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Editors column

Hello and welcome to the November newsletter.

As the nights draw in and the clocks have now gone back, most people's commute has now been committed to driving in the dark. With this in mind regular checks of lights and batteries is more important than ever. Only yesterday I followed someone down the M1 with no back lights and only 1 brake light operational.

Over the last couple of months Leicestershire Police have been on a campaign to reduce distraction within the car. Mobile phones have been top of the agenda with a high number of people being prosecuted for using a mobile device whilst driving. It's always good advise to switch off mobiles whilst driving as talking even on hands free can be a distraction.

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

As the new standards are being rolled out to the group to bring us in line with the rest of the groups around the country. The committee are looking at a new website which will hopefully be going live in November. This will be built on the template provided by IAM so will be in line with a lot of the other IAM groups. With that in mind if anyone has any suggestions for columns and pages within the website please contact us.

Congratulations

I am sure all of you will join in congratulating Miss Megan Bradley for passing there Skills For Life.

Eric Hill (right) Accepting his certificate from Peter Phillips At the Group night 19th Sept



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.

- Robert Reeves
- George Sutton
- Stephanie Sanderson

We hope you enjoy the training. And 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 both in the coming weeks to explain the next steps and getting you paired with an observer.

Group Night

After many months of soul-searching, our Treasurer, Tony Moore applied to take the IAM Masters test. After a report in a previous newsletter, he was asked if he would give a talk at a Group night. For more information on why he took the test, how he fared & why, and more information, or question's you may have, on the Masters test, come along to November's Group Night at Police HQ for his presentation.

The group nights are held at Enderby Police Headquarters. This is situated at Narborough rd. (B4114) near Fosse Park.

Full postal address is

Leicestershire police Headquarters

St Johns

Narborough Rd

Enderby

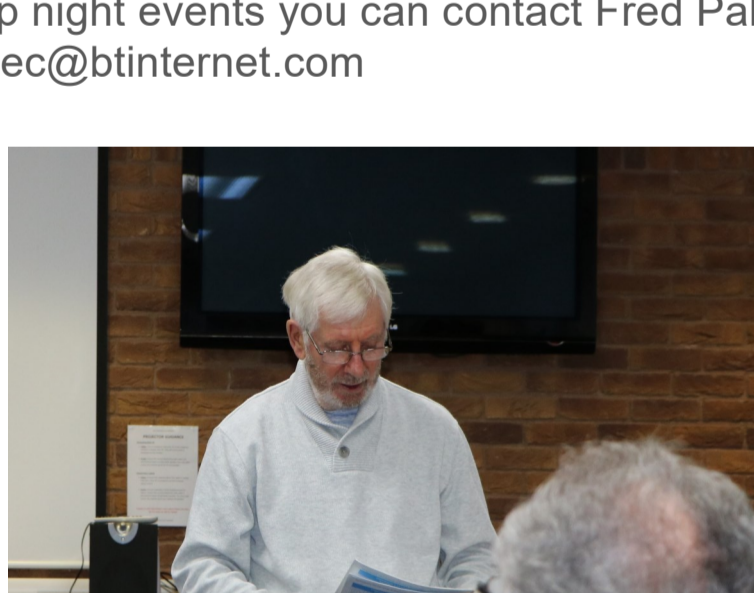
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We will also be holding a prize raffle along with awarding certificates for those who have passed there skills for life assessments.

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 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

Last Months Speaker David Barker



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@talktalk.net

Associate News

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 there membership, but if you have not been contacted or think your membership has expired please get in touch.