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Events for your Diary

Monday 20th March; Gordon May, an interesting motorcycle adventure talk “**UK to Vietnam on a WWII GL3 Matchless**”. A real treat for motorcycle enthusiasts.

Monday 10th April; Stephen Ellis – Area Service Delivery Manager, IAM Roadsmart

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.

President
Ron Clare, MBE.

Group Council

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Car Associates Secretary: Ray Woods

Membership Secretary: Tim Starkey

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Gil Taylor

Phil Kelly

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Andy Shotton

James Apter

Events: Stella Owen, Gil Taylor, Mike Harris.

Car Training Team Chair: Richard Hardie
(Associate Co-ordination)

Group Number 5143

Chairman Writes



IAM RoadSmart have now completed their reorganisation of the Group Management and Staff Examiners. We in Sefton are now part of Region 6 stretching from North Wales to Cumbria and on the west side of the Pennines. Our new Area Service Delivery Manager (ASDM) is Steve Ellis who you will all meet at this Year's AGM. Where I am sure he will introduce himself. Steve replaces Toby Shaw and Peter Serhatlic but only covers half the area.

Your Group Council has offered me the position of Vice President of the Group, this would be a 12 month appointment from the AGM. During which time I would be able to attend Council meetings as a none voting guest. They tell me that this would enable them to tap in to my knowledge of IAM/Group matters whilst the Council moves forward. I appreciate this offer and have accepted, so not as a complete escape as I was planning.

On admin matters both Gil Taylor and Ray Woods are not standing for re-election at the AGM. Both Gil and Ray have for many years been active council members. Gil had been the Newsletter Editor for so long that I cannot remember who did it before. Gil produced an excellent newsletter and was instrumental in the original design. Gil successfully handed over the Editors role to Julie Craik in June 2016, who has risen to the Editors role with gusto under Gils guidance.

Having to write this article every month has always been one of the challenges I faced, but Gil was always very patient with my writers block, thanks Gil.

Gil is going to remain on the Car Training Team. Ray has always been our Associate Secretary who was responsible for Associates been recorded with Sefton again over many years. Ray was always at the Royal Clifton on those first associate nights a very busy night, he was responsible for ensuring all associate were signed up and had all the correct papers. Ray was also known for his meticulous paper records of who joined when. Ray's contribution to council meetings was legendary, just the one word, being the number associates booked since the last meeting and this always brought joy to the Council for its brevity. Of course Ray's Job has disappeared with the now fully computerised DTE system. My most heartfelt thanks goes to both these fine colleague's the Council as a whole is very grateful for the contribution they have made over many years.

In closing;

It is my sad duty to let you know of the death of one of our ex Observers Myles (John) Nolan. Myles trained as an Observer almost 16 years ago along with Tom O'Malley, both went on to be what was then a Group Qualified Observer. Myles was still operating as an Observer until 2014, later that year Myles took a back seat from Observing. Myles gave his time and help to Sefton Group over many years, his contribution will be sadly missed.

Safe Driving and Riding.

Alan Filson

NEW ASSOCIATES

Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to



Car Section:

Mustafa Sharif

Motorcycle Section:

John Ashcroft

Paul Cubbin

Stewart Innocent

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Car Section:

Jason Cole (Observed by Alex Doyle & Richard Bryant)

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, 31st March for the April issue.

Certificate Presentations



Congratulations to Dave Miller (left), Chief Observer of the Motorcycle Section.

At last week's Motorcycle Observer meeting Dave was awarded this year's Motorcycle Section Presidents Award, for outstanding contribution and dedication to Sefton Advanced Motorcyclists.

Well done Dave.

Why won't some drivers turn right?



Up until now I've been puzzled why some drivers are reluctant to turn right and prefer to take a route that, predominantly, is a series of left hand turns that eventually takes them to where they want to go.

Well, after reading an article in the "i" newspaper this week I may have the answer. The article was by Graham Kendall, a professor of computer science at the University of Nottingham. In it he says that UPS (the courier company) has moved away from trying to find the shortest journey distances for its vehicles in favour of other criteria that can be optimised.

One of the methods is to try to avoid turning through oncoming traffic at junctions and has designed its routing software to eliminate as many right turns as possible. For continental operations read left turns, of course. Apparently, it reduces the chances of an accident, cuts delays caused by waiting for a gap in traffic and, consequently, saves fuel. Now, only around 10% of turns are through oncoming traffic.

This measure seemingly saves 10 million gallons of fuel, emits 20,000 fewer tonnes of carbon dioxide and, at the same time allows 350,000 more packages to be delivered globally every year. The number of trucks used has been cut by 1,100 and distance travelled by 28.5 million miles. Incredible!

So maybe those nervous, left-turning drivers were on to something all the time.

Gil Taylor.

Nathan Woodcock joins the Car Training Team

We are pleased to announce that Nathan Woodcock has agreed to join the Car Training Team.

Nathan joined SAM in December 2014 and successfully gained a **FIRST** Pass in April 2015. He moved straight on to IMI LO training and gained his accreditation November 2015.

Nathan has also recently become a SAM Council Member.



The Car Training Team now consist of:

Car Training Team (6 Members)

Chairman: Richard Hardie 01704 232372 richard_hardie@hotmail.com

IMI National Observers; Richard Hardie, Phil Kelly, Gil Taylor, Tim Starkey

IMI Local Observers: John Hatchard, Nathan Woodcock.

Checkers IMI NO/LOA: Richard Hardie, Phil Kelly, Gil Taylor, Tim Starkey.

S.A.M Subscription Renewal **Is Just Around The Corner**

We've done it! Another successful year providing safer driving and riding to the roads of Sefton.

Many thanks to everyone, The Council, The Observers, The Many Volunteers and all of our membership in helping to promote the work of Sefton Advanced Motorists and IAM RoadSmart.

Sefton Advanced Motorists charity work goes from strength to strength with everyone's support.

So please help us to stay focused on providing training by sending your subscriptions in a timely manner.

A copy of the Subscriptions Renewal form and payment details is provided with this month's newsletter. Once again, many thanks.

Sefton Advanced Motorcyclists

Rides and Events 2017

Roadsmart course 1 Sat March 4th till April 22nd

Roadsmart course 2 Sat June 3rd till July 22nd

Roadsmart course 3 Sat Sept 2nd till Oct 21st

- Slow riding Course with SLAM on Sunday 12th March 915 am till 1200
- Manchester Bike show 25th / 26th March
- Scotland / NC500 trip April 28th / May 5th
- Observers Regional Training weekend with MBEAM May 6th / 7th for New Observers, local / National Observers and Master Riders
- Monthly Meetings at the Royal Clifton Hotel 3rd Monday of every Month
- SAM A.G.M 15th May 2000 hrs at the Royal Clifton Hotel
- Summer BBQ Date TBA
- Ormskirk Motorfest Sunday 27th August 2017
- Motorcycle Live (NEC) 18th / 26th November

Social Ride outs for SAM members third Saturday of each month. All rides leave the Fire station at 1315 latest. Except the full day rides which leave at 0930

March 18 th	Glasson dock
April 15 th	Knott end
May 20 th	Full days ride TBA
June 17 th	Waddington
July 15 th	Last Drop Village
August 19 th	Full days ride TBA
Sept 16 th	Slaidburn
October 21 st	Scorton Barn

(Rides are subject to change depending on weather etc. Check Facebook for the latest updates)

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

2nd Monday in Jan, May & Sept 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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