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Events for your Diary

Monday 10th April; GROUP MEETING for April is the second Monday to avoid Easter. With **Stephen Ellis** – Area Service Delivery Manager, IAM Roadsmart attending.

Monday 15th May; SAM's 33rd AGM. With **Stephen Ellis** attending for a second time.

Monday 19th June; Richard Hardie, Chair of 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.

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.

Chairman Writes



If you're not part of an Observing Team then you're probably not aware that we are issuing all our Observers with a new T-shirt each all badged with the new IAM RoadSmart and Sefton Badges. Thanks to Julie Craik we have already issued the shirts to our Motorcycle Observers and have now sent the car sizes for their production. The new T-shirts are a better and more comfortable material than previous models we have used and whilst attending events and it will be great to see as many as possible wearing our corporate clothing.

Now for those of you who may think it odd to see that Alan Filson has signed up to participate in the summer Motorcycle SFL course I can put your mind at rest that it is not me starting again, it is my Son. We use his second name Simon but he carries the same first name as me. Although he lives in the Stoke area he has decided to take his training with us.

Last month's speaker at the Royal Clifton was Gordon May who gave us an account of his ride from the UK to Vietnam. As Chairman you are trying to manage these events to culminate around 9pm ish, it was with some worries that I introduced Gordon to the assembled people, who had just informed me that his talk usually lasted about 1hr 30 mins. The next thing I knew I casually looked at my watch and it was now 9.40pm, the time had flown past Gordons talk was that good. Consequently I must apologise to those who had wished for a shorter meeting but I think a 9.55pm finish on this occasion was warranted. Once again thanks to Gordon for a great talk and thanks to the Events Team for arranging the night.

Safe Driving and Riding.

Alan Filson

Stop Press!

Tony Hey has arranged a return **visit to the William Hunter Transport Museum** on Monday 8th May at around 10.30am.

If there are any interested members, or their friends please contact Tony Hey for further details.

NEW ASSOCIATES

Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:



Ian McMeakin

Susan Stallibrass

John Legge

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to

Car Section:



Terry Martin

Peter Day

David Bell

Duncan Mitchell

Last but not least, Special Congratulations to

Kathie Cooke 

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, 28th April for the May issue.

SEFTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Sefton Advanced Motorists will be held at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport on Monday 15th May 2017 at 8pm to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No 517780) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended the 31st of March 2017 for approval by the Group Full Members and to conduct an election.

Stella Owen, Group Secretary. 31st March 2017.

Address: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Group Number: 5143

All members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only Group Full Members may vote.

A Member entitled to vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy to vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a Group Full Member.

CURRENT OFFICERS

All Council Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election

Chair: Alan Filson, will not stand.

Nomination: Julie Craik

Secretary: Stella Owen, will stand

Treasurer: Stewart Gaukroger, will stand

ONE THIRD OF THE COMMITTEE MUST RETIRE ANNUALLY AND MAY OFF THEMSELVES FOR RE-ELECTION

Retiring by rotation and standing for re-election: Brian Dring, Stella Owen, Andy Shotton

Committee Members not retiring and still to serve: James Apter, Julie Craik, Stewart Gaukroger, Phil Kelly, Jan West, Tim Starkey

New Council Member standing: Rob Simpson, Nathan Woodcock.

Council Members resigning: Cam Cunningham, Alan Filson, Gil Taylor, Ray Woods

NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

Nominations are invited from Group Full Members to stand for Committee. The nominee must be willing to stand for the Committee and sign the nomination form. By signing the Nomination Form the nominee is affirming his/her ability and intention, if elected, to attend committee meetings regularly.

NOTE

You may not stand for Committee if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.

Only Group Full Members may nominate Committee Members or be nominated as Committee Members.

The nomination Paper must be returned to the Group Secretary at least seven days before the election by 8th May 2017. Those elected become Charity Trustees of the Group.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of The 32nd Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Annual Report: Chair
5. Accounts: Treasurers Report. Accounts to be Approved By Full Members
6. Appointment of Independent Checker (of Accounts)
7. Membership Report
8. Motorcycle Section Report
9. Associate Scheme Report
10. Observer Training Team Report
11. Election of Committee Members
12. Election of Group Officers
13. Address by New Chair
14. Any Other Business: Members are requested to inform the Secretary, in advance, of any matter they wish to raise.
15. Stephen Ellis, Area Service Delivery Manager IAM RoadSmart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATION FORM

NAME	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY	SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Members, Associates, Friends, including Ron Clare MBE (President) and Council Members.

The AGM enables the Trustees of the Group to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 for approval by its members.

Presentation of Certificates:

Test Passes – Anthony Gibbon (car), Colm Carton (m/c F1RST) and Andy Shotton (IMI National Observer certificate).

Annual General Meeting

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED FOR ABSENCE

Cam Cunningham, Paulette Haigh, Les Thurgeson (thanked the committee for the hard work they had put into the Group), Gil Taylor, David Paton, James Apter and Verna Harman.

2. MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Minutes of the 31st AGM were published in the March Newsletter.

Proposed: Richard Hardie.

Seconded: Ray Woods.

Signed by the Chair Alan Filson (vice chair) in Cam Cunningham's absence.

3. MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT: Chair – Cam Cunningham (via e-mail) presented by Alan Filson.

This was his 2nd annual report as Chair. It had been a busy year for the Group Council. He thanked all Group Council members for giving up their time in working for the Group and also supporting him in his year of office.

The year started with a new treasurer, Stewart Gaukroger, who took over from Paulette Haigh. Stewart had done a brilliant job in settling into the post and had prepared his first end of year accounts. Other changes for next year were Tim Starkey standing down as Secretary (although continuing as Membership Secretary) and Stella Owen taking over the Secretary's post. He wished her well in the forthcoming year but was certain that she would do an excellent job. Gil Taylor had been the Newsletter editor for numerous years. He was standing down from this post with Julie Craik to take over. He wished Julie good luck. Julie, a motorcycle member, had been on the Group Council for 2 years now. She would welcome input for the Newsletter from any members who had motoring experiences to relate.

Tim and Gil would be continuing on the training team as National Observers, so they would still be busy working for the Group. Thanks were expressed to both of the training teams - car and motorcycle sections. They had been very busy as the statistics for passes showed – a higher numbers of associates than ever before had taken the Skill for Life training and achieved very high pass rates that had been well above the IAMs national average. The high number of associates for both Bikes and Cars had been due to keeping our profile in the public mind with our presence at the Ormskirk Motorfest for the 2nd time last August as an example. He thanked Gil for organising our stand – and also to those group members who joined us on the day to help on the stand. There were plans to go to the current year's event so any offers of help would be appreciated.

Gil along with Stella and the Chair had organised the Group monthly meetings and with many interesting evenings over the past year. New and different speakers for meetings are always needed and the Chair appealed to members for contacts or ideas.

On the IAM national scene there had been many changes planned with a rebranding of the IAM logo together with the new Road Smart campaign (rather than Skill for Life) being put out into the public domain via the media. There would also be a set of "Lesson Plans" to assist Observers mentoring their associates with colourful leaflets for each drive which would eventually replace the book (How to be a better Driver) that we had all become so familiar with either as an Associate or as an Observer. The Chair was leaving the Group in the capable hands of incoming Chair Alan Filson. He could see that our group would go from strength to strength just as the national IAM would become ever more high profile with its Road Smart campaign.

5. ACCOUNTS:

Treasurers Report. Accounts, approved by full members, presented by Stewart Gaukroger – (Treasurer).

Proposed: Phil Kelly.

Seconded: Andy Shotton.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tim Starkey

Car Associate

16

Car member	107
Dual member	19
Group friend	9
Honorary member	2
Motorcycle associate	10
Motorcycle member	78
<u>Total membership</u>	<u>241</u>

Of the membership 98 had agreed to Gift Aid, and 121 were still to renew.

7. MOTORCYCLE SECTION REPORT: Brian Dring

2014	v	2015
29 associates		28 associates
29 Passes – 100%		25 Passes – 100%
3 F1RST passes		5 F1RST passes
3 New NO		0 NO (3 in '16)
2 New LO		6 New LO
2 LOA		1 LOA

Observer Team:

- 21 Observers
- 6 IMI National
- 1 Senior
- 14 Local IMI (GQO-4)
- 3 Police Class One
- 2 Master riders – Mentors
- 5 F1RST holders
- 3 Local Observer Assessors
- 2 LO Trainees in 2016

Extra Initiatives:

- Year round – IAM taster/assessments
- May – Trainee Observers' Assessment day
- 10 prospective candidates
- August – Regional Training Day, Mere Brow
- Regional Quality Manager & NTT members
- South Lancs, Wirral, Manchester 500 & Sefton
- 50 potential National and Local Observers

Other Activities:

- Monthly – Social Ride Out Programme
- April – Windy's Scotland Trip - c20 party
- August – Filson's Fry Up & BBQ
- December – Observers' Christmas Do
- Bryant's Bikers' Games Night
- Defense of SAM Quiz title

Fuel Fund Charity £630

- North West Air Ambulance - £210
- Firefighters' Charity - £210
- Sefton Advanced Motorists - £210

"Section President's Award" 2015

Went to Brian Dring.

8. ASSOCIATE SCHEME REPORT: Ray Woods

Word of mouth by members was still the main introduction to new associates so a plea to continue promoting the course and the benefits when the opportunity arose was made. Other ways that the new associates were encouraged to join were work related schemes, as a gift from a friend or family member, and those who, it was felt, would benefit from the awareness the course develops. We also had those join who wanted to improve their driving skills and those wanting to regain or improve their confidence in driving. The Ormskirk Motorfest was also mentioned as was an article on improving driving in a motoring magazine. Although the internet was not often mentioned as a first contact, many found additional information there and most used it to join.

This year there had been a significant increase in the number of associates from Liverpool, this accounted for nearly twenty percent of the total, only beaten by those from Southport on twenty five percent. The other associates were spread over the area we cover, including Lathom, Ormskirk, Formby, Maghull, Hightown and Ainsdale (which were not include in the Southport total).

9. OBSERVER TRAINING TEAM REPORT: Richard Hardie

The Training Team convened for four scheduled meetings in the past year.

We continued to develop Observer experience as key activities for the Training Team, in delivery the Skill for Life Course. Current Observer resource was:

Status	Total	NO/LOA	NO	SQO	LO	GQO/G
Active	16	3	1	1	3	8
Inactive	3	2				1

Following serious illness/surgery Peter Comfort NO/LOA was thankfully well enough to contemplate return to active duties in September. One NO/LOA and one Group Observer were not participating with the Group due to other IAM/work commitments. Frank Bennett (RNR) would still remain a member of the IAM and SAM. He was thanked for his valuable input to training over the years. John Hatchard - GQO had joined the Training Team and will progress to NO.

Secondly, in delivery of the Skill for Life Course by our Observer resource, the Training Team carried out new Associates briefings in May, September and January. Followed by, Mid Course Theory meetings in June, October and February. Plans and dates for meetings for the rest of 2016 and into 2017 were in place.

The qualification and required re-qualification of Senior and Group Qualified Observers had been monitored by the Team throughout the year, as required. Two NO candidates were currently awaiting a Test date from the RQM. Three IMI/LO's were qualified in the year and two TLO's were in Phase 2 of their training with LOA's in the May Associate intake. One LOA candidate was at the final assessment stage of qualification.

In January 2016 co-ordination of new Associates was taken over by the Training Team, administered in the first instance by Richard Hardie, as Chair.

Course	Ass'ts	Passes	F1RSt Passes	D N C
May 15	11	10	2	2
Sept 15	11	11	3 (1 HGV)	4
Jan 2016	9	8	1	3
Totals	31	29		9

Did Not Complete (DNC) reasons; 1 completed, but never took the Test, 2 too busy work wise to continue. 4 took enough from the course but didn't want to take the Test. 2 drifted away without trace.

May Skill for Life course eleven (of thirteen) new Associates attended the introductory evening that week at Southport Fire Station, Community Room, with 10 Observers, 4 TT Members and Ray Woods.

In summary, a busy successful year for the Training Team/Observer resource with a healthy intake of Associates (Average 10) across all three Skill for Life Courses. Work would continue in the development and maintenance of a competent Observer resource.

As Chair of the Training Team he thanked all members of the Team for their support and valued contribution during another busy year of development. Thanks were also expressed to the Observer resource for their valued commitment to the Skill for Life Course, their time and dedication to success continued to be sincerely appreciated.

10. ELECTION OF GROUP COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member retiring by rotation and seeking re-election:

Alan Filson, Gil Taylor, Jan West, Phil Kelly, Ray Woods & Tim Starkey.

New Council Members seeking election:

James Apter & Julie Craik.

Council member retiring from Council: No retirements.

Council Members not due for re-election, still to serve: Andy Shotton, Brian Dring, Cam Cunningham, Stewart Gaukroger and Stella Owen.

Proposed: Barry Hesketh.

Seconded: Richard Hardie.

11. ELECTION OF GROUP COUNCIL OFFICERS

All Council Officers retire annually, present officers are:

Chair: Cam Cunningham, not seeking re-election as Chair.

Nomination: Alan Filson seeking election as Chair.

Secretary: Tim Starkey, not seeking re-election as Secretary.

Nomination: Stella Owen seeking election as Secretary.

Treasurer: Stewart Gaukroger seeking re-election as Treasurer.

There being only one nomination for each office all were elected.

12. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHECKER (of accounts)

Kathryn Heywood invited by Stewart Gaukroger to audit the accounts for 2016-2017.

Proposed: Brian Dring.

Seconded: Barry Hesketh.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Members were requested to inform the secretary, in advance, of any matters they wished to raise. [No issues raised.](#)

Alan Filson expressed his thanks to Tim Starkey and Gil Taylor for their service in office, and good luck to Stella Owen and Julie Craik in their new positions.

Meeting Closed.

The speaker was Ron Clare MBE talking about his history with the IAM and Sefton Advanced Motorists.

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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