



In Association with



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Events for your Diary

Monday 16th October; The Mini Police. Anna James, Head teacher, Hatton Hill School and Sgt Keith Burke from Community Engagement.

Monday 20th November; Simon Ward. The Psychology of Driving.

Please come along and Support our guest speakers who all give their free time to speak to us. All meetings are held at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport, and start at 8pm unless otherwise stated.

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Ron Clare, MBE.

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Group Committee

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Phil Kelly
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Events: Stella Owen, Gil Taylor, Mike Harris.

Car Observer Team Chair: Phil Kelly.

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Group Number 5143

Words from the Chair



So, what's happened over the past month?

Not a great deal to be honest.

I've not been sent many items this month to include in the newsletter from the SAM membership.

On a personal note, I've just been riding around, Observing and meeting up with other motorcycle enthusiasts.

However, it has given me time to sit back and take a good look at SAM and a growing concern that we all have to address.

Over the last few months I have been politely asking for volunteers, but without any response. Therefore, there is no way of sugar coating what I am about to say. So here goes.

We have a severe shortage of volunteers on the SAM Committee and at the moment we are just about treading water. In the spring of next year we will be losing our Treasurer and our Secretary. If these and other positions are not filled quickly, it will make it extremely difficult for SAM to carry on and provide IAM Roadsmart training to the Sefton area. At best we may have to limit our activities and at worst we may have to cease our activities and be forced to close.

So here I am once again, asking for new committee members.

When spread across a full committee, the workload is not so great. We meet once every month for two hours and from that some committee members may be tasked with a further two hours admin type work. In total that's only four hours a month!

SEFTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS NEED YOU!

People from all walks of life are committee members.



It's very enjoyable and interesting work and keeps you involved and up to date with Advanced Motoring. S.A.M. has served the local community for many years and we wish it to continue, but we need help.

In this edition you will find a full page advert asking for volunteers to join the committee and I am hoping that a number of people will step forward and help out.

Anyone can volunteer, so please make contact with any committee member.

Safe Driving and Riding, *Julie Croik*

NEW ASSOCIATES



Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:

Richard Woods

Stephen Plowright

Olivia Lawrence

Paul Davies

Reina Simpson

Kieran Murphy

John Nolan

Helen Lang

Susan Stalibrass

Helen Roberts

William Molloy

Motorcycle Section:

John Davies

Alex Fleming

Richard Watson

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Car Section:

Claire Fox

Motorcycle Section:

Dr Robert Thurston

Newsletter Contributions Welcomed

Contributions to the newsletter are always welcomed and appreciated. These can be submitted by any means, but e-mail submissions greatly ease the final production.

Copy deadline is the last Friday of the month

E.g. Friday, 27th October for the November issue.

Certificate Presentations

At motorcycle HQ the Advanced Motorcyclists receive their certificates



Jennifer Harrison



Peter Doran

Then later at the Clifton Hotel the Advanced Drivers receive their certificates.



Peter Day



Alan Wilde **IAM FIRST**

Attention Advanced Drivers

The Mid-Course Theory Session for the autumn Advanced Drivers course takes place on Tuesday, 24th October at the Southport Community Fire Station.

Additionally, a number of SAM car observers are, once again, assisting St Helens Group at the NSG/Pilkington annual Safety Day at the Research Laboratory site at Lathom. This is taking place on Thursday, 12th October. Past collaborations have been incidental in attracting new associates and members to our group.

Some Things to Think About

- * If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.
- * Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- * What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- * If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- * Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- * Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- * Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- * Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty
- * The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- * Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- * 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horse.

WANTED

New Committee Members

We have a severe shortage of
Volunteers on the SAM Committee

If these positions are not filled
Soon, it will make it extremely difficult
for S.A.M. to carry on.

REWARD

Helping to Promote Road Safety
In Your Community

CONTACT ANYONE ON THE COMMITTEE IF
YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP

NOTICEBOARD

SEFTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS. Group No. 5143

Group Meetings

All group meetings are held at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Promenade, Southport. PR8 1RB on the 3rd Monday of every month at 8pm, unless otherwise advised.

All Members, Associates and friends are very welcome to attend. Please do not hesitate to make yourself know to any member of the group council who would be pleased to meet you and make you feel very welcome. (Council Members normally wear identity badges).

Your support is especially appreciated by our guest speakers, some of whom travel considerable distances to be with us.

We look forward to welcoming you.

New Associates meetings

Mon 8th Jan 2018 at 8pm.

Held at The Royal Clifton Hotel, Promenade, Southport PR8 1RB.

Motorcycle Meetings

Every Thursday at the Imperial Hotel, 38 Albert Road, Southport. PR9 0LN starting at 8.15pm



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