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NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ASHLEY

I am very pleased to report that our Group Secretary, Ashley, has been awarded the prestigious Fred Welch Rose Bowl Trophy for 2017

The trophy is awarded nationally to the car member who, in the opinion of the panel of judges, has contributed most to promoting the aims and objectives of IAM RoadSmart.

This is the third time the award has come to Lincoln group, last year I was awarded it and previously it was awarded to Glenys Allerton. Lincoln is only the second Group to have won this award three times.

In my opinion no one deserves it more than Ashley. In addition to his onerous role as Group Secretary he also edits and publishes this excellent newsletter and manages our social media communications. Apart from these committee roles Ashley is also a very active

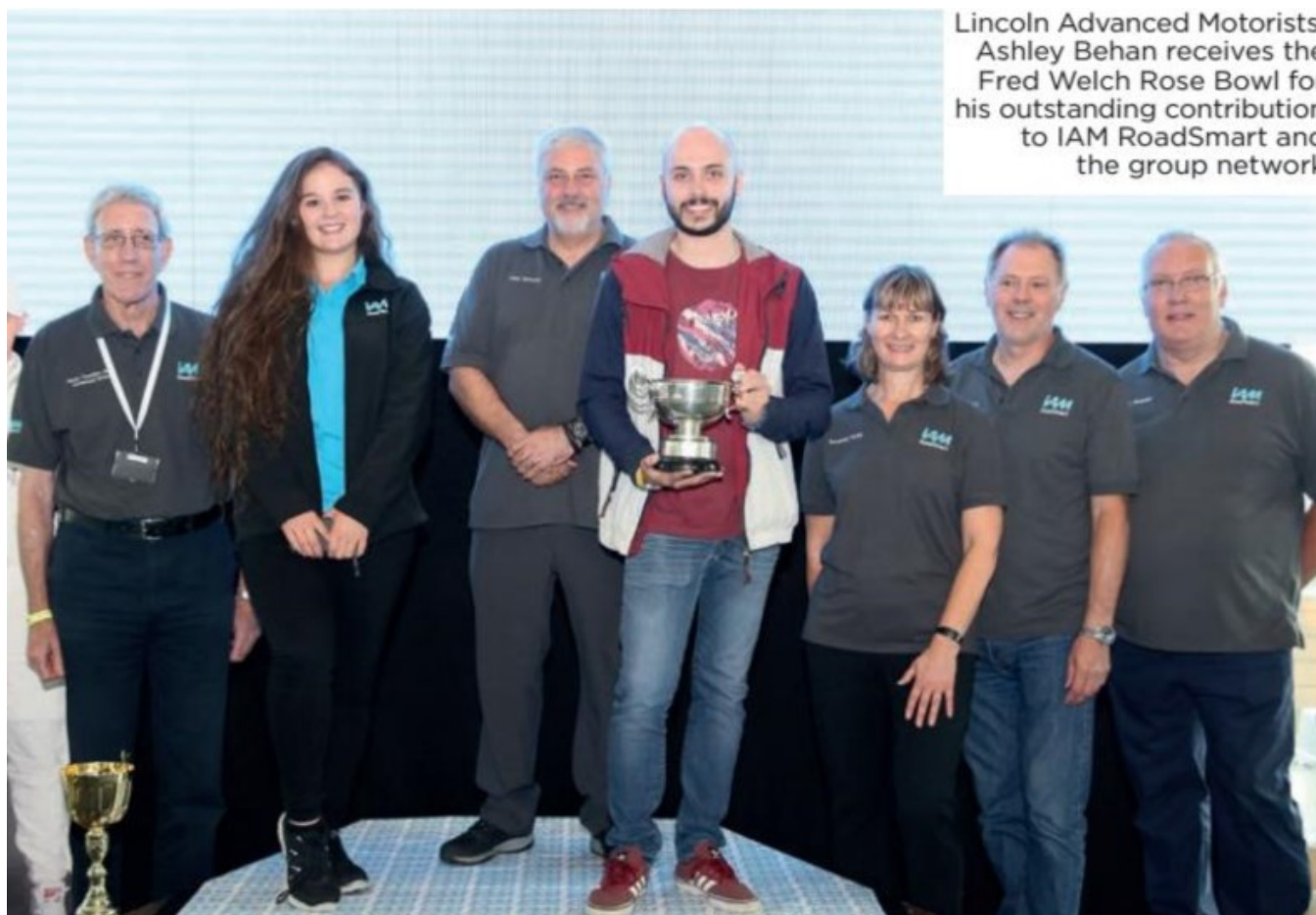
National Observer and a joint presenter with me on our very successful program of external presentations.

Ashley has also shown great initiative in making contact with external road safety stakeholders such as the Road Safety Partnership and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

As an ambassador for the IAM, and Lincoln Group in particular, and as someone who promotes our aims and objectives in a friendly and professional way Ashley does an excellent job. I can assure you that the group would not be as successful as we are without Ashley's hard work and I am personally very grateful to him for all his help and support.

Every Group needs an Ashley, but they can't have ours!

Roger Hicks **Chairman/Chief Observer**



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Events Calendar

Change of address

Please note our new postal address is 21 Good Lane, Lincoln, LN1 3EH

Membership update

Following the recent annual membership fee changes and letters sent to our members in June, we'll shortly be reviewing our membership records and contacting all members who's membership has expired.

We currently have 120 full members and 34 associates.

We'll be in touch over the next few weeks both by email and over the phone.

Lincoln's Trophy Trio

Glenys Allerton (1991), Roger Hicks (2016) and Ashley Behan (2017) pictured together with the Fred Welch Rose Bowl.



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CHAIR/CHIEF OBSERVER'S UPDATE

The year so far

I am pleased to report that our record results in the first six months have continued throughout the third quarter both in terms of new associates and test passes.

As at the end of September we have recruited 50 new associates and achieved 36 test passes. This compares very favourably with 2016 when we recruited 41 associates and achieved 33 test passes throughout the whole year! Our passes this year would have been even better had we not experienced delays in getting tests arranged due to sufficient examiner availability.

Currently we have 34 associates in training, seven of which are test ready awaiting test dates.

None of this could have been achieved by a lot of hard work by the observer team and I pleased to say we have recruited additional observers this year. We are also reviewing the committee structure with a view to bringing in some further support to ensure that we can cope with this level of activity.

Meanwhile we continue to raise the profile of IAM RoadSmart throughout our area through our very successful external presentations and we have also been invited to attend the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Summit in November.

Our congratulations go to all the associates who have passed their tests recently.

Roger Hicks **Chairman/Chief Observer**

Latest test passes

2017 (36 passes to date)

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Neil Williams	21/10/2017	Tom Burton	Tony Lofts
Mike Grimwood	04/10/2017	Trevor Kerry	Tony Lofts
James Reader	16/09/2017	Mike Hill	Gary Hill
Charlotte Mulhall	12/09/2017	Trevor Kerry	Ashley Behan
Mike Lenny	11/09/2017	Ashley Behan	Kelvin Simmonds
Peter Griss	07/09/2017	Roger Hicks	Howard Balchin
Lorna Banks	23/08/2017	Tony Lofts	Gary Hill
Alan Thornton	08/08/2017	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Bob Bates	04/08/2017	Alan Buckland	Ashley Behan
Sarah Tucker	03/08/2017 F1RST	Simon Clayton	Ashley Behan
Mike Money	01/08/2017	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Nick Heard	01/08/2017	Trevor Kerry	Tony Lofts

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GROUP NEWS

Roger part of new National Strategy Group

In 2016 IAM RoadSmart Council determined to establish a Strategy Group to help deliver our aims and objectives. Applications were invited from group members who felt they had the appropriate skills and experience and the group is now in place. The scope of the group is to develop IAM RoadSmart business plans and development opportunities, and to look at recommendations of members and groups to drive the IAM forward.



Barrie Heath Quiz success for LAM

After winning the Barrie Heath Trophy in 2016, it was our turn to host the quiz held between local groups in memory of founding member of Scunthorpe and Grimsby groups, Barrie Heath.

40 people attended the evening at the Pride of Lincoln on Tuesday 24 October. Three quiz teams took part along with many other teams in the audience. There were four rounds: Cities in Picture, General Knowledge, Entertainment, and Motoring separated by a buffet which was enjoyed by all.

Final scores were:

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists 40 points

Scunthorpe Advanced Motorists 38 points

Grimsby and Louth Advanced Motorists 37 points

A raffle was held and prizes were presented to the winning teams.

Congratulations to the bikers!



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"I WASN'T THE MOST CONFIDENT... ... but that soon changed!"

My brother had always said I was an awful driver, so when he saw IAM RoadSmart were offering discounted Advanced Driver Courses through a promotional offer, he bought me one as a gift.

I was apprehensive at first, but having bought a new car and accepting my driving wasn't always as good as it could be, I knew it was just the thing I needed. Although I'd

never had any accidents, I wasn't the most confident driver – but that soon changed!

First, I received my handbook which introduced me to the course and things to work on. The book is clear and easy to understand, set out in different 'competencies' focusing on the driver and all aspects of driving itself.

Next came my first observed drive with Trevor, a National Observer from IAM RoadSmart in Lincoln. After a briefing, we set off and Trevor commented on aspects of my driving – the good and the bad! He asked me to plan further ahead; look as far as I could see and scan back switching my eyes between 'main beam' and 'dipped beam'. This early tip is one of the best things I picked up on in the course and I now drive proactively rather than reacting late to hazards

as they develop in front of me. Another of my favourites, is pull-push steering making it so much easier to control the car round bends and junctions.



Charlotte Mulhall @char... · 05/05/2017
Ready for my next advanced driver course session with @Lincoln_iam1 this weekend. Trying to get my speed right before hazards @IAMRoadSmart twitter.com/lincoln_iam1/s...

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What's everyone got planned for the weekend? Tell us where you're driving 🚗 or riding 🏍️ be safe, proactive, plan, enjoy! #lincs #lincsconnect

are completed each time, which summarise the drive and identify points to develop. Bends were difficult at first – getting my speed and gear correct beforehand and judging them correctly took some time, but I got there in the end! There was plenty to work on, but I began noticing the difference in my driving. 'Spoken thoughts' or 'commentary' was something which didn't come naturally to me, but it is simply saying what you see and what you're doing about it and helps to plan for hazards earlier. After around 10 drives, I had a Check Drive with another Observer to ensure I was getting 'up to scratch' and ready for my advanced test. I put into practice what I'd been learning and picked up some more tips along the way.

Finally, I was ready for my test! I was nervous but my examiner, Mark, instantly set me at ease. He told me he wasn't there to catch me out and that he was looking for me to put into practice what I'd learnt during my observed drives. The drive was for around an hour on a mixture of roads and I'm pleased to say that I passed! We went through some feedback and points where I could develop further and I was delighted.

The experience was so worthwhile and my confidence has tripled. I feel that I'm much safer and my brother tells me I'm now a much better driver – I'm now encouraging him to take the course as well. I think all drivers should do the same.

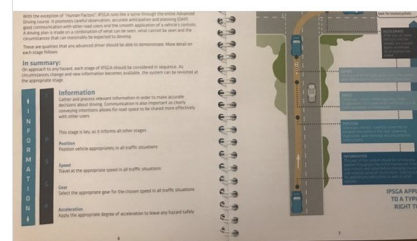
Charlotte Mulhall, 25, Lincoln



Charlotte Mulhall @charl... · 12/09/2017 ·
Six months on my @IAMRoadSmart advanced driver course with @IAMinLincoln I've PASSED!!! Feel much safer, more confident & now enjoy driving

Charlotte Mulhall @charlieeee91

Looking forward to starting my @IAMRoadSmart Advanced Driver Course Saturday with @Lincoln_iam1. Learning #IPSGA from the handbook already 🚗🏍️



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LEARNERS ON MOTORWAYS

Instant success or slow burner?

Government announcements – don't you just love them? Well, yes and no. Yes, in that they bring IAM RoadSmart loads of media coverage, and no, because the latest came out at 10.30 on a Saturday evening – not easy to plan for! The latest was an important announcement about the long touted idea of allowing learners on motorways. We had already supported the concept in a consultation reply many months ago and it was good to see the government adopting all the recommendations we liked.

The subsequent media coverage was universally positive. Vox pops and interviewers all seeming to agree that their own memories of the first time on a motorway had been very traumatic and lessons would have helped.

The research is clear – the more experience you have as a learner the safer you will in your future driving career. I have no doubt this will be reinforced for those who can get motorway lessons when they become available in 2018.

This did get me thinking once again about the reality of road safety and the real impact that a change such as this can make. Don't get me wrong, I think it's a great idea and learners should never have been banned in the first place.

Whichever civil servant in the dim and distant past came up with that one should get a medal for lack of common sense – how can it possibly be right that we learn how to master our fastest and most unique roads on our own!

That decade's long delay simply means it will be even longer before the full accident and congestion savings from allowing learners to deal with motorways properly will be felt. The extra lessons will cost money so they may become the preserve of those who can afford them, and you will need to live pretty close to a motorway to make it viable.

For drivers in Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol or around the M25, where motorways are part of most driver's everyday commute, it will be a godsend. For the rest of us it may take some time before we notice that the drivers around us on the M-whatever actually look like they know what they are doing.

With new smart motorways coming on stream now is a really good time to be getting professional help in negotiating complex new systems. Motorways are our key economic arteries but to work efficiently they do require us all to know how to use them safely – it is incidents not roadworks that lead to the longest delays!

If anyone is worried that learners in the fast lane might make things worse then an IAM RoadSmart motorway module might be ideal solution.

Neil Greig, IAM RoadSmart's director of policy and research

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FORDIE'S WORLD

Goodwood, Rovers, Bikes and Electric

It's early July and I've been watching the "Goodwood Revival" etc on the TV. Apart from it being a "showcase" for the two presenters, several cars were shown. There wasn't much shown of the cars going up the famous hill but there was a lot of talk about the "New Generation"! Family cars e.g. the Ford Mondeo, with a one litre turbo-charged engine instead of the usual 1.6-2.0 litre motors. I imagine they will be "screamers" running at high revs to get any performance; would you trust one to tow a caravan without going BANG!? A Ford Mustang with a 2.3 litre engine instead of the usual 5.0litre+ V8 with oodles of "grunt" and a sound to give you the shivers – NO WAY! Don't take the heart out of REAL cars.

There was, also, a short item, including a test drive of the latest Honda Civic Type R, which I suppose could be called a sports saloon. It was a good-looking motor and the handling appeared to be taut and tight with a worthwhile performance. Probably better suited to the 30 to 40 year-old age group who are at the top of their game, wonder what the insurance would be?

Electric and hybrid cars were also featured, I suppose they have their place but I fear that until electric cars have a vastly improved range and high-speed recharging at filling stations I can't see them being much use except for city and local journeys. Petrol/electric cars seem more practical, especially if the engine recharges the batteries. Maybe they're best left to people who don't enjoy driving and have a burning desire to "save the planet"!

Saturday July 8th: We went to the Rover Owners Rally at the Aviation Centre at East Kirkby at the invitation of our daughter & son-in-law's friend who was showing his Rover 2000 TC. It was a gloriously sunny day with an excellent turn out of Rovers of all types. A few pre-war 10s/12s, a good representation of early post-war 12s/16s, I think designated P3 models. Following on from them were the well recognised 80s through to 110 saloons that were prominent in the 1950/60s, I even spotted a rare "Cyclops" Rover 75, the one with the spotlight in the centre of the grille, very early

1950s and the first model of that iconic shape.

So, we come to my favourites, the P5 & P5B, the P5 being the Rover 3 litre, I've had two of these in my time, lovely cars to ride in and drive but very heavy (1ton-15cwt) and thirsty, 18/20mpg maybe 25 on a good day. The P5B was the successor to the P5, the same basic shape but having a 3.5 litre V8 engine, derived from a Buick, hence the "B" in the model designation.

After that came the 2000s/3500s, again lovely cars but, I believe, the build quality was beginning to "lag" a bit and there were some design features that were quite "innovative" that could be problematic.

There was also a good turn-out of SD1s ranging from 2 to 3.5 litre versions. I had a 2.6 litre auto, again a nice car to drive, fast, powerful and reasonably economical but as Rover were now under the "British Leyland" banner, build quality had slipped a bit further. My biggest problem was that water leaked in around the wind screen, filling the glove box and soaking the carpet, fortunately, it didn't get to the electrics before I got rid! I'd still have another, now I'm aware of the faults.

Land Rover were well represented in all their various guises, from the basic Defender to the luxurious Range Rover variants as well as a smattering of the 200/400 and 820 series which were about the last of the marque, plus a few "specials" which were Rover derived or powered.

Naturally, being the Aviation Centre the star attraction is always the "Lanc" and we were fortunate enough to see two taxi runs which thrilled Liz as her eldest brother piloted one in the latter stages of World War Two. We were also graced with a fly-past of a Spitfire, a "Mark 19" according to those who know about these things.

Also, because the site is a former aerodrome, we were serenaded by recordings of Glen Miller, Vera Lynn, Gracie Fields et al, all very nostalgic but, because the recordings were on a loop, after the 5th or 6th time it all gets a bit monotonous!

I move on to the middle of July and have been making arrangements to have my motorbike MOT'd. Not a problem, but trying to arrange insurance, well! What a palaver! A 1981 Honda Superdream, 250cc, nothing special, thousands were made, heaven knows how many I delivered when I worked for the haulage company that distributed them all over northern England. In the eyes of the insurance companies, they are now a "Classic", must have a minimum value of £1000 and be kept in a locked shed or garage overnight. I have neither, so it stands in the back yard, securely chained and covered with a purpose made waterproof cover. One company has taken it on, somewhat reluctantly, what they don't know is the knack of getting the thing through the back gate WITHOUT giving yourself a hernia! I am also led to believe there are still a fair number in "captivity", not particularly sought after. Any thief worth his salt would go for a modern, powerful bike like a Harley or a hot Kawasaki etc that is easily available, not risk the time-consuming exercise of getting the Honda out of my back yard! Of course, motor insurance is legalised robbery and boy, do they play it to the max!!

End of July, the news on the radio & tele says the government intends to ban the manufacture of petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040. Have these sandal-wearing, tree hugging polar bear kissers totally lost the plot?! By a simple mathematical calculation, by 2040 I shall have reached the grand age of 97, my chances of pushing up daisies are greater than driving cars or vans that are powered by electricity or any other fuel for that matter. If, by that time, technology has advanced enough to be able to recharge a battery as fast as you can fill a petrol tank, then maybe there is a future for electric vehicles, but then, they said cars would never replace the horse-drawn carriage!

Stay safe!



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TASTER SUCCESS

Benefit from a free advanced taster drive

We've provided over 60 free advanced taster drives throughout 2017 so far.

A drive in your own car with a qualified IAM RoadSmart observer, these free hour sessions look at the strengths and weaknesses of your driving and give an introduction to advanced driving techniques.

Spread the word! You can sign up via our website or over the phone on 0300 365 0152.



MEMBER OFFER

Partnership with Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

Are you a biker as well as a car driver?

You've taken your advanced car test and fancy progressing to your bike?

Or you've always fancied buying a bike? Go on, you have, haven't you?

Well now there's no better time! We've teamed up with our local advanced bike group, Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists, with an offer exclusively for you throughout 2017.

Any current Lincoln IAM member can join Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists and take an Advanced Rider course with 20% discount. The offer will also apply to advanced bikers wishing to take their Advanced Driver Course with us.

We would like to thank Mick Smith, Roland Johns and their colleagues at LAM for making this possible.



20% DISCOUNT

On Advanced Driver or Rider Courses with Lincoln IAM and Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists



What do I get?

As a current member of Lincoln IAM or Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists you will receive 20% discount when you sign up for a Advanced Driver or Rider Course in Lincolnshire.

How to claim?

Simply contact us on the details below quoting "LINCSDISCOUNT" and we'll sign you up!

Advanced Driver Courses with Lincoln IAM

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MEMBERS CORNER

Ted's take on IAM life

I suppose there are many reasons for thinking of the joining the IAM, initially for me it was because of my age and realising that it was important to improve my driving skills and be much safer on the road. Since joining I have benefited so much more than I could ever have imagined.

In my working days I was a high mileage car driver, so many times thought of joining the IAM, other pressures seemed to take precedence, on reflection it now seems that once again in my life those two little words 'if only' spring to mind, whether it was because I was so busy and didn't appreciate the value of the organisation. It was three years ago when despite me still enjoying driving I was given an unexpected wakeup call!

I'd been travelling north on A1(M) in the outside lane, going with the flow of the traffic at about 78 mph when out of the blue a car travelling slower than me in the inside lane drifted into my path without warning, resulting in a high impact collision. Despite the damage, especially to my car, miraculously neither the driver of the other car or my passenger (who was fast asleep at the time) suffered any injuries whatsoever. Initially, I fell into the trap of believing it was the other drivers fault, however after months of hearing nothing from insurers, it was just enough time to make me start to doubt myself and realise that at my age and over 50 years since I passed my driving test it was wise to have my driving skills assessed. Thankfully just after making that decision it was confirmed that I was blameless, and the accident was not of my making.

Little did I realise that from researching the principles of the IAM on the web and subsequently joining my local group in Scarborough it

would be the start of a journey not only to fine tune my driving skills but become the life changing experience that it has for me today.

Scarborough had a large membership in the main supported by a small band of dedicated people, the meetings are well organised and are attended by newer members and the diehard committed stalwarts of the group. My observer was a delightful, quiet gentleman who was totally focused on improving all aspects of my driving skills; this he did with tremendous enthusiasm. Over the time I went out with him he subtly corrected most of my bad traits without ever making me feel inadequate. When he thought the time was right he asked if I was ready to take my test. After a drive out with a Senior Observer and despite my apprehension I passed my test just before moving back to my homeland in Lincolnshire.

After settling in my new home my priority was to join IAM in Lincoln with my friend David Rhodes as a new member who was keen to have his driving skills honed. From the moment I contacted this group my instinct told me that the Lincoln group was something rather special! From attending our first meeting we could literally feel the infectious enthusiasm and warmth that was driven from the top through the members to newcomers like ourselves. It has made such a lasting impression on both of us that neither of us have wanted to miss one of the groups interesting and informative meetings.

Without question my seamless IAM journey from Scarborough to Lincoln has meant that not only am I driving much more safely but my awareness, anticipation and driving skills have dramatically improved with the result that although I did not realise it

before, I am completely relaxed and thoroughly enjoying the driving experience once again.

I trust you would be interested to learn how David my long-term friend has progressed. Prior to joining the group, he accepted that he had unknowingly acquired some bad driving habits and on reflection realised he never looked at the Highway Code since passing his driving test. David quickly recognised that prevention is far better than cure, he cannot praise his observer highly enough, he guided him to dump the bad habits by tweaking lots of little points to help him correct and master the basics of becoming a skilful driver.

When the test day arrived David like most of us was filled with trepidation, as it turned out again like most of us this apprehension whilst good for keeping us on our toes was completely unnecessary, the conscientiousness of his observer had prepared him for his test and the truly professional and helpful approach of the Examiner immediately put him at ease enough to turn the start an anxious day into one to be proud of. David is now in a similar position to myself and thoroughly appreciating the benefits of becoming part of the IAM family, it has certainly enhanced our driving skills, whilst driving within the speed limits and road conditions we know we are now driving safer, faster, with more awareness as of result improved anticipation, confidence and above all it has brought us a relaxed enjoyment to our driving and so much more that we have introduced a friend to the group. Although it's very early days in her journey thanks to her Observer's skill she is already much more relaxed and confident in her driving.

Ted Fowler, IAM member

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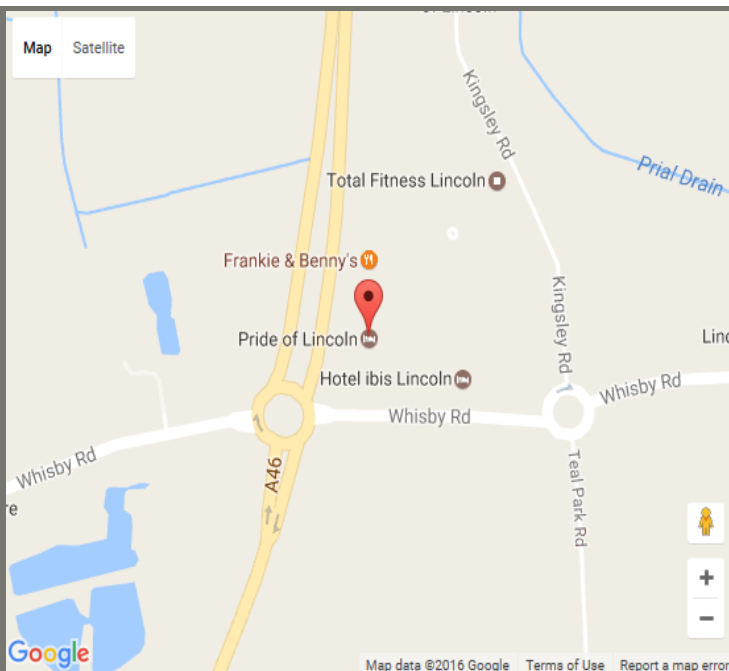


CHANGE OF VENUE

WHERE TO FIND US?

Windmill Farm (formerly the Pride of Lincoln)
(Function Room) for a
7.30pm start Kingsley Road
off Whisby Road Lincoln LN6
3QZ

Our events are subject to change, please visit the Events section of our website prior to attending and for further details about specific events



2017 EVENTS

~~Wednesday 15 February 2017~~

Andy Dixon—Lincs Fire and Rescue Accident Investigation

~~Tuesday 14 March 2017~~

Advanced Driver Development

~~Tuesday 11 April 2017~~

Sgt Mark Carlin—Star of Police Interceptors and IAM RoadSmart Examiner

~~Tuesday 9 May 2017~~

AGM and update from IAM RoadSmart

~~Tuesday 13 June 2017~~

Reg Local—Advanced and Performance Driving
www.reglocal.com

~~Monday 24 July 2017~~

Advanced Driving Development Event

~~Tuesday 8 August 2017~~

Marc Jones—Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner

~~Tuesday 12 September 2017~~

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists—Talking Bikes

~~Tuesday 24 October 2017~~

Barrie Heath Trophy Quiz

~~Tuesday 14 November 2017~~

Rural Rides with Prof Trevor Kerry

~~Tuesday 12 December 2017~~

Christmas Social

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