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ADVANCED DRIVER COURSE

Chairman/Chief Observer Report

I am very pleased to report that the first six months of 2017 have once again produced record results for the Lincoln Group both in terms of new associates and test passes.

During this period we recruited 38 new associates and we expect this trend to continue for the rest of the year. At the same time we have achieved 22 advance test passes, compared with 33 for the whole of 2016, whilst maintaining a 100% pass rate and beating all the IAM's key success targets.

We currently have 42 associates in training; 6 of which are test ready and awaiting test dates.

Overall a great situation which has only been achieved through a combination of our very successful external presentations and networking, our promotion of Taster Drives and a lot of hard work by our excellent observer team.

Our congratulations to all the following associates who have passed their tests this year.

Roger Hicks

2017 (24 passes to date)

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Mike Winters	21/07/2017 F1RST	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Ross Glover	20/07/2017 F1RST	Trevor Kerry	Gary Hill
Jason Wright	28/06/2017 F1RST	Tom Burton	Ashley Behan
Jill Wadsley	21/06/2017	Peta Steadman Bee	Ashley Behan
Morris Harris	21/06/2017	Gary Hill	Tony Lofts
Caitlin Walker	09/06/2017	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
Andy Sirrs	31/05/2017 F1RST	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Carol Johns	31/05/2017 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
Janice Sherlock	31/05/2017	Tony Lofts	Gary Hill
Gemma King	22/05/2017	Ashley Behan	Tony Lofts
David Kirkup	10/05/2017 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Tom Burton
David Bowdrey	20/04/2017	Howard Balchin/Roger Hicks	
Christine Johnson	07/04/2017	Tony Lofts	Ashley Behan
Darren Lane	03/04/2017 F1RST	Roger Hicks	Kelvin Simmonds
Adele Clapham	31/03/2017	Mike Hill	Julia Vause
Paul Seaward	16/03/2017	Tom Burton	Ashley Behan
Graham Ford	07/03/2017 F1RST		Trevor Kerry/Ashley Behan
Darren Lane	22/06/2017	Roger Hicks	Kelvin Simmonds
Rob Murray	18/02/2017	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Euan Sweeting	14/02/2017	Ashley Behan	Roger Hicks
Vera Asher	13/02/2017	Peta Steadman Bee	Ashley Behan
Caroline Woolsey	07/02/2017	Julia Vause	Peta Steadman Bee/Ashley Behan
Tom Sweeting	02/02/2017	Ashley Behan	Roger Hicks
Alison Russell	22/01/2017	Trevor Kerry	Ashley Behan



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GROUP EVENT

September Navigation Event

On **Saturday 16th September** we are going to meet at Wyevale Horncastle for an enjoyable afternoon.

Lincoln IAM are arranging a navigation event putting into practise those skills of navigation you honed recently while also having a fun run out into the Wolds. If however you didn't come to that evening don't worry, the navigation is very straightforward and if you can follow a map you'll succeed!

The route will be defined by Spot Heights so those of you slightly phased by the tulips in the last navigation challenge can relax!

We will provide you with a map and list of Spot Heights through which you must pass to arrive at the correct destination.

It is recommended that you enter as a team of at least two per car as one will need to keep an eye in the map while the other drives. If anyone who isn't an IAM member but a friend or relation would like to join us that will be great.

Please bring along a pencil/pen and a firm surface on which to rest your map which will make using the map easier.

We will charge a nominal entry fee which will go towards a prize for the first team to complete the course correctly in the shortest time; although the organisers would like to emphasise that this isn't a rally. Refreshments are available at Wyevale and also at the finish which will be a pub in the Wolds.

If you are interested in entering please let us know by Friday 1st September. Entry fee per car is £2.00

Details of the start time will be announced by



email the week before. Please **arrive in Horncastle by 2pm to receive your map & instructions.** Some IAM members will be at certain points along the route to check for accuracy of navigation and in case anyone has a problem.

Mobile phone numbers will be given to you for assistance if anyone gets lost or any other emergency occurs, however points will be deducted if help is sought!

Ideally you will not go wrong, you will not arrive too late at the finish or worse, too early. The route will be timed to an average speed & the challenge is to arrive as close your particular time, which you will be told at the start, as possible.

The afternoon will be fun, slightly challenging, with beautiful scenery & a possibility of using some roads you may not know.

We look forward to a full entry and to seeing you there. **If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact us at lincolniam@gmx.com or call 0300 365 0152.**

Peta Steadman Bee—Publicity Officer

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BAD AIR DAY?

Tyre safety paramount

A study conducted by IAM RoadSmart official partner, TyreSafe, revealed Britain's motorists could be spending up to £600 million on unnecessary fuel bills. Research suggests as many as 57% of car and van tyres on the roads are being driven below recommended inflation pressures, increasing vehicles' fuel consumption and the risk of being involved in an incident.

- Air Pressure has a decisive influence on the way your vehicle accelerates, brakes and corners
- Safe tyres with the correct air pressure can reduce the risks to you, your passengers and all road users

Facts and Figures

As a result, the question the tyre safety charity is posing to the country's drivers during October's forthcoming Tyre Safety Month is: Are you having a Good or Bad Air Day?



- 3% more fuel used when pressure is 6 psi below recommended inflation
- For every 10% a tyre is under-inflated, its wear can increase by 10%

Key Messages

While the need to carry out regular tyre checks may seem obvious, an alarming number of Britain's motorists are replacing their tyres only when they have already become illegal and dangerous. If they carried out tyre checks, this avoidable safety issue could be rectified.

- A shocking 35% of tyres are being driven at least 8psi below the vehicle manufacturers' recommendation.

- £600 million is wasted yearly on fuel costs by British motorists driving with under-inflated tyres
- 56.8% of car tyres in the UK are at least 4 psi below recommended pressures.

Find out more about the campaign online at <http://www.tyresafe.org/campaigns/tyre-safety-month-2017/2017-campaign/>



HAVING A BAD AIR DAY?

CHECK YOU HAVE THE CORRECT AIR PRESSURE IN YOUR TYRES!

TYRE SAFETY MONTH 1ST – 31ST OCTOBER 2017



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Cam retires

After over 40 years as a local IAM member, Cam Baron has retired from IAM membership. Cam, from Grantham, was originally a member of the Grantham Group which merged with the Lincoln Group. He was a Senior Observer for many years and has played a big part in the local groups. We thank Cam for his many years of service to road safety and contribution to the IAM and wish him all the best for the future.

Welcome to new members!

We'd like to welcome Ted Fowler who has recently moved to the area and joins us from the Scarborough Group.

We'd like to welcome all our new members starting Advanced Driver Courses in the Woodhall Spa area along with John Mager, Emma Wells, Lionel Tollemache, John Siddle and Carrie West. We hope you enjoy the course!



20% DISCOUNT

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

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.

The bikers will also be joining us for our September 2017 meeting to talk about aspects of advanced biking and giving their tips of how other motorists can help bikers.

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

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 "LINCS-DISCOUNT" and we'll sign you up!

Advanced Driver Courses with Lincoln IAM

Contact 0300 365 0152 or lincolniam@gmx.com

Advanced Rider Courses with Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

Contact 01427 616864 or lincs-am-sec@pobroadband.co.uk



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Reg Local talks advanced driving

We were joined by over 50 members and guests at our June social evening to hear Reg Local discuss the principles of advanced driving.

Reg is a huge motoring enthusiast and was a police officer for many years, eventually working as an advanced police driving

instructor. He has published two books, *Advanced & Performance Driving* and *How Not to Crash*. He also recently started a YouTube channel in which he gives demonstrations of the skills and techniques involved in becoming a better skilled driver (search RegLocal on YouTube to find more).

Reg spoke about his 12 principles of advanced driving which included many of the things required to make a modern day advanced driver. Reg's presentation was reflective, especially focussing around the 'driver' and 'mind' side of drive. He also



gave a short presentation on 'How Not to Crash', one of his books, talking through statistics of some common road traffic collisions.

Next up, in August is Lincolnshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Marc Jones, who has recently signed up to take a free advanced taster drive with us!

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WHO'S WHO

Treasurer, David Bee

David grew up locally and has a keen interest in road safety now travelling around 30,000 miles per annum on business, although for many years his mileage averaged twice that. David has driven many different vehicle types in a variety of activities, he loves Volvos, Land Rovers, and motorbikes - his dream would be to find Samantha, the love of his life - a 1968 Triumph TR5.

David has been an Independent Financial Adviser and Business Consultant since the 70s running successful businesses ranging from 4 star hotels through Construction to International Transport living abroad to fulfil business requirements. David's speciality is taking failing businesses to success.

David became Treasurer in summer 2016 and is carrying out the role on a semi-temporary basis whilst his time allows.



Free Taster Drives/Rides still on offer!

IAM RoadSmart is still offering free advanced taster drives and rides throughout the country. Any driver/rider of any experience can take up this offer. Find out more by visiting www.iamroadsmart.com/drivefree

Talking IAM at RAF Cranwell

We'll be flying in to the RAF Cranwell Families Day on 17 August promoting road safety and IAM RoadSmart. We'll be offering free taster drives and answering any questions people may have about advanced driving next month.



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FORDIE'S WORLD

F1RST for Fordie

Our AGM at the May meeting was very positive. Throughout the year the efforts of the Committee have been first class. The group feels professionally run with a strong emphasis on new advanced drivers and a very high pass rate. This, no doubt, the result of excellent observer team and I can claim first-hand experience of this earlier this year when I re-sat my test. The advice given by Trevor and Ash concentrated my mind, reminded me what advanced driving was about and enabled me to obtain a F1RSTpass.

The new venue at the Pride of Lincoln provides a spacious setting, meaning more room for members and visiting members from other groups, a worthwhile move.

I also like the "new style" of testing, which encourages a candidate to be more relaxed and not have to face the "finger wagging, you haven't done that by the book!" approach.

In my opinion, driving can never be exact all of the time, constantly changing situations mean that decisions have to be made in the moment. Certainly, one can plan a drive to a degree by careful observation and forward thinking. A fair amount of roadcraft will play its part and this is where the "tuition" of the observer will come to the fore. I'm well aware that experience cannot be taught but HOW to think during a drive can and provided that a candidate is willing to learn, this advice will stay with them and be honed as their skill progresses.

On many occasions, I have professed not to be a lover of today's youth,

finding them ill-mannered, oafish know-alls. At this point I have to remind myself that once I was a "youth" equally arrogant and cocky! The point I am labouring towards concerns one, Billy Monger, a teenage racing car driver competing in Formula4 (Ford?) who had an horrific crash during a meeting at Donnington Park where, apparently, he ploughed into the back of a stationary competitor's car, becoming trapped in the wreckage. Thank God, he was eventually released and airlifted to hospital, badly injured but alive. Sadly, he lost both lower legs but had recovered enough to appear on TV from his home (I think) at the next race meeting. During a brief interview, Billy vowed to return to motor racing in some form, even if the car had to be adapted to hand controls. This indomitable spirit impressed me greatly, almost moving me to tears. Doubtless, this young man and his peers who race these "starter class" single seaters are exceptional young men, destined to go far but more particularly to be an example to others of that age group. I guess I shall have to re-assess my impressions and values.

Now, THAT wedding! Pippa thingy, the "Cambridge's" sister. Seeing brief clips on the tele, I noticed that a tribe of pageboys, flower girls, etc arrived in a dark grey MK9 Jaguar, a beautiful car in its own right and one I have hankered for on many occasions; BUT! The Bride and her Dad arrived in a droptop MK5 Jaguar, a rare beast indeed. Some lucky people have the money and contacts to arrange things like that. The MK5

Jaguar Saloon, dating from the late 40's early 50's is one of my "dream" cars, of course, it would have to be the 3.5 litre version in white and although I know little of its "spec" the sheer joy and bragging rights of having it stood outside the front door giving it bags of TLC would far outweigh any shortcomings in its performance or consumption or even spares availability. Not only that, it would sit well with my 8 litre, 8 cylinder 1931 Bentley Fixed Head Coupe! Ah well – when the lottery comes up!

At last, I have got my new desktop computer and writing this "missive" is a real pleasure. I had expected to be on Windows 10 but in deference to my skills, Grandson Craig, who understands these mysteries has installed "Windows 7 Professional", quite what that signifies, I have no idea.

It operates much faster than the old one, which had surely passed its sell-by date, I reckoned I had owned it for 13 years and it was second-hand then. The programme it used was Windows Vista Ultimate, which, so I'm told, Noah used to build the ARK. I was briefed on the operation but I'm not sure just how much my weary, battered old brain has absorbed! Never fear, I shall keep plugging away 'til I get some sort of a result.

Stay safe, summer's here and the "holiday drivers" are at large!



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KNOW YOUR STUFF

Signage a clutter?

The question of signing 'clutter' is becoming more and more prominent.

You're driving down the road and there's sign after sign. Some warning, some telling you that you must, others saying you must not. Tourist signs, directional signs, new road layouts! The question that arises from that is, does the average driver come to treat all signs with the same disdain as some (the majority?) are not relevant to their driving.

Across the world, many experiments have been carried out regarding the necessity of signage.



a children's playground in the middle of one of the roads to force drivers to slow down.

In 2015, the DfT (Department for Transport) revised its Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions document with a specific focus on



Some towns in Germany and the Netherlands have begun removing road signs and markings in the hope of decongesting the roads and encouraging road users to make more informed decisions. This concept has successfully been tested in the small Dutch town of Drachten, which has had traffic lights removed. Other changes included the installation of

reducing the amount of signage on our roads. Are the number of signs simply a distraction?

As we head towards a future of autonomous cars, perhaps road signs and traffic signals will become a thing of the past. A strange concept!

Ashley Behan *National Observer*

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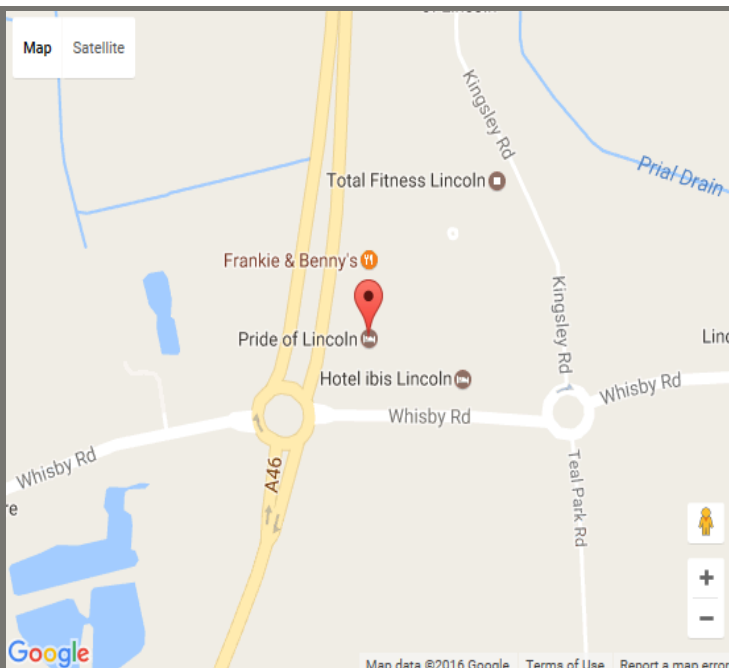
CHANGE OF VENUE

WHERE TO FIND US?

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—Lines 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

Wednesday 25 October 2017

Barrie Heath Trophy Quiz

Tuesday 14 November 2017

Advanced Driver Development

Tuesday 12 December 2017

Christmas Social

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