

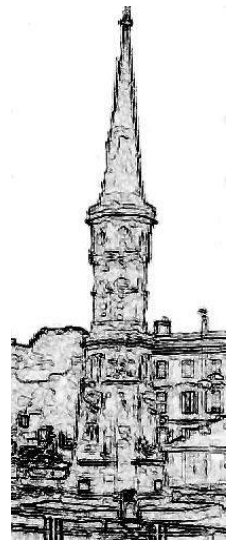


Byway

The not so major communication from

Banbury Advanced Motorists

Registered Charity Number 1088338



July 2019

Dear All,

This may be the last Byway I write for you. Once the Oxford and Banbury groups have merged to form Oxfordshire Advanced Drivers (OAD) Andrew Cater will, most likely take over the newsletter production. I will still contribute though, and probably input some pieces relevant to the north of the region. Andrew is a whiz with the computer and produces much more interesting documents than I do, so something to look forward to.

Things we need to look forward to in the near future though, are quite exciting.

Firstly – in terms of dates – we have the **Driving Skills Day** in Banbury Town Centre. This is on Sunday 22 September, and we need all the help we can get. We know that several of our Oxford Colleagues are quite keen to be involved, so please sign up and come along and help.

The event is being organised by the Banbury Cherwell Rotary Club and Tony Carney is the brains and organisation behind it. The plan is to take over the Market Place and offer the general public - by prior booking – the chance to try their driving skills. This will be a mixture of paper work (Highway Code) and practical, parking etc. tasks. Rotary have already arranged the various licenses and are well on the way to securing all the requisite cones etc. They have also contacted the emergency services and several cars sales outlets in the hope of having a good display of interesting sideshows. We will of course have a stall trying to drum up membership.

If you wish to have a go at the driving skills test, you will need to register at iambanburydrivingskills@gmail.com

You'll not win if this is you!

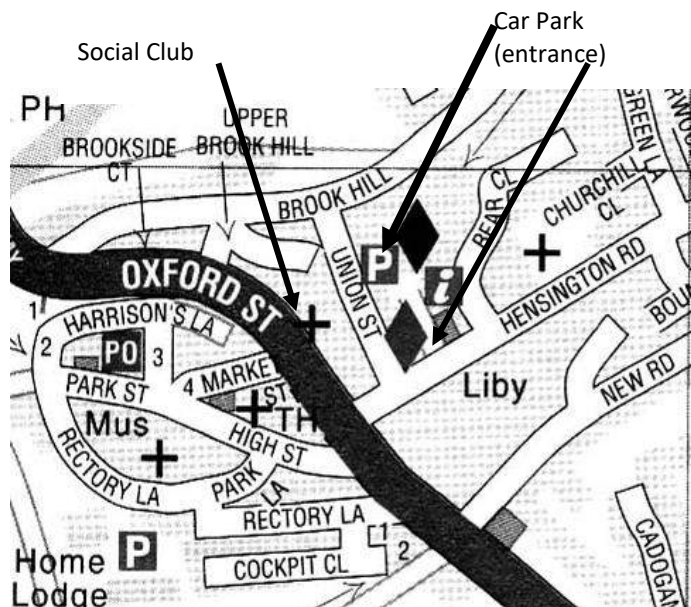
If you are able to offer some time on the day to help with the marshalling, please contact Kromer on 01295 720804 cmkromer@outlook.com . If you plan to be a marshal, we will provide all the information and equipment (tape measures etc.) that you need, but you will need to, and indeed must, provide your own High visibility Jacket.



Talking of High Vis Jackets, we may be obtaining some for our members to buy, once the new group logo and identification have been confirmed. Watch this space.

The next thing on the diary is the **Inaugural AGM** of the new OAD. It is important that as many as possible attend this meeting. The new committee will be voted in and there will be time to ask questions about the future. We hope we have kept you up to date as far as possible about the progress, but really there is a lot going on with bank accounts, charity commission and IAM Head office who are helping to design our new logo. Then there's the combining of our membership lists and the preparation for new GDPR declaration forms for all on the members of the new group. We don't think you need to know about each of these steps as they occur, but I hope we're keeping you updated to your satisfaction. The AGM is the opportunity to get answers you have not been provided with yet. Please put the date in your diary now.

It is on the 2nd of October at 7:30 at the Woodstock Social Club, Oxford Road, Woodstock, OX20 1TT. We have use of the ballroom and can buy drinks and coffee at the bar.



You will receive full directions etc in the formal notice.

The third event I need to tell you about is the first event for the new OAD group. This is on Sunday 13 September and is a **Signpost Scatter**.

Members may have taken part in these events before, but if not, here's the basic premise:

Start at The Old Shed, Banbury Hill Farm, Enstone Rd, Charlbury OX7 3JH starting at 09:30 to 10:00.

What is it? Well!

In preparation we identify a number – usually about ten - of unique signposts, within a reasonable distance of the start point. Then we make up sets of photographs of the chosen signposts.



The photos don't give much away. However, if we're feeling generous, we may supply a little more detail. On the night before the event, we re-visit the signposts and attach a unique reference to each one. For example, this might be a large letter or number.

On the day of the event, participant teams (each car is a team) are asked to bring an OS map of the area to the start point. That should be **OS 1:50,000 sheet 164**.

The teams are supplied with a set of the photographs and they attempt to identify on the map the locations of the signposts. They must then work out a route that will take

them past all of the signposts - so they can write down the unique identifiers – and end up back at the start.

There is no set route. That's up to each team - so the identifiers won't necessarily come up in alphabetical or numerical order.

Before they set off, teams are given a sheet on which to write down:

- a) the grid reference of the signpost;
- b) the unique number or letter attached to the post.

We also make a note of the team's car mileage.

At the end, we calculate a score based on the number of signposts correctly located and the accuracy of the grid reference - we check against an electronic reference. If a tie break is needed, the mileage will be taken into account and the shortest route will win. It's usually about a thirty to forty mile round trip.

Sat Nav. is not permitted

The Prize for the Winning Team?

A nominal entry fee for each team will pay for a prize for the winners. More information nearer the time!

What you do need to know is that The Old Shed does fabulous breakfasts up to 09:30 (start about 07:30) but do good bacon butties after that. They do an excellent lunch too, but I cannot book this for a group. If you want lunch, you must book it in your own name, in advance. The phone number will be supplied in due course along with details of the cost (nominal).

You will need to let me know if you plan to join in, as I need to know how many sets of photo's to prepare.

I estimate that you will need about 30 minutes to plot your route and then about an hour to complete it. Thus you should be back at The Old Shed by about 11:00 to 11:30.

The new Group

Progress is being made on the new group. The name is confirmed as Oxfordshire Advanced Drivers (OAD). The bank mandate is in the process of finalisation. The new Charity is to be created, the new web site to be constructed.

We need volunteers to stand for the new committee. If you feel inclined to join the management, please contact Michael, Kromer, Peter or Peta.

What has already happened is that the new membership at IAM RoadSmart has been constructed, so if you are a member of BAM, HQ will now have you listed as a member of OAD. You are still on our contact lists separately, i.e. OAGAM and BAM.

A word about subscriptions:

The way we deal with subscriptions will change. This will be finalised at the inaugural AGM. However, it is thought that the new sub. will be £30.00 per year, but with a discount to £15.00 for prompt payment. Members will be encouraged to pay by direct debit, and cheques will only be accepted subject to a handling fee. **It will not be possible to collect membership fees in cash.** How the new membership year is formulated and what arrangements are made to cover payments already made for a part year has yet to be decided. You will be informed though.

Of course, once the formalities are done with bank, HQ and Charity commission, you will all be asked once again, under the General Data Protections Regulations, to allow us to hold your basic data – name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, in order to administer the group. I am sorry about this, but the regulations require it for

any association and, although you have all approved our holding your information for BAM, OAD is a separate association so needs a new approval. We'll send out the forms in due course.

I know it seems to be taking a long time, but there are many things to do and of course all of the committee members are volunteers with other pastimes, not to mention paid employment to give attention to.

If you need additional information about the above, the members of the implementation committee are:

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Once the new group is fully operational, all of these contacts will have new contact details via the web site and with their personal mail addresses hidden behind a redirection from, for example, treasurer@oad.com **Note, that is not a current mail address, just an example of how future contact will be handled.**

Here is a short piece from Kromer:

It is satisfying to note that since the last Byway we have had three more test successes. Congratulations to Pam Vanheems who passed on 28 June, just too late for the previous Byway, and to Alice Mitchell and Iain Sterling. Alice was awarded an IAM FIRST, our second this year out of a total of eight passes. The good news continues.

Hope that's all for now. I don't imagine there will be need of a further Byway until the formal notices of the AGM are sent out. That of course will be in the new name.

Have a good summer.

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There are other very active members of the committee but not enough room to list them here in the brief details.

