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Hello and welcome to the December newsletter.

December is here again and with it comes the Christmas period. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

It goes without saying that from a motoring point of view we are entering the time of year which sees the highest number of drink and drug driving offences being caught. With that in mind we need to be more vigilant ourselves keeping an extra eye on other drivers looking out for that drink driver.

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

We are still looking for new meeting places for the group night. Last month we invited suggestions from all member's of the Leicester Group of Advanced Motorist to put forward any venue they feel would be appropriate to hold future group nights. As yet we have no suggestions

from anyone so if you do have a suggestion please get in touch.

As we are finding the numbers of members attending these evening's dropping over the last year, we are looking of ways of getting more people involved with the club.

The next committee meeting will be held in February which is where we will be discussing this further.

A WARM WELCOME

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

Douglas Sinclair

Chinten Trivedi

Richard Bishuty

We hope you enjoy the training. Remember you are all welcome at the group nights which are on the third Wednesday of every 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.

OBSERVER NEWS

I would like to thank the Observers that attended the meal at the Field Head Hotel on 1st December. It was a chance for the Observers and their partners to get together to chat and share ideas and experiences over the last 12 months. I feel there were good discussions had by all with some good ideas and suggestions put forward. I feel that this event should be replicated more often over the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Observers a Merry Christmas and more importantly thank them all for their dedication and time they have given over the last year to giving their skills to the associates.

Without the Observers we would not have a Leicester Group of Advanced Motorist.

We are still looking for more Observers to join our team especially you Ladies out there. We are very thin on the ground so if you would like to get involved please contact me for more information. It does not require a lot of your time and can be very rewarding. So don't be shy please get in touch.

On another subject. I can now inform you the deadline to have all our observers IMI qualified is 1st January 2018.

I can also inform you all, we have as a group met the criteria already. We now have 8 IMI Qualified National Observers, 1 IMI Qualified Local Observers and 2 Local Observer in Training.

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GROUP NIGHT

Group night this month will be all about George Fornby.

There will be a talk about the man along with some music. So please join us for a Festive Group night which will start at 20.00. this month falls on Wednesday 20th December.

We will also be holding a prize raffle and presenting awards. All members are welcome to the group nights, so come along and get involved with your group. After all its free. Even the tea and coffee is free.

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

This is being held at the Police Headquarters. This is situated at Narborough rd. (B4114) near Fosse Park.

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ASSOCIATE NEWS

I would like to thank new associates for their patience whilst we are waiting for an observer to become free. Please be assured that you have not been forgotten and I will be in touch with everyone of you in the new year with an update. I will also be planning an introduction day towards the end of January. This will give you all a chance to get an introduction to your course and have your first assessed run before you get allocated an Observer. Please do not be concerned regarding your 12 Month time period to complete the course. This time will not start until you have been allocated and had your first run with your observer.

You may have to renew your IAM membership to carry on 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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JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS FUN.

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other were their looks. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on Christmas day their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

The moral of the story is, don't be too much of an optimist as you will end up standing in a pile of

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE!!