



Leicester Group Of Advanced Motorist Newsletter

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Editors Column

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Hello and welcome to the June newsletter.

June is here and its looking good for a warm summer.

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 September as we have a summer break.

While we are on our summer break we are still active as a committee so if you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

- Nicholas Robinson
- Elizabeth Parker

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

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). Wednesday June 20th Start time of 20.00.

All members are welcome.

This month we have We have Mr David Bell.

He will be giving a talk about Heroes of leicester 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
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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 June's Group night at the Field Head Hotel in Markfield. This year's Group night list is below.

- 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

Groups Annual Subscriptions

Group Annual subscription are now due – indeed everyone's subs now fall due on 01 April each year. Anything paid to the group before April this year was, as has been announced, treated as a donation. Thank you to those of you who did, for whatever reason, make a payment between April 2017 and March 2018 and for those who have paid under the new annual system. Although the system has changed, the amount has not, and remains £7.50 per year.

If you have ***NOT*** paid since 01 April this year, please do so now. Under the new GDPR regulations, we will not be able to hold your details after a certain period and your contact details will be deleted and we will deem your membership to have ended.

If you have any queries about the system, or whether you have paid this year, please contact the Treasurer, Tony Moore.

Group Subscriptions for Associates

Group subscriptions for the first year are part of the payment for the Advanced Driving course that you pay to IAM RoadSmart HQ at the start of the process, becoming an Associate member; no payment is therefore due for that year. Once that year is over, however, if you wish to remain a member of the Group, then Group subs are due, in addition to the subs you pay HQ. As mentioned above, the figure is £7.50 per year.

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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.

- Isobel Mceuen

Congratulations

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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Police Update

Some very good news from our Road Safety Partnership (RSP). Casualties On Our Roads Are Down.

In 2017 Leicestershire Police dealt with the lowest number of casualties on our roads ever recorded.

Of the 2219 casualties 20 were fatalities, 276 serious and 1923 slight injury.

Compared to 2016 this represents:

A reduction of

- 23 Fatafs (53.4%)
- 34 Serious (11%)
- 648 Slight (25.2%)

Our roads are becoming safer but there are still high levels of traffic non-compliance. This was illustrated on 21st May in a 3 hour Fatal4 operation in Loughborough when nearly 40 drivers were dealt with for non use of the seat belt, using the mobile phone and a number of miscellaneous offences.

There is still much work for the RSP to get on with and several more Fatal4 events across the policing area are in the pipeline.

Drink/Drug-Drive Campaign

Our campaign starts on 1st June and it will take in the World Cup which commences on 14th June concluding on 15th July.

After our media launch we will be carrying out a number of operations screening drivers for alcohol and drugs. The latter is a growing road safety issue which we are tackling by training more officers to carry out the tests. We will be encouraging people to enjoy themselves throughout the tournament whilst not engaging in drink-driving. The outcome of the campaign will be made known in due course.

Mobile Phones

The RSP is promoting the Defender Signal Blocker. This is a device to prevent a phone from receiving any calls or alerts, leaving a driver free to fully focus on the road ahead; no distractions, no notifications.

Once in the sealed pouch the signal is blocked within 5 seconds and returns within the same time period once removed.

Distraction is a major collision factor across Europe that needs to be tackled.