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TOP AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Lincoln leads the way

Two Lincoln Group officials received top awards at the IAM RoadSmart National Conference in Birmingham at the end of October.

Roger Hicks, Chief Observer, was awarded the prestigious Fred Welch Rose Bowl which was presented to him by IAM RoadSmart CEO, Sarah Sillars.

This trophy was presented to the IAM by the late Fred Welch in 1969. It is awarded annually to the car group member who, in the opinion of a panel of judges and the agreement of the CEO, has in the past and is currently contributing most to promoting the aims and objectives of IAM RoadSmart both at group and national level. This is not the first time the award has been presented to a Lincoln Group member; 25 years ago it was awarded to Glenys Allerton.



Interestingly, in the past four years it has been won three times by someone called Roger - is there a message here somewhere!!

As a result of winning this award, Roger has been invited to attend the Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards presentation and lunch at the Savoy Hotel in London in December.

Another top award was given to Ashley Behan, Group Secretary. Ashley was awarded a Star Performer award for the individuals who



in the opinion of the panel of judges is recognised as having worked tirelessly and contributed most to the successful running of their group. The award was again presented to Ashley by Sarah Sillars.

In addition to his onerous role as Group Secretary, Ashley also edits and produces this newsletter, identifies and organises our speakers and runs our social media communications; and at the same time makes a major contribution as a National Observer! If anyone deserved his efforts to be recognised with this award it is Ashley.

On top of these two awards, Lincoln Group were only a point away from one of the Group awards, putting us in the top five groups nationally. The group was also praised for the social media presence and was again close to winning this award.

These successes do not just reflect well on the individuals but also on the group itself, the committee, the observers and the members. Lincoln Group is well and truly on the map as far as IAM RoadSmart is concerned!

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THE LATEST FROM LINCOLN IAM

My car!

My car was going too fast,
I thought at this rate it
would never last,
We screeched round a
corner and smoked a tyre,
The heat from the engine
could have started a fire!

It then settled down to a
nice steady cruise,
I began to think I might
have a snooze.

But out from the side of my
sleepy eye, I saw a blue
flashing light going by!

The sign lit up for me to pull
over,
I wished I had kept my
trusty old Nova!

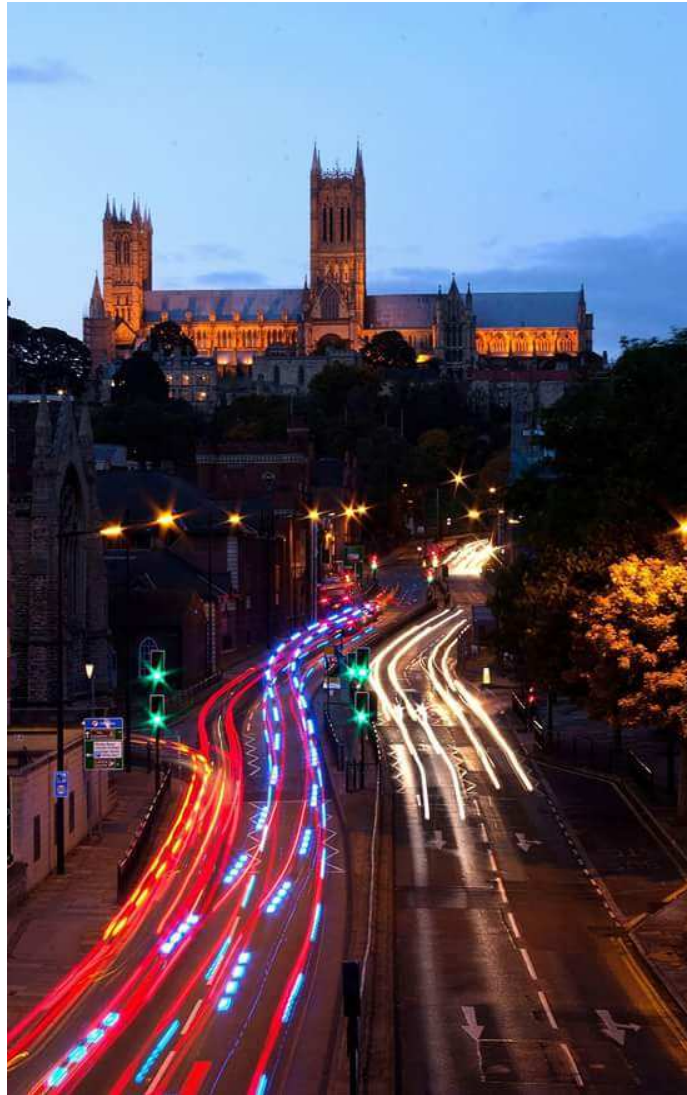
I searched for a lever, a
button or stalk,
But all I could find was a
screen that could talk.

I screamed at the screen
and told it to stop.
The policeman by now was
blowing his top!

'With driving like that, who
do you think you are?'

'I'm no one,' I said, 'it's an
autonomous car!'

Poem by Mark Janes, Bucks provided by Shane Bower.



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Events Calendar

Membership update...

We currently have 120 full
members, with a further 29
associates undertaking their
Advanced Driver Course.

We're busy planning our
events for 2017 which will

include Lincolnshire's Police and Crime Commissioner
Marc Jones and a practical car maintenance evening.

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DRIVING THROUGH WINTER

Advice from IAM RoadSmart's Richard Gladman

The Indian summer was fun while it lasted but make way for the hats, scarves and wellies because winter is on its way. The temperature is gradually dropping reminding us that we have to make sure we have our de-icers ready.

Here are some tips to prepare motor users for the winter from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman.

- Set up a pre-winter check list. List things that need to be checked such as the car battery, bulbs, wiper blades and electrics. You don't want to be stranded in a cold car in the middle of night waiting for the recovery team to get you up and running again
- Dress appropriately for the weather. It may be surprising but too many drivers dress based on a working car heater. If it breaks or you are stranded you can easily be caught cold



- No bobble heads. Keep the windscreen clear. Try to get scratches, abrasions and chips fixed as colder temperatures can worsen the damage. Keep the windscreen washer topped up with a more concentrated screen wash mix to ensure it doesn't freeze in action. Lastly, search in the garage for last year's de-icing spray or better still invest in a new one
- Check your tyres. 1.6mm may be the legal limit but anything under 3mm will see a potential fall off in grip and braking performance. If long-term cold weather is forecast, and you can afford it, invest in a set of winter tyres approved by your car manufacturer. Don't follow urban driver myths of reducing the tyre pressure to get more grip – it simply doesn't work

- Start to plan for the really bad weather with a survival kit in the boot. Spare clothes, a torch, mobile phone charger, some emergency rations such as water and chocolate and a tow rope and shovel to help yourself and others.

Richard said: "winter is unpredictable but highway authorities are already planning for it by building up their salt stocks and getting the snow clearing equipment out of storage. If they are getting ready then why shouldn't you? With a little bit of preparation you can avoid getting stuck and adding to the problems that bad weather can bring"

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ADVANCED DRIVER COURSE

Latest test passes for Lincoln

Congratulations to all our associates who have become advanced drivers so far in 2016—and well done to their observers. There are a further 29 associates on their courses. Our associates have received a record number of F1RST passes this year!

2016 (26 passes to date including 13 F1RST)

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Mike McCullagh	25/10/2016	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
David Taylor	24/10/2016 F1RST	Roger Hicks	Trevor Kerry
Michael Barlow	13/10/2016	Mike Hill/Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Andrew Craven	02/10/2016 F1RST	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Roland Johns	17/09/2016 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
Thomas Burke	17/09/2016 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
David Bee	22/08/2016 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Peta Steadman Bee
Chris Thompson	22/08/2016	Terry Johnston	Neil White
Dennis Green	16/08/2016 F1RST	Terry Johnston	Neil White
David Walker	20/07/2016 F1RST	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Simon Jenkins	06/07/2016	Roger Hicks	Neil White
Alan Buckland	27/06/2016 F1RST	Gary Hill	Tony Lofts
Jason Alcock	18/06/2016	Ashley Behan	Gary Hill
Sharon Hewgill	07/06/2016	Roger Hicks	Neil White
Lauren Barlow	03/06/2016	Neil White	Roger Hicks
Luke Hewgill	27/05/2016	Roger Hicks	Neil White
Martyn Everett	06/05/2016 F1RST	Gary Hill	Tony Lofts
David Watt	04/05/2016 F1RST	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Alice Cannon	26/04/2016	Peta Steadman Bee	Gary Hill
Iona Shore	16/04/2016	Tony Lofts	Gary Hill
Tim Smith	07/04/2016	Ashley Behan	Gary Hill
Jason Stevens	19/02/2016 F1RST	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Colin Stevens	21/02/2016	Neil White	Roger Hicks
Roger Turner	14/02/2016 F1RST	Neil White	Roger Hicks
Jill Bos	02/02/2016	Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Sue Holtby	26/01/2016 F1RST	Julia Vause	Ashley Behan
Ian Lacy	23/01/2016	Ashley Behan/Peta Steadman Bee	Gary Hill

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GROUP NEWS AND EVENTS

Barrie Heath Trophy Winners

26 October It was time for the annual Barrie Heath Quiz—for those who don't know, the quiz is held annually in memory of Barrie a founding member of Scunthorpe, Grimsby and Lincoln IAM groups. Barrie's brother Terry is heavily involved in the Scunthorpe group.

This year, hosted by the Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists (last years' winners), the quiz itself was between Lincoln, Scunthorpe and Grimsby.

It was the usual team in attendance for Lincoln: Ashley, Mike and Tony headed to Scunthorpe for the third year in a row—and it was third time lucky!

Teams of three were set and the quiz began. There were six rounds which covered a variety of topics from 'name that car' to general knowledge. Despite being last at the half time break, we managed a rousing comeback on the last rounds (general knowledge and 'news this week') and stormed in to win the trophy! Our thanks to Mick Smith and the Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists for an enjoyable evening.

We're looking forward to hosting the quiz in 2017!



Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance fly in **12 October** Another informative

presentation and from an organisation that can potentially and directly affect the safety of the entire population of the two counties of Lincs and Notts and as we heard, occasionally further afield.

Steve Ulliyatt, himself a volunteer, held our attention for an hour last night describing why he supports the service. He considers the service personal insurance policy being a road user – motorist, motorcyclist, cyclist and pedestrian as all these groups are vulnerable and especially in such a large

county as Lincolnshire where the distances by road to the nearest hospital are great.

As a token of our appreciation for the work the service does for Lincolnshire and beyond, we presented Steve with a donation of £100 towards the charity fund. The full report can be read on our website Event's section at www.lincolniam.org.uk

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Mike and Julia support WI Event

24 September IAM RoadSmart has been working with the Women's Institute to provide two skills days.

Lincoln IAM National Observer's Mike Hill and Julia Vause were part of the observing team on the second day at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon.

An early start for Mike and Julia, who set off at 6.30am with Mike at the helm! It was an action packed day for the attendees of several WI groups. As well as driving two routes, there were five workshops available including night driving, motorway driving, speed awareness and parking and manoeuvring.

Julia is pictured with worthy winners from the days' competition, of Leicester and Warwickshire WI's.

There will be more skills days in partnership with WI in 2017.



Sponsorship for Lincolnshire Hospitals Band

21 September We were pleased to sponsor the Lincolnshire Hospitals Band at their 40th year anniversary concert. We donated a full Advanced Driver Course worth £149 to the prize draw in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

U3A success at Collingham

1 October Following a successful presentation at the Witham 3rd U3A earlier in the year, our Publicity Officer Peta, was asked by Collingham U3A if we could give a presentation.

The subject, Confident Driving, presented by Roger Hicks and Ashley Behan covers points about advanced driving and driver development. It was well received by all who attended.

Six members of the U3A signed up for a free taster drive on the day, two signed up for a full advanced driver course straightaway! We're hopefully that overall, we'll recruit six drivers to an advanced driver course!

Pictured left following the presentation are Roger Hicks, Peta Steadman-Bee and Ashley Behan.



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Publicity Officer, Peta, updates from IAMRS Conference

The Conference at Aston University on Saturday 22nd October aimed to fill all the delegates with enthusiasm about IAM RoadSmart & the future objectives and Roger, Ashley & I thought it achieved that objective.

Lincoln Group were singled out more than any other group and had there been trumpets they'd definitely have been blown because both Roger & Ashley won awards for excellence. Roger's accolade was in the form of the Fred Welch Rosebowl which was given for his contribution to promoting the aims and objectives of IAM RoadSmart and justly deserved for all the effort & time he has put into the group. Ashley was presented with a Star Performer glass paperweight awarded for the commitment and efforts put in over the past twelve months. The group narrowly missed

the award for the best social media too which has increased our determination not to lose out next year so watch this space for more exciting news & tips.

Delegates were organised into 5 groups and throughout the day circulated through 5 different sessions which worked well. Opportunities existed in each session for questions & answers which in

some instances ended in heated discussion. The main topic was our objectives for the next 60 years & how best we as Groups can encourage younger people of 40 years and under to join. The benefit of this will be to ensure the charity continues, the membership will increase and younger people can then be encouraged to recruit other young people.

We need to discover how to increase our appeal to the twenty to forty somethings. It is recognised that relating to this age group isn't quite so straightforward as we know from our own experiences with our children, they find it hard taking seriously anything the older generations have to say. Another point raised is that they use Social Media to communicate more frequently than the older generations and so we need to tap into this and speak their language otherwise we won't succeed.

There were statistics presented that showed car road deaths had reduced, however help is needed to improve the safety of those vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians. We were asked to come up with ideas as to how this might be achieved at a local level and many

ideas were forthcoming some of which may be taken up at a national level and some more suitable for local groups such as working with schools.

Also discussed was whether we could not only raise more awareness nationally but also raise more money too with a campaign possibly similar to the Cancer Charities achievements with Macmillan

Coffee Mornings & Growing a moustache in November. Ideas are welcome & Sarah Sillars is convinced that if everyone thinks about the idea then there's a real chance someone will come up with an inspired idea or suggestion which will work so please get your thinking caps on and email your ideas in to conference@iam.org.uk



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FORDIE'S WORLD

If anyone else gets the chance, TAKE IT...

This is the story of one man's struggle to renew a driving licence – MINE! I'll start at the beginning, which is natural.

In April, I had an eye operation on my right eye to relieve internal pressure, this was going to take some weeks to stabilise, so I had to delay my annual eye test until early June but because I want a section D1 on my licence to drive a mini-bus, I have to have a medical including an eye test. With me so far? As I said, the eye test was done early June but I had to wait nearly two weeks for the main medical. That done, the application was posted off straight away, then you sit and wait – and wait – and wait some more. A number of frantic phone calls to DVLA finally elicited the fact that I needed one more eye test but they would "graciously" (my sarcasm) send me a letter permitting me to drive my car and motorbike whilst awaiting the outcome of the last test, if that was satisfactory they would finally renew my full licence.

I feel I have jumped through so many hoops I could perform as part of a canine troop in a circus. If there *is* a lesson to be learnt from the foregoing, it is to make sure you're 100% fit when you apply and maybe being under 70 helps! On a brighter note, I got the motor bike MOT'd and taxed at the end of July. What amazed me was that I had only done 169 miles between MOTs – **I MUST GET OUT MORE!**

Now the next little "trauma", in early August, I thought I saw some damp on the ceiling of the back-bedroom AKA the office, so up into the loft for investigation. The leak was from the central heating header-tank, just about the most inaccessible spot in the loft, peeling back the insulation to see where it was, the pipe broke! Water gushing everywhere, a quick shuffle back to turn off the tap and investigate further. Fortunately, Liz was quick with the laundry bucket so the water

damage was not severe and 24 hours with the fan heater dried the carpet and floor. It was the inlet pipe to the ball-cock that had fractured so the repair was fairly straightforward, but I shall have probably grovelled about up there again by the time you read this to make any final adjustments and see that the insulation is properly in place. Who said retirement is relaxing!

So now I come to Thursday 11th August and the driving experience with LRSP on Scampton Airfield. Once on the premises, cars were parked, greetings made and a welcome coffee/tea was taken. After a short video, we split into four teams of three, our team went first to the simulator for some laps of Brands Hatch in a "High Powered Saloon". Each of us, on our first lap managed to pile it into the barriers, wander around all over the track, in and out of the gravel traps and still not get into top gear. Once we settled down, the driving became more "refined", one of the team members calling out the braking points, corners etc. If we had had a full half hour each, solid, we could have put in some good lap times but it wasn't easy and I marvel even more at the skill and fitness of real racing drivers.

The second test was blindfold driving, in and out of cones and a reverse back into a "garage" with your passenger instructing. We all got better at it until the instructor said we couldn't use left or right command, we tried "to me" "to you" and then "port or starboard", that's when the drive began to fall apart, apparently, at one point I went "grass-tracking", cones were skittled willy-nilly until we all finished up about helpless with laughter.

After lunch we did the trailer reversing test, seeing the antics of some of the other competitors, I began to wonder if my skill at reversing "artics" would fail me. The outfit was a van coupled to a low, tandem axle trailer so mirrors HAD to be used. For my part all was well, I still had the old

touch and my fellow team members were equally as good, so much so that our instructor decided he couldn't beat us so we better have another coffee whilst waiting to do the skid test!

Now this is a real eye-opener, it's not done on a wet or greasy track but in a car whose suspension, braking and steering can be altered at will by the instructor. Again, we took it in turns, and sat in the back, though well strapped in, you really get thrown about, it was bad enough at 25/30 mph, heaven knows what it would be like in a genuine loss of control at twice that speed on a busy road but I wouldn't give too much for your chances. The day finished off with a motoring related quiz in which we all took part, scores were allocated to each team, but that was academic. It was an excellent experience, and just when you thought you knew it all, this day proved me very wrong but I feel I have learnt from it. My thanks to Ash for setting it all up and if anyone else gets the chance, TAKE IT – you'll love it!

Earlier that same week I went with a private party on a roof tour of our Cathedral, jokingly called the "Heineken Tour" because we went where the public don't go. It is a whole new world up there: rooms passages, nooks and crannies and when you get out on the roof, the views over Lincoln are magnificent. If there is a downside, it's the stairs, narrow, worn, spiralling stone steps that never seem to end, going up is not too bad but coming down with only a rope for support is a bit hairy and if you've got dodgy knees, like me, painkillers are essential! Still, a couple of pints in "Mother Cullen's Well" made life and the tour MOST acceptable.

Stay safe, "them others" are still at large!



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KNOW YOUR STUFF

Brake before the bend, not on it!

Department for Transport road safety organisation THINK! has relaunched it's 'County Roads' campaign.

59% of all fatalities occur on country roads. These roads often have sharp bends and blind bends which can hide unexpected hazards. Stay in control and give yourself time to react because you never know what's around the corner. THINK! Brake before the bend, not on it.



IAM RoadSmart runs £99 offer

To run in line with this campaign, IAM RoadSmart were offering Advanced Driver or Rider course for a reduced price of £99...

SIX take it up

The offer ended on Wednesday 9 November, but SIX drivers from Lincolnshire took up the offer and will join our group.

Look out for further discounts in this region on the approach to Christmas!

THINK! Advice

- ▶ The best drivers read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits and concealed entrances.
- ▶ Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, brake before the bend, not in it.
- ▶ Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. Always drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear (double that on a single track road). Allow more time to stop on wet or slippery surfaces.
- ▶ The speed limit is a limit not a target. The national speed limit on single carriage roads is 60mph, but there will be times you need to drive under that in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph.
- ▶ If you get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle be patient. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely essential, don't overtake.
- ▶ If passing more vulnerable road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers, pass wide and slow.
- ▶ Even if you're familiar with a country road, never take it for granted as the conditions can be different every time.

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2016 Events Calendar

January 2016—NO MEETING

23rd February 2016—*Sgt Mark Carlin: IAM Examiner & Star of 'Police Interceptors'*

8th March 2016—Michael Pace, Solicitor: Motoring Offences & Defence

26th April 2016—Driver Development Evening: New Vehicle Technology (Free Buffet)

10th May 2016—AGM & update from Regional Operations Manager, Ian Firth (Free Buffet)

14th June 2016—Sarah Sillars OBE, IAM Chief Executive Officer (Free Buffet)

12th July 2016—*External Event* Lincs Fire & Rescue Waddington Training Facility. 7pm prompt start at: A15 Sleaford Road, Bracebridge Heath, LN5 9FG

August 2016—NO MEETING

13th September 2016—Professor Angus Wallace, IAM Trustee

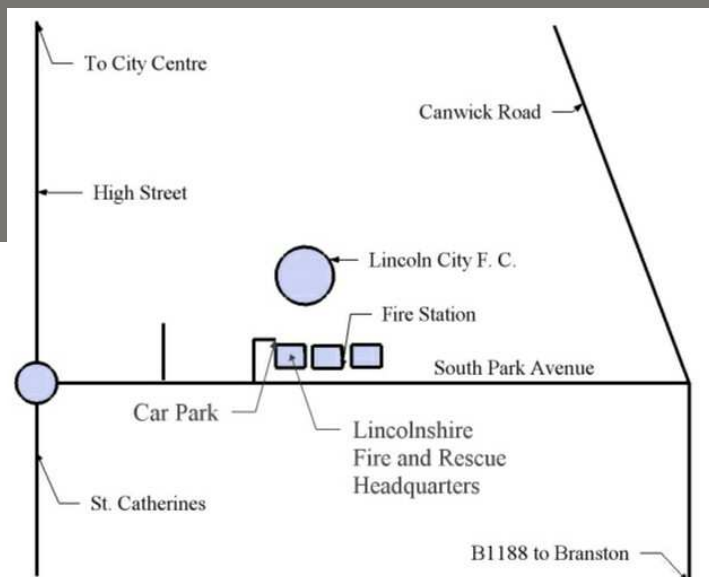
11th October 2016—Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

8th November 2016—Advanced Driver Development Evening (Free Buffet)

13th December 2016—Christmas Social & Quiz (Free Buffet)

Where to find us

Our meetings begin at 7:30pm and are held at Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue HQ, South Park Avenue, Lincoln, LN5 8EL. See the map on the right for directions!



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