were also filmed and will be featured on the Auto Express website which can be reached here: <http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/>

## MOTORISTS WANT ‘THE RIGHT TO DRIVE’ 28.4.16

- *Driverless cars are coming.*
- *Humans and machines together deliver safety.*
- *65 per cent of motorists believe the driver should remain in control.*
- *Will driving only be for pleasure in the future?*
- *Are driver-designated roads the future for motorists?*

More than 65 per cent of motorists want to retain the right to drive even though driverless cars are coming, two new pieces of research released today have shown (April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016).

IAM RoadSmart – formerly the Institute of Advanced Motorists – conducted an independent survey of 1,000 British motorists and a separate poll among its 92,000 members.

Those 65 per cent of motorists believe that a human being should always be in control of the vehicle with 53 per cent saying that the focus should be on making drivers safer – not just cars.

Members of IAM RoadSmart welcome the hi-tech advances which are improving vehicle safety, but want to maintain their control of a car – even though autonomous technology will be able to do it for them.

Sarah Sillars OBE, chief executive of IAM RoadSmart said:

“Technological advances that make driving and riding safer for all road users have to be embraced whole-heartedly – but British motorists and our members, do want the right to drive.

“Intelligent cars will deliver a step change in road safety by targeting the human errors we make from time-to-time. At IAM RoadSmart we believe a well-trained driver and an ever-vigilant car is a win-win scenario for the future.

“This technology will also prove to be a major boost for business and keep UK PLC at the very edge of technological advance.

“IAM RoadSmart is the leading specialist in the interaction between human and machine and will play a significant role in this fundamental shift – which will see UK roads the safest, most business friendly and connected in the world.

“The government is due to consult this summer on how the UK can lead the development of autonomous vehicles; we are ready, willing and able to participate fully in this discussion.

“One could see a time when motorists might be restricted to driving on designated roads – and possibly just for pleasure rather than for work or getting from A to B.”

The research comes as IAM RoadSmart celebrates 60 successful years improving driving and riding standards across the country and unveils a ‘new name, new look and a new tone’ to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century road users for the next 60 years and beyond.

IAM RoadSmart is positioned to meet the needs of a new generation of drivers and riders. The change brings together the charity with its commercial subsidiaries – IAM Drive & Survive, Professional Driver Services and Driver Retraining Academy.

Sarah Sillars said: “We are proud of our heritage – and excited about the future.

“The majority of our members feel that improving driver skills is essential. Nowhere is this truer than in helping drivers to review their skills in line with new technology.

“We want to continue to be the best and most recognised provider of training and advice to drivers and riders, a sustainable charity and still be central to all road safety policy making.”

## This month's tips from the IAM

### Is your car Spring ready

Spring has officially arrived and like us, our cars need to shake off the winter cold to be fit for the summer ahead. If you haven't done so already, get your car ready for spring with our latest tips from the IAM's standards and compliance manager, Richard Gladman.



- If you haven't given your car a full spring clean yet now is a good time to wash off all the grime and road salt. Use a pressure washer to clean the underside, but take care with delicate areas and don't spray directly onto oil seals or rubber areas. Better still, let a professional clean it.
- Give your windows a good clean on the inside too – dirty windows are more prone to misting up. Simply use washing up liquid in water to get them squeaky clean.
- If you've been using winter tyres replace them with summer tyres. Check the tyres thoroughly for damage and check the pressures before setting off.
- Ensure your wiper blades are in full working order after a winter of hard use and test all of your lights.
- Spring may well bring on hay fever so use the air conditioning and re-circulation settings on your ventilation system to help reduce the effects.

Richard said: "It's easy to overlook when the temperatures aren't in the high twenties, but make sure you keep a pair of sunglasses with you too – the sun tends to be very low at this time of year and these will come in handy when dealing with glare in the early morning and evening.

"In this light dirt and grime on the windscreen and mirrors can be even more distracting– keep them clean throughout."

# And Finally.....

## *Ne'er cast a clout till May be out –*

On the face of it this means don't leave off your winter coat until the month of May is ended' but what it really means is not until the Hawthorn or "May Tree" is in blossom, usually early to mid-May. Even the French agree - '*En avril, ne te découvre pas d'un fil; en mai, fais ce qui te plaît*'. This translates as '*In April, do not shed a single thread; in May, do as you please*', which has much the same meaning as "Button to chin, till May be in, ne'er cast a clout till May be out" The Hawthorn is also linked to "licentious" pagan rituals greeting the advent of summer when no doubt much more than "clouts" were cast off!!!!



Some signs found on vehicles in America I thought you would like

On A plumbers truck

"We repair what your husband Fixed."

On another plumbers truck

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At a tyre shop in Milwaukee

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck

"Let us remove your shorts."

On a Chicago Radiator shop

"Best place in town to take a leak."

And Finally

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Sign on a septic tank

"Caution- this truck is full of Potential Promises."

**Thank you for your support. Goodbye. K Clark (Editor 11yrs).**

## Your Committee

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