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Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Group Number 5143

Words from the Chair



Hello,

And a belated Happy New Year to everyone.

So where do I start with this month's edition of the newsletter?

Perhaps with a rethink of the newsletter itself?

Looking back the newsletter was first published in the mid nineteen eighties, thirty or so years ago. Back then there were no mobile phones, no internet and no social media platforms that we now take for granted in our modern world.

The training that SAM provides has moved on too, IPSGA, the Highway Code, everything evolves, develops and continues to improve. The world in general does gradually become a better place and the wishes of the Luddites should be ignored.

So, what's this all got to do with the newsletter I hear you ask? Well, SAM has also moved on in the way it presents itself to its members and the outside world. We now have a fantastic social media platform and with our use of Facebook, Twitter and our new Website we can provide up to date information, speedily and efficiently.

So is the newsletter resigned to its own pages in history?

Perhaps so. As I sit here at my kitchen table for the next couple of days the realisation hits me hard, that the newsletter is time consuming to produce and all I am actually doing is publishing old news. Everything in this newsletter was uploaded to Facebook and the SAM Website weeks ago. My efforts to inform are just a duplication, which costs a considerable time to produce and in the cases where we actually still post the newsletter a financial burden.

To put it plainly the newsletter is now coming to the end of its road.

There is hope though to all the readers who like a piece of paper to hold onto, the SAM technical boffins may have found a way of producing a SAM Flyer by extracting information from the website and therefore eliminating the duplication of manual effort in an instant.

We are not sure just yet of the exact look and format of the new SAM Flyer which will replace the newsletter. However, I will produce a rough example of how it may look in one of the following pages.

So let's see if we can develop this further in the next month or two and look forward to seeing the new SAM Flyer.

Safe Driving and Riding, *Julie Croik*

NEW ASSOCIATES



Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:

Niomi Bacon

John Green

Korin Christien-Cox

Motorcycle Section:

Leslie Ashton

Nigel Pickin

Paul Pontin

Jeff Edgar

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Car Section:

Mustafa Sharif

Andrew Hulme

Kieran Murphy

Helen Roberts

David Crook

Susan Stallibrass

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, 23th February for the March issue.

Certificate Presentations

Congratulations to all who received their certificates last month at the Clifton Hotel.



Here we see Kieran Murphy being presented with his Advanced Driving Certificate by Steve Ellis.



National Observer awards presented by Steve Ellis go to Ian Hammond, Tony Hey, Ross Maul, Walter Kahn and John Hatchard. We wish the good luck with this year's Observing duties.

Future Associates Meetings

Car Section

Mid-Course Theory meeting: Monday 12th February.

New Associates Meeting: Tuesday 8th May.

Mid-Course Theory meeting: Tuesday 12th June.

All the above meetings will be held at the Southport Community Fire Station, Manchester Road Southport PR9 0LH. The meetings commence at 8pm prompt.

Social Media

Please take time to check out our new look website.

Also, if you use Facebook please like our Facebook page.

Finally, if you prefer to tweet on Twitter, you will find us there too.



What the new Flyer may look like.



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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

Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 8pm.

Meeting at the Southport Community Fire Station, Manchester Rd, PR9 0LH

Motorcycle Meetings

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



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