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Events for your Diary

Monday 19th June; SAM Car Training Team. An interesting talk about the options a member can take after the Test: Local Observer, National Observer and Masters. Including an insight into the workings of the Car Training Team.

Monday 17th July; Dennis Nicholson IAM examiner. An interesting talk about a "Driving holiday in South Africa"

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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Events: Stella Owen, Gil Taylor, Mike Harris.

Car Training Team Chair: Vacancy.

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Group Number 5143

Words from the Chair



Well here goes,

I say that because, after watching Alan at work over the last couple of years I have come to realise the enormous contribution he has made to Sefton Advanced Motorists. He sure is going to be a hard act to follow. Thank you Alan, I and everyone else, wish you well and a speedy recovery.

I also thank all the other long standing members of the Council – now renamed Committee, for their contribution and commitment over the years.

The year has got off to a flying start, with the Car training team and the bike section recording associate numbers equal if not better than this time last year. At the AGM, Steve Ellis our Area Service Delivery Manager praised the fantastic training that SAM delivers, along with our commitment to the observer training program that goes right up and through to our Masters training team. Relatively speaking here at SAM we are punching well above our weight.

As I come to terms with the complexity and the amount of work and effort that's required to run a IAM RoadSmart group, I keep coming back to the same thought, that everyone should be proud of the groups achievements, of the people involved, for what they do and what they have done. If it wasn't for the very British tradition of volunteering, well, I don't think we would be half as good as we are.

One of the aims this year is to introduce succession planning, to have volunteers in the right place to make sure we continue the excellent work of our predecessors and make them proud.

To do this the Committee are now on the lookout for extra help, volunteers who can help the Committee and become our future Committee members. We feel this is vital for the groups continued success past 2018. If you feel you can help and want to be involved in something great, please get in touch.

As for myself, well....I just consider myself as a Motorcycle Enthusiast with a strong desire to make Britain's roads safer for all and I will endeavour to do my best as Chair. But I know I'm not the only one. I know there are other Car enthusiasts and Motorcycle enthusiasts out there, who would like to contribute and make a difference. We will always welcome their help with Sefton Advanced Motorists.

Safe Driving and Riding, *Julie Croik*

NEW ASSOCIATES



Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:

David Cook Alan Wilde

Motorcycle Section:

Dr Robert Thurston	Jennifer Harrison	Hanzala Qureshi
Andrew McKirdy	Surfraz Lobinia	Kieran Murphy
Les Briscoe	Mike Briscoe	

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Car Section:

Barry Hutton

Matthew Abbott

Derek Main

Daniel Murphy 

Motorcycle Section:

Dave Delaney

Ian Winward

John Ashcroft

Chris Williams 

Alan Wilde

Jim Lawson

Keith Lloyd

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, 30th June for the July issue.

Presentations at the AGM

For those who missed the yearly event, here are a few photos of our AGM.



Sorry if anyone has been missed, but there were a lot of photos to choose from and as many as possible have been squeezed on the page.

Big Kids in a Toy Shop!



You may remember that Tony Hey, one of SAM's Local Observers, organised a visit last year to the William Hunter Transport Collection at Holmes, near Mere Brow. Well, we were invited again on Monday, 8th May – and a very interesting time was had by all. I think there was a strong sense of nostalgia present for members and guests who spent the morning there.

Tony Hey pictured here at the wheel of an immaculate Leyland Super Octopus.

What strikes you about this place is the immaculate restoration of the vehicles, the quality of the building itself but most of all the welcome you get from the people there. Ian Halsall can, perhaps, be described as the museum curator very ably backed up by volunteers Glynn and John. All these gentlemen have an infectious enthusiasm for the place as well as immense pride, and respect for William Hunter himself. Sadly, he passed away in 2014 but younger members of the family appear to share his passion and have plans for another building to house more of the exhibits that are scattered around the area.



Ian Halsall (far left) keeping Colin White and Tony Hey entertained.

Whilst the exhibits are loved and cared for they are not just to be looked at as we found out. There was no hesitation in starting the engines and allowing the visitors to clamber into the cabs.

One lucky guest (right) is seen here with Ian after being taken for a spin down the by-pass in this Leyland Beaver that used to work out of Mere Brow delivering fresh produce to Tesco supermarkets throughout the north west of England.



Thanks must be given to Tony for organising the visit and to Ian, Glynn and John for giving up their time to show us around and impart their knowledge. For my part, I would recommend a repeat visit to anyone vaguely interested in transport history.

Gil Taylor

On Top of the World!



Well not quite, but some of the motorcycle observer team and some partners took a spring break by riding the famous North Coast 500 route.

Traveling up Scotland's east coast, here you see everyone at the famous John O' Groats signpost, with some even sneaking their bikes under it for the photo. Then on westwards, along the top of Scotland before

heading south down the west coast and through the stunning Applecross region. A fantastic adventure was had by all in exceptionally glorious weather. Averaging approximately 200 miles per day they rode some of the best roads in Britain and through some of the best scenery in the world.

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At the time of printing we have calculated that over 120 subscription payments are still outstanding from the due date 1st April 2017. Here at SAM we try to keep subscriptions as low as possible and rely on members to be as timely as possible with their payment.

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Please note, we value all our members. However, if subscriptions are not paid by the 1st August, then a member will be considered as not wishing to join for the coming year.

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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