



Leicester Group Of Advanced Motorist Monthly Newsletter

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Editors Column

Hello and welcome to the November newsletter.

My Apologies for the late sending of the newsletter this month. You will also notice the lack of content too. I am looking for material to put into the newsletter so if anyone has something to share please let me know.

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 committee are inviting any member of the Leicester Group of Advanced Motorist to put forward any venue they feel would be appropriate to hold future group nights. 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.

So if anyone has any suggestions please email us.

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.

Daniel Mellar

John Ireland

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 have put out invitations for an observer night on the 1st of December. Could I remind everyone to respond as I need numbers as soon as possible. Thank you.

If anyone would like to become an observer please contact me and I will discuss this further with you by email or phone.

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Group Night

Group night this month will be a talk on the life and times of Agatha Christie. Group nights start at 20.00. this month falls on Wednesday 15th November.

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

Full postal address is

Leicestershire police Headquarters

St Johns

Narborough Rd

Enderby

LE19 6BX

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

A message from the Treasurer.

.... I am sure you will, by now, be aware that the membership system has changed. From next April, annual subscriptions for every group member will fall due, not as has been the case, on the anniversary of their joining the group. This will mean that those of you who pay by Standing Order, or who have diary entries, will need to amend them so they are effective from 01 April 2018.

I must thank all of you who have not changed your Standing Order, or routine payments, which has meant significantly more income compared to the "worst case scenario" the Committee had reviewed. Please note, however, this payment is deemed a donation and normal subscriptions will fall due next April.

Should you have any queries or concerns about the new system, please contact me, or a member of the Committee, to resolve them.

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 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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Calling all Full Members!

This item has been in the last couple of newsletters but we still need more observers so I have left it in.

Over the last few months our Observer numbers within Leicester Group have reduced to 9. We are looking to recruit more observers as we have a backlog of associates waiting to be trained to the standard for test.

If you are a full member and would like to give some of your time to pass your skills on to someone else, then please get in touch with myself or any committee member.

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. Some observers have as little as one associate that has an assessed run just once a month. Training to be an Observer can take as little as three runs out with a Local Observer Assessor to which we have 4 LOA's within the group

The group will provide all of your training at no cost to you, other than some of your time. There are three levels of observers.

The first is a Local Observer which is the lower level of Observer. To gain this qualification you will be trained and tested within the group. You will also go through periodic training within the group usually two to three morning training sessions held every year with all the other Observers. Although it is not mandatory you attend every session.

The second level of Observer is a National Observer. This will see you being trained within the group but you will take a test outside of the group by an IAM examiner. This will need to be retaken every five years. There will also be periodic training sessions within the group. This is the same sessions as the Local Observers.

The third level is a Local Observer Assessor. If you wish to attain this level you will be trained in the same way as a National Observer with a test by an IAM Examiner. The only difference is you will have to retake the exam every three years.

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.

If anyone is interested please come and talk to us on the group evening or contact myself (Kevin Hill) on email using kevinhill213@outlook.com or call me on 07904 386250