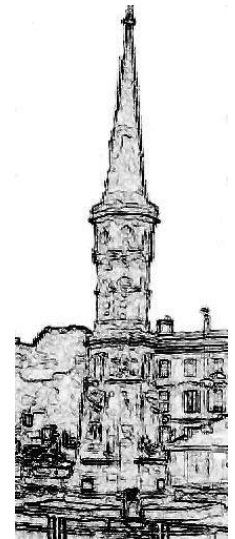


# BYWAY

The not so major communication from

## Banbury Advanced Motorists

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Welcome to Byway.

This issue brings you news from the AGM and a question.

At the AGM I decided to take a step back for a while and stood down from the role of Chairman. I swapped with Michael who has been in training for three years as our Vice Chairman. You will see his details on the info box below. Michael is much more techno oriented than I am, and is interested in attending area meetings which I am not. So we anticipate much progress in the coming year. At the AGM we also welcomed two new faces to the committee, Tony Carney and Peter Wilcocks who both join as general members. The fresh blood will be a good thing.

The Chief Observers award this year was awarded to John Riches. This award is awarded to the observer who has contributed most to the group over the last twelve months. It relies on the completion of, and submission of log sheets. Kromer, who does the calculations is convinced that John should have received this award in past years, but John unfortunately failed to submit his record sheets. This year however, he managed that and as a result received the award. Well done John.

At the meeting we also discussed the best way of organising the membership year, so as to make things easier for our record keeping. We have decided to, from now on, make all new memberships run from 1 January. Existing members, if they wish to move their standing orders to 1 January can do so, but there is no requirement for this. Aaron will try to maintain a better list than he has done in the past. In the short term, you will receive a letter from him when your membership is due setting out the options. It would help though, if you could make your payments by standing order. Aaron will give details in his letter.

The other general matter discussed was whether to shift the winter social event from December to January. We agreed to do this and to look for the event to be held in mid to late January. What was not decided was whether to make the event a Sunday lunch, or an evening dinner. We would be grateful for your views on this. Please send me your comments.

The other news is that we have now sourced corporate clothing from a local firm. It has been a long haul getting there and, ultimately the goods turned out to be more expensive than we had bargained for – I forgot the VAT. However, we can now place an order every now and then if required. The range we have includes gents and ladies polo shirts, sweat shirts, Gents long and short sleeve formal shirts and ladies formal shirts. The picture is of a sweat shirt. Please contact me if you want to know more.



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Now, over to the new Chairman for his greetings.

Regards.

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### **A few words from the Chair**

Many thanks to all the Members and Associates who attended the AGM this year. We have now moved most of our meetings to a Thursday evening so hopefully this will encourage even more to attend the event next year.

I would like to welcome Peter Wilcocks and Tony Carney to our Committee. I would also like to thank the 2016/2017 Committee and Observer team for the hours they have put in to keep Banbury Advanced Motorists operational.

IAM Roadsmart have announced that 2017 will be the 'Year of the Observer'. This means that there will be recognition for our observers as well as the opportunity for them to attend some events specifically aimed at them. I hope that this will be a rewarding experience for them and fuel their enthusiasm even more. Of course the associates will also benefit from this as their observer will be even more motivated.

IAM Roadsmart are hosting a few key events this year. We are quite fortunate as they do like to host these quite near us due to the centralised geographical location. They often host at Gaydon and even have an event at Silverstone this year. Please visit the main IAM Roadsmart website for details. Speaking of websites we have recently launched our own website: <http://www.banburyadvancedmotorists.org.uk/> Please bear with us whilst we add to this throughout the year. Banbury Advanced Motorists are now tweeting. Please follow us @IAMRS Banbury

Would you like to be kept informed of IAM Roadsmart's activities on a more regular basis? If so you can subscribe to their free weekly email magazine, IAM Inform. Please visit: <http://bit.ly/2oy8Fxy>

Are you aware of any events where we can generate interest? Any suggestions would be welcome. Please approach a member of the 2017 / 2018 Committee. Or email: [BAMCTTEE@gmail.com](mailto:BAMCTTEE@gmail.com)

### **Michael Bishop - Chairman**

#### **Important Information:**

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