

ARE WE THERE YET?



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Cover Photo – Crich Tramway Museum,

Located near Matlock in Derbyshire the Crich Tramway museum houses a working tramway with an exhibition showing the history of trams and a workshop where trams in the process of restoration can be seen.

It's dog friendly and your ticket is valid for 12 months.

FORTHCOMING GATHERINGS

Date	Meetings	Location
Sunday 4th November 9:30 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members.	B&Q Car Park, Aspen way, Glasshoughton, Castleford. WF10 4TA
Monday 5th November 8 pm	MYAM Social Evening David Senior Yorkshire Aviation Society	Carlton Social Club Main Street Carlton WF3 3RW See page 7
Sunday 18th November 10 am	Sunday Driving Sessions Assessment runs for all Associates & Members.	McDonalds car park On the roundabout with Oakwood Lane and Easterly Road LS8 2RB
Saturday 24th November 10am – 6pm	Ossett Christmas Lights Switch On	Ossett Town Hall WF5 8BE
Monday 3rd December 8 pm	MYAM Social Evening Christmas Quiz and Buffet	Carlton Social Club See page 7

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.

FROM THE EDITOR

It's been a busy couple of months for us as David has just moved into a house of his own and, naturally, has asked us for some assistance to decorate his house and wait in for furniture and appliance deliveries. Just like last year when his sister moved into her own house with similar requests. Once he'd moved out of our house we set about redecorating his old room and making a few other changes. We've just about finished now so hopefully we can settle down to enjoy retirement to the full.

It's not only our house that is experiencing changes as the MYAM group will soon be making a major change to the way we pay our yearly subscriptions. We believe we are the first group in our region to set up Direct Debit payments for subscriptions. As Janice explains later in the newsletter this will help Rosie and David, our Treasurer and Membership Secretary respectively, and will remove the need for you to amend your standing order when the subscription changes. We have also increased the annual subscription to £10 which is the first change since the creation of MYAM.

The group has experienced several changes over the last few years but we believe these will make the group stronger and better prepared for the future.

The committee, in the absence of a Speaker Secretary, have been busy arranging next year's social meetings with speakers arranged for the first half of the year. Our first meeting of 2019 on 4th February will be a little different as we have arranged a visit to the William Merritt Centre at Rodley on the outskirts of Leeds. For those who are unaware of what they do, the following is taken from their website.

The William Merritt centre is a charity and a social enterprise we offer impartial and professional advice for Children and Adults carrying out assessments for clients, healthcare professionals and members of the public about daily living aids. We offer a try before you buy ethos allowing clients to identify individual needs to enhance their independence.

We are also a Regional Driving Assessment Service and do driving assessments, passenger assessments and assessments for vehicle adaptations.

It should be an interesting visit. More details, including directions to the centre, will be in the February newsletter.

Keith

GROUP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the Group

New Associates

Geoffrey Barnes, Ben Cordiner, David Dawson

Congratulations

On passing the Advanced Test

Keven Skelton - Observer Christian Pithers

Brian Davidson passed his Retest - Observer Paul Orange

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An Invitation

We have received the following invitation from the Skipton Group for their October Meeting on Tuesday 30th October, starting at 8.00 in the Three Links Club, Skipton, BD23 1ER. The Club is next to the bottom corner of the big car park at the north end of Skipton town centre, opposite the coach parking bays and just off Rectory Lane.

Hello East Lancs and Mid Yorks,

Yes, Skipton is still just about running! At the moment despite our ageing committee we seem to be doing OK.

At our October meeting our speaker will be one of our former committee members, Carwyn Huntley. Carwyn is now the local Test Centre Manager for the Skipton and Steeton (ie upper Aire valley) driving test centres.

Carwyn will be giving us an insight into "Significant changes to the L Driving Test" He is a very good speaker and will be able to answer any questions thrown at him.

We would welcome your presence if the subject is of interest to you.

Regards to both groups, Jim.

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

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 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

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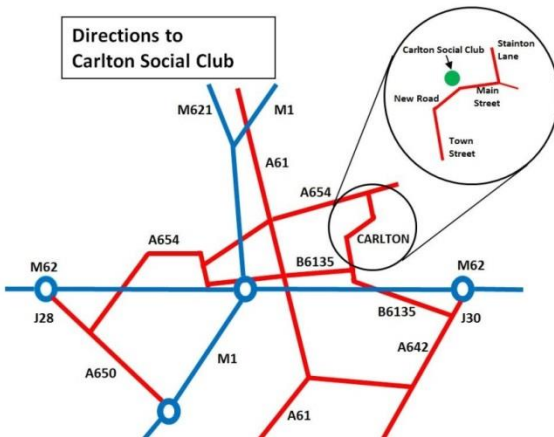
Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists (MYAM) is committed to looking after the information that it holds on behalf of its members in a way that complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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.

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.

From the M62 East leave at junction 30 and take the A642 towards Wakefield.

There is a car park with overspill parking available on the grass area opposite the club.

October Meeting - Black Circles Tyres

How often do you check your tyres? Perhaps not often enough but doing so can save fuel and potentially points on your licence. For our October social meeting, slightly delayed because of a clash with the Allotment Society, Ben Hall and Rob Noakes from Black Circles Tyres enlightened us on the need for regular checks and what to look for when buying tyres.

Formed in 2001 Black Circle Tyres were one of the first online tyre retailers and the first to offer an all inclusive buying and fitting service with over 2200 partner garages across the UK. They were acquired by Michelin in 2015 but the tyres supplied are not limited to Michelin.

It is often tempting to buy part worn tyres but a recent survey found that 98% of part worn tyres were being sold illegally and 34% had potentially life threatening defects. It is also possible that fitting part worn tyres could invalidate your insurance. A new tyre has typically a tread depth of 7 to 8mm whereas the minimum legal tread depth for a part worn tyre is 2mm with the minimum legal tread depth for any tyre being 1.6mm.



The tread depth has an effect on the stopping distance in the wet with a worn tyre at the legal limit having a stopping distance nearly 50% greater than a new tyre.

It's also important to check the pressures regularly as underinflated tyres can increase fuel consumption and wear out faster. Additionally a quick and easy way to check the tread depth is to place a 20p coin in the tyre groove. If the outer band is obscured the tread depth is above the legal limit. If it's visible the tyre may be illegal and needs checking.

Also check the wheel alignment as misalignment can cause premature wear and increased fuel consumption.

Ben finished off the evening with some winter tyre checks, ensure they are correctly inflated and are in good condition with no cracks or bulges and don't forget the spare if you have one.

For winter consider fitting winter tyres during the winter months as these perform better at temperatures below 7°C or fit all season tyres which can be used all year round.

Committee Vacancies

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we have several vacancies on the committee, the most urgent being for a Group Secretary. In case you were not aware of what the responsibilities of each of the vacancies are, here are the details which have been taken from our website.

What's Involved

We could not run the Group if it didn't have a Committee to oversee what we do, set the policies, look after the membership and control the accounts.

The Committee members are an easy going, friendly bunch who have some great ideas, whilst being realistic on what we can achieve.

The Committee meet once a month at the Carlton Club, the same place we hold the Social Gatherings, for a couple of hours. There is a little more time to give beyond that although that depends on what you volunteer for. It could be lots or nothing.

We are currently looking for:-

A Group Secretary - The secretary supports the chairman, looks after communications and takes the minutes of meetings.

A Youth Contact - Someone who can be the focal point for the younger membership, collect their ideas and represent them on the committee.

A Welcomer - Someone to welcome members and guests to our Social Gatherings and hold the register. It is not necessary for the welcomer to be a member of the Committee.

A Speaker Secretary - The speaker secretary looks after the speakers at the Social Gatherings, making the bookings and ensuring we provide the correct equipment for them.

All positions get the full support from the rest of the Committee.

If you want to talk to someone about joining our Committee why not contact the Group Secretary* Alternatively come and meet us at the next social gathering or other event and speak to a member of the Committee. Go to our events page to see when the next one is.

* As we currently have no Secretary please contact any member of the Committee for more details.

MYAM Subscription Changes

In an earlier edition of the newsletter, we announced that the annual subscription to the MYAM Group would increase to £10 as from the 1st January 2019, and that we were looking at changing the method of payment from standing order to direct debit.

Thanks to the hard work of one of our new members of the Committee, the final touches are being made to the system, and we will be soon trialing this new method of payment.

We will be using the GoCardless system, which was recommended by the Yorkshire Bank and which is used by a number of national and international organisations. In fact, a professional association, of which I am a member, uses GoCardless to allow members to pay for events. I was amazed at how easy it was to sign up.

Set up a Direct Debit with MYAM

First name

Last name

or use a company name

Email

Your sort code e.g. 10-20-30

Your account number e.g. 12345678

or enter IBAN

Post code Start typing your post code and choose from the list

or enter your address manually

More than one person is required to authorise Direct Debits

[Set up Direct Debit](#)

GOCARDLESS DIRECT DEBIT

The MYAM Direct Debit on GoCardless

Each of you will soon be receiving notification and a link to GoCardless, which will allow you to set up the direct debit. Your annual subscription will be debited from your bank account on the due date. All you will need is your name, e-mail address and your bank details (bank name, account number, and sort code). Your bank details will, of course, be held by GoCardless and not by the MYAM Group. You will also need to cancel your existing standing order.

I am sure you will understand that this new payment method will save a great deal of time and effort for both the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary, and it will save you the trouble of amending your standing order when we find it necessary to change the amount of the annual subscription.

As far as I am aware, we are the first Group in this Region to use direct debits to pay annual subscriptions, and so I will be very grateful for your support in breaking this new ground.

Very best regards,

Janice

Letters

We welcome motoring related letters from our membership but they may be edited prior to publication. The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the MYAM committee or IAM Roadsmart.

Dear Mr Wevill

Here is some food for thought.

My idea is that a BLUE BADGE should be allocated AUTOMATICALLY when a driver applies for a driving licence at the age of 82yrs (i.e. first re-application of over 80 years of age)

My reasons:

- 1) Most people of that age and over have some problems with walking, either joint troubles with knees, feet, hips or back or maybe breathing problems.
- 2) People driving at that age are forever giving lifts to friends who cannot walk far. Therefore one has to drop them as near as possible to one's destination, then leave them to go off to find a parking spot.
- 3) There are often empty disabled parking places available which one has to pass and maybe go to a free spot a long way down the car park. Even Harlow Carr Gardens, N. Yorkshire had empty disabled places at a very busy time when the rest of the car park was full.
- 4) As in the above case, with older people being able to use the empty spaces (disabled), other "normal" spaces would be freed up. This also applies to multi-storey car parks.

Hope this all makes sense. If approved, how about the IAM starting a campaign?

Yours faithfully

Anne Pearce

What do you think about Anne's proposal? Should a Blue Badge be automatically allocated to drivers over a certain age or would an alternative type of badge be more appropriate?

Are You Using The Correct Car Seat For Your Children?

In 2016 I was approached by the Mum and Baby Academy (part of Life Cycle Marketing) for my expertise as a midwife and internationally renowned midwifery academic to become part of their professional consultant editorial team that review online modules covering a range of topics relevant to the role of practising healthcare professionals.

One of the modules I was asked to review was regarding car seat safety; aimed at improving the knowledge and confidence of midwives and health visitors in informing parents and carers about child car seat safety. These modules count towards their CPD requirements.

The largest proportion of deaths and injuries among road users are car occupants. They account for 46% of all those killed (Department for Transport 2016).

Twelve children less than 10 years of age are killed or injured as passengers in cars every day. A baby travelling in a car is particularly vulnerable as a result of its head accounting for a quarter of its total body size as well as the neck muscles being underdeveloped.

Babies need to be correctly restrained and it is a legal requirement that they are transported in rear facing seats that support the head and distribute the force of a collision through the shoulders and back.



All children must travel in appropriate car seats until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall according to the law. If a car seat is to prevent injury it has to be the right size for the child and properly fitted. The Good Egg Car Safety found that of over 4,000 car seats checked in 2016 in England and Scotland, 66% were incorrectly fitted.

This module involved working with members from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and car seat manufacturer BritaxRomer. Approved by the Child Accident Prevention Trust, the module covers the types of car seats, fitting and other safety advice and also answers frequently asked questions.

Over 12,700 midwives had engaged with the module in the first three months of its publication. Module evaluations have found that 80% of practitioners felt more able to advise parents after completing the module compared with 43% beforehand.

Top tips:

- Never buy a second-hand car seat as it may have internal damage that is not visible.
- When buying a car seat, ensure it will fit your car as well as the cars of grandparents and carers. Always check the car manual for guidance and ask for a demonstration.
- Install the seat in the back of the car; the middle space being the safest.
- Front air bags should be deactivated before fitting a rear-facing car seat in a front seat as the air bag could crush and suffocate a baby.
- The seat should feel secure and not wobbly. You should just be able to fit two fingers between the baby's shoulders and the strap.
- Parents who use taxis should identify a reliable company that provides properly fitted child seats.
- Seats are designed for travel, not sleeping so a baby should not be left in the seat for longer than 90 minutes.

We are all responsible for the safety of passengers in our cars, particularly vulnerable individuals. It is vital that this extends to being fully aware of the specific type and correct fit of seat approved for the vehicles in which a baby or child travels. This in turn can markedly reduce a child's risk of death or injury if they are involved in a road accident.

By guest blogger Professor Jayne E Marshall, Foundation Professor of Midwifery at the University of Leicester, and an advanced driver of the Nottingham Advanced Drivers Group and a national observer.

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When I was a child, back in the 1950s & 60s we never had any form of restraint when we travelled by car as it was only in the late 60s that my father had a car with seatbelts in the front. When David was born, the hospital wouldn't let us take him home by car unless there was some form of restraint for the carry cot. Fortunately I had had rear seat belts fitted when I bought the car (they were not compulsory until 1986) so we were allowed to take him home.

Modern cars are fitted with the ISOFIX system for child seats which should make fitting child seats easier and safer for the child but it is important to follow the fitting instructions.

Ed

From The Archives

Looking back through some old Leicester newsletters I came across this from 1998.

1948: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Especially if it was a significant one, (well, certainly for Prince Charles anyway!)

Recently, I was reading my copy of the Daily Mail's Weekend magazine 14th November and I came across the following facts that 'got lost in the fog:'

1. In March, Britain exports 19,100 cars making it, for the first time in 25 years, the world's largest car exporter.
2. Less successful is the world's first gas turbine car launched on May 2nd. The Government backed inventors claim that future engines for a ten-horsepower car 'need be no bigger than a tea-cup'. Little more is heard of it.
3. In December the Government announces a new kind of road - motorways. A 1,000 miles of them is planned - but petrol rationing limits individual's travel to 90 miles a week.
4. The Land-Rover is launched in April. The Morris Minor and the Citroen 2CV 'Deux Chevaux' are also born in 1948.
5. Jaguar launches its new two-seater XK120 sports car, at the Earls Court Motor Show in October. With a top speed of 120mph it is the fastest production car in the world.

Finally, Petrol in 1948 cost 2s 1d (10.5p), compared to £3.25, per gallon.

My records show that in late 1998 we were paying around 64p per litre for petrol, about £2.91 per gallon (perhaps the £3.25 was the price in London), compared to approximately £5.67 per gallon in 2018.

And Finally.....

New Roadsign?



Thanks to Graham Crawshaw for the photo.

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This Month's Teaser

Another Mini teaser this month. When it was introduced in 1959 there were two versions of the car. What were the two versions and how much did they cost?

Last Month's Teaser

Last month I asked "Where would you find the following registration numbers HMP 729G, GPF 146G and LGW 809G?" These were the registration numbers of the three Minis used in the film "The Italian Job".

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. Details of what is involved for these positions is on our website and on page 9 of this newsletter