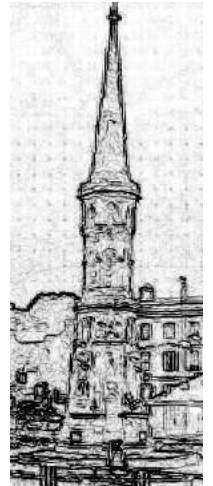


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The not so major communication from

Banbury Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity Number 1088338



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Dear All,

The committee of Banbury Advanced Motorists wish you all a very happy, and above all, safe festive season.

This edition of Byway brings information about forthcoming events and a few updates.

First: The next social event is the New Year Lunch on 28th January. This is at The Roebuck Inn in Drayton. 12:30 for 13:00.

Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Send your choice of menu with an appropriate cheque payable to BAM to me before 21 January. Here are the choices.

Mixed meat roast	£18.00
Hand Made Pie	£20.00
Fish & Chips	£20.00
Vegetarian Curry	£20.00

All of the above come with a choice of desert from the menu on the day.

Of none of the above suit you, I can probably arrange a special.

The next event will be the talk by our local IAM Examiner, Jim Henderson on **8th February**. It is really important for all of our current associates to attend this talk, and it will be useful for all members. The location for this depends on how many people wish to attend so, on this occasion it is most important that you let Kromer know if you wish you be there. **01295 720804** cmkromer@outlook.com.

Following that, on **2nd March** Chris, our joint Chief Observer, talking about 'In Car Safety Systems'. This and will be at the usual venue, St Hugh's Church Hall.

The AGM is on **Thursday 5th April** at St Hugh's. This is the time when you can question the committee and, possibly, if you're interested, join the committee. It's not an arduous commitment but it is important, and most of us have been on the committee for a long time. We really need some new blood with fresh ideas.



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Talking of new blood, Kromer has asked me to appeal to you to consider training as an observer. Our observer numbers are somewhat reduced now, due to increasing years and some moving away. We are putting a large demand on each of our existing observers in order to keep up with the flow of new associates. Please think about training up. Talk to Kromer if you have any questions.

In view of the above, and the fact that we haven't picked up any 'off the cuff' drives at Halfords for some time, the committee has decided to abandon the Sunday morning sessions for a while to give time to catch up. Unfortunately, there is a paid advertisement about to go into one of the local news papers in which Halfords is advertised so we have to do January and February but will stop after that for a while.

Our observers, even though heavily committed, have done an excellent job this last year. BAM has achieved – to the end of November, a 90% pass rate. This is above the regional average, and we still have a few tests before the end of the year. Well done to our stalwart team, and to those who passed this year.

Our hard working membership secretary Aaron has, as you probably realised, experienced some problems setting up a new database of members. Once it is finished, everything should go very smoothly, including appropriate membership fee reminders. In order to make sure all is correct, Aaron has asked me to ask you to mail him your current, correct details. His e-mail is: aaron.lilley@hotmail.com If you haven't got e-mail, a call to 07882 664068 will make sure your details are correct. Please remember that Aaron is a working person and make sure that if you do telephone, it is out of working hours.

As I write this communication, there is about six inches of snow outside. I have been out to clear and grit the nearby steps that I know are lethal when slippery, and I've spread some grit on the nearby slippery road junction. All this reminds me that many people will have little experience of driving in the snow. Fortunately, Richard and I no longer have to worry about getting to work, but I know many of you do. Please take care, and as they say, it's not me, it's the other idiots on the road. Do watch out for the fools and don't travel unless you have to.

Thank you for your support during the year, have a happy and above all safe festive season.

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Important Information:

Social meetings are held at: St Hugh's Church Hall, Ruskin Road, Banbury OX16 9HU, unless otherwise stated. Start at 7:30.

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