



Leicester Group Of Advanced Motorist Newsletter

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Editors Column

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Hello and welcome to the April newsletter.

My apologies for the late edition this month but I have held it back specifically to report on the Spring Forum Tony and I attended last weekend.

Please remember there is a change of venue for the group night, we will be holding the group meeting at **The Field Head Hotel in Markfield.**

If you wish to read previous newsletters they can now be downloaded from our local website which can be found with this link www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/leicesteram

If anybody has anything to add to the next newsletter please email me on kevinhill213@outlook.com

Committee News

The next committee meeting will held be in May. This meeting will be dominated by discussing the impact of the new G.D.P.R. coming into force on 25th May. If you would like anything bringing up at the Committee meeting please contact me and I will report back to you.

A Warm Welcome

The Committee would like to offer a warm welcome to the following people who have enrolled in the Skills for Life course in the last 2 months.

- Diana Harvey

We hope you enjoy the training. Remember you are all welcome at the group nights which are on the third Wednesday of the month. I will be in touch with you all in the coming weeks to explain the next steps and getting you paired with an observer. There will be an associate introduction day happening on 17th Feb to which you are all welcome.

Observer News

This month sees the retirement of Hugh Rees from Observing as his last associate has now passed her test.

His last Associate who passed her test in the last week, has given Hugh one of very few observers to have had all of his associates who have taken their test, achieve a pass or above. This in its self is a big achievement.

The group wishes to thank Hugh for his commitment to the group over the last few years and wish him well with all he plans to do in the future. Thank You Hugh!

We are still looking for new Observers so if you are thinking about becoming an observer please contact me and I will discuss this further with you by email or phone.

Group Night (Wednesday April 18th)

Group night this month is being held at the Field Head Hotel (address below). Start time of 20.00.

All members are welcome.

This month we have We have Mr. Brian Johnson.

He will be giving a talk about the driving test past and present.

This is being held at the Field Head Hotel in the Charnwood suite.

Full address is
Field Head Hotel
Markfield Ln
Markfield
LE67 9PS

We will also be holding a prize raffle and presenting Skills for life awards. All members are welcome to the group nights and the AGM, so come along and get involved with your group.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the newsletter we will be holding April's Group night at the Field Head Hotel in Markfield. This year's Group night list is below.

- April 18th (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- June 20th (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- September 19th (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- November 21st (held at Enderby Police HQ)
- December 19th held at Enderby Police HQ)

We are trialing the Field Head Hotel as this is a more comfortable and easily accessed venue. We will be holding the meeting in the Charnwood suite and will have the use of the main bar.

Any questions or suggestions about group night events you can contact Fred Palmer (vice Chairman/ Events Co-Ordinator) palmerdec@btinternet.com

A message from the Treasurer.

2018 Group Subscription Due

Just a reminder to **Everyone** that your Group Yearly subscription is due this month.

If you have already paid, thank you but if not please contact myself to make payment.

Annual Subscription system comes into full effect on 01 APRIL 2018, meaning that Group Subscriptions of £7.50 for EVERY Full Group Member will be due on that date. In future, subscriptions will be due on 01 April each year, whenever you used to pay under the previous Anniversary system.

If you normally pay by Standing Order, you will need to change your mandate to the bank. You may need to establish a new one, as some establishments will allow you to change the amount you pay, not the date on which it is paid. If you pay by BACS, cheque, or cash please put a note in your diary that subs will be due on 01 April EACH YEAR.

The account is in the name of The Leicester Group of Advanced Motorists - which is the payee should you wish to pay by cheque.

For those of you who wish to use online banking, the account details are: Sort Code: 77-15-09 and the Account Number: 14844660. Please include your name as a reference.

If you wish to make payment to me direct, please send me a cheque (do not send cash via the Royal Mail), please contact me at

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Associate News

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following people for passing their Skills for Life Test.

- Mary Brewer
- Paul Batterham (achieved a F1rst)
- Geoff Moffat (also achieved a F1rst)

Congratulations all!!

To all associates out there currently being assessed.

Please be aware that if you have been assessed for a year or more without taking your test, you may have to renew your National IAM membership to carry on with your assessed runs. If you have not managed to complete your course within the year please contact myself to check if you are still valid for insurance purposes. We may be able to extend your membership if there are mitigating circumstances. I should be in contact with any associate that has expired their membership, but if you have not been contacted or think your membership has expired please get in touch.

If Anyone would like to have a piece included in this newsletter please contact me.

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Spring Forum

Tony and myself attended the Spring forum on Saturday 7th April at IAM Headquarters in Welwyn Garden City.

We were both made most welcome by both Pat Doughty and Amanda Smith who held the meeting.

The main content of the meeting was to discuss the new General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on the 25th May. This is going to affect everyone in the IAM and also down at group level. IAM will be sending out new contract form to all of us which will be explaining the way in which we will be using your data in the future.

Although we as a committee have yet to discuss this, it is very likely we will be following the same route. More on this in the coming month.

Also discussed at the forum was Group level sign off. This has become a success with other groups allowing the group to assess associates who do not wish to take their test with an examiner. This allows the group to sign them off. Although this will prevent them from passing with a first it will allow the associate to become a full member.

This is something our group could look at achieving in the future.

Kevin Hill (group Co-ordinator)