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Events for your Diary

Monday 20th November; Simon Ward. The Psychology of Driving.

Monday 18th December; Christmas Social gathering and Quiz.

Monday 15th January; Steve Ellis, Area Manager, IAM RoadSmart. Presentation on the current and future plans of the IAM.

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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Group Committee

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Phil Kelly
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Events: Stella Owen, Gil Taylor, Mike Harris.

Car Observer Team Chair: Phil Kelly.

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Group Number 5143

Words from the Chair



So, here we are entering another yearly episode of;
Halloween (Scaring people to death!),
Trick or Treat (Demanding Money through Menaces!)
Mischief Night (Hoodies causing Neighbourhood destruction!)
And good old Bonfire Night (Legalised Arson and Explosive Devices!)

But to be personally honest, none of the above is of any real interest to me, I've never been too sure of what it actually achieves in the 21st century. Perhaps being a Yorkshire woman I just don't like to see money or energy wasted.

However, I am interested in serving the local community even though I am feeling a little disappointed with the SAM membership this month.

Did you all read last month's newsletter?

If so you will remember this;

SEFTON ADVANCED MOTORISTS NEED YOU!

People from all walks of life are committee members.



It's very enjoyable and interesting work and keeps you involved and up to date with Advanced Motoring. S.A.M. has served the local community for many years and we wish it to continue, but we need help.

In this edition you will find a full page advert asking for volunteers to join the committee and I am hoping that a number of people will step forward and help out. Anyone can volunteer, so please make contact with any committee member.

Firstly, many thanks to the TWO members who responded. Their enthusiasm to help is greatly appreciated.

But only TWO responses from a total membership of 247 is a little disappointing.

However, I am forever the optimist, and I am still hoping to see some new faces around the Committee table soon, so with fingers crossed.....

Safe Driving and Riding, *Julie Croik*

NEW ASSOCIATES



Sefton Group extends a warm welcome to

Car Section:

Damian Casey

Rob Hargreaves

James Whittaker

Paul O'Brian

TEST PASSES

Hearty Congratulations go to



Motorcycle Section:

John Davies

Richard Watson

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, 24th November for the December issue.

Certificate Presentations

There was only one certificate to present at the monthly Clifton Hotel meeting this month. Once again a quiet meeting with only 17 attendees.

Many congratulations go to Claire Fox on achieving her Advanced Driving Certificate.



Not To Be Missed

The next Meeting at the Clifton Hotel is on **Monday the 20th November** and we have invited Simon Ward to come along and present a fascinating talk on the Psychology of Driving.

In December, Monday the 18th to be precise, we will be holding our yearly Christmas Social and Quiz meeting

As always, all members are welcome.

Social Media

Recently a great deal of time and effort has been put into our social media platforms by Rob Simpson and Andy Shotton, and what a fantastic job they have done too.

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.



Life in the Fast Lane

As far as Motorcycle Observing goes, this year has once again been successful with approximately 30 Associates completing their Advanced Motorcycle training.

So as the motorcycle season comes to an end for most riders, the Motorcycle Observer team decided to organise themselves a day out exploring Wales.



They certainly make an impressive sight whilst riding their trusty steeds.

Can you put names to all the faces?

But where's the SAM Chair Julie I hear you ask? She never misses an opportunity to ride her bike!

Eventually Julie was spotted wearing her new sporty little number. Having just imported it from the Isle of Man.

But don't worry, it's just a pleasant distraction from her first choice of transport, a motorcycle.



WANTED

New Committee Members

We have a severe shortage of
Volunteers on the SAM Committee

If these positions are not filled
Soon, it will make it extremely difficult
for S.A.M. to carry on.

REWARD

Helping to Promote Road Safety
In Your Community

CONTACT ANYONE ON THE COMMITTEE IF
YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP

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

Mon 8th Jan 2018 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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