

Editors column

Hello and welcome to the January newsletter.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you all have a healthy and prosperous one.

Please note there is not a group night in January.

We have had some pretty poor weather recently with high winds and rain as well as fog and sub zero temperatures. Hardly a white Christmas!

Please be careful out there and make sure your car is up to the weather conditions paying particular attention to your tyres.

Don't forget if the weather is really bad it's worth considering if that trip is really necessary.

If you have any comment or anything you can add to the next newsletter please feel free to E-Mail myself (kevinhill213@outlook.com).

I will gladly reply to any e-mail sent.

Also if you have anything to put to the committee please feel free to E-Mail me and I will reply after the following committee meeting.

Committee News

We are coming up to the Annual General Meeting in March and would like to invite anyone who would like to consider joining the Committee to put their names forward. You can send your details to myself or to Melvyn Smith (melvynsmith21@gmail.com).

Next Committee meeting is Wednesday February 1st.

Congratulations

I am sure all of you will join in congratulating Miss Alice Tollemarche for passing her Skills For Life. I know she will be travelling for the next 9 months and we wish her well in her forthcoming adventures.

Below are the certificates that were handed out at the last group night
Well done to you both!!

Mr Jake Sykes (right)
receiving his certificate from Peter Phillips (left)
Passed in December.
His observer was Khalid Gill



Mr Carl Beeby (Right)
Receiving his certificate from Peter Phillips (Left)
Passed in September with a First!
Observer Tony Moore



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 month.

- Paul Batterham
- Warren Mason
- Chris Knight

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.

Group Night

There is no Group Night in January the next one is February 15th at 20.00

The Christmas Group Night was a great success and I think the chocolate went down well. We thank you all for your attendance.



All members are welcome to the group nights so come along and meet other members for a chat and have a good evening out. After all it's 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

Membership

Please be aware that if you have recently passed your skills for life you may not be aware that you will have to renew your local membership after the first year. This is in addition to the IAM members yearly subs. If in doubt please contact Tony Moore on anthonyj.moore@btinternet.com

Observer News

Calling all members!

Are you considering becoming an Observer? We are always looking for new observers, especially you ladies!

There seems to be a lack of Female observers so if you think you have got the skills to become an observer, please contact myself (Kevin Hill) or any member of the committee.

Becoming an observer is not as difficult as you may think. This can be very rewarding and doesn't have to take all of your spare time. If you, like me would like to pass on the skill you have obtained through IAM. There couldn't be another rewarding way to do it.

As we are in the process of retraining our local observers there couldn't be a better time to start. If anyone is interested please come and talk to us on the group evening or contact myself (Kevin Hill) on email kevinhill213@outlook.com

Associate News

We are planning to hold a training day on Saturday 11th February for new starters. I will be in touch very soon with the details.

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 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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