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Events for your Diary

Monday 8th May; William Hunter Transport Museum Visit. 10.30am. Contact Tony Hey for details 07836 567345.

Monday 15th May; 33rd Annual General Meeting.

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 Tea

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

Chairman: Alan Filson

Vice Chair: Julie Craik

Secretary: Stella Owen

Treasurer: Stewart Gaukroger

Car Associates Secretary: Ray Woods

Membership Secretary: Tim Starkey

Motorcycle Membership: Brian Dring

Newsletter Editor: Julie Craik

Webmaster: Rob Simpson

Other Council Members:

Gil Taylor

Phil Kelly

Jan West

Andy Shotton

James Apter

Events: Stella Owen, Gil Taylor, Mike Harris.

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

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Chairman Writes



Well we have got here in the end my last Chairs bit, it's been a long haul but enjoyable when you get stuck in.

As my year comes to an end and I look over my shoulder lots seemed to have happened in the last twelve months, I will not detail them all here today. But both training teams have excelled themselves and at one point in the year had 70 associates over the year. 70 I tell you!!! With more Firsts, Distinctions and National Observers, Master Mentors the list goes on. This all happens because we have two Truly Great Training Teams. I wish you well for the future and I am sure your excellent work will continue.

As I have said previously I will be stepping down from the committee from the AGM having been on it continually for the last 38 years. You will be pleased to know that I will spare you the details. I will say though it has been a great 38 years working alongside likeminded people I think we have and continue to make a difference. I leave the committee and training teams in an excellent condition with new faces joining us, the future looks good. My regards also go to Julie Craik who takes over from me at the AGM, from what I have seen to date a great year lies ahead for Sefton with Julie at the Helm. I have gratefully accepted a 12 month stint as a Vice President with Ron Clare as President, he had been there for years when I joined.

As I leave two other committee members are also stepping down, Gil Taylor and Ray Woods, it would be remiss of me not talk a bit about them and their enormous contribution to Sefton Group. I hope they don't mind me treating them together it saves the duplications. Ray used to be Sefton's welcome Guru in the days before the internet he was the man on the first night of any course, he was Gandalf collecting the followers and preparing them for their undertaking. Ray also did his stints as Chairman with great success although he never thought so. Got an event to organise then Ray was there to help. Gil on the other hand will always be remembered as the best Newsletter Editor, he took it on just as we were getting into the Digital era. Not fully conversant with the software he took it on and grew into the job. Very patient with me luckily. Gil only stepped down from this role last year and by this time we were 95% electronic all organised by Gil. As part of the Publicity Gil was always coming up with ideas, and if you needed a person to bring the gear to an event, and then set it up, he would be your person (Man in old money). Gil is not going far he intends to stay on the Car Training Team.

So that's it then I know that Sefton Group will leave a huge hole in my life, nearly all of our friends have been made within Motorcycling, so really it should be me saying a huge Thank You to Sefton for all it has given me over many great years. As I have said the future looks good.

Safe Driving and Riding.

Alan Filson

NEW ASSOCIATES



Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:

Hazel Hey

Motorcycle Section:

Chris Wilson

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Car Section:

David Lane 

Mel Duty

Motorcycle Section:

James Eaton

Neil Farrell

Pip McQueen

Paul Cubbin 

Mark Inman

Stewart Innocent

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, 26th May for the June issue.

Certificate Presentations

This month we see the **Car Section Associates** passing with flying colours, with all presentations made by Steve Ellis our Area Service Delivery Manager from Roadsmart.



Congratulations to David Bell here with his Observer John Hatchard



Also to Duncan Mitchell with his Observers Keith Lloyd and Gil Taylor.



And a Fantastic F1RST goes to Kathie Cooke with her Observer Walter Klahn

F1RST

Spring Sunshine, HiViz and Motorcycles

The Spring Advanced Riding course is now well underway with 14 keen Associates along with the Motorcycle Observer team, bursting with enthusiasm as the sun bathes and the rain soaks them on the roads of Sefton this springtime.



As well as one to one training, the course also includes advanced riding in a group and this spring was no exception with 26 riders making their way to Rivington Barn.

A sea of yellow hiviz filled the café and devoured dozens of bacon butties, cake and numerous cups of tea and coffee in true 'biker' style.

Here's good luck to them all and hopefully we will see them all pass in the very near future.

New Website Up and Running

A few words from our new Webmaster Rob Simpson



Hello, my name is Rob Simpson and I am an active member of the Motorcycle Observer Team. I have been involved with SAM since passing my IAM advanced riding test in spring 2013. I soon became a Local Observer, then subsequently qualifying as a National Observer and at present I'm currently training for my Masters motorcycle qualification.

Since leaving the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) in 1992, I have worked in Information Technology (IT) and I am now very pleased to be able to apply those skills as your new Webmaster.

It now gives me great pleasure to report that after many months of 'behind the scenes' work, the new SAM website is now up and running.

The site can be found easily from the following link, <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam> or from the main IAM RoadSmart site, then search for your local group with the word "sefton" or any local postcode.

Now we all know that anything like this can be greatly enhanced by a constant stream of interesting information and I welcome the receipt of any new content such as social events, ride-outs, new associates and test successes etc. So please send me anything you may think fits the bill.

To make the site more dynamic and appealing to prospective associates I am also asking for a recent picture of all car and bike observers, including a brief three or four line profile, that I can publish on our website as an introduction to any new associates.

So, if you have any articles you think would be suitable for publishing please forward them by email to me at samwebmaster@old-orchard.co.uk

Many thanks in anticipation of you website contributions.

Rob Simpson

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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