

# ARE WE THERE YET?



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### **Cover Photo – The Brontë Parsonage Museum Haworth**



The parsonage in Haworth was the home of the Brontë family between 1820 and 1861. Here Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë wrote poems and novels initially under the pseudonyms Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell. The Bronte Society now own the building and run the museum.

The parsonage also featured in the 1970 film *The Railway Children*.

## FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
<b>Sunday 12th</b> <b>May</b> <b>9:30am – 12am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	Sigma Ltd Alpine Court, Castleford, WF10 4TL
<b>Monday 13th</b> <b>May</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>MYAM AGM</b>	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
<b>Sunday 19th</b> <b>May</b> <b>10 am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
<b>Sunday 19th</b> <b>May</b> <b>10:30am – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Pontefract Classic Car Show</b>	Pontefract Collieries Football Ground Beechnut Ln, Pontefract WF8 4QE
<b>Saturday 25th</b> <b>May</b> <b>10am – 4pm</b>	<b>Harrogate Car Enthusiasts Car Show and Family Fun Day</b>	Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. Station View, Harrogate HG2 7JA
<b>Sunday 26th</b> <b>May</b> <b>10am – 4pm</b>	<b>Heath Common Car Show</b>	Heath Common, Wakefield
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <b>June</b> <b>9:30am – 12am</b>	<b>Sunday Driving Sessions</b> Assessment runs for all Associates & Members	Sigma Ltd Alpine Court, Castleford, WF10 4TL
<b>Monday 3rd</b> <b>June</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>MYAM Social Evening</b>	Carlton Social Club

Everyone is welcome at these events and they are an ideal opportunity to meet new people socially, find out about what is going on within the Group and listen to an interesting talk on a variety of topics, sharing our skills with other serious drivers and keeping up-to-date on club and driving matters.

## FROM THE EDITOR

The internet can be an interesting and useful tool at times. Sometimes, out of curiosity, I've entered the name of someone I knew, or worked with, in the past and occasionally it comes up with some interesting results. Last year I entered the name of someone I used to work with over 40 years ago and it turned out that he is now retired and has taken up photography. I contacted him through his website and we arranged to meet last October but his wife was taken ill so his visit had to be cancelled.

He has an ongoing project to photograph all 42 Anglican cathedrals in England and his visit was to take photos of Bradford and Wakefield cathedrals. The visit was rearranged for March and he and his wife came up and stayed with us and we all visited Bradford Cathedral for his photoshoot then the following day they visited Wakefield on their way home. It also turned out that he was involved in the 2012 Olympics not only as a volunteer at the park but he also carried an Olympic torch. Did you know that there are 8000 holes in a torch and each one represents a person who carried the torch?

Last month we had to revert to plan C when I gave the talk at the social meeting on the photo project I was involved with about 20 years ago. Although it wasn't directly involved with motoring there were some transport links and I've received some favourable comments on the talk which brings me to ask the membership would you like more non motoring related talks at the social meetings. This would give us greater scope when arranging the meetings calendar. Let me know what you think.

Our next meeting is the AGM and the notice along with the minutes of the 2018 AGM and the accounts for the last year are included in the email and postal copies of the newsletter. A limited number of copies of the minutes and accounts will be available at the meeting. We would like as many people as possible at the AGM to show their support for the group and the committee.

### **Keith**

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.

## GROUP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# Welcome to the Group

### **New Associates**

**Safeer Ahmed, Anne Comins,  
Sylwester Olender, Amrita Richardson,**

# Congratulations

### **On passing the Advanced Test**

**Nadia Ahmed- Observer David Stringer  
Kabir Azam - Observer David Stringer  
Victoria Camidge - Observer David Rockliff  
Bob Clay - Observer Lesley Pollard  
Michail Motanov - Observer Ken Sykes**

### **Committee Vacancies**

As you can see on page 20 we have several vacancies for committee members. The most critical position is for the Group Secretary. Janice has been taking on the secretarial duties for the last six months in addition to her role as chairman.

The job of the Group Secretary is to support the Chairman, look after communications and to take the minutes at the monthly committee meetings and AGM and should take up no more than a few hours a month. If you feel that you could help the group by volunteering for this or any of the other vacant positions please complete the committee nomination form and send it to Janice.

Alternatively you can offer yourself for one of the vacant positions at the AGM.

# ***MYAM Online***



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

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

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

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



**FACEBOOK** provides details of events and local news. Go and visit [www.facebook.com/midyorkshireiam](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.

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

## **Data Protection – Privacy Notice (GDPR)**

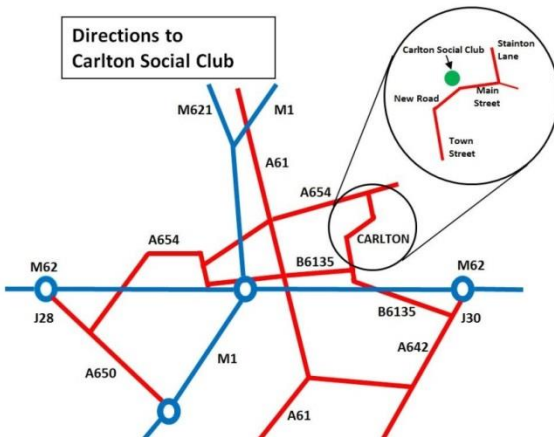
Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists (MYAM) is committed to looking after the information that it holds on behalf of its members in a way that complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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.

# 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.

# April Meeting - Ratby 2000

Our very own Editor Keith, kindly stepped in at the last minute to tell us about a millennium photographic project he was involved with when he lived in Ratby in Leicestershire.

The project about the village took a few years to put together by the small committee and gave an interesting insight as to how a place evolves and came about with the idea of presenting a brief history (1900-2000) and possibly publishing a book in the future to celebrate the millennium.

Around 1900 the small, mainly agricultural, village had around 331 homes, by 2000 there were 1600. Keith showed us maps showing the development of the village, with much farmland being sold for housing and which continues to be developed today. Being close to Leicester and with the M1 running very close by it's easy to see why.



For the project Keith had sourced many old photos of village life and compared them to modern day (the millennium) which he showed a selection to us. The longest serving headmistress (1925 to 1957) of the primary school was a keen photographer whose work was a great resource.

Luckily the three public houses, two churches and the primary school were still going strong along with a smattering of local stores.

The railway opened up in Ratby in 1832 with a station built in 1876, prior to this, tickets had been sold at the nearby Railway Inn, sadly the Beeching cuts took its toll in 1966.

The cinema, plastics factory, farms and local bus company are now all lost but the village has managed to maintain its bi-yearly Crow Pie Carnival a typical English village fete and its popular Ratby Co-Operative Brass Band.

By early 2003 a book and a CD ROM were produced for the village, the CDs sold out at the event launch which meant sufficient funding was obtained for 8 trees to be planted in the village.

The growth and change of Ratby will be typical of villages up and down the country, around the millennium there weren't the same digital research sources as we have today so easily to hand i.e. Google (other search engines are available!) cameras, mobiles, many hours will have been spent in the library etc. collating information which should be applauded – thanks Keith!

**Lesley Pollard**





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## Annual General Meeting

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

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

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

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

### Current Officers:

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

<b>Chairman</b>	Janice N. Haigh	Will stand
<b>Secretary</b>	Position vacant	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rosemary Bricis	Will stand

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

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

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

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

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

**Members who receive the newsletter via the post: –**

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

**Members who receive the newsletter via e-mail: –**

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

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

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

E-mail: myam.chairman(at)outlook.com

Telephone: 01924 825454

## Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists

The current details of the Committee are as follows: -

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

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

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

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

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**Because of GDPR the 2018 AGM minutes and the accounts are only available to members of the group and therefore have been removed from the Web version of the newsletter.**

## **Not The Millennium Bug**

Do you remember the Millennium Bug which was supposed to bring the world to a halt on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 because Microsoft software only stored the year not the century to save memory. In the end it was a bit of a damp squib with very few problems occurring. Recently there has been another similar, not so well publicised, issue with the GPS system.

The GPS system is basically a set of highly accurate clocks in orbit around the earth. They transmit time data to your satnav which uses the timings from three or more satellites to calculate your position on the earth. However the time data is limited to 1024 weeks meaning roughly every 19 years the time resets to zero. This can confuse some satnav systems, especially early ones. More modern satnavs have been, or should have been, programmed to cope with the reset.

So if you have an old satnav that is playing up it may be due to this issue. Check with the manufacturers website to see if you may be able to update it but some systems are now classed as "obsolete" and may not updateable.



### **Two Headed Horse**

Spotted across the valley from our house. At first glance it's a horse with two heads....or is it?

## The Technology in Your Car – 3 Fuel Injection

A car engine requires both fuel and air to function. These have to be in a specific ratio for the engine to run properly and for decades mixing the air and fuel was accomplished in a petrol engine by a carburettor. This relied on the air being drawn into the engine to draw the appropriate amount of petrol vapour through one or more jets. This was only ever an approximation to the correct fuel air ratio but gave satisfactory performance for decades. In the 1970s emission regulations started to appear meaning carburettors became more complex in order to meet the regulations.

As an alternative to a carburettor some cars, mainly more expensive models, used a fuel injection system where the amount of air being drawn into the engine was used to control the amount of fuel injected into the inlet manifold adjacent to the inlet valves. This could give better control over the fuel air mixture which led to an improvement in fuel consumption and an increase in engine power. The Triumph TR6 and 2.5PI, introduced in the late 1960s, were examples of cars which used a mechanical system developed by Lucas which could be a little temperamental at times. Later Bosch introduced the K Jetronic system which was used on many cars in the 1970s and 80s. The Ford XR3i being one car fitted with the system. Its 1600cc engine produced 105bhp compared to the 96bhp produced by the original XR3 which had the same engine but fitted with a carburettor.

In the early 1990s stricter emission control requirements were introduced which meant fitting catalytic converters to cars to reduce the amount of unburnt hydrocarbons (i.e. fuel) in the exhaust. These required tight control of the fuel air mixture to work correctly. Although attempts were made to fit better control systems to carburettors most car manufacturers fitted a fuel injection system to their cars. Because of the requirements the earlier systems, which used a mechanical system to control the fuel air mixture, were replaced by electronic systems. These could control the mixture more precisely and take more factors into account. Modern systems meter the fuel and also control the ignition timing based on parameters such as air temperature, engine temperature, altitude, engine speed and fuel quality. As they also control the fuel injected very precisely at engine start up it means the elimination of the choke on older cars.

The precise control of the fuel and ignition means lower emissions, better fuel consumption and in many cases a higher power output. This has the benefit that for a given power a smaller, lighter engine can be used. The Triumph TR6 mentioned earlier used a 6 cylinder 2.5 litre which could produce 150bhp, but in practice was limited to 125bhp. My car has a 1.4 litre engine but is also rated at 150bhp. Most modern cars have engines with around 100bhp compared to around 60 to 70bhp for an equivalent car from the 1970s. The modern car will also have a better fuel consumption and lower emissions than the 1970s car.

## The Disney Dilemma

It seemed a good idea at the time; a road trip to Disneyland Paris, and why not offer to take the 12-year-old nephew with me? A boys' road trip, what could be more fun!



I booked everything in good time – hotel just a 10-minute monorail from the park, ferry tickets from Dover to Calais and a sat-nav that would (apparently) take me all the way to Disneyland.

Easy? Well not quite!

Researching the requirements of driving in France found that the authorities insist on much more equipment to be carried in the car than we do. For a start you must have a red warning triangle, first-aid kit, spare bulb kit and an NF approved breathalyser kit to be carried in the car at all times. And of course a GB sticker on your car's rump.

Having collected all the various things I thought I needed from a well-known motoring spares store, the very knowledgeable sales assistant said I should put them all back, as they have a ready-made kit for European driving that is cheaper than the individual items! But the spare bulbs and the breathalyser kit (the kit must contain two breathalysers) needed to be bought separately. Also in the kit was a reflective yellow tabard and headlight deflectors ... and don't forget you need a tabard for each occupant of the vehicle, and the tabard needs to be easily reached by all those occupants.

It makes you wonder why in the UK we are not required to carry such items? Very often UK motorists do not carry any items of emergency equipment, nor does the law make us do so. A first-aid kit should be a no-brainer, a reflective tabard too if you happen to break down after dark or in poor weather.

So far so good. But with the confusion around Brexit what did I need around driving permits and the like? With the situation and the way it's reported changing by the day, and my trip starting mid-April I decided I would obtain everything I could get my hands on, even if it turned out I didn't actually need it in the end.

My car insurer wrote to me twice to say in the event of a no-deal Brexit I would need a Green Card – which they would provide free of charge. But don't leave obtaining one until the last minute, as it takes 3-5 working days to arrive, and my insurer asked for 14 days' notice.

There may also be the requirement to obtain an International Driving Permit – and there are different types depending on where you are going. This can be obtained from your local Post Office for £5.50; don't forget to take one passport-size photo and a photo ID too.

You should also take your car insurance documents with you, as well as your car's V5 form (commonly known as the logbook).

If all of this sounds confusing, well it is. With the terms of the UK's exit from the EU yet to be finalised, the official government website itself says: "Some of these requirements may change depending on the terms that the UK leaves the EU" and travellers need to keep checking for the latest information.

The best place to look is here: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Other useful tips I found is that using a headset device for any reason whilst driving is now illegal, as is the use of a sat-nav system that detects speed cameras. If your sat-nav has such a system, you would be advised to switch off the 'points of interest' feature so you don't fall foul of the rules.

And if you wear glasses, you must keep a spare pair in the glovebox.

So the best advice is to keep checking all well-known travel websites as well as the government one, and don't leave anything to the last minute.

Now all I need to know is how to manage a moody/hyper (delete as applicable!) 12-year-old in the car on the way to Disneyland ... not sure if there is a set of tips for that one!

*By Rodney Kumar, IAM RoadSmart senior communications executive*



**Spotted in a shop in Haworth.**

## Illegal speed signs go up too early in Lincolnshire – get spray painted over



Speed limit signs in Grimsby have been painted over after impatient council workers put them up too soon.

The new signs, which impose a 20mph restriction on residential roads, were put up last week following the local authority's decision to lower the speed limit.

But locals in the North Lincolnshire town were angered after the signs appeared before the council's public consultation on the changes had even concluded.

The consultation, seeking residents' and business owners' views on the changes, is due to run until April 17, meaning workers had to hurriedly paint over the erected signs.

More than 50 speed limit signs put up too early have now been defaced with paint, while council workers also had to remove parking bays that had been prematurely marked out.

Local authorities have not yet set a date for the new speed limit to be enforced, as this will depend on the outcome of the consultation period and any objections received.

With local elections on May 2nd, it's likely councillors will have to wait a couple of weeks before starting to assess any objections and deciding whether to go ahead with the scheme.

Speaking to Grimsby Live, a local takeaway owner called the signs "a complete waste of money."

"I watched them putting up the signs. Then they paint the signs while we were open. We just do not know what is going on and it doesn't look like the council know either.

"We have concerns about the bins outside not being emptied often enough, which doesn't look good outside and takeaway. But no one at the council seems to bother about that."

A spokesman for North East Lincolnshire Council said: "Residents and visitors are able to still park on street, in accordance with the waiting restrictions present.

"Speed cameras were considered, however they would not be suitable at this location."

*With acknowledgement to the RAC website.*

# And Finally.....

## **Obey or Pay?**

There's not a lot to do whilst pumping fuel other than watching the numbers wind up relentlessly or read adverts for things you do not want. Finding myself thus captivated in an Esso station recently, the advert beside the pump was surmounted by the instructions, including one to switch off your mobile. (Whoever does?)

Below the advert was an exhortation to pay using the new Esso mobile phone app.

Thanks to David Stringer for this gem. It's on a par with the message seen on a PC "Keyboard not found. Press F1 to continue!"

Do you have any examples of similar messages or notices or any interesting stories or pictures?

In a similar vein have you seen the Nick Park animated film Early Man? With his films, which include the Wallace and Gromit films, take a look at the background as a lot of work has gone into making this as amusing as the rest of the film. In Early Man there is a scene with a row of shops with names such as Flint Eastwood and a butchers shop called Jurassic Pork.

## **This Month's Teaser**

There are two motorway toll roads in the UK, the M6 toll and the Dartford crossing on the M25 (there used to be tolls on both the M4 Severn bridges but these were abolished last year) but there are also tolls on some A roads. So for this month's teaser, how many A road tolls are there in the UK?

## **Last Month's Teaser**

Last month I asked how many miles of canals and navigable rivers are there in the UK? There are around 2200 miles. Most are linked into a single network connecting the Irish Sea to the North Sea and the estuaries of the Humber, Thames, Mersey, Severn and Ribble.



# Your Committee

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

## URGENT REQUEST

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